

USING CORNWALL COUNCIL'S ONLINE MAPPING FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH

1. Go to: <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/> .
2. Click on **M** in the A to Z of services.
3. Click on **Mapping**.
4. Click on **Follow this link for our interactive mapping**.
5. There are 2 windows.
The small one at the top left offers a menu.
The lower one allows you to type in your chosen location.
6. To find your location, either type in the name or post code, or close the window and just zoom in on the map. If you have typed in the name you will see a choice of places in that location, such as addresses, streets, and places. Just click on the one you want. Then close the window to make space on the screen.
7. Return to the small window and click on **Layers**.
8. You will be given a choice of 9 layers, from **Leisure** to **Historical**.
9. Click on **Historical** and you will have another menu. These range from **Sites and Monuments record-points** to **Protected wrecks**.
10. If you are looking for information specific sites, monuments, findspots etc the following are very useful:
Sites and Monuments record-points
Access to monuments
Listed buildings
11. If you are looking for information covering a wider area, the following are useful:
Scheduled monuments
Sites and monuments record – polygons
Registered battlefields
Registered parks and gardens
Event record
Landscape assessment - to find this, go to the 9-layer menu and click on **Landscape assessment** (you can find **Historic Landscape Characterisation** and **Landscape Character Areas**).
Areas of Historic or Landscape Value, World Heritage Site areas- to find this, go to the 9-layer menu and click on Environment
12. Using **Sites and Monuments record-points**. Click on the coloured dot that interests you. A window will appear. You can zoom in if you wish. For information, click **Link to further information** and you will be taken to Heritage Gateway.
13. Using **Events record** will give access to any detailed reports that are available. Once you have clicked on **Events record** shaded polygons will appear. If you want the report, just click on the thick outer brown line and the report will open, or, if there is more than one, a choice of reports will be given.
14. The mapping section of Cornwall Council website also has layers describing present day Cornwall, such as **Leisure** (to show rights of way in the areas of interest).

15. Area Representatives may wish to investigate planning applications. Go to:

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/>.

Select **Planning applications**. Then select **View planning applications online**. You have a choice of looking at weekly and monthly lists or searching for applications in a particular place. (Be warned: in some places, such as larger towns, you will need to be specific about the location because there will be too many applications to choose from.) To get the full information concerning an application you will need to click on **Documents**. This will give a huge amount of information, sometimes including archaeological reports paid for by developers. Another important section is **Comments**. You can add comments as a private individual (you will need to register first and the instructions are on the website-it's fairly straightforward) but it is important to read the comments of the consultees. (I found it easier to type comments on *Word*, then cut and paste into the annoyingly little box.) There may not be any from statutory consultees (e.g. historic environment) because there are not enough people employed to properly monitor all applications. If there is a concern about the impact of the proposed development on the archaeology it would be worth contacting: **Phil Copleston** who is Cornwall's only planning archaeologist /Planning Advice Officer, Luxstowe House, Liskeard PL14 3DZ, 01579 341406, pcopleston@cornwall.gov.uk . **Dan Ratcliffe** who is Strategic Lead of the Strategic Historic Environment Service (dratcliffe@cornwall.gov.uk).