

HAWKER'S COVE

A delightful little cove on the north westerly side of the Camel Estuary in the lee of Stepper Point with fine views across the Estuary to [Daymer Bay](#) and [Polzeath](#). The cove is backed by a small hamlet of terraced cottages, a few detached properties, a coastguard lookout and a former lifeboat station. At low water there is a vast expanse of sand including the infamous 'Doom Bar' which even to this day is a danger to shipping. When the tide is out it is easily possible to walk along the sand to adjacent [Harbour Cove](#) and [St. Georges Cove](#) nearer Padstow.



View across the Camel Estuary



The Cove and hamlet

hamlet and Cove but from the car park it is easier to walk down to the Coast Path and northwards from Harbour Cove;



There is little or no beach at high water but as the tide recedes a wonderfully large flat sandy beach is exposed – beware that the tide comes in very quickly. Easterly facing, it is very sheltered. The higher part of the beach is a little stony.



There is no safety equipment. Swimming should only be considered on a rising high tide when there is sufficient water in the Cove itself. It is extremely dangerous to enter the water at other times. It is not a surfing beach. Inflatables should only be used with care especially when there is an offshore wind. Snorkelling can be surprisingly good at high water along 'the narrows' north of the beach. There are few rock pools.



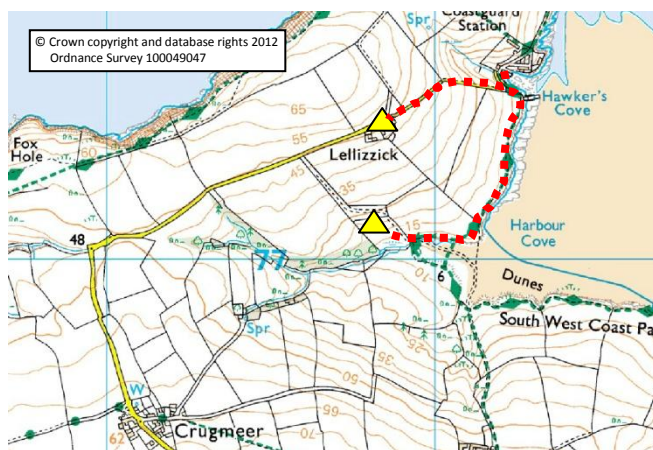
There are no restrictions on dogs. There are no toilets or other facilities the nearest being at Padstow or [Trevone](#) (5kms by car). It is not possible to access the slipway from the road.



The sheltered sandy Cove



PL28 8LR - From the B3276 coast road between Padstow and Newquay, 1km from Padstow is a cross roads and a narrow road signposted to Crugmeer. Follow the road for 3kms to Lellizzick Farm where there is a limited amount of roadside parking or the car park (capacity 230+ cars) which also serves [Harbour Cove](#). It is a 400m walk along the track to the



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 106



Water quality is very good. It is an intimate and rather tranquil Cove that provides an alternative to the often crowded beaches along this North Cornwall stretch of coast.



The slipway access



Path to the beach