

Whitehills & District Community Council



The Hythe

With no proper harbour facilities available, Whitehills fishermen had to use small rocky inlets, such as the Hythe (seen here), in which to moor their small line-fishing boats.

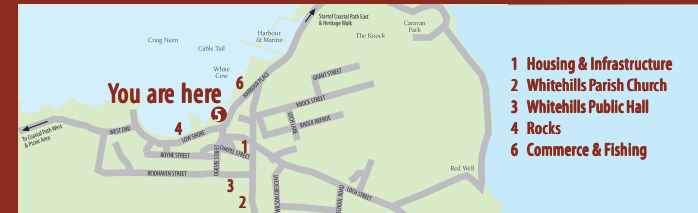
With no protection from the open sea, the men had to haul their boats clear of the water when storms arose and many of the vessels were hauled right onto the nearby street.

Another similar inlet, know locally as the Goat, was also used for mooring boats but not to the extent of the Hythe. Some of the old mooring rings are still to be seen on the rocks at the Hythe.

It wasn't until around 1815 that Seafield Estates, the village superiors, built a proper harbour just east of the Hythe, with two basins, allowing a larger type of boat to use the facility.

This harbour continued in use until the present harbour, now the marina, was built in 1900.

The old harbour was later filled in with rocks and sand dredged from the new harbour during the deepening operation and the site was later used for the erection of Downie's fish processing plant.



Main picture:
The Hythe
1. The Old Harbour
2. The Harbour
3. Sparkling Star