## CARNYORTH CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

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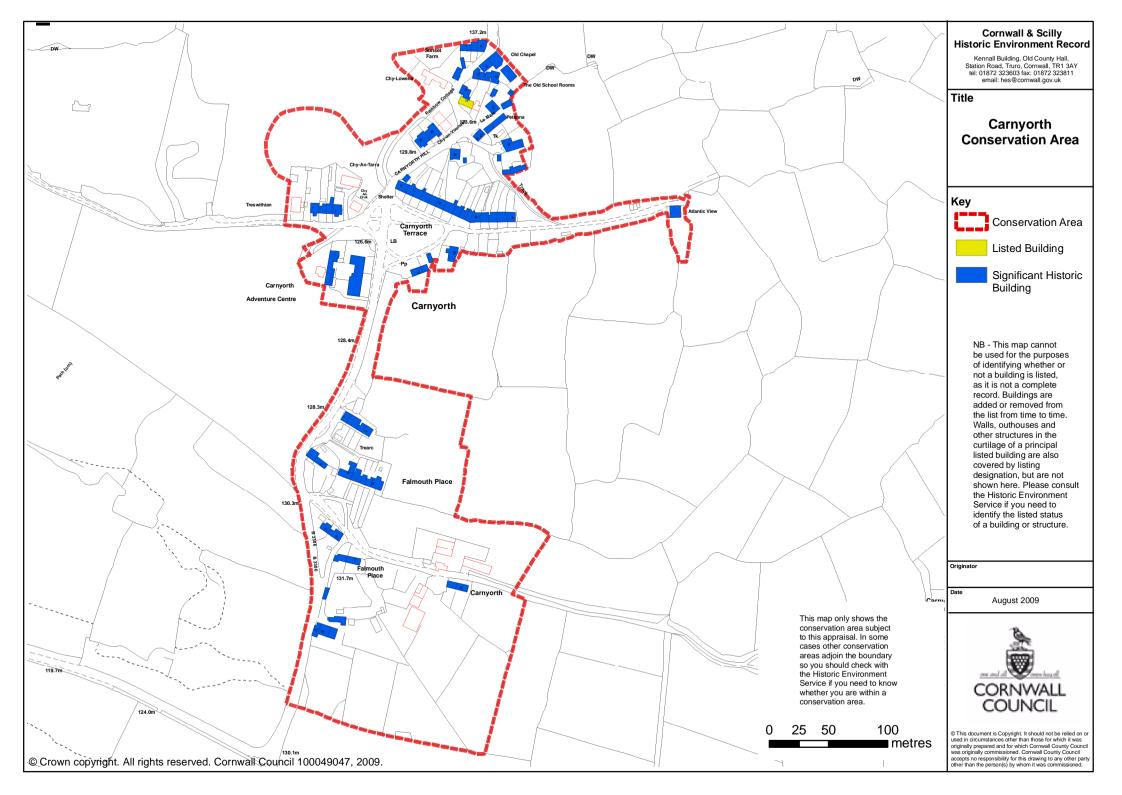




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## SUMMARY OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Located just a short distance north of the town of St Just and within the World Heritage Site the Carnyorth conservation area is made up of three distinct hamlets: Carnyorth Hill, Carnyorth Terrace and Falmouth Place.

Carnyorth moor probably saw continous tin streamworking / mining since the middle ages, and it dominates the landscape to the east of the settlement. Now improved grassland, it takes on a more agricultural appearance, with the ruggedness of the high moorland still visible on less improved land to the east of the hamlets.

Carnyorth, centred on Carnyorth Hill, was an old established agricultural hamlet which had an entirely new mining settlement (Carnyorth Terrace) attached to it. This remains one of the least altered of all the mining settlements in the St Just area.

Groups of cottages and outbuildings relating to either the old agricultural hamlet or the later expansion of the mining industry dominate the settlement.

The surviving buildings in Carnyorth Hill show the progress from agricultural hamlet to a mixed farming and industrial settlement. There is a good series of surviving farm buildings, although some have been lost in recent years. The tight turns in the road here disclose an ever changing sequence of buildings.

Carnyorth Terrace and associated green and buildings forms an iconic industrial domestic landscape and is completely a creation from the industrial period.

Falmouth Place is of a different character again and remains a uniquely isolated and inward-looking place, almost entirely 19<sup>th</sup> century, with some from some later 20<sup>th</sup> century alterations and additions.

All three hamlets in the conservation area have few prominent buildings which stand out in distant views. The former Chapel, in Carnyorth Hill, meets the skyline when approaching from the south, while the former school stands alone on the western side of the road.

Historic buildings are, without exception, built of granite, and would all have had natural slate roofs and boundaries are marked by granite walls.