

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THE SALCOMBE**  
**AREA**

**Salcombe Estuary**

Salcombe Estuary is a place of special scientific interest. The sand and mud flats of the estuary are filled with different species of birds and wildlife.

**Salcombe Seahorses – [www.salcombehbour.co.uk](http://www.salcombehbour.co.uk)**

Salcombe waters are the home for two species of seahorses. The quality of the water, aquatic landscape and special eel grass beds all combine to make the estuary the habitat for these shy little creatures.

**Fort Charles**

Originally called “The Old Bullworke”, Fort Charles near Salcombe is a ruined Fort which became a Royalist stronghold in the Civil War (mid 17<sup>th</sup> century), commanded by Sir Edmund Fortescue. The ‘Old Castle’ withstood a siege and partial demolition and is now still standing as a picturesque landmark over three and a half centuries later. The cliff tops around the Fort conceal ancient field systems and old mines.

**Writers**

Famed for her delicious cakes and other mouth-watering recipes, cookery writer Mary Berry has a home in Salcombe. Writer and broadcaster Adam Hart Davis, also has a second home in the town.

**Agatha Christie’s Marple**

Over recent years Salcombe has been the location for several Agatha Christie films. Most recently ‘Towards Zero’, the Miss Marple TV dramatisation starring Geraldine McEwan, Eileen Atkins, Tom Baker, Saffron Burrows and Greg Wise was filmed at South Sands Salcombe and on the South Sands ferry.

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**Thurlestone Rock**

Thurlestone Sands, a local beauty spot, is owned by the National Trust. The imposing natural red sandstone arch fashioned by erosion and the sea, which you can not miss on a visit to the beach, was famously painted by Turner.

**Salcombe Yawl**

Salcombe Yawls are racing dinghies which compete in the annual Salcombe Regatta. They originated from small fishing boats developed over 200 years ago which had to be capable of sailing to windward in strong tides to work crab and lobster pots.

**Start Point Lighthouse**

Start Point is one of the most exposed peninsulas on the South Coast. The automated lighthouse that stands at the point was designed by James Walker in 1836.

**Smugglers**

Salcombe became a smugglers paradise during the sixteenth century. Its sheltered estuary, secret inlet and host of caves made it the perfect place to land and conceal booty. Salcombe Maritime Museum has more information about the town’s seafaring past.

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