

GROUP ACTIVITY

RESEARCHING CORNISH PLACE NAMES

Recommended for

KS2-3 (History, Geography)

Learning objectives

- Use historical enquiry skills to find and research Cornish place names.
- Create a map with the place names found, labelled with both the English and Cornish names.

Time to complete

60 minutes

LEARNING IDEAS

- Divide your class into groups and allocate a Cornish place name to each group.
- Ask each group to research the meaning and history of the name using the suggested sources.
- Have each group record variations of the place name and add photos where appropriate.
- Bring the class back together to present their findings, discuss which sources are most useful.

Some techniques for finding information on Cornish place names:

Tithe maps

Tithe maps were produced to provide information about land ownership and types of cultivation. They are often the earliest maps of parishes.

For more information: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/community-and-living/records-archives-and-cornish-studies/>

Maps

Ordnance Survey began their detailed mapping in the 19th Century. For older maps, try the National Library of Scotland.

National Library of Scotland's map catalogue: <https://maps.nls.uk/>

Cornish Place Names

This interactive map features details on any Cornish place name.

Henwyn Tyller, Place Names: <https://www.cornishdictionary.org.uk/map>

Library

Try searching for authors such as Oliver Padel or Craig Weatherhill.

Search library catalogues: <https://capitadiscovery.co.uk/cornwall/home>

Old Cornwall Societies (OCS)

OCS preserves Cornwall's traditions, culture, language, and dialect. They have information on place names available on their website or in person.

Old Cornwall Society website: <http://www.oldcornwall.net/>

Heritage Gateway

Type your place name into the search bar and see what information different record offices have. This includes the Cornwall Record Office.

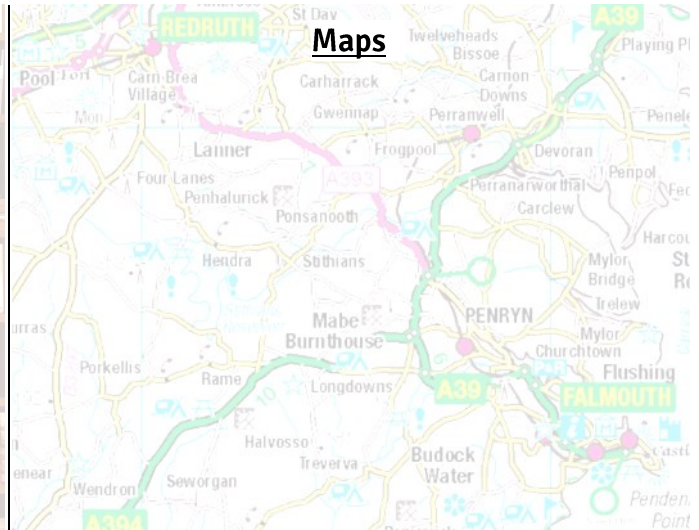
Search Heritage Gateway: <http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/>

Exploring Cornish place names

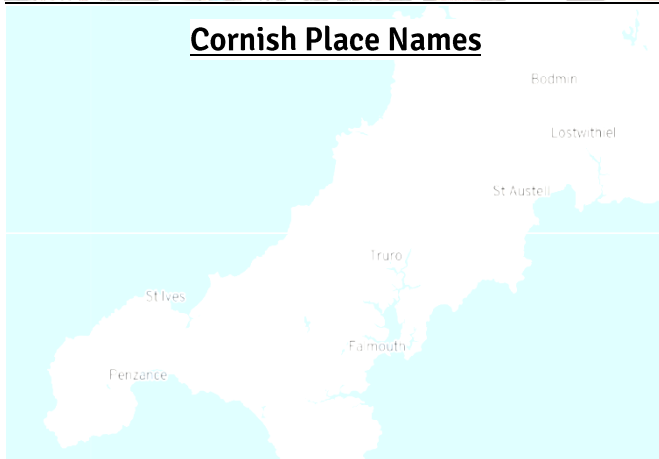
Using the suggested sources and any others you know of, see what you can find out about your place name. How useful is each source for giving you the information that you want?



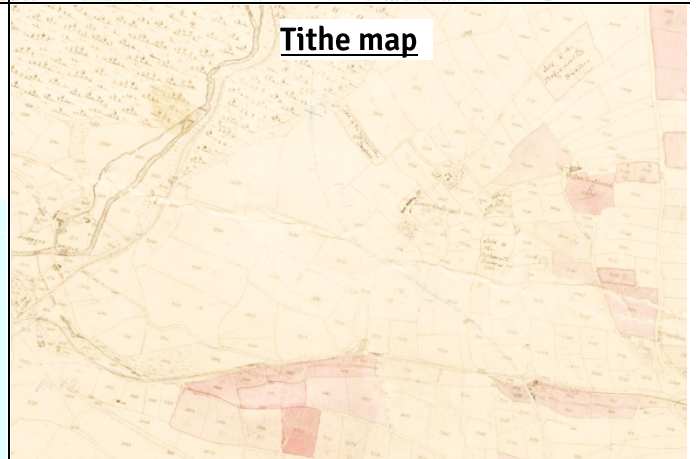
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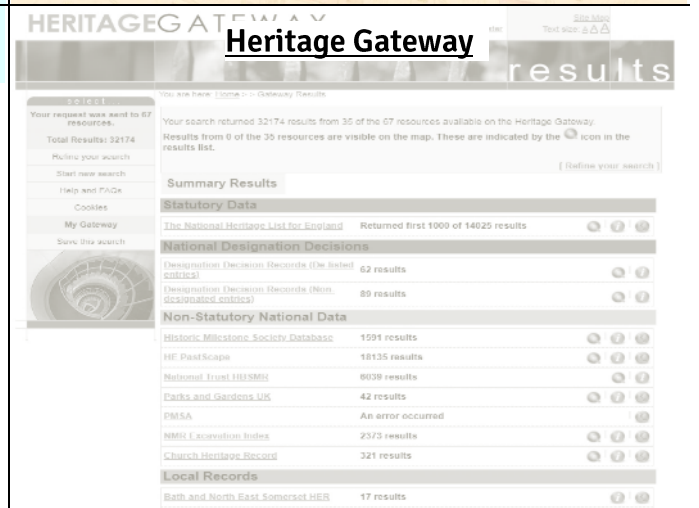
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Tithe map



Old Cornwall Society



Heritage Gateway results

Your search returned 32174 results from 35 of the 67 resources available on the Heritage Gateway. Results from 0 of the 35 resources are visible on the map. These are indicated by the icon in the results list.

Summary Results

Category	Results
Statutory Data	
The National Heritage List for England	Returned first 1000 of 14025 results
National Designation Decisions	
Designation Decision Records (The listed entries)	62 results
Designation Decision Records (Non-designated entries)	89 results
Non-Statutory National Data	
Historic Milestone Society Database	1591 results
HE PastScape	18135 results
National Trust 1825MNI	6039 results
Parks and Gardens UK	42 results
PMSEA	An error occurred
NMFI Excavation Index	2573 results
Church Heritage Record	321 results
Local Records	
Bath and North East Somerset HER	17 results

