

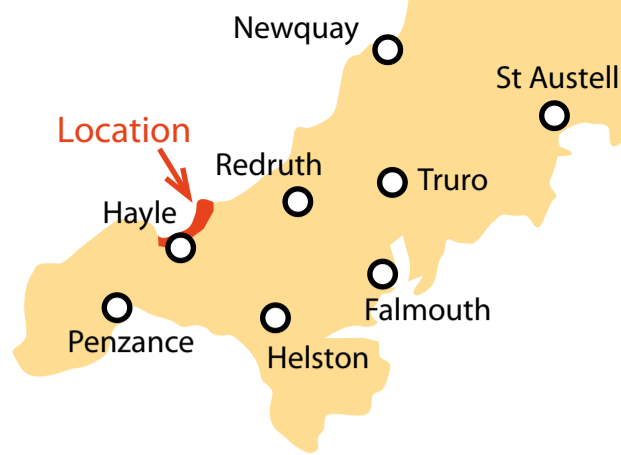
The Sands of Time

Hayle - Gwithian Towans

Godrevy lighthouse was the inspiration behind Virginia Woolf's novel "To the Lighthouse". In the worst weather, an aerial ropeway was used to take food to the keepers until 1934, when the light became automatic.

Over 200 years ago, parish officers of Gwithian Churchtown planted marram grass on the dunes to stop windblown sand burying their village.

During the First World War, over 1,800 men and women worked on Dynamite Towans manufacturing explosives. Towans is the Cornish name for sandhill. These dramatic dunes, with their long sandy beaches, have been used by people since they formed more than 5000 years ago. The Sands of Time hold many secrets.



Key

- Parking
 - Lifeguard hut
 - Seasonal dog ban
 - Railway station
 - Cafe
 - Toilets
 - Road
 - Private road
 - Bridleway
 - Footpath
 - Bus stop
 - Beach access
 - Local nature reserve
- 1000 metres



Marram Grass

Sand Martin

Skylark

Small Copper

Six Spot Burnet Moth