

# Blue Meadows Coastal Count

Understanding coastal water usage in seagrass areas



# Count Locations

These coastal counts can be carried out in a variety of locations across the Southwest. These are areas with seagrass, and most host our Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys. Please find these locations below.

If you would like to know more specifically where the seagrass is in each location, the National Seagrass Layer is the best place to find out!

[National Seagrass Layer](#)



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here!*

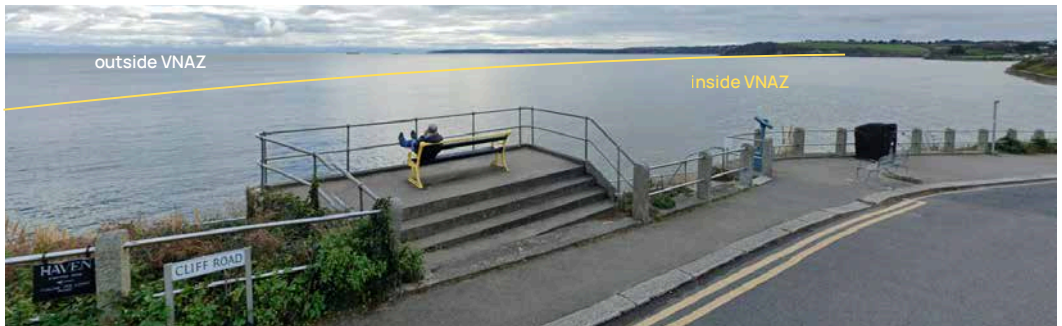
It is important for observations at each location to be consistent to allow for comparisons in data, so please make sure to record your What3Words location when completing the count. If you find a location along the Southwest with high levels of recreational activity, please let us know so we can consider setting up another location.

# Cornwall

## Falmouth – Cliff Road, Gylly

What3Words: ///donor.slot.bench

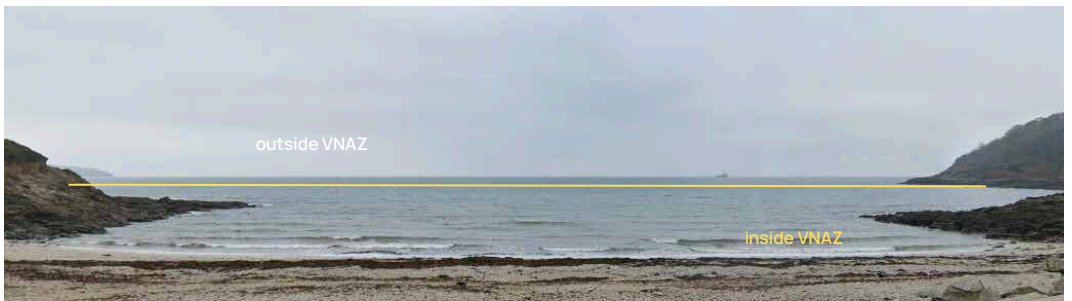
- Free parking along Cliff Road and nearby residential roads.
- The count area is a 10 minute walk from Falmouth Town train station and bus stop (bus service no.60 stops here)
- The count area is located at the top of cliff road, next to Castle Drive turning. See raised viewing platform.
- Any bench along this stretch towards Castle beach can be used.
- Blue Meadows Marker Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys will be visible, denoting the count area.



## Falmouth – Swanpool beach

What3Words: ///snaps.feed.many

- A pay and display carpark can be found opposite the beach, at Swanpool Beach car park. Limited free parking can be found in nearby residential areas, behind the lake or towards Gylly beach.
- Regular bus services run from Falmouth Moor to Swanpool Beach (67, 64) or the location can be accessed by foot, a 20 minute walk from Falmouth Town train station.
- From any point on Swanpool Beach, you will be looking at the count area, where there are Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys present.



## St Mawes - Castle Road

What3Words: ///disbelief.raves.strapped

- St Mawes can be accessed via the passenger ferry from Falmouth, leaving from Price of Wales Pier every hour. Once off the ferry the count location is an 11 minute walk towards St Mawes Castle.
- You can also access St Mawes via car using the King Harry Ferry, following road signs to St Mawes Castle, which will bring you to parking opposite the count site.
- There is a pay and display car park on Castle Drive or St Mawes car park further into St Mawes, a 15 minute walk from the count site.
- Looking towards St Anthony Headland, there is a seagrass meadow directly in front of you. It is Marked with Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Markers. This is your count area.



## Flushing – Kiln Quay

What3Words: ///filled.encounter.gears

- Once through the small town of flushing, free parking can be found along Elmslie Road.
- Once at the end of Elmslie road, turn right at the gig club, and you'll see Kiln quay.
- A water taxi and Flushing ferry service is also available from Falmouth to Flushing, with bus stops in Flushing Village (service 69).
- The count area located on Kiln Quay, where the seagrass meadow spans from just right of the Quay to Trefusis Point, with Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys present.



## Looe - Hannafore Point

What3Words: ///dorms.streaks.grain

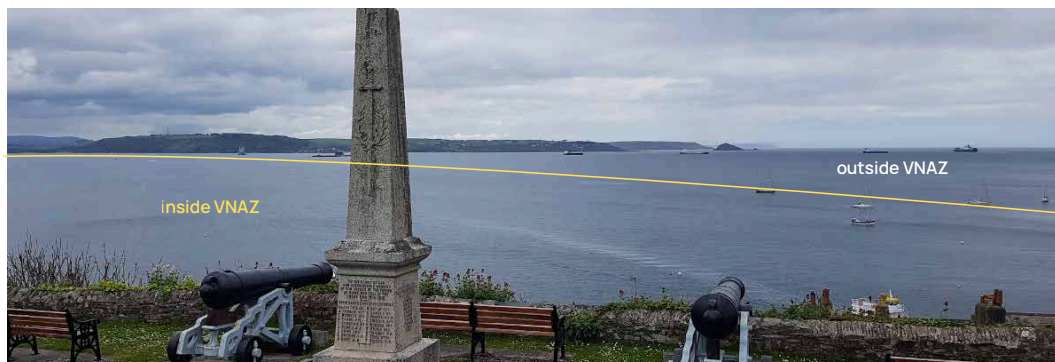
- There is free parking along Marine Drive, near Hannafore Point, and in nearby residential roads. Alternatively there is a car park situated on Quay Road, an 8 minute walk from the point. At the point, there is a grassy area with benches opposite the Hannafore Point hotel.
- The count area is a 20 minute walk away from Looe train station, with multiple bus services stopping along Marine Drive (10,73 and 272).
- The seagrass meadow here expands from Hannafore Point, to Millendreath. It is patchy, but we want to record activity across the whole meadow.
- There are currently 3 Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys located within Looe, which cover part of the seagrass meadow. Please carry out the count past these bouys as well as recording any anchoring that happens within the marked VNAZ.



## Cawsand - War Memorial

What3Words: ///leopard.bullion.hotels

- The count area is situated along New Road, at the war memorial.
- There is pay and display car parking at Cawsand car park, a 5 minute walk away from the memorial or there is regular access to Cawsand beach via the ferry from Plymouth.
- The bus service 70 stops near Cawsand car park.
- There are Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys located at Cawsand, denoting the count area.



# Devon

## Plymouth - Jennycliff

What3Words: ///kite.brief.wished

- There is free parking in the Jennycliff car park which, during summer, is serviced by the number 54 bus.
- Walk towards the water, heading towards the benches to the right of the beach path. The two benches closest to you give you the best view of the count area.
- You will not be able to see the beach from this location.
- There are marker buoys denoting the count area - these are not the traditional Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys, but will still be visible.



## Torquay - Beacon Cove

What3Words: ///saying.export.nobody

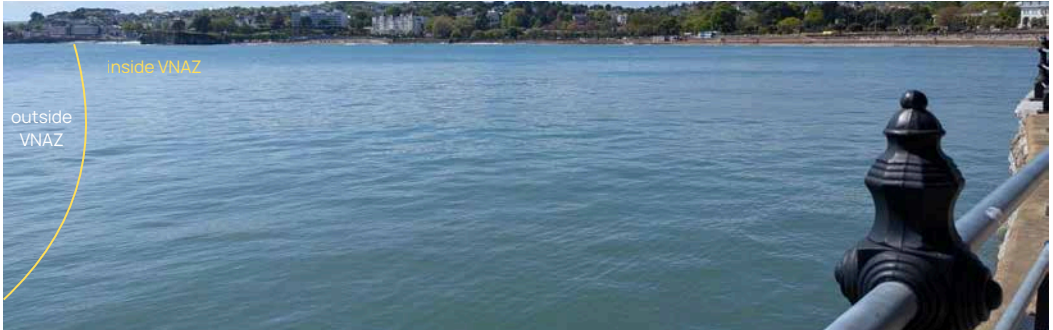
- The count area is situated within Beacon Cove, past the old Living Coasts site.
- There is pay and display car parking at Beacon Quay Car Park, or a bus stop serviced by the number 62 or 64. Torquay train station is roughly 30 minute walk away.
- There are Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys located at the mouth of the cove.



# Torquay - Torre Abbey

What3Words: [///drips.boots.edge](#)

- The count area is situated between Princess Pier and Torre Abbey beach.
- Please direct your view towards the beach, which should be visible from any beach along Torbay Road. The bench closest to Princess Theatre gives the best overview of the count area.
- There is pay and display car parking along Torbay road, which is serviced by the numbers 61, 22 and 12 busses. Torquay train station is a 15 minute walk from the count site.
- There are Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys at this site.



# Paignton - Broadsands

What3Words:

[///campsites.cheat.unicorns](#)

- The count area is situated on the headland walking towards Elberry Cove from Broadsands.
- By choosing the benches closest to the water, as you reach the top of the headland, you will be able to see ten white buoys - these are Advanced Mooring Systems and the focus of the count site.
- There is pay and display car parking at Broadsands, or the bus numbers 12, 30 and 130 all stop by Paignton Library, approximately a 15 minute walk from the count site.
- There are Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys at this site.



## Brixham - Elberry Cove

What3Words: ///micro.respect.policy

- Most easily accessed via Broadsands car park, as above, and walking South across the headland.
- The count area covers the entire cove - most easily seen by being on the beach rather than the headland.
- There are Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Markers at this site.



## Brixham - St. Mary's

What3Words: ///expose.gobbling.logged

- The count area is situated looking over St. Mary's Bay.
- When approaching the bay from St. Mary's road, take the South West Coast Path to the first bench, this will give you a view over the count site.
- There is pay and display car parking at Sharkham Point. The closest bus stop is South Bay Holiday Park, by numbers 15 and 16 - this is approximately a 10 minute walk from the count site.
- There are Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys at this site.



# Dorset

## Poole - Evening Hill

What3Words: ///appeal.item.method

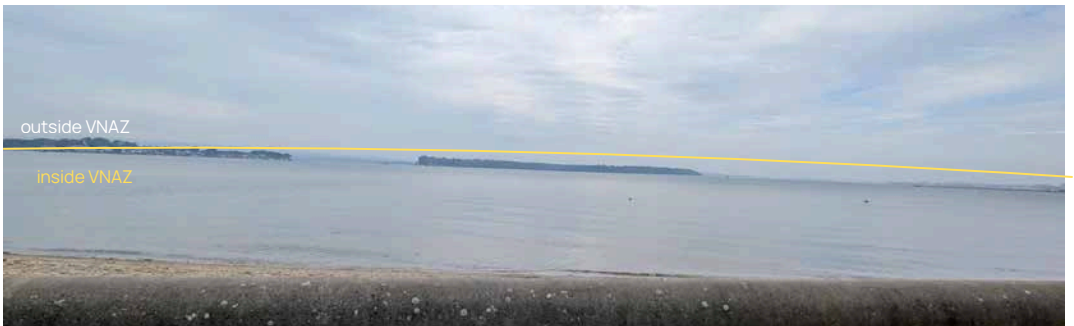
- Parking is free on nearby residential roads, please be conscious of local access. Alternatively, there is pay and display parking along shore road, a 5-minute walk away. The number 60 bus and the CitySightseeingService bus service this site.
- From Sandbanks Road, head down the footpath to the seafront.
- Please angle your view towards Salterns Marina, where Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys will denote the count area.
- Step free access to this location can be found by joining the seafront footpath by East Dorset Sailing Club. Parking spaces by the Sailing Club are not for public use.



## Poole - Kite Beach/Shore Road

What3Words: ///long.faced.sands

- There is free parking on nearby residential roads, please be conscious of local access. Alternatively there is pay and display parking along shore road. The number 60 bus and the CitySightseeingService bus service this site.
- The bench situated by Easy Rider watersports company provides the best view point for the count - it is a large area! However, any bench along Shore Road would provide a suitable view.
- There are Blue Meadows Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys denoting the count area here.



## Studland – South Beach

What3Words: ///factoring.homeward.

truckload

- Park in the National Trust Car Park (pay and display) and follow the signs down to the beach.
- Take a seat on the beach or ask at Joe's café for a beach chair.
- From here you will look over Studland Bay Marine Partnership's Eco-moorings. Focus your count area to the south of the beach (away from the moorings), remembering to take a picture of your view!
- Blue Meadows Marker Sensitive Habitat Marker Buoys will be faintly visible at this site.



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Thank you so much for taking part in the  
Coastal Count!

If you have any questions, we always here to chat:  
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