

THE LIZARD



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Cadgwith



Kynance

The Lizard peninsula: quite different to Penwith: not wild; very varied. Down its west side are sandy coves (**Kynance**, with towers of serpentine rock, is stunning). In the middle, **Goonhilly Downs** are flat, little cultivated, with their very own wild flower species and a satellite tracking station (interesting and visitable). **Lizard Point** (lighthouse) is the English mainland's southernmost. The south and east coasts are also of coves between cliffs and one bigger, child-friendly beach, **Kennack Sands**, and the pretty thatch-roofed villages (not many in Cornwall) of **Cadgwith** and **Coverack**, and handsome **St Keverne** (Roskilly ice cream is made nearby), and off-shore The Manacles, which sank many sailing ships. Then, approaching the Helford River's mouth, you come to **Gillan Harbour** and **St Anthony-in-Meneage** and all that is soft and dreamy, lush, sub-tropical and wonderful about south-west Cornwall; and so it continues up the wide river to **Helford** village, **Frenchman's Creek** and, up another creek, **Port Navas** (see Cornwall's 'Med', page 164). **Helston** is the base town; **Mullion** has a golf course with great views; **Porthleven** is the fishing village (quite big); **Gweek** has a seal sanctuary; from **Culdrose** airbase, sailors of all kinds (and occasionally tourists) are rescued.



... deep in hedgerow lanes ...



Helston: small old town, the Lizard's biggest, with shops, indoor swimming pool, boating lake and popular Flambards 'theme park'. **Loe Pool** (beautiful lagoon, lovely walks), 1 mile. **Gweek** (seal sanctuary), 1½ miles. **Porthleven** (see below right), 4 miles. **Church Cove, Gunwalloe** (sandy beach, pub), and the Helford River, also about 4 miles.

... 3 miles west of **Helston**, deep in hedgerow lanes, a **very private detached stone cottage** with origins in the early 1800s, facing out over its large, pretty lawned garden. It is approached over about 100 yards of gravel track, so virtually no passing traffic. The nearest shop/pub/beach and Trevarno and Godolphin gardens (Nat.Trust), about 2 miles.

Inside is comfortable, light and stylish with good use of fabrics. From side garden, entrance to large sun porch with **washing machine, tumble drier**, games and toys, through to the kitchen (**dishwasher, freezer**, big range cooker) with beech worktops, butler sink and slate floor; dining room with table big enough for ten, and a little decorative fireplace; sunny south-facing living room (door lintel 5'9", beams 6'4") with views and door to garden. Stairs up to **four bedrooms** – two double (one with 5' bed), both with pretty garden views, a linkable twin also with pretty garden views, and another twin (2'6" linkable beds); bathroom (suite with spa bath plus separate shower), and shower-room (suite). 2 TVs/2 DVDs. **Cautionary Deposit £100. St Ives** (see page 222), 25 minute drive. **A good relaxing place to return to after a day on the beach or exploring the area.**



... harbour full of boats

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... and 1¼ miles east of **Helston**, set in delightful gardens with large duck pond and tumbling mill leat, a **semi-detached stone cottage**, formerly barns to the 17th cent. mill house. The 7 adjoining acres include an orchard, large lawned area for ball games, and a boating lake. The cottage has its own lawned area with picnic table and benches. Inside, a spacious, comfy living/dining room (games/books, CD player), kitchen area fitted with pretty lilac blue units, **dishwasher, washer-drier, microwave**. Downstairs cloakroom (loo, washbasin). Upstairs (stairgates), **three bedrooms**: large double with en suite shower-room (suite), smaller double with good views of garden, and a room with two single beds. Bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). TV/DVD/video.

★ ★ ★	Sleeps 6 Saturday	Bedrooms 3 Bathrooms 2	£ F H Ref: T2	NSH EH	HC BS	SHORT BREAKS
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Porthleven: large village with harbour full of fishing and pleasure boats. Pubs, cafés, shops and art galleries around its harbour. Dive centre and advanced surfing. Good bus service. Immediately south begins a 2½ mile stretch of sand and shingle (coast path). **Helston** (see above left), 2½ miles.

... on the hillside above **Porthleven** harbour, a **semi-detached 'upside down' cottage** with **gorgeous sea views** (next row back from the front). Nine steps lead down from the road to a tiny gravelled patio (table/chairs) with a glimpse of the sea between rooftops. Hall; on one side of it, a roomy **double bedroom** (5'3" bed), on the other, the bathroom (suite plus bath-shower, **washer-drier**); stairs up to stylish living/dining/kitchen (**dishwasher, microwave** with **open fire** and sofa bed (for alternative sleeping), folding table/chairs, TV/DVD and big bay window with **sea views**.

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THE LIZARD: where barn owls roost . . .



Burras: hamlet of stone cottages, chapel and village green with a little stream running through it, almost in the middle of the narrowing peninsula and steeped in Cornwall's tin mining history. **Helston** (see page 213), 4 miles. **Portreath's** magnificent surfing beach (see page 211), 6 miles.



... in **Burras**, on the far side of the green, reached by 100 yards of gravel lane, a **detached, mid 18th cent. stone cottage**. Once serving the village as a shop, then a school, it is now a comfy home, welcoming families and their pets. Most of its enclosed lawn/shrub garden (picnic table) is to the front, with wild land and meadows beyond. Front door into dining room with granite inglenook and door to sunroom (books, board/card games); living room with TV/DVD/video and another huge granite inglenook. Two steps down to a breakfast room, large fitted kitchen (**dishwasher, washing machine, microwave, fridge-freezer**) and downstairs bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). From the dining room, stairs up to **four bedrooms**, two of which lead immediately off the stairs in typical 18th cent fashion – a double, a twin and two very roomy singles with sloping ceilings and lots of space to spread toys. **Very convenient for both coasts and Cornwall's many gardens.**

★★★	Sleeps 6	Bedrooms 4	£ EE G	CH EH	T HC	BS	Washing Machine	Microwave	Fridge-Freezer	B/A extra	SHORT BREAKS
	Saturday	Bathrooms 1	Ref: T1								



Crowan: hamlet (ancient church) steeped in the history of tin and copper mining and close to a World Heritage Site. **Gwithian Towans** (stunning beach, see page 211), 5 miles to the north; popular **St Ives** (see page 222) a little further; to the south, **The Lizard** and **Helston** (see page 213), 5. **Praze an Beeble** (shops, pub), 1 mile (less by footpath).

... in **Crowan**, by the church (bells 10.30am Sunday mornings/Thurs evenings) and set back from the quiet lane, **two little detached thatched stone cottages** thoughtfully converted from old barns. Both have their own little sitting out area with tables/chairs, shared grassed garden area (barbecue) and there are **10 acres of grounds** and **bluebell copse** for you to quietly enjoy with footpaths from your door. Watch quietly during dusk and you will see the barn owls hunting from their roost in the owners' barn. The friendly owners' home is adjacent and they are happy to talk wildlife and help you make the most of your stay if you wish.

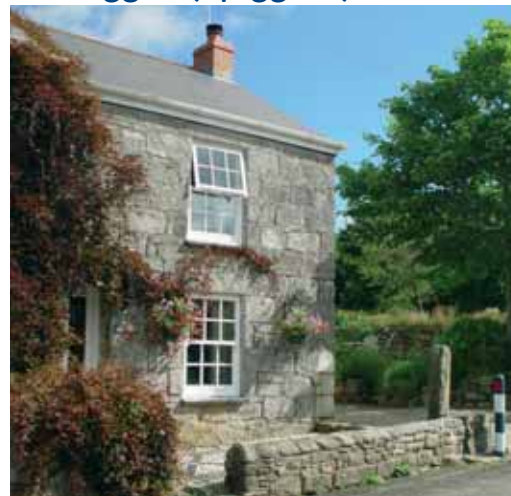
West Barn: inside, fresh, comfortable and stylish. Stable doors into open-plan living/dining/fitted kitchen (**washer-drier, microwave**) with cream Shaker-style cabinets, wooden floors/rugs, exposed ceiling beams; **double bedroom** with sofa bed (for a child under 16) and en suite shower-room (suite). TV/DVD.

★★★★½	Sleeps 2/3	Bedrooms 1	£ CC	EH	T BS	Washing Machine	Extra	SHORT BREAKS
	Friday	Bathrooms 1	Ref: T5					

East Barn: inside, similarly furnished but a little larger than West Barn with stable doors into open-plan living/dining/fitted kitchen (**washer-drier, microwave**) with cream Shaker-style cabinets, wooden floor/rugs, exposed ceiling beams and sofa bed; **double bedroom** with en suite shower-room (suite). TV/DVD.

★★★★½	Sleeps 2/3	Bedrooms 1	£ CC	EH	T BS	Washing Machine	Extra	SHORT BREAKS
	Friday	Bathrooms 1	Ref: T6					

. . . higgledy-piggledy Trescowe



Trescowe: tiny village/large hamlet, higgledy-piggledy along a country lane which leads down to the coast and good sandy beach at **Praa Sands**, 1½ miles. **Marazion** and **St Michael's Mount**, 5 miles; **Penzance** (see page 219), 8. Three pubs and shop, 1½ miles; Godolphin House and Gardens, 1 mile; fishing, ½ mile.

... in **Trescowe**, a **pretty, little granite cottage** built in 1860, with lovely, sun-all-day, almost tropical garden (table/chairs, barbecue). Living/dining room with inglenook fireplace (**woodburner**), comfy sofas, strong exposed granite walls. Shaker fitted kitchen (**dishwasher, microwave**) and, outside, a little heated boot room, ideal for storing walking gear and housing the **washing machine and freezer**. Upstairs, **two bedrooms** - a double and a twin, both pretty - and bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). TV/DVD. **Nice cottage; fuel provided free of charge** from October to March. **Arrival after 4pm.**

★★★★½	Sleeps 4	Bedrooms 2	£ G	CH WB	T HC	Washing Machine	Freezer	B/A extra	SHORT BREAKS
	Saturday	Bathrooms 1	Ref: T446						



... also in **Trescowe**, an old chapel converted into a **comfortable house**; you have **half of it** (see arrow). It looks out over hedgerow-meadows with a neat, enclosed garden (table/chairs, barbecue and a few steps up to the lawn) at the back, and fields beyond as far as the eye can see. Inside, thoroughly well done with good modern fabrics and décor. Porch for coats/boots, with **washing machine**; attractive living room (books/games) with French windows to garden; fitted kitchen (**microwave**) with table/chairs. Stairs (stairgate) up to **two bedrooms** – a double and a twin, both with lovely long rural views. Bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). TV/DVD. **Quiet spot, only 1½ miles from beach and pub, and lots of beautiful walks around.**



★★★	Sleeps 4	Bedrooms 2	£ EE F	CH EH	T HC	Washing Machine	B/A extra	SHORT BREAKS
	Friday	Bathrooms 1	Ref: T3					