

# PHILLACK TOWANS

## and Common Towans

A section of beach that stretches from [Hayle Towans](#) and the Hayle Estuary in the south/west to [Godrevy Cove](#) in the north, a distance of over 5.5kms. It faces north with Common Towans next to [Mexico Towans](#) on one side and Phillack Towans next to [Upton Towans](#) on the other. The beach is about 1km long and backed by a sand dune system that is over 1km in depth. There is a large holiday complex on the northern border with [Upton Towans](#) and has another holiday complex located between Phillack Towans and Common Towans.



Phillack Towans looking across the Bay to St.Ives.

  **TR27 5BA** - From the A30 at Hayle take the B3301 coast road signposted to [Portreath](#). After 270m there is a turning on the left called Sandy Acres with a sign for the Beach Car Park. The road becomes a track through the dunes; continue for about 1km where there is a parking area (capacity over 100 cars). There are two main paths through the dunes to the beach, both being about 180m in length and involves scrambling down a fairly steep sandy slope on to the beach. Alternatively to get to Common Towans park in Lethlean Lane in Phillack village – **TR27 5AW** – at the lay-by next to the Cemetery and walk along the public footpath to the beach (1km).



Phillack Beach at low water



The car park at Phillack Towans



Views of the paths on to the beach



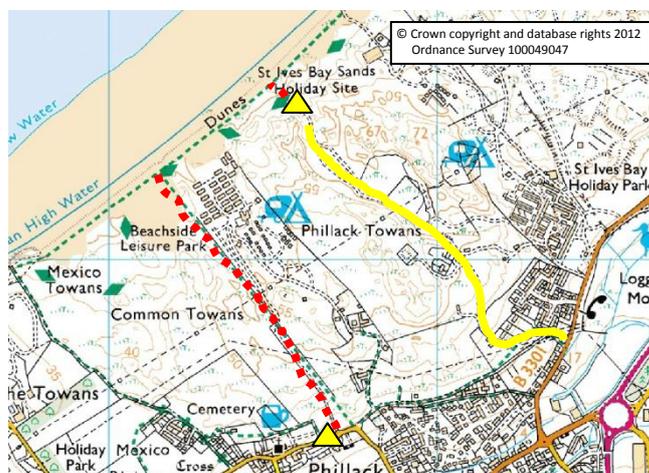
There is a strip of sand above high water except after winter storms. When the tide is out there is a wonderful expanse of beach which is fairly exposed with the dunes offering the only shelter.



There is no safety equipment and no lifeguard service for this section of beach although there is RNLi Units at [Upton Towans](#) and [Mexico Towans](#). It is advisable not to swim on an ebbing tide or at low water due to strong and unpredictable currents. When the lack of swell and surf permit, swimming can be considered on a rising high tide. There is good surf although it is not usually as big as [Gwithian Towans](#) and [Godrevy Cove](#). There are no pools and it is not a snorkelling beach.



Dogs are permitted. The nearest toilets and other facilities are located in Hayle.



Location – part of OS Explorer Map 102



Water quality is good and the beach is always quiet and backed by wonderful dunes.