

BOWJEY BEACH

and Breakwater Beach

Immediately south of the famous Newlyn fishing port is a small relatively steeply sloping, and easterly facing, beach which is sometimes referred to as Newlyn or South Pier Beach. 350m south of the beach is a concrete structure which has another small shingle beach known as Breakwater Beach.



At low tide with the Newlyn Harbour South Pier beyond



TR18 5JT - From Penzance, either take the A30 to Lands End and turn off on to the B3315 to Newlyn, or follow the seafront from Penzance Harbour. At Newlyn follow the road round the Harbour and at the far end of Fore Street is a road on the left marked as a cycleway. After about 50m on the left is a large hard-standing which is used for car parking. Access on the beach entails clambering over a line of man-made rocks and boulders although this is relatively easy. The cycleway path gives access to Breakwater Beach. There is also access from the road



Access road to the parking area



Steps above Breakwater Beach

between Newlyn and [Mousehole](#) down a flight of steps opposite the entrance to the former Penlee Quarry.



A mixture of grey sand, shingle and stone the beach is not the most attractive. However the rock platforms on the southerly side are fine. Breakwater Beach is more natural although access on to it is not so straightforward due to railings along the path above it.



There is no safety equipment. It is reasonably safe for swimming on a rising and high tide. It is not a surfing beach at all.



At high water there is excellent snorkelling southwards towards [Skilly](#) and [Mousehole](#). At low water there are numerous rock pools of interest.



There are no restrictions on dogs. The nearest toilets are located above the Harbour close to the pub about 600m from the beach. There are shops, cafes restaurants and other pubs in the centre of Newlyn a little over 1km away but they very much serve the fishing harbour and not necessarily beach users.



The main Beach



Breakwater beach



Location – Part of OS Explorer Map 102



Water quality can be very variable. The somewhat unsightly beachhead means it is not a popular beach but it has a great view across the Bay.