

# POLKERRIS

A charming hamlet and harbour overlooking St.Austell Bay with a crescent shaped sandy beach. A former fishing harbour known for its pilchards, it is now a water sports centre: its name means 'fortified pool'.



Polkerris Harbour



**PL24 2TL** - On the A3082 St.Austell to Fowey road, 1.5kms east of Par, turn right and then first left, with the road going right down to the harbour. The main car park (capacity over 100 cars) is on the right-hand side about 250m from the beach. There is a secondary car park which is open at peak times in a field before turning off down the hill to Polkerris and involves a walk of some 600m to the beach. There is no roadside parking. Access on to the beach is down a slipway from the road and is very straightforward and suitable for the less mobile.



At mean high water there is a narrow strip of sand almost 100m long but when the tide recedes to



A gently sloping sandy beach

the mouth of the harbour a wonderful beach appears. The other side of the harbour it is rocky but there are patches of sand at low water. Even if there is a westerly wind it is a very secluded beach especially in the lee of the harbour wall. Barbeques and metal detecting are not permitted. Sun loungers can be hired.



There is no rescue/safety equipment. Within the harbour area and on a rising tide it is safe for swimming. It is not suitable for surfing. There are a range of water-sports including sailing and windsurfing at the centre which undertakes tuition and equipment hire.



It is good for snorkelling south of the harbour when the tide is high. Likewise the rocky area is god for rock pooling at low water.



Dogs are permitted from October until Easter day but not in the summer. The toilets are located up the slipway and then turn first right.



Facilities next to the beach



View looking north



With a pub cafe and restaurant practically on the beach, Polkerris is well endowed with very good quality facilities for such a small place.



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 107



The slipway can be used to launch small craft. The water quality can be variable, otherwise it is a very attractive and special place.