Local Landscape Character Types - St Just Parish

St Just's LCT 1A Hills and Carns (repeated in 3 areas)

Key characteristics of this landscpe are as follows:

- Steep-sided hill top of Chapel Carn Brea, with Bartinney Downs and Chun Downs the highest hills in the Parish.
- Rocky, rough moorland with granite breaking through the ground. Large grounders and layered rock formations.
- Shallow soils.
- Low growing plant species have adapted to the exposure and high winds including heath, scrub gorse and grass-land designated as a County Wildlife Site.
- Wild and unspoilt, with a sense of remoteness and wilderness, no buildings within this landscape
- Schedule Monument ancient barrows on Bartinney Downs and Chapel Carn Brea, and the Prehistoric landscape complex on Chun Downs
- A network of footpaths and bridleways.
- Designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic qualitywith outstanding open and panoramic views extending across neighbouring LCTs to Scilly, Lands End, the Lizard, and Mounts Bay.
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.
- Within the West Penwith International Dark Sky Park

St Just's LCT 1B Coastal Plateaux (repeated in 2 areas)

Key characteristics of this landscape are as follows:

- Relatively flat landscape with gentle undulations
- Distinctive irregular field boundaries of granite Cornish hedges
- Plant species that have adapted to coastal exposure with stunted, and wind sculpted trees
- Extensive prominent evidence of a past mining history in chimneys, engine houses and mine buildings.
- Settlement concentrated along the B3306 with isolated historic farms in the wider landscape.
- Network of footpaths following historic tracks
- Strong agricultural land use
- Granite is the predominant building material
- Landscape designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality
- Lands End Airport and the presence of planes landing and taking off.
- B3306 is a key coastal spinal route running through the length of the LCT which becomes busy during the summer months.
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.
- Within the West Penwith International Dark Sky Park

St Just's LCT 1C Inland plateaux (repeated in 2 areas)

Key characteristics of this landscape are as follows:

- Landscape designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality. Wide sweeping views across the moors to the elevated Hills and Carns.
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.
- Within the West Penwith International Dark Sky Park.
- Lies within the Penwith Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- The western area of this LCT lies within the St Just Mining District World Heritage Site.
- Network of footpaths and worn access routes over the Common Land.
- Rocky, rough moorland with Shallow soils, and granite breaking through the ground. Large grounders and layered rock formations.
- Specific plant species that have adapted to the exposed often windy conditions predominantly heath.
- General sense of remoteness and wilderness on the Commons, less so as you move west.
- Popular for recreation

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St Just's LCT 2A Steep Slopes (repeated in 3 areas)

Key characteristics of this landscape are as follows:

- More steeply sloping land marking the transition between the lower Coastal Plateaux LCT1B and the elevated Inland Plateaux LCT1C
- Mosaic pattern of vegetation including grassland, rough ground, scrub, sparse groups of trees and heath
- Trewellard Common and surrounding land lies within the Penwith Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- County Wildlife site around Busvargus and Tregeseal Common.
- Predominantly pasture grazing in medium and small irregular fields with Trewellard Common to the north west.
- A settled busy landscape in the north west around Trewellard and Pendeen. Away from this the landscape quickly becomes more tranquil
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.
- Landscape designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality
- All of this LCT lies within the St Just Mining District World Heritage Site (WHS).

St Just's LCT 2B Shallow Slopes (repeated in 2 areas)

Key characteristics of this landscape are as follows:

- Large areas of heath and scrub associated with the common land, with areas of enclosure to the western areas
- Evidence of historic mining and china clay extraction with modern block works at Leswidden
- Mosaic pattern of vegetation including heath, grassland, rough ground, scrub
- Lies within the Penwith Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- County Wildlife site around Busvargus and Tregeseal Common.
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.
- The busy A3071 runs through the northern area of this LCT
- The northern area lies within the St Just Mining District World Heritage Site
- This area is quiet, open and empty with little activity away from the A3071
- Open, exposed with panoramic views towards distant hills and the coast to the west. A landscape designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality

St Just's LCT 2C Coastal Slopes (repeated in 4 areas)

Key characteristics of this landscape are as follows:

- Transitional landscape between the cliffs and the coastal plateaux
- Largely unenclosed, wild undeveloped and exposed to all the coastal forces
- Very popular for recreation
- Extensive evidence of the important mining past
- Little modern development
- Landscape designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality
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- The LCT is covered by the Aire Point to Carrick Du Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.

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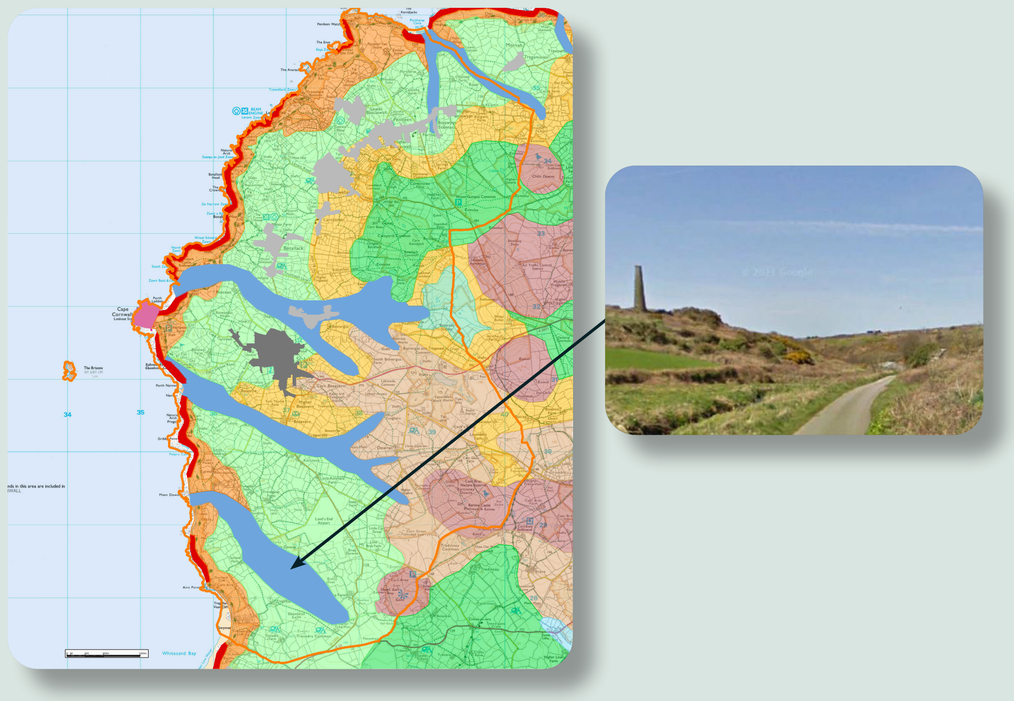

St Justs's LCT 3A Coastal Valleys - found in 4 areas)

Key characteristics of this landscpe are as follows:

- Series of valley systems with intimate enclosed character created by the topography and trees which becomes more open as you approach the coast.
- Streams often fast flowing and shallow with visible stream beds (consisting mainly of rocks and gravels). Vegetation typically associated with stream edges i.e. rushes/ grasses, trees and linear belts of woodland as well as small areas of wet meadow and rough pasture. Higher presence of scrubby woodland further inland i.e. hawthorn and willow carr.
- Small irregular fields on the valley sides bounded by Cornish hedges
- Landscape designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.
- The LCT is covered by the Aire Point to Carrick Du, and Penwith Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Enclosed and intimate landscape away from busy road networks and villages which becomes more open and exposed as you reach the coast

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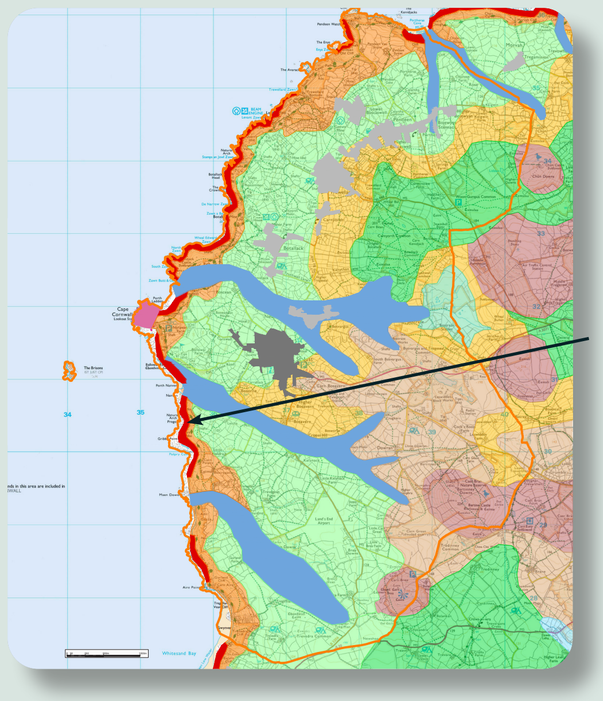

St Just's LCT 4A Cliffs (repeated along the coast)

Key characteristics of this landscape are as follows:

- The cliffs vary with the underlying bedrock, carved by the sea into precipitous drops
- The Pendeen Cliff to Kenidjack County Geology Site runs along the cliffs in the northern area of the Parish
- Wild and dramatic. Undeveloped and natural
- Dominated by the sounds and smells of the sea below
- All of this LCT lies within the Aire Point to Carrick Du Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
- Landscape designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.

St Justs's LCT 4B Prominent Headland (1 location)

Key characteristics of this landscape are as follows:

- Distinct headland jutting out into the Atlantic
- 19th-century chimney stack from the Cape Cornwall Mine is now used as an aid to navigation.
- Important maritime vegetation within the Aire Point to Carrick Du Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Open and expansive views of the coast designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.
- Popular tourist destination managed by the National Trust, very busy in the summer months

St Just's LCT 4C Beaches (repeated in 4 areas)

Key characteristics of this landscape are as follows:

- Sandy beaches covered at high tide with rocks and boulders at the back of the beaches
- Portheras is backed by cliffs and Gwynver by steep coastal slopes
- Gwynver is a popular surfing beach with lifeguards in the summer months
- Porth Nanven is a combination of sand and rounded boulders at the mouth of Cot Valley
- Porth Ledden is a rocky beach with boulders to the north of Cape Cornwall.
- Landscape designated as an Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty for its exceptional scenic quality
- Lies within the Heritage Coast a designation which represents stretches of the most beautiful and undeveloped coastlines, managed to conserve their natural beauty, and where possible improve access.
- Busy with people in the summer months

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