

ANCIENT MONUMENTS IN KENT

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IN the first List of Monuments to which State protection had been granted, prepared in 1921 by the Commissioners of Works in pursuance of the Ancient Monuments Act, seven Monuments in Kent were included. They were Kits Coty and the Countless Stones, the well-known megaliths at Aylesford; Canterbury, Rochester and Tonbridge Castles; Grey Friars, Canterbury; and St. Leonard's Tower, West Malling. In the most recent List to be published, that of December, 1938, under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments Act, 1931, the number had risen to fifty-eight, and now at midsummer, 1948, it is not far short of one hundred. As it appears likely that no up-to-date official List will be published for some time, it may be convenient for Members of the Society to have a bare hand-list arranged under localities for easy reference, and the list will to some small extent make good a noticeable omission from our pages. At some future time it may be possible to include notes or papers on those Monuments which have not yet been adequately described in *Archæologia Cantiana*: they are many, and all are worthy.

The striking rise in the number of protected Monuments between 1921 and 1938 was very largely due to the practical interest of Members of the Society, and until his death in 1941, our late Honorary Secretary, Richard Cooke, acted as Chief Correspondent for the County to the Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments. This duty has since 1941 been undertaken by the writer with the valued goodwill and assistance of Members of the Society and others in all parts of the County.

The care of Ancient Monuments is a responsibility of our national heritage, and while by their very nature the number of the remains themselves cannot increase, the task of recording and preserving them is ever with us and it is one to which we as an archæological society give our warmest support. At all times the writer is pleased to receive information regarding monuments which appear to be worthy of preservation; it should please be noted, however, that buildings in ecclesiastical use and buildings inhabited by other than a caretaker cannot in general be scheduled for preservation under the Act.

* Monuments in the charge of the Ministry of Works as Crown property.

† Monuments in the charge of the Ministry under the Ancient Monuments Acts.

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<i>Addington.</i>	Long barrow in Addington Park. The Chestnuts megalith in Addington Park.
<i>Appledore.</i>	Horne's Place, Chapel.
<i>Ash-by-Sandwich</i>	†Richborough Castle Roman fort. †Roman amphitheatre, Richborough.
<i>Ashford.</i>	Old Grammar School.
<i>Aylesford.</i>	†Kits Coty. †The Countless Stones (Lower Kits Coty). The White Horse Stone.
<i>Barham.</i>	Saxon barrows, and lynchets, Barham Downs. Group of Saxon barrows, Breach Down, Derringstone.
<i>Benenden.</i>	Paved ford crossing a Roman road at Iden Green.
<i>Bexley.</i>	Joyden's Wood earthworks.
<i>Bishopsbourne.</i>	Saxon barrows in Bourne Park.
<i>Brenchley.</i>	Earthwork castle mound, Castle Wood.
<i>Canterbury.</i>	City Walls. Dane John Mount (probably on site of a Roman barrow). Butchery Lane Roman site, with mosaics. Black Friars refectory. Grey Friars. Poor Priests' Hospital, Stour Street. St. Augustine's abbey. St. Pancras church. St. Mary Magdalene tower, Burgate Street. St. George's tower.
<i>Chilham.</i>	Julliberrie's Grave (Long barrow).
<i>Cooling.</i>	Castle (inhabited house excluded).
<i>Deal.</i>	*Castle.
<i>Dover.</i>	*The Bredenstone, Drop Redoubt. *Castle (part). Maison Dieu. *Knight Templars' church site.
<i>East Farleigh.</i>	Bridge over the Medway.
<i>Erith.</i>	Lesnes Abbey.
<i>Eynsford.</i>	Castle. Bridge over the Darent.
<i>Folkestone.</i>	Barrow, Cherry Garden Hill. Roman villa, East Cliff. Caesar's Camp, Castle Hill. Martello Towers.
<i>Fordwich.</i>	Town Hall.
<i>Godmersham.</i>	Court Lodge.

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<i>Harbledown.</i>	Bigbury Camp.
<i>Hythe.</i>	Martello Towers.
<i>Ightham.</i>	Oldbury Camp (the S. part is National Trust property).
<i>Keston.</i>	Caesar's Camp, Holwood Park. Camp on Keston Common. The Temple, remains of a Roman tomb W. of Keston Court.
<i>Lamberhurst.</i>	Scotney Castle (uninhabited portion).
<i>Leybourne.</i>	Castle (uninhabited portion).
<i>Lullingstone.</i>	Castle gateway.
<i>Lympne.</i>	Stutfall Castle Roman fort.
<i>Maidstone.</i>	Corpus Christi Hall, Earl Street. Barn in Mill Street.
<i>Milton-next-Gravesend.</i>	*The Chantry.
<i>Milton-next Sittingbourne.</i>	Old Court House.
<i>Minster.</i>	†Memorial cross to St. Augustine, Ebbsfleet.
<i>Newenden.</i>	Bridge over the Rother.
<i>Offham.</i>	Quintain on the Green.
<i>Ospringe.</i>	†Maison Dieu.
<i>Otford.</i>	The Palace.
<i>Plaxtol.</i>	Old Soar Manor.
<i>Poulton.</i>	St. Radegunde's Abbey.
<i>Reculver.</i>	†Roman fort. (part owned by Ministry). †Towers of church.
<i>Richborough.</i>	see <i>Ash-by-Sandwich.</i>
<i>Rochester.</i>	City Walls. Bridge Chapel. Temple Manor, Strood.
<i>Saltwood.</i>	Castle (uninhabited portion).
<i>Sandgate.</i>	Castle. Martello Towers.
<i>Sandwich.</i>	Town Walls. Fisher Gate.
<i>Sevenoaks.</i>	Amherst Obelisk, Montreal Park.
<i>Shoreham.</i>	Filston Hall, bridge over Moat.
<i>Stone-by-Faversham.</i>	Remains of chapel.
<i>Strood Extra.</i>	see <i>Rochester.</i>
<i>Sutton-at-Hone</i>	Hawley Manor pigeon house.
<i>Sutton Valence.</i>	Castle.
<i>Teston.</i>	Bridge over the Medway.
<i>Tonbridge.</i>	Earthwork, Castle Hill. Castle.

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<i>Trottscliffe.</i>	Coldrum Long barrow. Vested in the National Trust as a memorial to Benjamin Harrison.
<i>Walmer.</i>	*Castle.
<i>Westerham.</i>	Camp, Squeryes Park, N.E. of Kent Hatch.
<i>West Malling.</i>	†St. Leonard's Tower. Abbey church, site of, and W. tower.
<i>Yalding.</i>	Twyford Bridge over the Medway. Town Bridge over the Beult. Laddingford Bridge over the Medway.

The following properties of historical interest in Kent are in the ownership or protection of the National Trust.

<i>Appledore.</i>	Royal Military Canal.
<i>Chiddingstone.</i>	The larger part of the village.
<i>Cobham.</i>	Owletts, a late seventeenth-century house. At Sole Street, a small Tudor hall-house.
<i>East Malling.</i>	Bradbourne, built 1713, by Sir Thomas Twisden. Contains the collection of Twisden Family Portraits bequeathed to the Society by the late Sir John Ramskill Twisden, 12th and last Baronet.
<i>Ightham.</i>	Oldbury Camp, <i>see above</i> .
<i>Loose, Maidstone.</i>	Wool house, a fifteenth century house.
<i>Otham.</i>	Stoneacre, a late fifteenth century house.
<i>Sutton-at-Hone.</i>	St. John's Jerusalem, with remains of a thirteenth century Commandery of Knights Hospitallers.
<i>Trottscliffe.</i>	<i>See above.</i>