

PORTHPEAN

and Carnjewey Beach

A fine, sandy easterly facing beach that is renowned for water-sports and popular with locals from the St.Austell area. Its name means ‘Little Cove’ in Cornish although it is not as small as the term implies. Carnjewey is a small, mostly shingle, beach to the south, which is cut off from Porthpean at high water.



At half tide looking northwards from the slipway access



PL26 6AX - It is signposted from the A390 in St.Austell, a distance of 2kms. The car park (150+ cars) is less than 120m from the beach, with a large overflow field open at peak times. Access on to the beach is along a short stretch of road and down the slipway, making it suitable for the less mobile.



The slipway on to the beach



Toilets and cafe above the beach



Porthpean itself has a 300m stretch of sand at high water, and on the southern side an area of flat

rocks with numerous pools making it popular with families. Across the rocks at Carnjewey is a fine Natural Arch.



There is safety equipment but no lifeguards as it is recognised as a safe beach for swimming when conditions are favourable.



It is not a surfing beach but used regularly for various water sports, namely kayaking and sailing and is an outdoor education centre. Porthpean Sailing Club is situated above the slipway.



It is good for snorkelling especially around Carrickowel Point north of the beach and all around Carnjewey. At low water there many interesting rock pools.



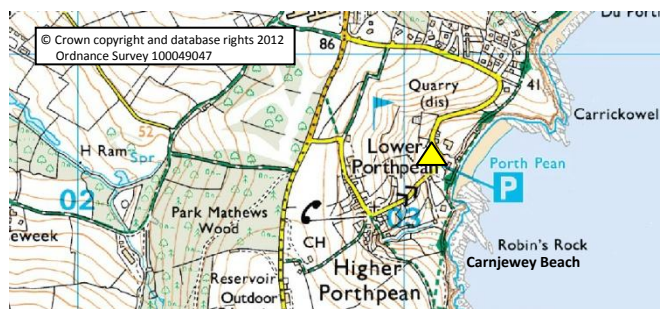
Dogs are not permitted from Easter until the end of September. Toilets are immediately above the beach but are closed in the winter. There is a cafe which again is only open from May until the end of September.



Rock Platforms



Cleaning the beach



Location – Extract from OS Explorer Map 107



The slipway can be used to access dinghies, kayaks and similar small craft. Water skiing and jet skiing are not permitted.



The Council owned beach is cleaned regularly in the summer. Water quality is excellent. It is a good sheltered beach but can be prone to much seaweed when the wind comes from an east.