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Cornwall Archaeological Unit - ST. JUST (St Just Area)



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The maps compiled during the historical phase were enhanced during the site visits, particularly with information relating to the survival and significance of historic buildings, and a general photographic record colour prints was made of each settlement. The early medieval topography of St Just, no matter that it is difficult precisely to disentangle now, still clearly underlies the modern layout of the town and explains the notable separation of the vicarage from the church and the rest of the town. Described in the 18th century as having an earth bank, terraced on the inside face, and an outer ditch, the site was much altered in the 19th century, the ditch filled in and the earth bank revetted with stone around the outside.

Nanpean Knowpia

A splayed market area developed between the two foci, occupying a level area at the crown of the plateau on which the settlement stands. With a market developed by the 17th century, the industrial period saw increasing development of the commercial and service sectors in the town, along with religious and educational establishments.

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The village has a school, Nanpean Community Primary School The original village school was built in 1898.

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It was refurbished and extended in 2002 and a further extension was added in 2004. The town is 7 miles from Penzance, and a mile from Cape Cornwall and the sea. Early lode back workings and stream works at first preventing settlement to the west and north, by the early 19th century had become waste grounds ripe for development.

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There continued to be a relatively rich farming area centred on St Just, and the engineering, supply and marketing aspects of the farming industry

became relatively more important to the town. Census returns from 1801 show that the parish population increased from 2,779 to a maximum of 9,290 in 1861. This will help determine where, for example, new Conservation Areas should be designated and existing ones revised , and could provide the basis for Conservation Area Statements to be drawn up subsequently by District Conservation Officers.

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