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# Welcome,

Willkommen, Welkom, Bienvenue!

Welcome to the beautiful Fowey Harbour, perhaps it's your first visit or maybe you've been coming here for years, whichever, we know you'll find plenty to see and do in and around the estuary.

The Fowey Estuary is renowned for its unspoilt beauty, it has a rich maritime history with many iconic buildings and landmarks to discover.

Soak up the atmosphere, culture, gifts and artwork in Fowey's independent shops and galleries. Make sure you indulge in the growing cuisine scene in Fowey; from pop-ups, pubs and cafes to a diversity of restaurants, there is something for every taste.

We hope this guide tells you all you need to know about our harbour but also entices you to explore a bit further upstream. There is also a selection of coastal and estuary walks to take in the stunning scenery which surrounds our haven.

If you're after some inspiration, why not take a virtual tour of the estuary via our website. Here you'll find information about harbour facilities and local landmarks, all set alongside wonderful aerial imagery of the harbour and estuary beyond.

Our Harbour Staff are here to make your stay with us a safe, positive and memorable experience. A reminder that if you're on the water, the lower harbour is a busy place with both leisure and commercial craft. Please stay safe by keeping clear of commercial vessels and by respecting others. Always observe the 6-knot speed limit and other Harbour Byelaws.

*Enjoy your stay!*



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# Explore Fowey

A picturesque waterside town with a diversity of shops and eateries to explore all set amongst the prominent historic buildings and maritime culture of this ancient port.

The entrance to Fowey Harbour is guarded by St. Catherine's Castle. Built in 1542 it was constructed as part of Henry VIII's chain of harbour defences, which ran along the English Channel coast. During the Second World War the fort became an observation post and detonation point for a controlled minefield, which was laid across the harbour entrance to protect from German invasion.

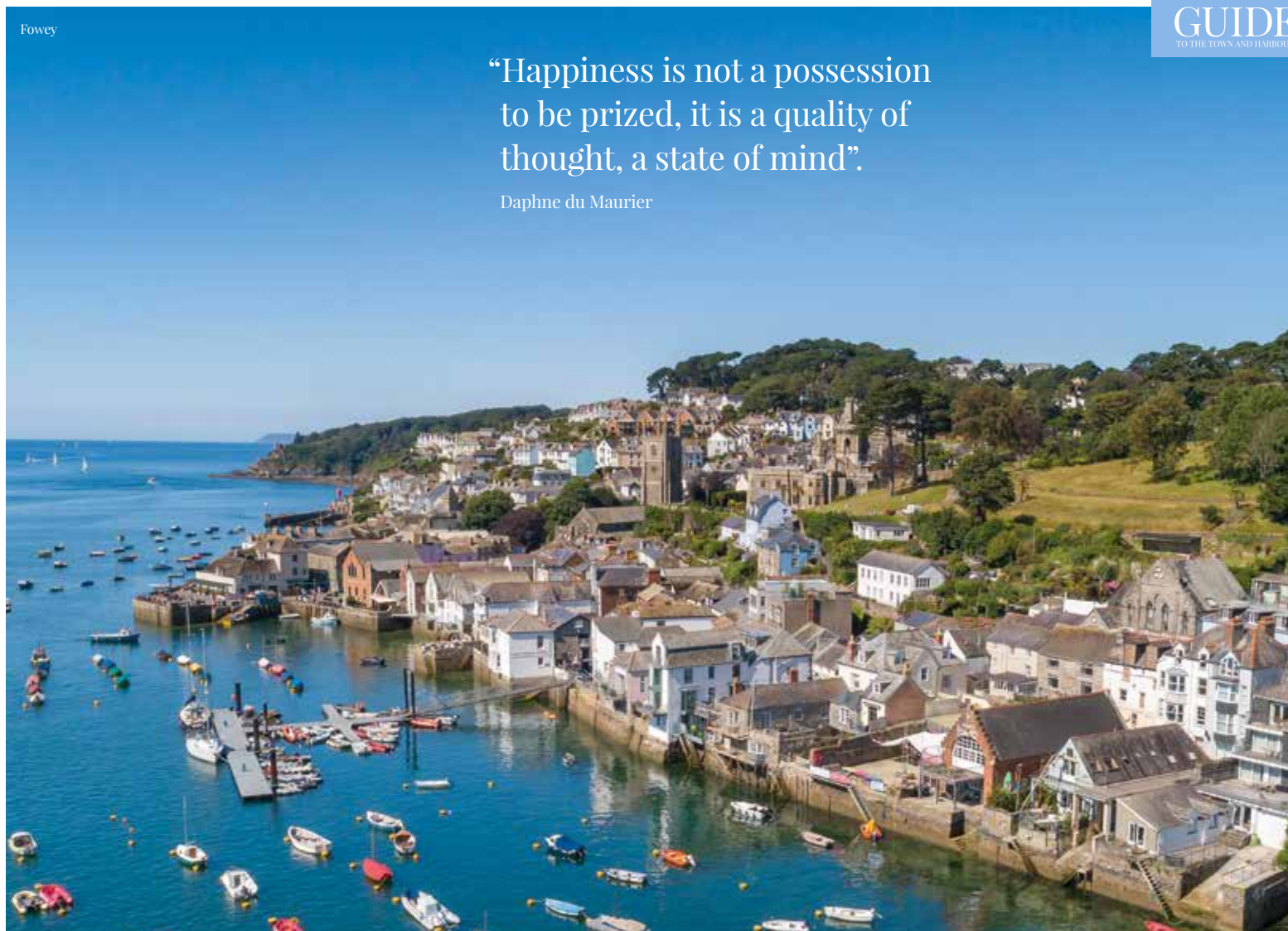
Today English Heritage manages the castle, admission is free and is open all year round. It's well worth a visit to enjoy the panoramic views of the harbour and out to sea.

Just below the castle is Readymoney Cove, a popular beach with families for sandcastles and rockpooling and a beach café for an ice cream afterwards! The cove is an excellent, safe place for a swim as it's buoyed off and no boats are allowed during the summer period.

Fowey's rich maritime heritage runs through the landscape, no wonder this area has been the inspiration to many famous writers including Daphne du Maurier, Rosamunde Pilcher and many more including the Poldark series.

"Happiness is not a possession to be prized, it is a quality of thought, a state of mind".

Daphne du Maurier



Readymoney Cove



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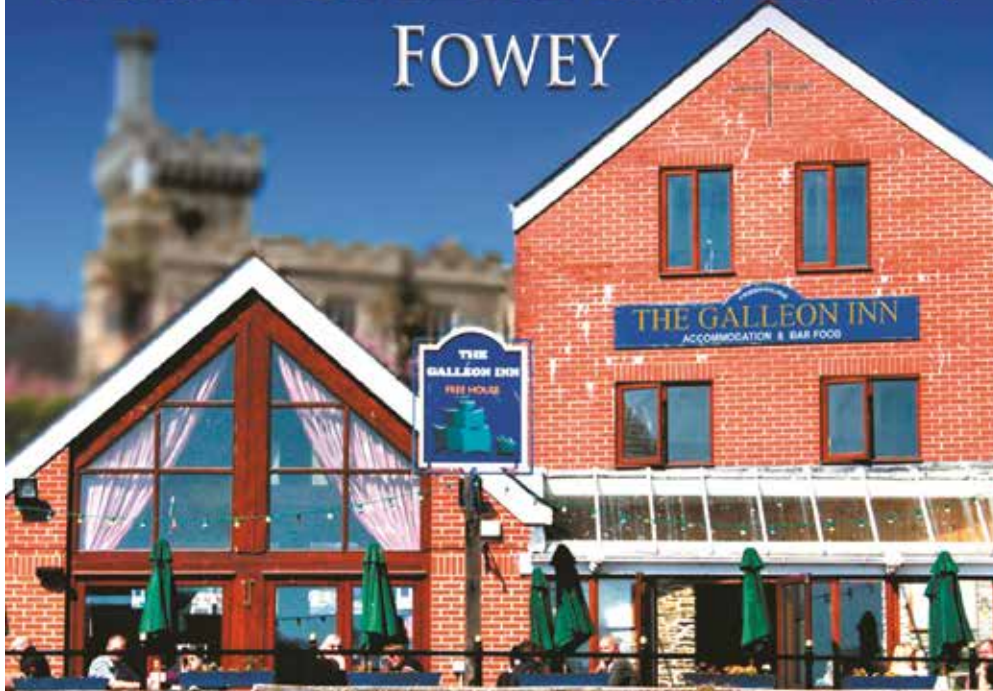
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# In Fowey, Why not?

## *Stroll along the Esplanade*

This one-mile walk is the perfect way to take in views of the harbour. It finishes at Readymoney Cove at the entrance to the harbour, an excellent beach for families and a sea swim.

## *Be enticed by the smells of food...*

from freshly baked bread, hot Cornish pasties and freshly brewed coffee to the sweet aroma of Cornish fudge, your mouth will be watering.

Fowey has a fantastic selection of eateries from cafes and pubs through to fine dining, something to suit every palate. Local produce features highly, look out for local Cornish meat and St. Austell Bay mussels and local craft ales and spirits.

Place House stands above the port and has been the home of the Treffry family since the 13<sup>th</sup> century. St. Fimbarrus Church is the parish church of Fowey, it marks the end of the Saints Way which links the Cornish coasts from Padstow to Fowey.

If you want to learn more about Fowey's rich heritage, take a guided walking tour or visit Fowey's Museum which is housed in a 15th century building in the centre of town, it displays an array of local artefacts.

Fowey's Town Quay is at the heart of the town and a great place to take in the view across to Polruan or watch the sailing races and other harbour life. It's also the place to book a boat trip or fishing charter.



Town Quay





# In Fowey, Why not?

## *'Take to the water*

See a different view of Fowey Harbour by getting afloat. The sheltered harbour and tranquil estuary can be explored on a guided river cruise, kayak or SUP expedition. Maybe you have your own boat, or you could charter one. Access should be with care though as the upper estuary dries at low water. Check tide tables and local charts.

## *Key tides for exploring*

As a rule of thumb and depending on the draft of your boat the following high tide heights should get you to your destination!

Golant > 4m  
Lerryn > 4.5m  
St Winnow > 4.5m  
Lostwithiel > 5m

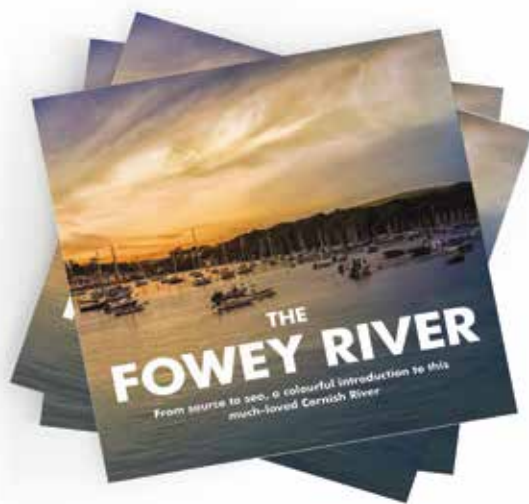
River cruises to Lerryn and Lostwithiel (tidal dependent) can be booked with Fowey River & Sea Cruises on Fowey Town Quay.

Don't miss a visit to the Fowey Aquarium to learn more about our local marine life and even get a chance to touch some crabs and other rockpool creatures. Have your photo taken next to a life-sized cut out of Leonard the lobster, a record breaking 1.26 metre long lobster reputedly caught in Fowey in the 1930s. ■

## *Find out more about Fowey*

To celebrate their 150th Anniversary, the Fowey Harbour Commissioners worked with local author Emma Mansfield to create a book to celebrate the Fowey River. The book is called 'The Fowey River – from source to sea, a colourful introduction to this much-loved Cornish river'. It is just that, a book filled with the fantastic views of our river, its landmarks and bite-sized pieces of information both old and new, taking you on a journey downstream. It's a great addition to your coffee table and is a must-have item whether you are 'born and bred' or new to the area, there is something new to learn about Fowey.

The book is available from the Harbour Office as well as other stockists in the town and at £9.95, it's a great souvenir or present. ■



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# Visit Polruan

Locals call Polruan 'the sunny side' as it gets the best of the evening sun. Why not take the passenger ferry across from Fowey and discover the delights of this waterside village.

Polruan can be found on the eastern side of the harbour where its houses and cottages are built on the side of the steep hill. Shipbuilding and repair have been an important trade here since medieval times with Polruan's shipwrights building ships for use in the early tin and wine trades, china clay ships in the mid-nineteenth century to commercial fishing vessels in the modern day.

At the top of Polruan Hill stands St Saviour's Ruin, it dates from the eighth century and is built on a site first occupied by St Ruan, after whom Polruan is named. It would have been equipped with bells and would have been a landmark for ships and a good lookout point over the harbour.

The National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) have a station here for the same reason. Volunteers man the station which overlooks the sea area from Lizard Point in the West to the Eddystone Light in the East as well as the harbour, their eyes and ears keep watch along the coast. The spectacular views from the lookout are enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year. ■

Two blockhouses were built in Polruan and Fowey during Medieval times to protect the Harbour.



Polruan Blockhouse



The National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) Polruan



Polruan Ferry



# In Polruan, Why not?

## Visit the Blockhouse

A pair of ancient blockhouses defended the harbour during medieval times. Positioned at Fowey and Polruan, the four storey towers were linked by a chain which could be raised across the harbour in the event of an attack. Polruan blockhouse is still accessible but on the Fowey side you can just see the ruin.

## Delve into du Maurier

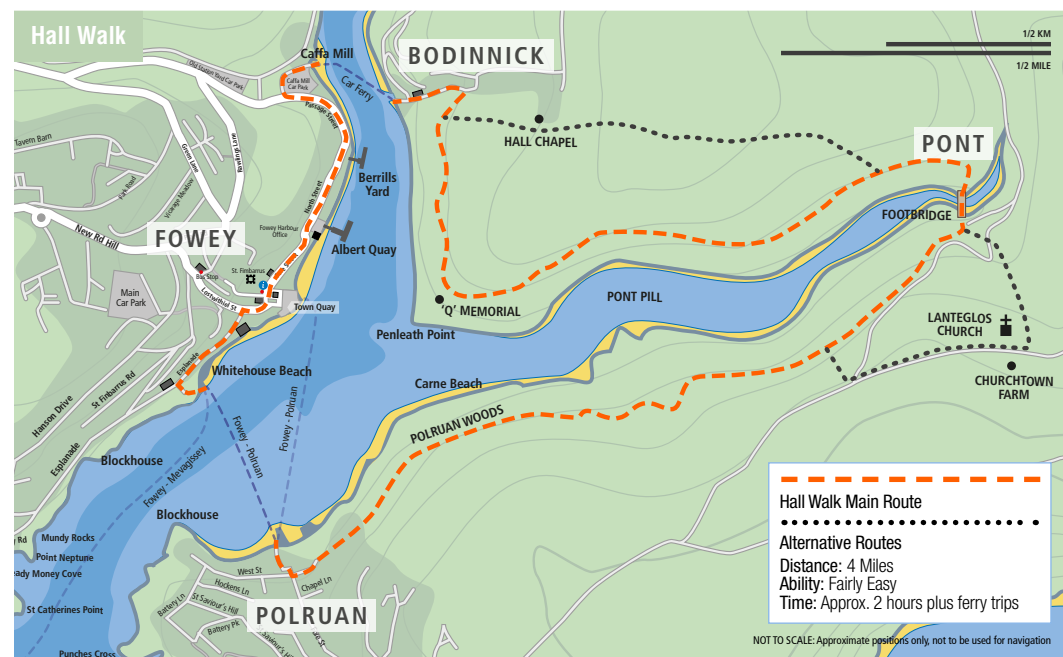
Daphne du Maurier took inspiration from Fowey and the surrounding area in her novels. She lived in Bodinnick in the house named Ferryside, it was here she penned her first novel, 'The Loving Spirit' inspired by the local Slade family.



## Hall Walk - a favourite walk

This is a popular circular walk with breath-taking views of Fowey Harbour, it is approximately 4 miles long and takes in woodland and the tranquil Pont Creek. The walk can be started from Polruan or Bodinnick. There are good pubs at either end of the walk and there are two ferry crossings, so remember your ferry fare.

Keep a look out for the prominent Q Memorial, a monument to the novelist and scholar Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch who was a famous Fowey resident which he called 'Troy Town'. ■





## Bodinnick

On the edge of Hall Walk, the waterside village of Bodinnick is famous for being the home of the du Maurier family, who bought Ferryside in 1926. Long before it became a family home, the water's edge plot was a busy shipyard.

The village pub The Old Ferry Inn dates back to the 17th century and would have been an important stop-off for travellers making their way west along the Queen's highway from Plymouth.

Bodinnick has been the site of a ferry crossing since at least the 14th century. In the early days, the service was operated under oar and could only carry one vehicle at a time. Today, the ferries are operated by C. Toms and Son and can carry up to 15 vehicles and foot passengers too, they run a regular service between Bodinnick and Caffa Mill slipway in Fowey. ■

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# Explore Upstream

The Fowey Estuary is renowned for its natural beauty; the steep sided wooded valley and tidal creeks of the upper river are home to a diversity of birds and wildlife. Access by water should be with care though as the upper estuary dries at low tide, make sure you've checked the tides and local charts as well as local knowledge.

## Golant

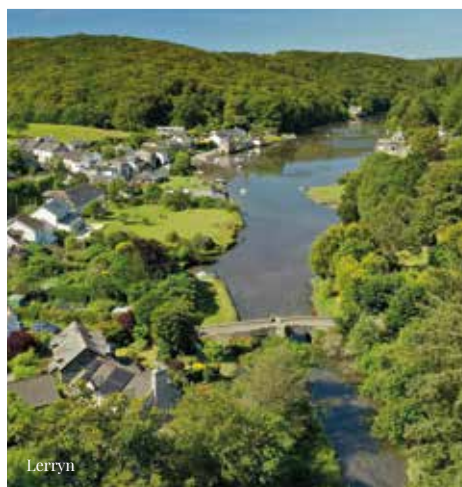
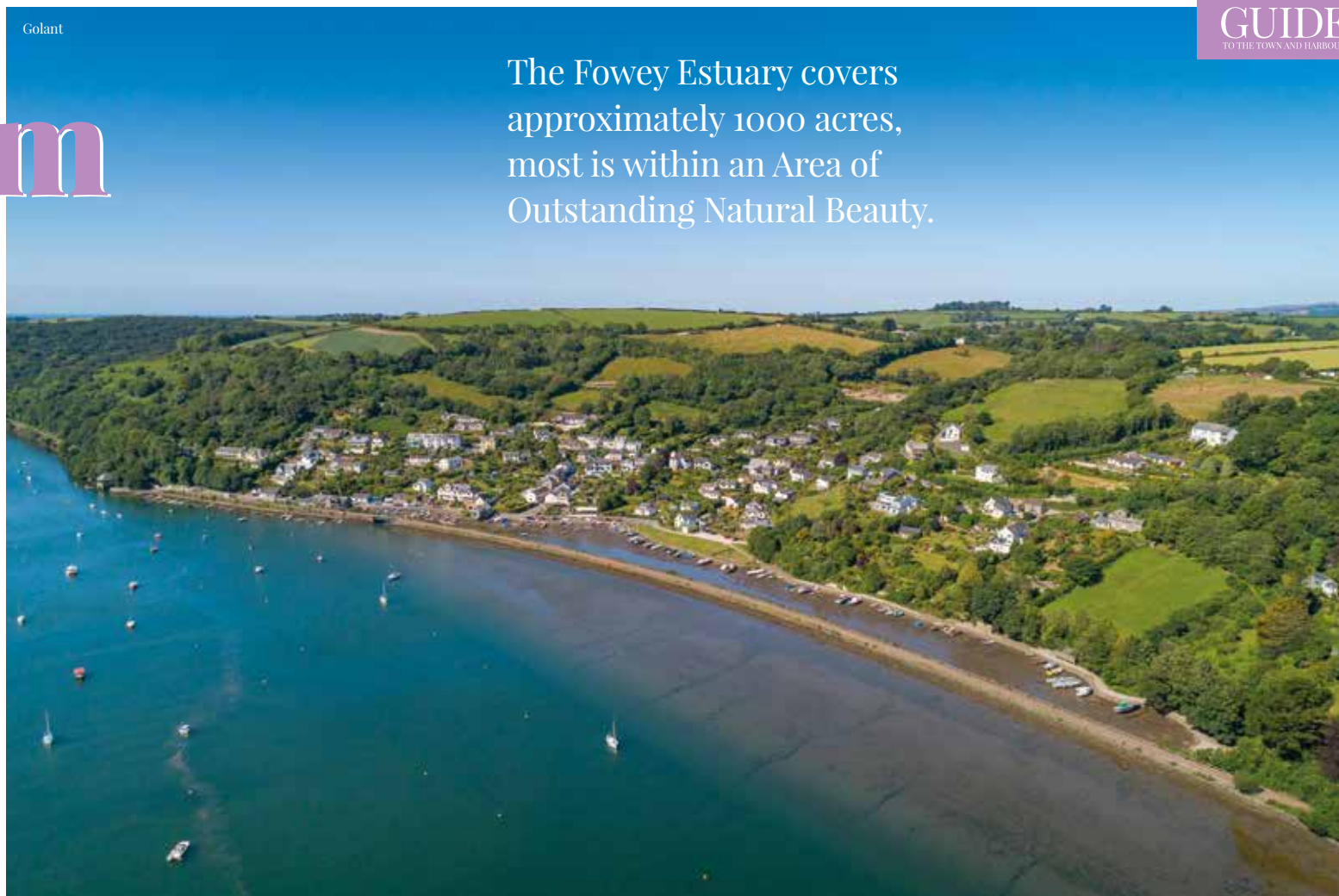
A top spot for getting on the water with both a rowing club and canoe club based here as well as kayak and stand up paddle board (SUP) expeditions.

The waterside village of Golant lies on the western side of the estuary. A railway line runs along the embankment in front of the village, this rail link was opened in 1869 to transport china clay from the mines in St Austell to Fowey Docks and it is still used for this purpose to this day.

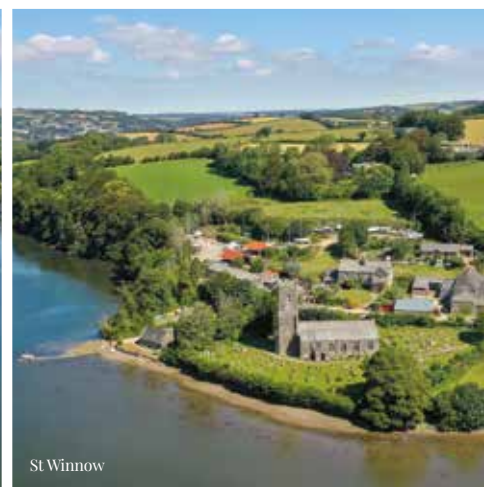
Enjoy the tranquillity of the river from the terrace of the village pub The Fisherman's Arms.

On the opposite shore lies the tranquil Penpol creek, the woodland surrounding it is a heron nesting site and is thought to be one of the largest heronries in Cornwall. ■

The Fowey Estuary covers approximately 1000 acres, most is within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



Lerryn



St Winnow



Lostwithiel



# Upstream, Why not?

## *Go on an expedition*

The perfect way to explore the estuary is by getting afloat. Kayak expeditions are available from Golant where experienced guides will show you the beautiful scenery and wildlife to be found in the tranquility of the upper estuary.

## *Walk from Lerryn to St Winnow*

A delightful walk in all seasons, the footpath meanders around the wooded banks of the River Lerryn to St Winnow. The church at St Winnow stands on the edge of the river, the church dates from the 15th century but it stands on an ancient holy site dating back to the 7th century. During the summer make sure you visit Angie's kiosk in St Winnow for a cream tea with a view!



St Winnow Point

## *Lerryn*

Imagine you're Ratty and Mole and be enchanted by Lerryn and the surrounding ancient waterside woodland. The Ethy woods and estate are believed to have been the inspiration for Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows*.

The river branches at St Winnow Point to Lerryn, the largest tributary of the Fowey. Down Lerryn in Cornish, the Lerryn River means 'river of floods' which is quite appropriate as parts of the village can flood on a high spring tide. When the tide flows out, it reveals an enchanting series of stepping stones which cross the river.

If you're quiet, you might even catch a glimpse of a kingfisher as a streak of blue flashes past your eyes. Kingfishers love the wooded banks of the Fowey river because the overhanging trees provide excellent perches to overlook their fishy prey swimming beneath. ■

## *Lostwithiel*

Eleven kilometres upstream from the harbour mouth, Lostwithiel is at the head of the Fowey Estuary and the medieval bridge marks the upper limit of tidal navigation.

Lostwithiel is a busy town, popular for its antiques, independent shops and restaurants.

Lerryn



Cream Tea at Angie's



Kayaks at rest



Kingfisher



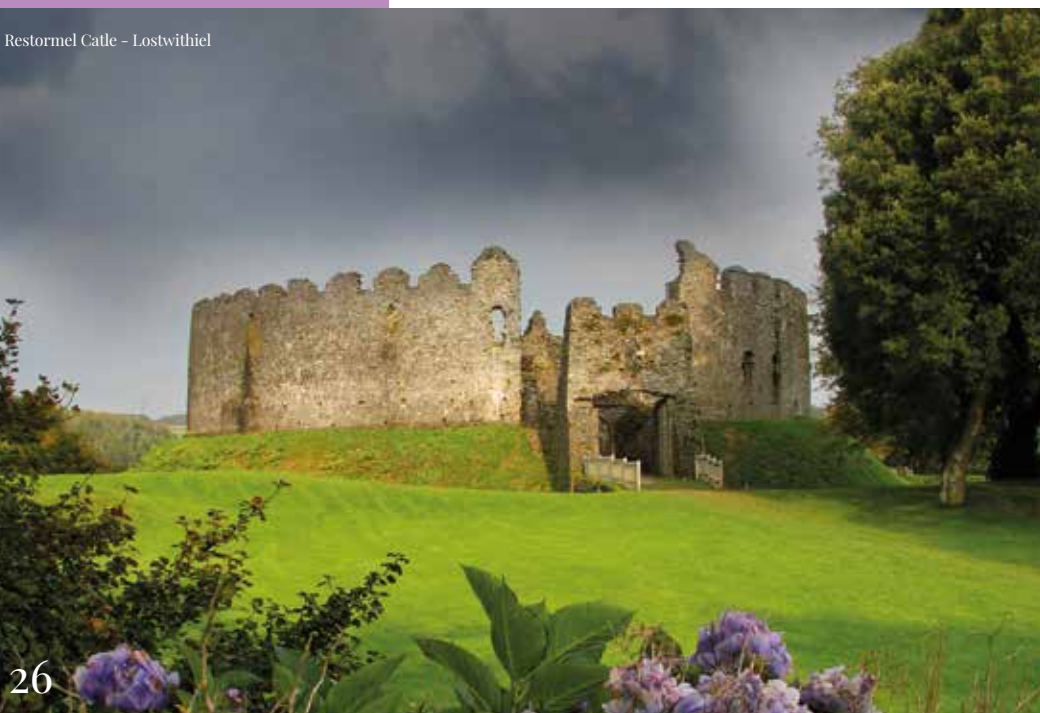


# Upstream, Why not?

## Visit Restormel Castle

Built by the Normans in the 13th century, Restormel Castle was gifted to Edward of Woodstock, 'the Black Prince' in 1337 as he was granted the new title of Duke of Cornwall. The remains of this circular shell keep are protected by English Heritage and are one of the most intact examples of this fortification across England and Wales.

Restormel Castle - Lostwithiel



The town is steeped in history and what better way to explore the town's historic buildings than a guided tour organised by the Lostwithiel Museum.

During the 12th and 13th Centuries, Lostwithiel was the administrative capital of Cornwall, seat of the Duke of Cornwall and a thriving stannary town.

In the 14th century, Lostwithiel was the main port on the Fowey River and was known as the Port of Fawi. The water was deep enough then to allow ships to travel upstream to load tin. But ironically, tin, which was the original source of the wealth of the town, eventually caused its decline, sediments from the mines on the moors, silted up the river, restricting the size of vessels that could use the quay and Lostwithiel's shipping trade was lost to Fowey. ■



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# Explore

a little further...

There's lots to explore near to Fowey including historical sites, landmarks, fabulous gardens and some fascinating houses and castles.

## Eden Project

The world famous Eden Project is located just 7 miles from Fowey and is well worth a visit, fun for all the family.

## Lost Gardens of Heligan

A little further from Fowey but not to be missed, the Lost Gardens of Heligan were a secret garden lost for decades.

## Gribbin Head

On the South West Coast Path you can visit the Daymark sitting on top of the Gribbin Head, the headland to the west of Fowey. This iconic landmark is open to the public on selected dates throughout the year. The view from the top is breath taking! See the National Trust website for more information. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

## National Trust Properties

Visit the National Trust house and gardens at Lanhydrock, full of period atmosphere Lanhydrock is the perfect country house and estate.

## Fowey to Mevagissey Ferry

Just a 35 minute ferry ride away from Fowey, explore a bit more Cornish culture in Mevagissey, a delightful small fishing harbour with a variety of independent shops and galleries.

*Catch the Fowey to Mevagissey ferry from Whitehouse Quay. (summer only and weather dependent). [www.mevagissey-ferries.co.uk](http://www.mevagissey-ferries.co.uk)*



Eden Project



Gribbin Head Daymark



Charlestown



Lanhydrock House



# Our Habitat

The environment and the impacts we are having on it have firmly taken centre stage in recent times as the climate crisis and particularly the 'Blue Planet effect' has gripped our attention with a new wave of environmental awareness.

In Fowey Harbour we have long respected the beauty of our surroundings and the importance of protecting it. On the water we encourage yachtsmen to reduce, reuse and recycle just as they do at home and provide recycling and waste management facilities afloat.

The increase in public awareness around single use plastics has caused a positive change in attitude and habits. Many businesses in Fowey have embraced the 'plastic free' movement and offer alternatives to single use packaging such as using a reusable coffee cup or taking advantage of the free ReFILL water scheme. Please support our town and reduce your plastic waste as our actions make a huge difference to the amount of global plastic litter thrown away every day. Another issue here is that during the peak season, the population of our towns and villages increase dramatically and facilities sometimes struggle to cope, please be responsible and reduce your impact.

In Fowey we benefit greatly from a dedicated team of local volunteers who clean the beaches at Readymoney and Whitehouse daily through the season, but you can do your bit to help... do a **#2MinuteBeachClean**, every piece of litter that is removed makes a difference! ■



Grey Seal

## *Be aware of your Biosecurity*

The introduction of Invasive Non Native Species (INNS) can have a negative environmental impact by changing local ecosystems and they can out-compete our native species for space and food. Some marine INNS species can inadvertently be spread to new areas on the hulls of boats or on equipment and we need your help to prevent this.

Please check your boat's hull and equipment for living organisms, paying particular



attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect. Clean your equipment thoroughly and let it dry completely, this will help to prevent spread.

If your boat is kept in the water, use an appropriate antifouling system and good maintenance to prevent attachment. These organisms can often be encrusting and can cause fouling of water inlets.

Follow the Check, Clean, Dry principles. ■  
[www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry)

## Why not?

### *Have a go at Crabbing*

A favourite pastime for families, crabbing from the quay wall or pontoons is permitted but please be aware of boats and ensure the safety of children next to water; lifejackets are recommended.

Please also think about the wellbeing of your crabs: don't overload your bucket, keep the bucket in the shade, refreshing the seawater regularly and most importantly, carefully release your crabs once you're finished.



# Wildlife Watching

Making marine encounters  
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**great for you!**

**Keep your distance!**

Be cautious and quiet. Look for signs wildlife has spotted you. Be prepared to back off or take an alternative route



Make sure your craft's movements are

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**Never** follow, chase or feed marine life



**Keep away from** large groups of animals, hauled seals and sensitive areas such as breeding sites



**It is not recommended** to purposely snorkel, dive or swim with large marine animals except with an approved operator

**Never** touch or feed wild animals



**What is disturbance?**

Disturbance is when people change an animal's behaviour or its environment, affecting its wellbeing or survival prospects. Always keep an eye out for signs you are disturbing wildlife.



# The Boats

## of Fowey Harbour

Fowey harbour is bustling with boats during the summer, keep your eye out for these boats which are particularly special to Fowey and its maritime heritage.

### Troys

Fowey's one-design keel yacht, it was named the Troy after the Troy Town novels of Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch. First built in 1929, this boat was designed with a tall mast to catch the wind swirling around the steep sided harbour. There has been a steady stream of boats joining the fleet over the years, they are only made by approved builders using the specific Troy templates and patterns. The last built was number 29 in 2018. The Troy can be identified by the letter T (for Troy) and a number on the main sail. You'll see the fleet racing in the harbour on Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings in summer.

### Fowey Rivers

Built in Fowey since the fifties, the Fowey River Class dinghy is based on a design published in the Yachting World magazine to try to encourage people to build their own boats. The Fowey River Class celebrated its 70th year in 2020 and there has been a resurgence in the fleet in recent years with several new boats built and several older ones restored. They are easy to spot as they have brightly coloured sails and the letters FR and a number on their main sail.



Fowey River Class Dinghies

### Pilot Gigs

Gig rowing is a popular pastime in Fowey, but it wasn't originally a sport, it was a profession. The early Pilots used to row the gigs out to ships wishing to enter the harbour, it was highly competitive with the first Pilot onboard getting the job, so speed was just as essential then as it is today to win the race!

The Fowey River Gig Club practice regularly in the harbour for their competitions all around the South West, look out for their distinctive red gigs.

### Regatta Racing

There's some top 'boat spotting' opportunities during Fowey Regatta week which attracts all manner of boats from sailing dinghies to racing yachts to compete in the sailing races. From the fluky winds and tidal currents inside the harbour to the open sea, the challenges of the conditions make for some great spectating.



Troys



Fowey River Class Dinghies



Fowey Pilot Gig



# Fowey

## A busy harbour

The Harbour Commissioner's stewardship of the Fowey Estuary begins at Lostwithiel Bridge at the head of the estuary and ends at the river mouth, between Punches Cross in Polruan and St Catherine's Castle in Fowey. This 11km stretch of river is home to a diversity of wildlife and habitats and is used by both commercial and leisure industries.

Fowey Harbour is a Trust Port which means that any financial surpluses from commercial projects are reinvested straight back into the harbour to benefit all those who operate along and enjoy the river.

The Fowey Harbour Office on Albert Quay, Fowey is the public face of the organisation and under the leadership of the Harbour Master, a team of nearly 30 staff carry out the numerous and varied services the Commissioners provide. From towing ships, maintaining moorings and dredging the harbour to maintain its depth, right through to berthing leisure craft, the Fowey Harbour Commissioners own and operate a variety of vessels and facilities to enable these activities.

Imerys Minerals Ltd., the china clay company, lease the loading jetties in Fowey and cargo is brought to the port by rail and by a private haul road linking to their operations in Par. China clay is primarily used in the production of paper but it's also used in ceramics, tableware and bathroom sanitary ware. It is in many everyday products like toothpaste and cosmetics.



Fowey is a busy commercial port handling in the region of 480,000 tonnes of cargo each year, the primary cargo is china clay but other cargoes such as rock salt and aggregate are handled.



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Harbour Office



Fowey's tugs are an essential part of the commercial aspect of the port, they are used to assist the safe passage of ships upriver to the commercial docks where they load china clay.

Any large ship entering Fowey must do so under the guidance of a Harbour Pilot. Fowey has two pilot boats which are used to transfer the Pilot aboard the ship at sea, their presence indicates an imminent commercial ship movement, so stay alert!

Fowey is a popular port of call for cruise ships, they moor just a stone's throw from the heart of the town, and they are quite a sight!

The Harbour Patrol Team are afloat to assist visiting boats to their moorings, keep an eye out for the Harbour Patrol boats which are all named after characters in the children's television series The Magic Roundabout.

Fowey Harbour also operate a boat storage and launching facility at Penmarlam which is popular with locals and visitors alike. The facility has a shore-linked pontoon with easy access to the showers and café facilities ashore as well as Mixtow Marine the onsite engineers and chandlery. ■

Fowey Harbour is at the heart of Fowey's tourism and leisure industry. The Commissioners manage 1500 resident moorings and welcome in the region of 6000 visiting boats each year.



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# NAVIGATION & SAFETY

**Fowey is a natural deep water harbour and entry into the harbour is straightforward by day or night and at all states of the tide.**

## Harbour Entry

(Reference should be made to Admiralty Chart No. 31) Enter through the harbour entrance on a NNE'ly course and then NE to the swing ground area off Fowey Town Quay. At night keep in the white sector of the Whitehouse light until abeam of Polruan Castle.

Visitor moorings and pontoon facilities are mainly situated on the east side of the harbour, visitor moorings are **BLUE** in colour.

Fowey is a busy harbour, so in the interests of safety, keep clear of commercial craft, especially manoeuvring ships. Harbour Patrol craft may be in attendance displaying a blue flashing light and their directions must be followed.

## Safety Afloat

Please take sensible precautions when on the water and be aware of useful safety advice from bodies such as the RNLI. Make sure you are adequately trained for the activity you do on or in the water and that you are familiar with your safety equipment.

## Shelter

Although Fowey is a sheltered harbour, the entrance and lower harbour can become rough during ebb tides and strong south westerly wind. Berths up river at Grid Irons, Penmarlam and Wisemans are sheltered from these conditions. Vessels choosing to remain in the lower harbour in these circumstances do so at their own risk.

## Speed Limits and Wash

The speed limit within the harbour is 6 knots and wash should be kept to a minimum. The harbour limit begins between St. Catherine's Castle and Punches Cross and extends right up the estuary to Lostwithiel. Harbour Patrol will enforce speed limits and excessive wash for the safety of other harbour users.

## Navigation Lights for small craft

Fowey is a busy commercial port with large vessels entering and leaving the harbour 24 hours a day.

For your own safety and the safety of other harbour users, any vessel (including tenders) not fitted with navigation lights must display a light during the hours of darkness and at times of restricted visibility, in accordance with Harbour Byelaws.

## Lifejackets, wear them, they are useless unless you do!

There's no excuse as free lifejacket storage lockers are available ashore at Albert Quay and Berrills Yard pontoons. (£1 coin required for operation).

## Use of Kill Cords

Kill cords are essential lifesaving equipment, they protect not only you but others around you. They should always be used when fitted.

## Tidal Restrictions and Flows

The estuary above Wisemans Reach dries at low water and access should be with care, having consulted tide tables, charts and local knowledge.

On spring tides the tidal range is 5.5m although it may be as much as 6m at the equinoxes. Neap tides are 2 metres although both ranges are considerably affected by wind conditions and barometric pressure.

The tidal flow will often be over 1 knot and reaching 1.75 knots on springs, this can be increased after periods of heavy rainfall.

## Ferries

The Bodinnick car ferry is a self-propelled vessel operating between Bodinnick and Caffa Mill on a continuous basis throughout the day. This vessel is restricted in its ability to manoeuvre, especially in strong winds and tides and all leisure vessels should keep well clear. The ferry maintains a listening watch on VHF Ch. 9 and 12.

A passenger ferry operates between Polruan and Fowey, to Whitehouse Quay during the daytime in summer and Town Quay for the remaining times.



## Fowey Lifejacket lockers



Accidents happen when you least expect it. It's why we recommend you wear your lifejacket unless it's safe to take it off. This includes accessing boats from dinghies, tenders or even pontoons.

## But what do you do with your lifejacket once you're ashore?

To help you, we've installed lockers at two sites on the Fowey river. Conveniently located and free to use, they provide a place to store your kit temporarily when you're not using it. There's no need to book. Lockers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Just come along, grab a locker, insert your £1 returnable deposit, and you're done!



Fowey Lifejacket Locker Locations

## Be Sure YOUR Lifejacket Will Work?

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- The gas cylinder is secure and not corroded
  - The firing mechanism is in date
  - Your lifejacket can hold air for 24 hours.
- (Even new lifejackets need checking as parts may not be secure)

**Wear it** - It's useless unless worn

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### Lifeboat Call-outs

Fowey Lifeboat Station is situated at Berrills Yard and has an all-weather Trent class lifeboat and an inshore D class lifeboat. These vessels can transit through the harbour at increased speeds if the emergency situation requires. Please keep well clear and follow any directions given by Harbour Patrol craft.

### Yacht Racing

Yacht Racing takes place on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. The start and finish line is between the Royal Fowey Yacht Club (RFYC) and the silver commercial buoy in the middle of the Harbour. This area and the Harbour Mouth can become congested during races and craft transiting the area should give a wide berth.

### Swimming

Swimming is only permitted in approved areas of the Harbour. Readymoney Cove at the entrance to Fowey Harbour is a designated bathing beach and a swimming area is buoyed off in summer with a bathing platform.

### Diving

Diving in the Harbour is under full control of the Harbour Master and is only permitted with a FHC dive permit. Leisure diving is under the same restrictions as that for swimming.

### Local Notices

Fowey Harbour Commissioners issue Harbour Masters Notices and Local Notices to Mariners which detail events, incidents and other matters affecting harbour safety. These are available in the Harbour Office and on the Fowey Harbour website and distributed to affected parties.

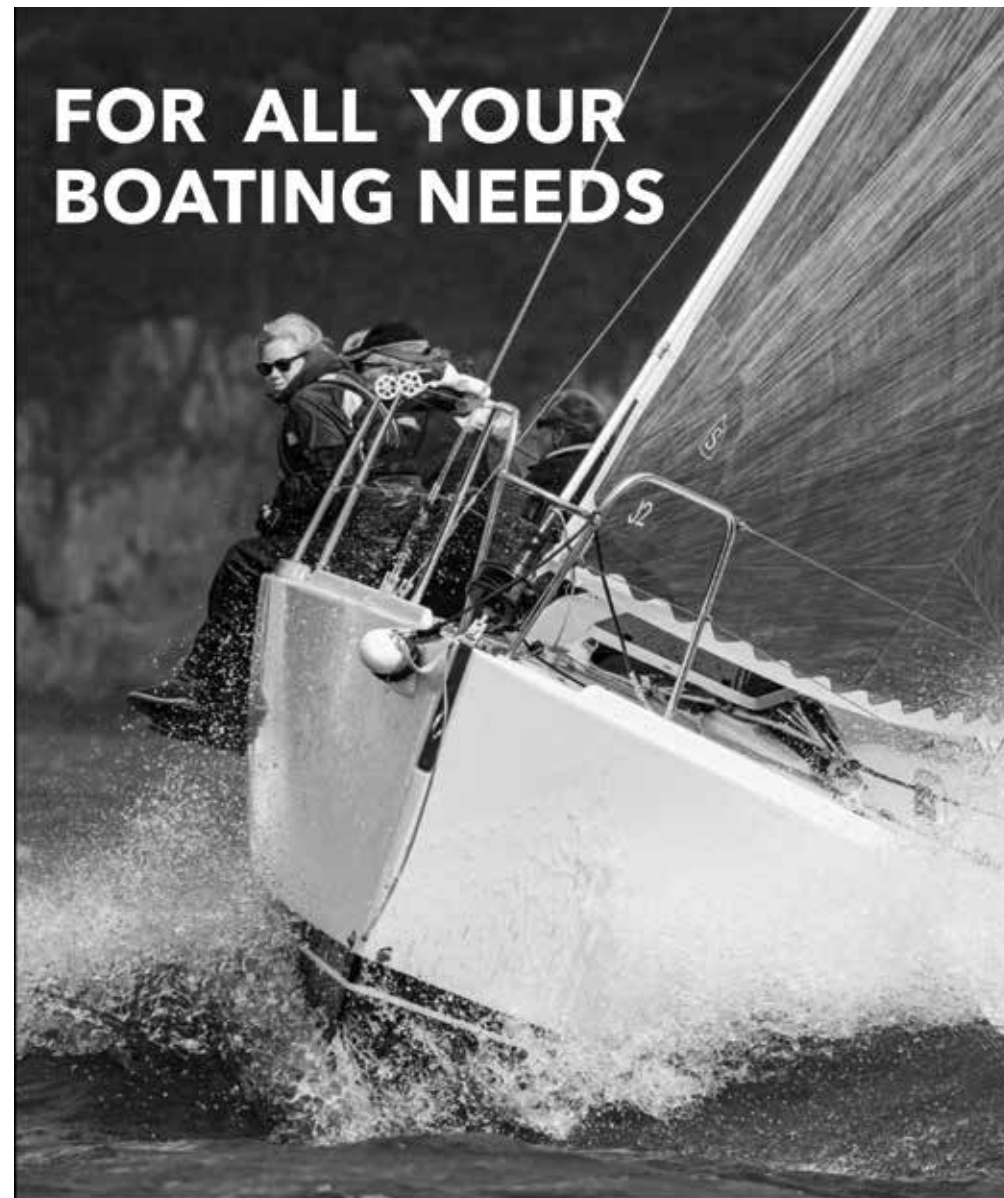
### Boat Watch

A Boat Watch scheme operates around the estuary both ashore and afloat with patrols taking place during the day and at night. Volunteer teams are supported by a Devon and Cornwall Police Marine Officer.

The Boat Watch team provide important surveillance around Fowey Harbour. As well as the high visibility patrols, their volunteers, many of whom are boat owners or have houses overlooking the estuary, are constantly in and around the water monitoring activity.

Harbour speed limit is  
**6 knots**  
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# CHARGES<sup>2021</sup>

- A full schedule of charges is available from the Harbour Office or on the website. All charges include 20% VAT.
- All visiting vessels must pay Mooring Fees (which includes Harbour Dues) for the duration of their stay.
- Vessel length is classed as Length Over All (LOA) and includes all overhanging projections such as bow and stern sprits.
- All charges for vessels will be rounded up to the nearest half metre.

## Daily Mooring Fee

(Prices per metre and includes harbour dues)

Mono-hull .....	£2.00
Multi-hull .....	£2.20
Mixtow shore linked pontoon .....	£2.60
Fowey Berrills Yard .....	£2.70

(Berrills Yard Shore linked pontoon 1800 - 0800 daily)

(See Harbour Chart Page 55 for location of moorings and visitor facilities)

Any craft being used as a tender to a visiting parent craft is exempt from harbour dues.

## Unattended Visiting Craft

Contact details must be left with the Harbour Office.

Mooring lines to be doubled and fenders left rigged.

Unattended craft ..... Daily Rate +£3.00

## Short Stay Harbour Dues

Up to 2 hours on any FHC facility

with no overnight stay .....£10.00

## Use of Berrills Yard Pontoon

For up to 8 daylight hours, for repairs.

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£30.00 per usage + Harbour Dues

## Launch and Recovery

From slipways not managed by FHC

Visitors to the Harbour using boats on a launched and recovered basis will be subject to the following charges:

## Launched/Recovered Harbour Dues

Day .....£7.97

Week .....£36.49

Season - per metre LOA .....£16.48

## Monthly Moorings

To be arranged through the Harbour Office and paid in advance.

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# BERTHING

- **Contact FOWEY HARBOUR PATROL on VHF Channel 12 to arrange a berth**
- **See Harbour Chart on page 55 for locations of moorings and facilities**

## Visiting Vessels

Arriving vessels should contact FOWEY HARBOUR PATROL on VHF Channel 12 to arrange a berth.

Please refer to the relevant Admiralty Chart or equivalent to ensure safe berthing for your vessel.

- We do not accept mooring reservations except in the case of pre-booked events and rallies.
- Pre-notification of vessels is appreciated, especially for those over 20 metres in length.
- Rafting may be required on all berths, especially during busy periods.

The following berths are available for use by visiting vessels on a first come first served basis:

### Polruan Pool

**Swinging moorings** are **BLUE** in colour and are available for vessels up to a maximum LOA of 15m. Vessels in excess of 15m LOA will be directed to larger swing moorings flat-topped and **YELLOW** in colour marked V2 to V5.

SBM moorings (Sunbeam moorings) are **ORANGE** in colour and for smaller day boats.

### Polruan Pontoon

**Shore linked pontoon** SHORT STAY ONLY (2hrs) for vessels on outside, some tidal restrictions apply.

### Pont Pill

**Pontoon 1&2** suitable for all types of vessels, berths may be rafted at busy periods.

### Underhills

**Pontoon 3, 4 & 5** suitable for all types of vessels, berths may be rafted at busy periods.

**Swinging moorings** are **BLUE** in colour and are available for vessels up to a maximum LOA of 10m.

### Berrills Yard

**Shore linked pontoon**

**0800 to 1800** SHORT STAY ONLY (2hrs) for vessels on outside.

**1800 to 0800** Overnight stay chargeable at advertised nightly rate for vessels on outside. Berths may be rafted at busy periods. Shore power available.

### Albert Quay

**Shore linked pontoon**

SHORT STAY ONLY (2hrs) for vessels on outside.

### Grid Irons

**Pontoon 6**

Visitor berths on outside (west side) only.

### Penmarlam (Mixtow)

**Shore linked pontoon** visitor south side only. Walk ashore with access to showers, toilets and café. Shore power available.

### Wisemans Reach

**Swinging moorings** are **BLUE** in colour. 3 moorings available.

### Golant, Lerryn and Lostwithiel

Well worth a visit. Some drying berths or anchorages are available but please check first with the Harbour Office.

### Rallies and Events

Fowey is a popular destination for cruiser and motor cruiser rallies and yacht races and we welcome the opportunity to host your event. Discounts are available, please contact the Harbour Office.

### Anchorage

Anchoring in or near to the main navigational fairway or swing ground is not permitted. Areas clear of moorings in the upper Estuary or in Pont Pill may be used for anchoring but guidance must be sought before doing so. It should be noted that harbour dues for anchoring vessels are the same as that for using a mooring. Vessels at anchor must not be left unattended at any time.

Penmarlam



### Trailer Parking

Parking for trailers is available at Caffa Mill and Old Station Yard Car Parks in Fowey and at Penmarlam Boat Park.

### Launching Facilities

A public slipway is located in Fowey at Caffa Mill and harbour dues are payable to Fowey Harbour for all vessels launching from this slip. Please be aware of other users when using the slipway and ensure all operations are conducted in a safe manner. Fowey Harbour operate a private launching facility at Penmarlam and casual access is available.

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# HARBOUR FACILITIES

■ See Harbour Chart on page 55 for locations of moorings and facilities.

**Harbour Office** is open weekdays from 0900- 1700 & Saturdays 0900-1300 (summer only).

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY** outside working hours the Harbour Office telephone diverts to the duty officer 01726 832471.

**Harbour Patrol** are on duty from 0800 until dark in the summer period and during working hours outside of the peak season.

**Freshwater** is available at Albert Quay, Berrills Yard and Penmarlam Pontoons.

**Fuel** Diesel fuel is available at the Fuel Pontoon just upstream of the Bodinnick Car Ferry, this is a pay-at-pump facility available 24/7 and at all states of the tide.

**Petrol** is available at Penmarlam Boat Park, for opening times contact **Mixtow Marine** on 01726 832471

**Diesel and petrol** are also available from **C. Toms and Son** boatyard in Polruan, for opening times call 01726 870232

**Please take precautions when fuelling to prevent pollution of the harbour.**

**Showers** are available at Fowey Gallants Sailing Club and the Royal Fowey Yacht Club, C. Toms and Son Boatyard in Polruan and at Penmarlam Boat Park. Coins required for operation. (Subject to Covid restrictions)

**Laundry facilities** can be found at C. Toms and Son Boatyard in Polruan, contact for opening times.

**Waste and Recycling** Facilities for general waste and recyclables are available on most visitor pontoons with a central collection point on a pontoon in the entrance to Pont Pill.

These facilities should be used in preference to landing waste ashore.

**Batteries and Waste Oil** can be disposed of by arrangement with the Harbour Office.

**Sewage** A pump out facility is available at Berrills Yard pontoon. £1 coin required for operation.

**Weather** forecasts are posted daily in the Harbour Office. The Polruan National Coastwatch Institution's (NCI) website displays live weather conditions at their lookout at the top of Polruan. <https://www.nci.org.uk/stations/current-weather-conditions-b> For long range forecasts, contact the Harbour Office.

**Water Taxi** service is available, contact FOWEY WATER TAXI on VHF Channel 6. Mobile: 07774 906730. [www.foweywatertaxi.co.uk](http://www.foweywatertaxi.co.uk)

**Wi-Fi** coverage is available throughout the lower harbour. A period of free Wi-Fi is included in our visitor mooring charge.

**Lifejacket lockers** are available at Albert Quay and Berrills Yard shore linked pontoons.

**Jet Skis** can use the harbour provided they do so safely and abide by the 6 knot speed limit.

**Drying out and Bottom Cleaning** facilities are available at Penmarlam, Brazen Island and C. Toms and Son boatyards.

**Tourist Information Service**

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**Shore Power** available at Berrills Yard and Penmarlam pontoon. Subject to charges.

All vessels over 37.5m LOA are required to take a Pilot.

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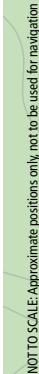
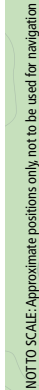
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<b>Gas</b>	Penmarlam Quay Cafe	07855 437004
<b>Chandlery</b>	Mixtow Marine	01726 832471
<b>Dentist</b>	Noah's Ark Dental Practice - Fowey	01726 833487
<b>Dinghy Park</b>	North Street Yard - Fowey	01726 832471
	Caffa Mill - Cornwall Council Car Park	0300 1234100
	Penmarlam Boat Park	01726 832471
<b>Doctor</b>	Fowey River Practice (Fowey & Polruan)	01726 829272
<b>Hospital</b>	St. Austell Community Hospital – Minor Injuries	01726 873000
	Royal Cornwall Hospital Truro – A&E	01872 250000
<b>Launderette</b>	C. Toms and Son	01726 870232
<b>Lift out</b>	Penmarlam Boat Park/Brazen Island	01726 832471
	C. Toms and Son	01726 870232
	St Winnow Yachts	01208 872327
<b>Marine Service/Repairs</b>	Mixtow Marine	01726 832471
	Fowey Harbour Marine Engineers	01726 832806
	Sail Shape Marine	01726 833731
<b>Police</b>	<b>999 Emergency</b>	<b>101 Non-Emergency</b>
<b>Sails &amp; Rigging</b>	Sail Shape	01726 833731
<b>Scrub off</b>	Fowey Harbour	01726 832471
	C. Toms and Son	01726 870232
<b>Showers</b>	Royal Fowey Yacht Club	01726 833573
	Fowey Gallants Sailing Club	01726 832335
	Penmarlam Boat Park	01726 832471
	C. Toms and Son	01726 870232
<b>Stores/Off Licence</b>	Shipmates of Fowey	01726 832711
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<b>Trains</b>	Par or St Austell Station for London to Penzance	03457 484950 (National Rail Enq.)
<b>Taxis</b>	KP Cabs Fowey (8 Seater)	07857 636881
<b>Water</b>	Albert Quay, Berrills Yard and Penmarlam Pontoons	
<b>Water Taxi</b>	VHF Channel 6	07774 906730
<b>Wi-Fi</b>	Fowey Harbour	01726 832471
<b>Yacht Clubs</b>	Royal Fowey Yacht Club	01726 833573
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An aerial photograph of Fowey Harbour, showing a cluster of white houses on a peninsula, a stone tower, and numerous boats in the turquoise water under a clear blue sky.

**FOWEY  
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# *Bon voyage*

*we hope to see you again soon...*

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