

## 2.0 LOCATION AND LANDSCAPE SETTING

### 2.1 Location

Boscaswell is located on the narrow coastal plain west of the Penwith Moors, north of St Just on the B3306 St Just to St Ives coast road between Trewellard and Bojewyan, and about half a mile from the sea. It lies within St. Just parish in Penwith District.



*The sea is just a short distance west of Lower Boscaswell and forms an important stop to westward views*

### 2.2 Landscape Setting

Lower Boscaswell occupies a gently inclined site above the coastal slopes and just below the more exposed coastal plain. It is surprisingly well sheltered from the Atlantic weather that can batter this coast.

Although the village can be seen from across the fields from the north-east (Pendeen Watch), the south-east (Pendeen village) and south-west (Geevor Mine), the older parts are low-lying and nestle into the landscape. Even from the heights of Carn Eanes above Pendeen, it is the dull brown render and roofs of the Moorland Close Estate that are mostly visible. From both far and near, the older parts of the village have an immediate and intimate relationship with the surrounding landscape – in the old farming hamlet, indeed, the buildings seem to be part of the surrounding hedges and lanes. Along Carn Ros building plots are contained by the same straight, high rubble walls that run out into the countryside and enclose whole fields.

The narrow lanes, tracks and footpaths that cut between and amongst the cottages run directly out into the landscape, leading in many cases to old mining sites - a direct physical and visual relationship with an industrial landscape of international importance. Apart from the great complex at Geevor (the former stable block for which stands in Lower Boscaswell), the village is contained at its eastern end by the 1960's complex at Treweek's shaft, while there are remains of shafts, dumps and sites over the former Boscaswell Lower Downs to the north and east.



*The complex of mine buildings at Geevor is a close neighbour and forms a prominent landscape feature and a reminder of why and how Lower Boscaswell developed*

There is, however, a distinct difference in the nature of the views and the landscape setting; to the north and east are tightly enclosed fields and rough grazing; to the south and west is a more open fieldscape, a dramatically scarred and weathered industrial landscape and a more obvious relationship with the neighbouring industrial settlements (Pendeen and Trewellard).

Beyond all lies, to the south, the line of the high moors with Carn Eanes looming over Pendeen church and village, and, to the north and west, the cliffs and sea – rarely as scenic as they are by Pendeen Watch lighthouse. This is a landscape of great beauty and drama as well as outstanding historical significance.



*The view (above) over this traditional Penwith gate towards Pendeen Watch is an important view out of the Conservation Area and illustrates its close proximity to the cliffs*

Although outside of the Conservation Area the fields to the north of the Conservation Area are important elements for its landscape setting.