

Seatown

Seatown is a coastal hamlet in Dorset, England, sited on the English Channel approximately 3 miles (4.8 km) westsouthwest oBridport. It lies within the civil parish of Chideock in the West Dorset administrative district.

The coast at Seatown is part of theJurassic Coast, a world heritage sitestretching for 96 miles (154 km). The surrounding area is also designated part of the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Golden Cap, the highest point on the south coast of England, lies 1 mile (1.6 km) to the west.

Seatown comprises a small number of houses, a holiday park, some holiday cottages and "The Anchor" pub. The small River Winniford or Wynreford^[1] runs into the sea here. Seatown beach is popular with fossil collectors, with rock of Late Jurassic/Early Cretaceous. The beach is privately owned; it is free to access but parking is charged.

'Furmity'—a mix of wheat, dried fruit and sugar, often with added spirits—was one of the products sold at a Whit Monday Fair which used to be held in Seatown. In Thomas Hardy's novel *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, the character Michael Henchard got drunk on laced furmity and sold his wife while inebriated.^[1]


References

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- Seatown (Dorset) FossilsDiscovering Fossils.
- Dorset Beaches: West Dorset: SeatownDorset Beaches. Newsquest Media Group.

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Seatown in November 2008, with Golden Cap in the background



Seatown shown within Dorset

OS grid reference	SY420918
District	West Dorset
Shire county	Dorset
Region	South West
Country	England
Sovereign state	United Kingdom
Post town	BRIDPORT
Postcode district	DT6
Police	Dorset
Fire	Dorset and Wiltshire
Ambulance	South Western
EU Parliament	South West England
UK Parliament	West Dorset

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