

Thanet – Margate, Broadstairs & Ramsgate

Margate, Broadstairs, Ramsgate and surrounding villages - a great all season coastal destination with lots of heritage and culture to discover and explore.



Facts about Thanet District

Did you know that...??

Margate

- Margate was formerly known as Meregaet. Mere (Saxon name for lake) and gaet (Saxon name meaning track or pathway).
- Margate has been a leading seaside resort for over 200 years and its history as a holiday town dates back to the 18th century. Its accessibility from London made it an ideal destination for sea bathing, when bathing in and consuming seawater was thought to be beneficial to health.
- Margate was the first resort to have donkey rides, in 1890, and the first to introduce deck chairs, in 1898.

Broadstairs

- Originally a small fishing village near the larger and busier farming community of St Peters, Bradstow, an Anglo-Saxon word meaning a broad place, grew to become Broadstairs.
- The town has a rich maritime history, with shipbuilding dominating local industry during the 16th and 17th centuries. So established was the reputation of local boat builders that in the 18th century they were commissioned to build ships for the Royal Navy as well as merchant firms.
- Another thriving, yet clandestine, trade in the area was smuggling. The caves and tunnels that lined the coast, running inland to cellars in the village, were ideal for the contraband of teas, spirits and tobacco. So common was this activity that the most famous of the smugglers, Joss Snelling (1741-1837) was once presented to Queen Victoria.

Ramsgate

- Ramsgate began as a fishing and farming hamlet. Ramsgate as a name has its earliest reference as Hraefn's ate, later to be rendered 'Ramisgate' around 1225 and 'Ramesgate' from 1357. The Viking leaders Hengist and Horsa landed in the 5th century. A full-size replica Viking Ship at Pegwell Bay commemorates the arrival of Hengist and Horsa in AD 449. The Christian missionary St. Augustine landed in Ramsgate in 597 which marked the beginning of Christianity in England.
- Ramsgate's harbour is a defining characteristic of the town. The construction of Ramsgate Harbour began in 1749 and was completed in about 1850. The Harbour has the unique distinction of being the only Royal Harbour in the UK, a title it earned from King George IV.
- Because of its proximity to mainland Europe, Ramsgate was a chief embarkation point both during the Napoleonic Wars and for the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940. Three out of five of the most important invasions of Britain landed at Pegwell Bay.

Thanet

- In the days of stage coaches the journey, in good weather, from London to Thanet, took 12 hours, but in the mud of early Spring it could take a week. The high speed rail link launched in December 2009 should cut the journey time from London to Thanet to under 90 minutes.
- In 1901, the Isle of Thanet saw the introduction of an electric tram service which was one of the few inter-urban tramways in Britain. The towns of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate were linked by 11 miles of track.
- In 1915-1916 early aircraft began to use the open farmlands at Manston as a site for emergency landings. The location near the Kent coast gave Manston some advantages over other previously established aerodromes. By 1917 the Royal Flying Corps was well established and taking an active part in the defence of England. The aerodrome played an important role in the Second World War, and it was the most bombed British airfield during this time. Today it is known as Kent International Airport, with flights operating across Europe.

Regeneration:

The Turner Gallery, due to open in 2011, is spearheading Thanet's regeneration and revival. Designed by Stirling Prize winning architect, David Chipperfield, the Gallery will make the best possible use of the natural light that Turner described as the loveliest in all Europe".

Margate Old Town is also undergoing a transformation, and exciting plans are being put in place to regenerate the Dreamland site around the Grade II listed roller coaster, the oldest in Europe and third oldest in the world with a heritage amusement park.

Off the coast of Ramsgate, the Thanet offshore wind farm will be completion by 2010 and will supply approximately 240,000 homes a year with green energy. London Array Wind Farm Phase 1 is due for completion in 2012 and will consist of up to 175 turbines out of the 271 turbines.

Broadstairs was recently runner-up in a national poll of the country's small seaside resorts and continues to represent all that is good about the traditional English seaside.

Towns & Villages:

Acol is one of the smallest communities in Kent, near to Manston Airport. The village's name comes from Acolt which goes back to old English, the word ac for oak and holt for wood. It has a fine gothic-style church dedicated to St. Mildred and it is reputed the village is haunted by Smuggler Bill.

Birchington-on-sea lies on the coast of the Thames Estuary, between the seaside resorts of Herne Bay and Margate. As a large seaside resort, the village is a notable tourist and retirement destination. The famous artist and poet Dante Gabriel Rossetti was buried at All Saints Church in the village in 1882.

Broadstairs is a coastal town between Margate and Ramsgate. It is the seaside resort on the Isle of Thanet, known as the "Jewel in Thanet's crown". The town crest motto is 'Stella Maris - Star of the Sea'.

Manston village is famous for being one of the nation's earliest aerodromes and the role this played as a Battle of Britain airbase. Spitfire and Hurricane aircraft, a Battle of Britain tapestry, plus other great memorabilia are on display at the two museums here.

Margate is a seaside resort, with a rich maritime history and once a limb Dover in the confederation of the Cinque Ports.

Minster-in-Thanet lies to the west of Ramsgate and to the north east of Canterbury. The village is home to one of England's oldest inhabited buildings, Minster Abbey.

Monkton has a nature reserve and an observatory with the largest optical telescope south of London.

Ramsgate is a member of the ancient confederation of Cinque Ports. The town has one of the largest marinas on the English south coast and Port Ramsgate has provided cross channel ferries for many years.

Sarre village is situated on the old road from Margate to Canterbury. It has a very pretty working windmill where you can buy freshly ground flour and porridge oats and is home to one of the oldest inns in the country.

St. Peter's was the original settlement for which Broadstairs was a fishing outlet to the sea, and which was once home to one of the first pleasure gardens in England. Local volunteers run the award winning St. Peter's Village Tour, where costumed characters bring tales of the past to life which was Runner-Up in the Tourism South East ExSEllence Awards 2008, Highly Commended in Virgin Holiday's Sustainable Tourism Awards 2008 and recently awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service by Groups in the Community 2009.

St Nicolas at Wade derives its name from its location near the border between the Isle of Thanet and the mainland, as before the channel silted up to form the rivers Wantsum and Stour, one would have to wade across. The village is also known for its 13th century church.

Westgate-on-Sea was the subject of a famous poem by Sir John Betjeman and the first place in England to test electric street lighting. It is an elegant Edwardian resort with stunning sunsets over the sea.

The Thanet Coast and beaches

The Thanet coast is included on the list of the best wildlife sites in Europe. Together with Pegwell Bay it is an internationally important place for wintering birds and the marine life associated with the chalk cliffs, caves, reefs and sandy bays. It is also nationally important for the geology, the chalk stacks and arch, and some of the area's coastal plants.

Chalk talk:

- Thanet is the eastern-most outcrop of chalk in Britain and one of the eastern-most in Europe.
- Thanet contains some of the best chalk caves in Britain and chalk reefs in the south-east.
- The Thanet Coast has the longest continuous stretch of coastal chalk in Britain.
- It represents 20% of UK and 12% of European coastal chalk.
- The chalk cliff and cave habitats and species are very uncommon in Europe and therefore internationally important.

Bird Facts:

- The intertidal reef, together with the mudflats and sandflats, provide valuable feeding grounds for wintering birds, which roost on shingle and sand above the high water mark. Of these the turnstone and golden plover occur here in internationally important numbers.
- In summer, shingle provides an important breeding site for little terns.
- Wintering golden plover roost on mudflats in Pegwell Bay.

The Thanet Coast Project, a leader in its field, was set up in 2001 as a result of workshops held with stakeholders to drive forward the priorities, which people had identified.

The project aims to:

- **raise awareness** of the area's important marine and bird life
- **work with people to safeguard coastal wildlife**
- be a **one-stop shop for coastal information**
- **promote wildlife events or activities**

For further information on the Thanet Coast Project visit www.thanetcoast.org.uk

Thanet has 19 miles of coastline 15 beautiful, sandy beaches and bays, 7 with Blue Flag Awards and 4 with a Quality Coast Award.

Margate:

St Mildred's Bay – Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent, CT8 8TR

Sandy bay with promenade, cliffs and tidal pool. Tidal bay except on spring tides. Tennis, putting and public house with restaurant nearby. Facilities include lifeguards, First Aid station, cafes, toilets, parking, bay inspector/information and chalets for hire. Disabled access to the beach and disabled toilets open all year. [Blue Flag Award 2009](#)

Margate Main Sands - Marine Terrace, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XJ

A sandy beach with a promenade, boardwalks and traditional donkey rides. A very popular resort bay just a couple of minutes from Margate train station and the town. Facilities include lifeguards, First Aid station, cafes, toilets, deckchairs and sun loungers for hire and amusements. Disabled access and toilets nearby at Buenos Ayres. [Quality Coast Award 2009](#)

Westbrook Bay - Royal Esplanade, Margate, Kent, CT9 5DL

A sandy beach of approximately 200 meters with a promenade. Designated water ski area with Strokes Adventure Golf, bowls and tennis nearby. Facilities include cafe, toilets, lifeguards, First Aid station, chalets and deckchairs for hire. Disabled access to the beach with disabled toilets. [Quality Coast Award 2009](#)

West Bay - Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent, CT8 8QG

This sandy bay with rocky areas and cliffs is great for sandcastles and exploring rock pools. There is a Cafe open in the evening, perfect for meal and drink whilst watching fantastic sunset views. Facilities include lifeguards, cafes, toilets, bay inspectors/information, chalets for hire and public house nearby. Disabled access to the beach with disabled toilets open all year. [Blue Flag Award 2009](#)

Minnis Bay - The Parade, Birchington, Kent, CT7 9QP

This long, rural sandy bay features rocky and shingle areas as well as a promenade and paddling pool. The local sailing club offers windsurfing, seal watching trips and kite board lessons. Disabled access to the beach with disabled toilets is open all year as well as disabled parking bays. [Blue Flag Award 2009](#)

Walpole Bay - Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent, CT9 2HL

Walpole Bay includes Palm Bay, Hodges Gap and Foreness Point. It is a popular water-sports bay 400 meters long with a sandy beach and promenade. Facilities include lift, toilets, lifeguards, chalets for hire, Jet Ski hire and parking. Golf, putting, tennis and indoor bowls nearby. [Blue Flag Award 2009](#)

Broadstairs:

Stone Bay - Eastern Esplanade, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1DP

A quiet sandy bay with chalk cliffs, rocks pools and promenade. A great little bay rarely discovered by visitors. Facilities include cafe, chalets for hire, toilets and disabled access via Broadstairs Harbour. [Quality Coast Award 2009](#)

Dumpton Gap - Dumpton Gap Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1TA

Another quiet, sandy bay, ideal for low tide walking routes to Ramsgate. Facilities include a cafe, toilets, chalets for hire and disabled access via quite steep slope.

Viking Bay - Victoria Parade, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1QS

This is the main bay at Broadstairs. The Sandy beach is 150 meters long with a cliff-top promenade, harbour pier and boardwalk. Facilities include lifeguards, parking, cafes, first aid station, children's rides, chalets for hire, toilets, amusements, deckchairs and sun loungers for hire. *Quality Coast Award 2009*

Louisa Bay - West Cliff Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1PU

A small, quiet sandy bay with a promenade. Another great little bay for rock pooling. Facilities include cafe, chalets for hire and disabled access.

Botany Bay - Marine Drive, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 3LG

A popular, yet quiet, sandy bay approximately 200 meters long. Facilities include lifeguards, cafe, public house near by, toilets and disabled access to beach. *Blue Flag Award 2009*

Joss Bay - Joss Gap Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 3PG

Popular sandy bay approximately 200 meters long. Joss Bay Surf School is situated here with surf boards and wetsuit hire. Facilities include lifeguards, cafe, parking, toilets, deckchairs for hire, surf ski/belly boards, disabled access. *Blue Flag Award 2009*

Kingsgate Bay - Whiteness Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 3QH

A quiet and secluded sandy beach with some of the best examples of sea caves in the country. Facilities include chalets for hire, cafe/restaurant and public house nearby.

Ramsgate:

Ramsgate Main Sands - Wellington Crescent, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 8JD

This is the main sandy beach in Ramsgate. Situated next to the glorious Royal Harbour and Marina. Facilities include First Aid Station, lifeguards, bay inspector/information, beach cafe, deckchairs and sun loungers for hire, toilets, lift, shops and children's amusements nearby. *Blue Flag Award 2009*

Pegwell Bay - Sandwich Road, Cliffsend, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 5JB

This stretch of unprotected sea cliffs has great geological interest and a sandy bay used by large numbers of seashore birds. The bay is part of Kent's largest National Nature Reserve. The Viking Ship 'Hugin' stands proudly on the cliff-top overlooking the bay. Facilities include parking, toilets, cafe/restaurant and picnic area.

Walking & Cycling Routes:

- **Thanet Greeters** – inspired by the Big Apple greeters of New York, the Thanet Greeters are a non-profit organisation that enables visitors to meet with local people from Thanet who are friendly and enthusiastic about the area in which they live. Visitors can be shown around one of the local surrounding areas, taking in aspects or topics important to them, by a friendly local volunteer. To book your free visit go onto the website: www.visitthanet.co.uk/greeters
- **The Viking Coastal Trail** is 43.5km (27m) long. It goes from Reculver to Pegwell Bay and is one of the most attractive leisure cycling routes in Kent. It forms part of regional route 15 of the national cycle network and can be broken down into shorter in-land sessions. There are also six shorter themed routes to explore between 5km (3.25miles) and 15.25km (9.5miles) www.visitthanet.co.uk/viking
- **Minnis Bay to Reculver Country Park Walk** passes a salt-water lagoon, a working oyster farm, and the Reculver Towers and fort. It is a linear walk of 6km (3.7miles) one-way, or 12km (7.4 miles) returning to the start. The entire length of the route is flat following along the sea wall; however there is the opportunity to climb the Reculver Towers and Fort.

- **The Broadstairs History Walk at Crampton Tower Museum** - Every Saturday (weather permitting) throughout the year. It starts at 2pm close to Dickens House on the seafront and lasts about 90 minutes. It is approximately a mile in length, finishing at the Museum and explores Broadstairs rich history from Roman times right up to the 20th Century.
- **The Pugins – A Ramsgate Town Trail** – a new self-guided trail from the east to the west cliff highlighting architecture by the Pugin family and their links to the town. Leaflets available from Visitor Information Centres 0870 264 6111. Local Contact 01843 596401
- **St Peter's Village, Graveyard, WW1 and WW2 War Graves Tours**- A series of guided walks around the grounds of the church and village telling of the stories associated with the area. Highly Commended in Virgin Holidays Responsible Tourism Awards Best Destination in the World Category. See St. Peters Village Tour website for walking times and dates www.villagetour.co.uk
- **Cliff Top Delights** – stroll along the prom and discover the charming buildings and restored gardens between Balmoral Gardens and Louisa Bridge.
- **Walkers Friend** – organise a range of walks from strolls of only a few miles, to more adventurous countryside rambles lasting all day, which invariably include a pub stop for lunch. For further information visit www.walkersfriend.co.uk
- **East Kent Health Walks** – provide many different guided walks throughout the year throughout the Cliftonville and Broadstairs area. For current locations and times visit the website: www.whi.org.uk or Tel: 0800 849 4000
- **Turner and Dickens Walk** – reopened footpath connecting Margate and Broadstairs town's and named in recognition of the two town's representative links with world renowned artist JMW Turner and author Charles Dickens. For further details visit www.turneranddickenswalk.co.uk or Tel: 0870 264 6111

Attractions

Historical Houses & Sites:

Dickens House Museum

2 Victoria Parade, Broadstairs,
Kent, CT10 1QS
Tel: (01843) 861232
Fax: (01843) 861232
Email: l.ault@btinternet.com

Shell Grotto

Grotto Hill, Margate,
Kent, CT9 2BU
Tel: (01843) 220008
Email: info@shellgrotto.co.uk
Website: www.shellgrotto.co.uk

Italianate Greenhouse

King George VI Memorial Park,
Montefiore Avenue, Ramsgate,
Kent, CT11 8BD
Tel: (01843) 585588
Email: info@philipdaddsarchitects.co.uk

St Augustine's Cross

Cottington Road, Cliffsend,
Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 5JN
Tel: 0870 264 6111
Email: tourism@thanet.gov.uk
Website: www.visitthanet.co.uk

St Augustine's Westgate-on-Sea

St Augustine's College Ltd,
125 Canterbury Road,
Westgate-on-Sea, Kent, CT8 8NL
Tel: 0800 389 4001
Mobile: 07788 954050
Email: info@staugustines.uk.com
Website: www.staugustines.uk.com

Walpole Bay Hotel and Museum

Fifth Avenue, Cliftonville, Margate,
Kent, CT9 2JJ
Tel: (01843) 221703
Email: info@walpolebayhotel.co.uk
Website: www.walpolebayhotel.co.uk

The Grange
St Augustine's Road,
Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9NY
Tel: (01628) 825925
Email: bookings@landmarktrust.org.uk
Website: www.landmarktrust.org.uk

The Viking Ship "Hugin"
Pegwell Bay, Ramsgate,
Kent, CT12 5JB
Tel: 0870 264 6111
Email: tourism@thanet.gov.uk
Website: www.visitthanet.co.uk

Tudor House
King Street, Margate,
Kent, CT9 1HB
Tel: 0870 264 61111
Email: visitorinformation@thanet.gov.uk
Website: www.visitthanet.co.uk

Theatre Royal Margate
Addington Street
Margate, Kent, CT9 1PW.
Tel: 0845 130 1786
www.theatreroyalargate.co.uk
Second oldest working theatre in the country.

Museums & Galleries:

Crampton Tower Museum
The Broadway, High Street,
Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2AB
Tel: (01843) 871133
Email: cramptontower@hotmail.com
Website: www.cramptontower.co.uk

Powell-Cotton Museum, House and Gardens
Quex Park, Birchington,
Kent, CT7 0BH
Tel: (01843) 842168
Email: enquiries@quexmuseum.org
Website: www.quexmuseum.org

RAF Manston History Museum
Manston Road, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 5DF
Tel: (01843) 825224
Email: a.gray2@btconnect.com
Website: www.rafmanston.co.uk

Art & Crafts:

Crafts USL
41 High Street, Broadstairs,
Kent, CT10 1LH
Tel: (01843) 603007
Email: sales@craftsusl.co.uk
Website: www.craftsusl.co.uk

Minster Abbey
Church Street, Minster,
Nr. Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 4HF
Tel: (01843) 821254

North Foreland Lighthouse
Trinity House, Tower Hill,
London, EC3N 4DH
Tel: 020 7481 6900

Powell-Cotton Museum, House and Gardens
Quex Park, Birchington,
Kent, CT7 0BH
Tel: (01843) 842168
Fax: (01843) 846661
Email: enquiries@quexmuseum.org
Website: www.quexmuseum.org

Salmestone Grange
Nash Road, Margate,
Kent, CT9 4BX
Tel: (01843) 231161
Email: SalmestoneGrange@aol.com
Website: www.salmestonegrange.co.uk

Turner Contemporary
17-18 The Parade, Margate,
Kent, CT9 1EY
Tel: (01843) 294208
Fax: (01843) 294390
Email: info@turnercontemporary.org
Website: www.turnercontemporary.org

RAF Spitfire & Hurricane Memorial Trust
The Memorial Building, The Airfield,
Manston Road, Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 5DF
Tel: (01843) 821940
Email: spitfire752@btconnect.com
Website: www.spitfire.memorial.museum

Water Sports & Boat Trips:

Galleon Cruises
Mona Lisa, Ramsgate Royal Harbour,
Ramsgate,
Kent CT11 9LQ
Contact: Dale Bradley
Mobile: 07740 071015
Email: dale@galleoncruises.com
Website: www.galleoncruises.com

Little Art Gallery

Off Harbour Street,
Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1NA
Tel: 07817 116007
Email: vicki@artbyvicki.plus.com
Website: www.artbyvicki.co.uk

Old Town Gallery

1-3 Broad Street,
Margate, Kent, CT9 1EW
Tel: (01843) 225565
Email: mail@oldtowngallery.co.uk
Website: www.oldtowngallery.co.uk

Art for all The Gallery

9-10 Marine Drive
Margate, Kent, CT9 1DH
Tel: 07984 683267
Email: info@artforall.eu
Website: www.artforall.eu

Ingoldsby Gallery

2 Lombard Street
Margate Kent CT9 1ES
Tel: 01843 292779
Website: www.ingoldsbygallery.co.uk

Gardens and Parks:**East Northdown Farm**

George Hill Road, Margate,
Kent, CT9 3TS
Tel: (01843) 862060
Fax: (01843) 860206
Email: info@botanyplants.co.uk
Website: www.botanyplants.com

Monkton Nature Reserve

Canterbury Road, Monkton,
Ramsgate, Kent, CT12 4LH
Tel: (01843) 822666
Email: monkton@mnr.manston.net
Website: www.mnr.manston.net

Powell-Cotton Museum, House and Gardens

Quex Park, Birchington,
Kent, CT7 0BH
Tel: (01843) 842168
Fax: (01843) 846661
Email: enquiries@quexmuseum.org
Website: www.quexmuseum.org

Sandwich & Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve

Cliffsend, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 5DR
Tel: (01622) 662012
Email: info@kentwildlife.org.uk
Website: www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk

Website: www.amfbowling.co.uk

Sea Searcher Boat Trips

Ramsgate Royal Harbour, Ramsgate
Kent, CT11 9LQ
Tel: 07837 562076
Website: www.seasearcher.co.uk

Horizon Sea Safaris

Royal Harbour, Ramsgate, CT11 9LQ
Tel: 07931 744788
Email: jon@horizonseasafaris.com
Website: www.horizonseasafaris.co.uk

Jet Ski World

Hodges Gap, Princes Walk, Palm Bay,
Cliftonville, Kent, CT9 3DF
Tel: 01843 231703
Website: www.jetskiworld.co.uk

Joss Bay Surf School

Joss Bay Beach, Elwood Avenue, North
Foreland, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 3PG
Tel: 07812 991195
Website: www.jossbay.co.uk

Industrial Heritage:**Draper's Windmill**

St Peters Footpath (off College Rd),
Margate, Kent, CT9 2SP
Tel: (01843) 226227
Website: www.draperswindmill.homestead.com

Sarre Windmill

Ramsgate Road, Sarre,
Kent, CT7 0JU
Tel: (01843) 847573
Website: www.kentwindmills.homestead.com

Shopping & Markets:**Westwood Cross Shopping Centre**

23 Margate Road, Broadstairs,
Kent, CT10 2BF
Phone: 01843 867273
Email: enquiries@westwoodx.co.uk
Website: www.westwoodx.co.uk

Margate Market

Cecil Square, Margate, Kent
Hughmark International
Tel: 0118-945-1799
Wednesdays 9-4pm
Email: jackie@hughmark.co.uk
Website: www.hughmark.co.uk

Ramsgate Market

Situated in the pedestrianised areas of the
Town centre just off the seafront –
High Street, King Street and Queen Street
and Cavendish Street.
Held every Friday and Saturday between 9am
until - 4pm

Leisure Centres:

AMF Bowling Centre

Addington Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1PW

Tel: 0844 826 3024

Website: www.amfbowling.co.uk

Broadstairs Leisure

Harbour Street, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1ET

Tel: (01843) 861075

Bugsys Ten Pin Bowling and American Pool

Ethelbert Crescent, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent, CT9 2DY

Tel: (01843) 228632

Fax: (01843) 292376

Email: office@bugsys.co.uk

Website: www.bugsys.co.uk

Hartsdown Leisure Centre

Hartsdown Road, Margate, Kent, CT9 5RX

Tel: (01843) 226221

Email: info@leisureforce.co.uk

Website: www.leisureforce.co.uk

Jungle Jim's Limited

Quex Park Estate, Park Road, Birchington, Kent, CT7 0BH

Tel: (01843) 846305

Website: www.jungle-jims.co.uk

Play Bay

100-114 Harbour Parade,

Ramsgate Harbour, Kent, CT11 8LP

Tel: (01843) 590591

Website: www.playbayramsgate.com

Revolution Skate Park

Oakwood Industrial Estate, Dane Valley Road,

St Peter's, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 3JJ

Tel: (01843) 866707

Email: info@revolutionskatepark.co.uk

Website: www.revolutionskatepark.co.uk

Ramsgate Sports Centre

High Street, Ramsgate, Kent, CT11 9TT

Tel: (01843) 585111

Email: info@leisureforce.co.uk

Website: www.leisureforce.co.uk

Westcliff Leisure Park

Royal Esplanade, Ramsgate,

Kent, CT11 0HE

Tel: (01843) 581999

Fax: (01843) 581999

Website: www.westcliffleisurepark.co.uk

Cliftonville Farmers' Market

Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade,

Margate

Held last Sunday each month - 10.00

am to 1.00pm

Tel: 01843 226033

Culture:

- J. M.W Turner, the Artist lived at Miss Booth's House in Cold Harbour in Margate. The area inspired many of his seascapes. Turner once said "The loveliest skies in Europe

are over the Isle of Thanet". The new Contemporary Art gallery being built in Margate is named after him.

- Charles Dickens lived in Broadstairs. It was in Broadstairs that Charles Dickens got the inspiration for David Copperfield. Dickens House Museum on the seafront was once the home of Miss Mary Pearson Strong, on whom Charles Dickens based much of the character of Miss Betsey Trotwood. Broadstairs' Dickens Festival takes place each year in June.
- Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin, famous architect and known to most people for the magnificent interiors, furnishings and fittings of the Houses of Parliament, lived in and made substantial architectural contributions to the townscape of Ramsgate. His home, The Grange, has been fully restored by the Landmark Trust and is available for holidays and to visit. Also available is The Pugins, A Ramsgate Town Trail self guided walk leaflet.
- Queen Victoria spent many summers in Broadstairs as a child, staying at Pierremont Hall.
- Thomas Russell Crampton, the great Victorian engineer was born in Broadstairs and the resort's Crampton Tower Museum is dedicated to him. He brought gas and water works to Broadstairs and was the first to succeed in laying an effective telegraph cable under the English Channel.
- Tracey Emin, the well-known modern artist, grew up in Margate. Her works have included the famous embroidered tent Everyone I Have Ever Slept With 1963-95 (1995) the book about her childhood Exploration of the Soul (1994) the Tracey Emin Museum in a shop on Waterloo Road (1995-98) and her bed, My Bed (1998)

Authors with connections to the area include Hans Christian Andersen, Richard Harris Barham, Robert Bridges, John Buchan, Wilkie Collins, George Eliot, T. S. Eliot, Alfred Charles Harmsworth (Lord Northcliffe), Karl Marx, Frank Richards, William Makepeace Thackeray, Jane Austen, Samuel T. Coleridge, George Bernard Shaw, Charles Lamb and Baroness Orczy.

Artists with connections to the area include Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Sir Samuel Luke Fildes, William Powell Frith, Vincent Van Gogh, Walter Richard Sickert, Joseph Turner and William Dyce.

Architects include Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin and Edward Welby Pugin.

Tourism figures: Key headline figures for Thanet for 2006

- It is estimated that around 498,596 overnight tourism staying trips were made to Thanet in 2006. Of these trips, domestic visitors made 83% of trips (412,093) and overseas visitors made 17% of trips (86,503). £89,385,814 was spent by staying visitors on their trip.
- It is estimated that around 2.3 million tourism day trips were made to Thanet in 2006, generating a further £72,644,507 trip expenditure.
- In total, around £162,030,321 was spent on trips to Thanet in 2006 by staying and day visitors. 37% of this expenditure was made by domestic staying visitors; 19% by overseas staying visitors and 44% by day visitors.

- In addition, expenditure by friends and relatives on visitors, and visitors spend on second homes (i.e. maintenance) generates a further £12,690,000. With the addition of other expenditure tourism activity generated £174,720,321 expenditure.
- Of this expenditure, £164,645,000 translates into direct income for local business; and a further £32,929,000 of income is generated through indirect and induced effects (a total of £197,574,000 business turnover).
- This income supported 3,440 FTE jobs and 4,705 Actual jobs. Overall it is estimated that tourism expenditure supported 7% of local employment.

*Figures from Cambridge Model 2006

Accommodation figures for Thanet

Type of Accommodation	Bedrooms/ Units/Pitches	Bed spaces
Caravan & Camping	942	3,768
Self catering (Cottages, Barns & Houses)	377	104
Serviced (Hotels, B&B's & Inn's)	575	1150
Group (shared accommodation)	0	0

*Information sourced by Tourism South East

Population Figures

	Male	Female	Total
Population (Mid 2006)	61,300	67,300	128,600
Population Forecast	-	-	-
2011			129,800
2016			130,300

Source: Population Estimates Unit, Office for National Statistics (ONS)

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Dickens House Museum, 2 Victoria Parade, Broadstairs, Kent

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Email: visitorinformation@thanet.gov.uk

Website: www.visitthanet.co.uk

Margate Visitor Information Centre

12-13 The Parade, Margate, Kent

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