Storm Imogen - 8th February 2016

The 8th February saw the most severe storm to affect west Cornwall during winter 2015/16, as well as the largest sea for 2 years. The swell height reached 38' at Sevenstones.

These are just a few of my photos from Sennen, 1 mile from Land's End



Whilst struggling towards the harbour against a F8 wind, I saw a particularly large set of waves hit the breakwater.

This photo was taken with a lot of zoom, from around 500 yards away. At that distance the perspective is basically horizontal. I would estimate the end of the breakwater to be at least 10' above the sea, so just how high is that approaching wave? Certainly 30 feet.



I eventually reached the harbour car park. This is the view of the harbour wall, which occasionally disappeared completely.

I had hoped to take photos looking towards the headland to the southwest, but there was so much spray, it was very difficult, so I abandoned the idea

I retreated 250' up to the cliff top level and took the picture below.

You can see the car park, from which I beat a retreat, at the bottom of the hill



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