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## Tragedy at Boat Cove

Yesterday, a tragedy occurred at the remote beach of Boat Cove when a young girl was drowned.

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### The Tragedy

Cherry Evans, aged 10, was spending her summer holiday with her family at Boat Cove. On their last day, Cherry was left on the beach whilst the rest of her family went back to their cottage to pack. Cherry was determined that she was going to complete her holiday project of creating a giant's necklace of beautiful pink cowrie shells. It appears that she was not concentrating on the sea and the weather and as a result, when the tide came in quickly her retreat was cut off and she drowned in the violent seas.

### The Search

Cherry's family raised the alarm and both the coastguard and the police started to search for Cherry. Mike Smith, the chief coastguard officer on duty, said "We decided to search both the cliff tops and the sea. Local volunteers joined us and sadly,

despite our best efforts, no trace of Cherry could be found at that time. We can only presume that she drowned from this sad event. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.'90

### A family in mourning

Cherry's family are understandably distraught at this tragic event. Her mother, 42, said 'I wish I hadn't left her alone on the beach. Cherry was a very stubborn girl, and she was determined to finish her necklace. Little did we know that her actions would cost her her life.'

Her brother, Adam was heard to say that he was devastated and he could not imagine life without his passionate little sister. Life would never be the same for the family.

### Improving Safety

Local residents are determined to pressure the council into improving the safety at the beach. They feel that current safety precautions do not go far enough and more needs to be done.

Cherry's funeral will take place in Zennor Church on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.

