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Mayor's Welcome

Welcome to the 2017/18 New Romney Guide.

New Romney was, in 1155, with Hastings, Hythe, Dover and Sandwich, one of the original five Cinque Ports, providers of ships and men to the Crown for defence of the Realm, effectively the forerunner of the Royal Navy.

A huge storm, in 1287, changed the coastline causing the harbour to silt up and the River Rother to alter course so that it exited to the sea at Rye rather than New Romney. New Romney now sits a mile from the coast.

Historically, the prosperity of the Town was enhanced by the worldwide reputation of the famous Romney breed to sheep, a sterling mainstay of the Antipodean sheep industry.

Nowadays, New Romney is considered the capital of the '5th' Continent and hub of Romney Marsh. 'Romney Marsh' is the generic term covering broadly the area from West Hythe to Rye, bordered by the Royal Military Canal and the sea, which includes Romney Marsh, Walland Marsh and Denge Marsh. Agriculture, and life, continues to thrive in the area thanks to the actions of the Romney Marshes Internal Drainage Board, responsible for maintaining the water levels on the Marsh, and the Environment Agency who keep us from being reclaimed by the sea.

I would encourage you to make use of the more detailed historical and current information in this Guide and, above all, enjoy your visit to New Romney.



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A Unique Place with a Unique History

The Town Council welcomes you to the Ancient Cinque Port Town of New Romney. So enjoy your visit to our historic Town and, whilst wandering its old streets, please be free to visit our shops and partake of its restaurants and hosteleries. This Guide assumes you have started your visit by visiting our magnificent Norman Church of St Nicholas.

The History of Romney

Romney was a settlement in the Roman period; many finds showing salt extraction in the area prove this. It was an important Saxon Burgh; being a supplier of ships for Edward the Confessor after his suspicious acquisition of the throne. It was loyal to Earl Godwin and boasted at least two Saxon churches, one being St Martins Oratory dating from 670.

Romney resisted the invasion by Duke William, whose first act after the Battle of Senlas Hill was to march on the Town to punish the inhabitants. He then ordered his half-brother, Bishop Odo, to build St Nicholas Church, this becoming, without doubt, the first Norman Church built on the Marsh and in all probability, the first church to be built in England after the Norman Conquest. This Church was built on the shore that Harold had defended and logically may be the secret site of his body's burial, thus fulfilling the promise William had made to Harold's mother.

Romney's position as a key link to Normandy was obvious and this was confirmed by being an original member of the Cinque Ports. It was a premier port for the herring fisheries - being one of the towns for minting Royal coins - and for importing/exporting to the continent. The full extent of the Town of Romney remains unclear, many thinking Old Romney and Langport could have come within its bounds. Leprosy once cast its shadow on the Town with a Leper Hospital down Spitalfield Lane built in 1180 with its Chapel of St Stephen and St Thomas, whilst the Black Death became another occasional unwelcome visitor to the Town.

Storms of the 12th and 13th centuries culminating in the Great Storm of 1287, together with the constant silting of the haven, started a decline that finally ended Romney as a major port. Some efforts had been made to maintain the port. Extending the Rhee Channel from Appledore to Romney with a number of sluices or gates to flush the silt out of the Haven, meant the Liberty of Romney reached from the sea to the low land beneath Red Hills at Appledore. This was all in vain,

so by 1562 Elizabeth I repaid the Town by granting, in addition to the land constituting the Liberty, all the land reclaimed by the silting up of the River Rother and the Harbour, and the Bailiff being replaced by our own Mayor.

With the demise of the Portsmen came the rise of the Marshmen. With the importance of the wool trade the graziers became the leaders of the Town; this small privileged group of electors being allowed to return two MP's to Parliament. Smuggling their wool became an established way of life for both rich and poor, with easy money to be made. Its demise ensured that the Town has become the quiet, picturesque place you see today.

New Romney Today

As you leave St Nicholas Church look down Church Lane and you will see a small bridge over the Town Sewer. This was the edge of the Medieval Quay of the Town Harbour.

Originally there was a shingle beach by the Church stretching in both directions, with ships drawn up on the strand. The Haven is now long gone with the sea to the east at Littlestone beach, past the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. Only the height of the shingle deposit around the Church bears witness to the ferocity of the Storm of October 1287 that devastated the Town of Romney.

Opposite is the Old School, closed in 1974 and restored by the Old School Trust. Designed for the benefit of the community, it shows local artefacts and exhibitions, has rooms for hire by local clubs and societies and is a site for educational training.

Next to the Old School, down Church Road, is the site of the long gone Union Workhouse, whilst at the bottom of the road is the site of Crockley Green, where once the Town enacted the Marsh Passion Plays.

On the corner of Church Approach we find the 'One Stop Shop' which has utilised the Town's old abattoir and butchers shop. We walk down Church Approach to find the Assembly Rooms on our right; originally the site of the meeting house for the Cinque Ports Brotherhood. A school house



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Assembly Rooms, New Romney

was built here in 1676 and has been extended for use by the Town over many years but it is the rear wall which can be viewed from the car park that shows its true age.

Passing on we come to the High Street where opposite we can see the building that once was The Rose and Crown; a pub well used by many local smugglers.

On the other corner of the Ashford Road is the Georgian frontage of a much older building and behind it, if you walk a few steps up the Ashford Road, are the remains of the Cistercian Priory, built in 1180, whilst opposite is an open space called St Martins Field; the site of the oldest Church in Romney, demolished in 1542. Now, the Town's Annual Country Fayre is held on this field on the last Saturday in July. The original annual Fayre was held beneath and outside the Town Hall whilst the annual livestock market was down Fairfield Road where St Nicholas Primary School now stands.

As we walk down the High Street you are able to see the modernised frontages to the old buildings remaining in the High Street, but the drop from the street level to the shop floor level bears witness to the age of these buildings. We can see Town Hall House, built in 1750 by the Mayor – Mr Robert Langdon – and used as the Town Gaol for many years.

The Town Hall, which incorporated a courtroom, was built in 1702 and, in line with other guild halls of the time, was supported on columns with a weekly market being held underneath. The Right Worshipful Mayor of New Romney had the responsibility to enforce justice for the Town and had the power of life and death in his courtroom, so this building once boasted one of the Town's gallows, along with the Town's stocks in its gardens.

In New Romney You can walk through history

In 1884 the Guild Hall was refurbished to give the corporation the office space it required and the lower area was closed in.

Further down the High Street, before we reach the Cinque Port Arms, we pass the site of another of the long gone Churches – St Lawrences – demolished in 1537, as well as one of the Town's forges with the cartwheel manufacturing ring still set in the ground.

If we cross the road and go down West Street, on our left we see the oldest house in Romney, (and probably the Marsh) – a Medieval Hall from about 1310, built just after the Great Storm had destroyed all the wooden buildings.

Further down are the remains of the Southlands Hospital, donated by John Southland in 1610 for the good of the Town, with the charity still going strong today.

Now walk to the corner of St Johns Road, down which on the right side of the road you can see the Southlands Almshouses. Further down on the same side was the site of St Johns Church, the Chapel of the Priory.

If you return to the High Street you can walk back up to the other end where you can see the 15th century building next to the Library where the second forge in Romney stood.

Opposite is the Methodist Church, rebuilt in 1929 after the original that was built in 1836 burnt down in 1928, whilst further down on the same side is the Postal Sorting Office which originally was the institute and free library. There is also The Ship Inn in the High Street and we should not forget to mention the old Baptist Church that is situated in North Street.

Finally, remember history may lay behind us but it also stands in front of us. We just need to look closer to see it.

A Variety of Shops with Easy Parking



Mayor's Commemorative Bench, St Martin's Field

A bustling town centre is always the hub of community activity and New Romney is no exception. The main High Street has a wide variety of shops and services where residents and visitors alike will be able to purchase everyday supplies. You will find a grocery store, delicatessen, a greengrocers, gift shops, a butchers, hairdressers, barbers, an ironmongers, a pet shop, together with two chemists, one of which has late night opening. As well as all of these outlets there are numerous cafes, restaurants and pubs where you can while away some time over a cool drink and a bite to eat.

Other facilities include a banks, a petrol station, library, post office facilities within the grocery store as well as a well-known supermarket which is situated at the end of the High Street.

Two Pay and Display car parks, one of which has a public toilet block, are situated within the Town and 2-hours free parking is also available along the High Street itself. With all shops being within easy walking distance, the young and old can enjoy browsing the wide range of goods and services available.

For some peace and quiet wander into the garden of the Old School in Church Road where you will find some wonderful mosaics and plenty of seats where you can sit and enjoy the garden or wander across to the Garden of Remembrance (see article on page 21 for further details).



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Behind the High Street there is a large open space known as St Martin's Field. Here you can have a picnic and children will be able to run around. Adjoining this is a recreation ground with the usual swings, roundabout and play equipment that children enjoy.

St Martin's Field is used for community events in the summer months, one of which being the annual New Romney Country Fayre. The Fayre takes place on the last Saturday of July and attracts around 7,000 visitors. This event has become very popular with local residents and visitors and brings together organisations and groups from around the Town and embraces the community spirit which exists within New Romney.

Taking the road from New Romney to the coast you will find a small range of shops situated close to the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway Station, as well as an attractive pub with an outside seating area.

Between them, New Romney and Littlestone ensure that shoppers can find all they need without straying to the larger towns. They can be sure of the best value, friendly service and speedy and efficient care right on their doorstep.

Church History and Much Local History

The present Church of St Nicholas dates from 1066 and was one of the five churches originally in the Town. By the 16th century it was the only church remaining in use. The others were the Church of St Lawrence, which stood near the site of the Post Office at the end of the High Street, the Leper Hospital dedicated to St Stephen and St Thomas, just off the main road to Lydd, St John's Chapel in St John's Road and St Martin's Church, which stood on the site of what is now St Martin's Field. They all fell into disrepair and were demolished in the 16th century.

The Priory of St John the Baptist stood at the corner of the High Street and Ashford Road and in 1384 was given to the Abbot and convent of Pontigny in France. Thomas Beckett sailed to France from the port of Romney after his quarrel with Henry II and took refuge in the Abbey between 1164 and 1170. The Priory was dissolved in 1414 in the reign of Henry V. Some remnants of the Priory can still be seen in Ashford Road and it is Listed as a Grade II.



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Marsh Mists and Dr Syn

Romney Marsh has long been associated with smuggling and the stories of 'Dr Syn', written by Russell Thorndike, are set on The Marsh. Several of the old buildings in New Romney, such as the Old Priory on the corner of Ashford Road, are said to have underground tunnels connecting to some of the pubs and St Nicholas Church. The smugglers would take wool to France and import brandy. All this took place under the cover of darkness to avoid the Customs and Excise Men. The contraband was very often stored in Marsh churches or in the underground passageways.

The Marsh is also well known for its breed of Romney Sheep. Dotted around the Marsh are the remains of Looker's Huts, some in reasonable repair, some in a very dilapidated state. They were built of brick, had a small window and a roof of tiles or corrugated iron. These huts were used by the shepherds, or 'Lookers' as they were known, especially at lambing time when the Looker would spend several days living in the hut in order to care for the sheep. The huts contained a fireplace, which could be used for cooking. One of the traditional meals was 'Looker's Pie'. This consisted of lamb, potato and onion in a suet crust. In 2004 this traditional 'Looker's Pie' was revived by a local New Romney butcher. The recipe has been adapted to meet today's taste as regards healthier eating.



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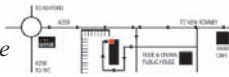
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The A2070 links to Ashford and with it access to the M20 and the main rail services for the south-east region.


M20 travellers can get a straight route through to London, the M25 and the rest of the country, or to other major Kent towns such as Maidstone and Dartford.

Rail passengers can catch regular services from Ashford to the capital, or get to pretty much anywhere else in the country including historic Canterbury and the popular holiday destinations of Margate and Ramsgate.

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In both Folkestone and Ashford you can hop aboard a National Express coach which has connections to numerous destinations, or catch one of the commuter bus services operated by local firms.

Ashford is also the home of the international passenger station of Eurostar, giving speedy access to the Continent and beyond.

Alternatively travel by car to Cheriton, near Folkestone, on the A259, drive on to one of the regular shuttles travelling through the tunnel, transporting you to France within half an hour.

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Access to mainland Europe is not only convenient, but also makes New Romney a great place to base yourself for a holiday.

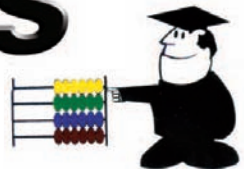
The more adventurous can even take to the skies with various short flights from Lydd Airport. There you can jump on a plane and enjoy a scenic flight above Rye and Romney Marsh

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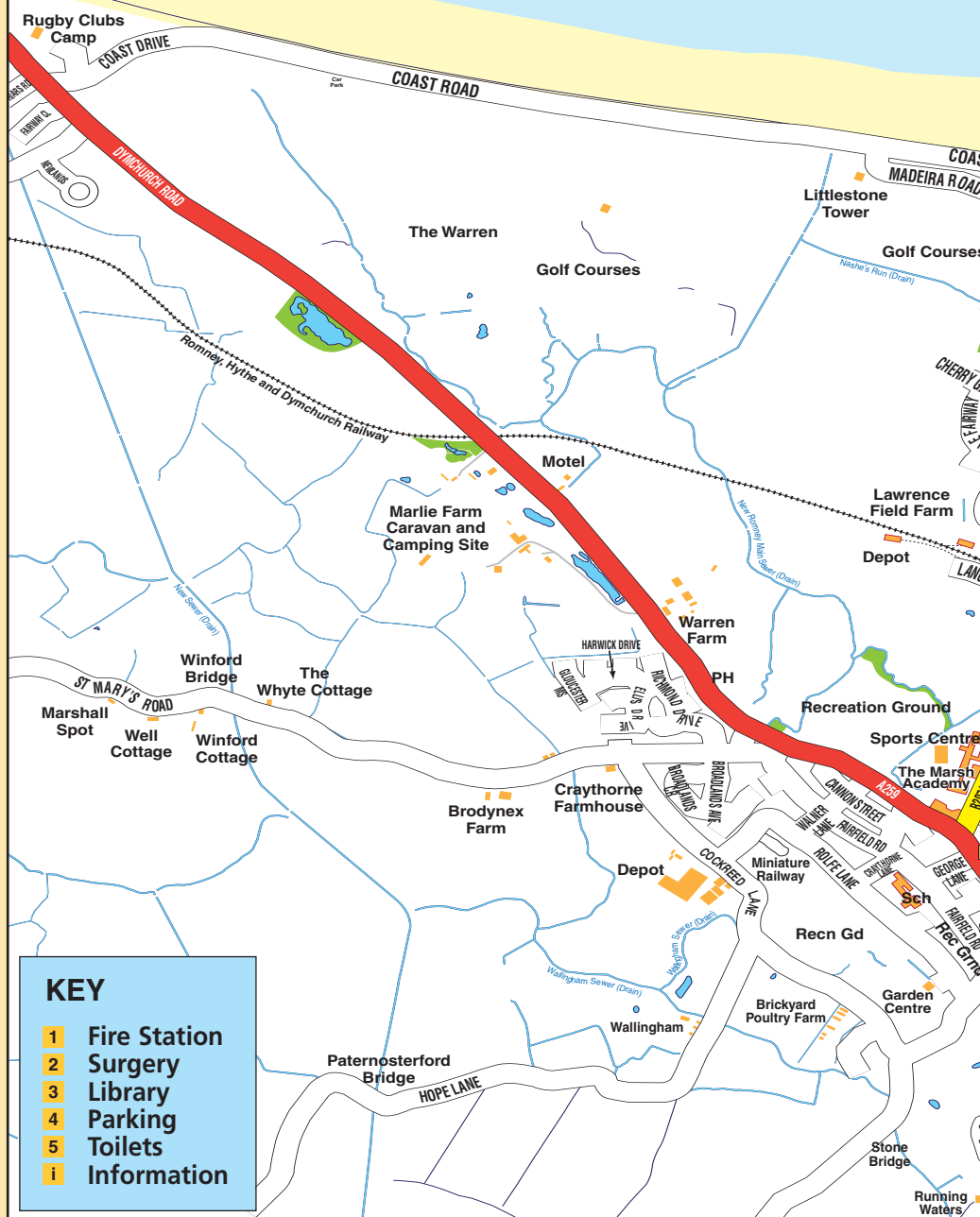


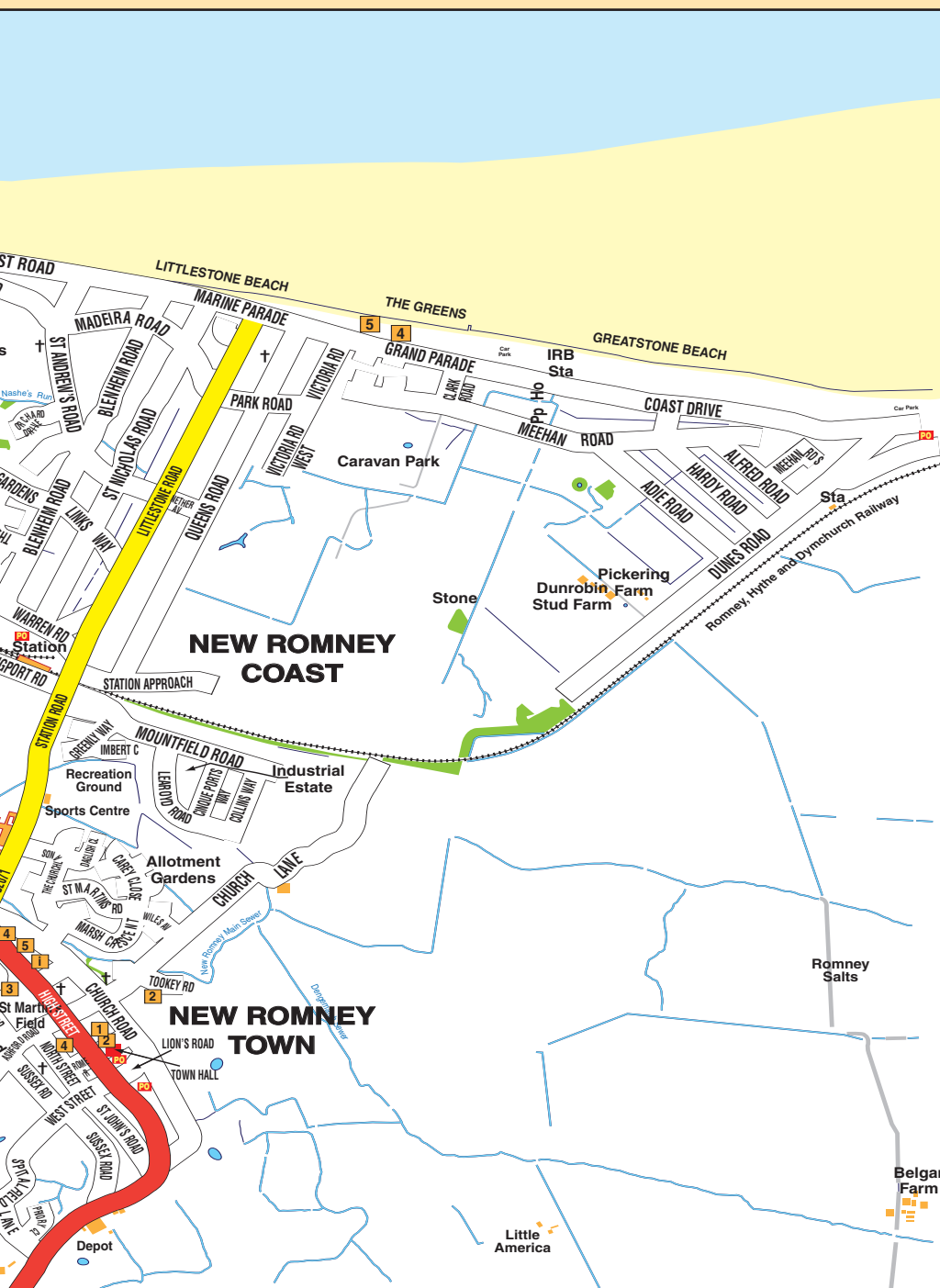
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Explore - So Much to Do

Aside from the beautiful countryside, nearby sandy beaches and all the other natural attractions which make New Romney such an appealing destination, there is a number of top-quality days out which can be enjoyed nearby. With a range which will appeal to the whole family, from the youngest to the oldest, you can be sure of finding the ideal treat.

Visit a nature reserve one day and an amusement park the next, a zoo in the morning or a trip on a light railway. Perhaps you would prefer to take it easy by a walk along the nearby beach or relaxing round of golf on one of the local golf courses. The agony of choice will be yours.

For the young and old, the Romney Toy & Model Museum in New Romney Station will prove a popular place to visit with its collection of old, and not so old, toys, games, dolls and other memorabilia.

A well-known attraction, which regularly sees visitors from across the region, is the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. The main station was built for a millionaire racing driver. All the locomotives and carriages are just one third full-size. It still operates a full timetable, ferrying passengers from Hythe to Dungeness, calling at the six stations on the way. Check before you travel as to fares and times as they will vary during the year.

If transport is your interest then visit Brenzett Aeronautical Museum, featuring an impressive collection of wartime equipment and other collected and donated memorabilia.

Kent is blessed with having two of the finest zoos in the world, both originally set up and run by the millionaire the late John Aspinall.

The nearest to New Romney is the Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, close to Hythe. With tigers, elephants and a host of other animals, all set in the beautiful countryside, it offers an ideal destination for a day out.

For a rather more laid back trip, why not clamber to the top of the Old Lighthouse in Dungeness to enjoy spectacular views across the English Channel and surrounding area. It also charts the history of lighthouses in the area and displays a range of historic equipment.

Nature's bounty in and around the surrounding area is famous, no more so than the National Nature Reserve at Dungeness; home to a range of unique and distinctive wildlife, on what is the largest shingle landscape in Europe. This is also a Mecca for bird watchers.

And if you still have energy left then visit the family amusement park in Dymchurch, with fun fair rides and many other pleasure attractions.

So whatever you like to do in your free time, New Romney is the perfect base from which to start your adventure, perhaps with a picnic on St Martin's Field.

It is well worth keeping an eye out in the local press for special offers and discounts.

- Make sure you ring ahead of setting out to an attraction to confirm admission prices and opening times – especially if you intend to visit out of season.

Looker's Hut - Taken by Steve Humphreys



Church Lane, New Romney 1972

Viper's Bugloss (Echium vulgare)

The Gift from the Sea

The Romney Marsh forms one of the most distinctive natural places in Southern Britain, with a unique low-lying landscape reclaimed from the sea over the last 6,000 years.

The countryside surrounding New Romney is one of rich arable and grazing land dissected by a maze of ditches that drain the land to the sea. The nearby coastline is equally appealing with habitats ranging from the vast shingle vistas of Dungeness to the sand dunes of Greatstone and Littlestone.

The inland waterways are home to a wealth of rare and unusual wildlife. In Spring and Summer, the waterways come alive with the song of nesting Reed Warblers and the laughing croaks of the huge green Marsh Frogs – a species of frog introduced to the Marsh in 1935 from Europe. The increasingly rare Water Vole inhabits the quieter ditches, along with plants like the beautiful pink Marshmallow and a myriad of colourful dragonflies and damselflies.

The single headland of the Dungeness National Reserve (NNR) is a unique habitat to Britain and is home to a vast array of rare plants, lichens and insects. To best experience this moon-like landscape, try the Dungeness RSPB Reserve, where breeding birds such as Bitterns, Marsh Harriers and Common Terns can be viewed in the summer or marvel at the vast wintering duck numbers, including the Smew in the Winter.



*The
Marsh Frog*

If getting on your bike and exploring the flat, quiet Marsh lanes or walking the Royal Military Canal or the wider Romney Marsh is more your passion, the Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership has produced three award-winning self-guided packs for walking or cycling on the Romney Marsh. These packs are available from a number of local outlets or from the website www.rmcp.co.uk.

Experience the Unique Wildlife on the Marsh

If you are not sure where to start on the Marsh, why not visit the Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, off Dymchurch Road, between New Romney and St Mary's Bay. This straw-bale building houses exhibits about the natural and social history of the Romney Marsh. Managed by the Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT), it aims to be a refuge and information point for the passing tourist and the local community with its shops and hot and cold drinks.

The Visitor Centre is situated within the Romney Warren Country Park. The Country Park is home to a rich sand-dune grassland flower community plus the Great-Crested Newt and Medicinal Leech. Come along and explore this corner of the Romney Marsh.

If you are interested in finding out more, please pop into the Romney Marsh Visitor Centre, Tel 01797 369487, www.kentwildlife.org.uk or for wider information of the Marsh try the Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership on 01797 367934, www.rmcp.co.uk.

The Romney Marsh Visitor Centre



Hidden Treasures

Promoting 'Respectful Remembrance' at the heart of our Community

The renovation of New Romney's Garden of Remembrance, Church Approach

Author: Councillor Mrs Patricia Rolfe

'Bravery never goes out of style' – so said William Thackeray

In September 2015 I was honoured, as Town Mayor, to unveil a new memorial in New Romney's Garden of Remembrance, dedicated 'To the Fallen' of all wars. The project was the result of a positive collaboration between the Town Council and the local branch of the Royal British Legion and was well received by local residents.

Over the past two years the Town Council has gone on to co-ordinate the fundraising and renovation of the Garden. The project promotes the principles of 'Unity' and 'Respectful Remembrance', that in learning from our past we should all aim in our daily lives to respectfully serve others and, ever more importantly, to strive for unity in our society – for an undivided world is a world at peace.

'The project pulled many individuals, organisations and businesses together – the New Romney



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The Council took a holistic approach to the design of the area to ensure the design and placement of individual items worked in harmony. It is an exemplary example of partnership working and has effectively brought people together to work for a common cause – a clear message of unity within our community.

An inscription on a new plinth in the area reads:

'Each of us has a duty to keep the metaphorical Candle of Remembrance alight. It gently glows across the mists of time revealing the bravery and valour of the past and the selfless personal sacrifices made – indeed still being made – by so many. Today, it provides a focus enabling us to pay our respects whilst highlighting our country's role in opposing tyranny and repression. However, its flickering flame also shines a light into the future, proffering hope, guidance and moral direction based on the values that inspired our forebears and that still have meaning now. It directs us toward a path of peace and a time when, worldwide, all conflicts will hopefully end.'

We hope that all those who visit this newly renovated area, both now and in future years, will find it to be a place for quiet contemplation and reflection as well as simply a pleasing place to sit and take time out from our frenetic world.

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