

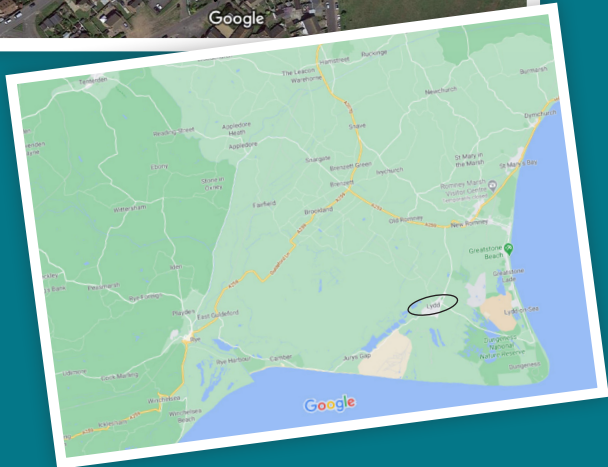
LOVELY LYDD



ROMNEY MARSH
— THE FIFTH CONTINENT —

Doorstep Discoveries

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- Hard surfaces ✓
- Views ✓
- Nature and Wildlife ✓
- Refreshments ✓
- History ✓
- Buggy Friendly ✓
- Family friendly ✓
- Interactive ✓

DESCRIPTION: This is an interactive walk around the beautiful town of Lydd to discover exactly what's on our doorstep! It is a family quiz trail searching for hidden clues to what Lydd's past, present and future is all about!

THINGS TO TAKE OR KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: Paper, pen, wax crayon, camera. The museum opening times. These are usually 2.30-5pm on Bank Holiday Weekends and Summer Holidays but please check lyddtownmuseum.co.uk before you go.

LENGTH OF WALK: 0.5 miles.

TERRAIN: Flat. Hard surfaces.

PARKING: Easy parking at the start of the walk in flat parking bays off of Coronation Square.

POSTCODE: TN29 9AT Grid Reference: TR 04252085

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Nearest bus route 11a stagecoach from Ashford or the stagecoach 102 from Dover.

MAPS TO USE: OS Explorer map: 138: Dover Folkestone and Hythe.

REFRESHMENTS: available throughout the town at shops pubs and cafes. Tea and cake occasionally served in the church.

TOILETS: Can be found on Park Street. The museum has one available when open and there is one occasionally available in the church when café is open.

START/FINISH: Coronation Square in the centre of the village (TN29 9AT)

1 Stand in Coronation Square.

INTERESTING FACT

Welcome to Coronation Square, the centre of beautiful Lydd! The square's name was changed in 1901 to celebrate when King Edward VII was crowned.



Have a look at the timber framed building next to the garage and you will see the original name of the square! What is it?

What shape is the grass covered central island of the square?

How many trees does it have on it?

INTERESTING FACT

These trees are Sycamore trees!

Sycamores are a deciduous broadleaf type of tree native to Central, Eastern and Southern Europe and are thought to have been introduced to the UK over 500 years ago! They are now very common and can provide homes and food for many species of wildlife.



The tree has specially adapted seeds called 'samara's'. These have special wings which help the seeds fly away from the parent tree to an area where it can get more sunlight to grow.



Can you do your best impression of a Sycamore seed or 'samara' spinning away from the tree in the wind.



Take a close look at the bicycle racks. What is the name of the cycle route that passes through here?

2 Head over towards the red phone box and post box.

INTERESTING FACT

The building behind the phonebox used to be one of the oldest and smallest court halls in Kent! The court room was upstairs whilst the prison and store room was located below. Many smugglers were trialled here!

What is now located inside the phone box instead of a phone?

3 Looking at the phone box take a few steps to your left towards the entrance of the church ground.



Can you find the large flat stone by the entrance of the church yard? What is hidden under it?



Can you find something with 2 colours on it?

(Clue: can be anything of your choice such as a leaf! The brighter the better!)

4

Enter the church ground. Where the path divides into 2, take the left hand fork and walk along the path.

Can you find Francis Sisley's gravestone?

Clue: Look for the gravestone in the photo

What was his wife called?



INTERESTING FACT

Many local pirates and smugglers are buried here in the grounds of All Saints Church! Francis Sisley was a famous smuggler who smuggled in silks and laces from France!

5 At the next path junction turn right and keep All saints church on your left handside.

INTERESTING FACT

Lichen-tastic!

Look closely at churches and structures in their churchyards and a hidden world will be revealed before your very eyes! Lichens are fascinating organisms, they are often overlooked but are essential to a whole variety of other species and beautiful in their own right. They also make excellent environmental indicators!



Lichens that can thrive in highly polluted areas (high levels of nitrogen and sulphur dioxide)

Maritime sunburst lichen



Xanthoria parietina

Lichens that can survive in moderately air polluted areas

Hammered shield lichen



Parmelia sulcata

Lichens that can only survive in clean air environments (with less nitrogen and sulphur dioxide)

Oakmoss



Evernia prunastri



The more types of lichen you find, generally the better the air quality is! Choose a gravestone or tree and look to see if there are lichens growing on it. How many different types of Lichens can you find? Can you find any of the types from the table on the previous page?



Choosing an interesting gravestone and using a wax crayon, can you do a rubbing?

If you haven't got a crayon, can you feel the stone and describe how it feels?

6

Turn left at the next path junction around the back of the church (with the smallest wall).



How many windows are on the back of the church?

7

Continue your walk around the church (keeping the church on your left hand side until you reach the double front doors of All Saints Church)



8

Go inside the church

INTERESTING FACT

Welcome to All Saints Church!

You are looking at the longest church in Kent at 60 meters (199 feet) long!

It is known as the 'cathedral of the marsh' due to its size and large double doors.

It was heavily bombed and damaged in the second world war. 2 soldiers who were keeping watch on top of the tower, along with someone playing the organ all survived! It was fully restored in 1958 thanks to a local fundraising campaign.



Can you find the tomb stone of Thomas Edgar?
Clue: I am next to someone laying down!

INTERESTING FACT

Thomas Edgar was a Lieutenant that sailed the ocean with Captain Cook! His surveys of the Falkland Islands gave the name to Port Edgar.

Can you find some very old graffiti on one of the stone pillars? Can you find any names or dates of when it was done?

Can you find an old stone seat around the pillars?

INTERESTING FACT

These stone seats were primarily for the poor, sick and elderly who couldn't stand for services or afford to have the privilege of wooden seats nearer the front of the church.



9 Go back outside the church and walk straight ahead towards the Highstreet.



Can you find a building with a sun plaque on?
What number is the house?

INTERESTING FACT

This sun plaque is a type of fire insurance plaque! Fire Insurance Plaques were placed on buildings from the 1700s before a national fire brigade service was established. These would tell the privately funded fire brigade who had insurance.



Can you find The George Hotel? What colour is the doorway?

INTERESTING FACT

Spooky! The George Hotel is thought to be the most haunted building in Lydd. From ghost cats jumping on peoples beds to stories of an injured tax collector!



Can you find the street sign to 'Brewers Close'?



INTERESTING FACT

Such as gas! Brewers Close is where the Edward Finn Brewery once stood. The brewery was one of the first to make soda water using the gas naturally given off by the brewing process!

10 Walk along the street and turn left down New Lane.

INTERESTING FACT

Many of the houses along New Street are old fisherman cottages!



Can you find the memorial gardens?
What is the memorial for in the gardens?



Look for the writing on the memorial and fill in the missing gaps.

THEIR NAME _____



11 Walk into the gardens and past the memorial and exit on to the street via the farthest gate. Cross the road carefully and turn right to look for 'Bleak Road'. Walk down Bleak Road and find Lydd town museum at the end.

INTERESTING FACT

Welcome to The Lydd Town Museum! You will find a whole host of exciting historical artefacts here from Lydd's past including some large vehicles! Displays are constantly changing and is totally ran by volunteers. Well worth a step in if you have the time!



What did the museum used to be in 1890?

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With the museum to your back, turn right and walk along Queens Road till you reach the crossroads. Look for the bench under the tree.



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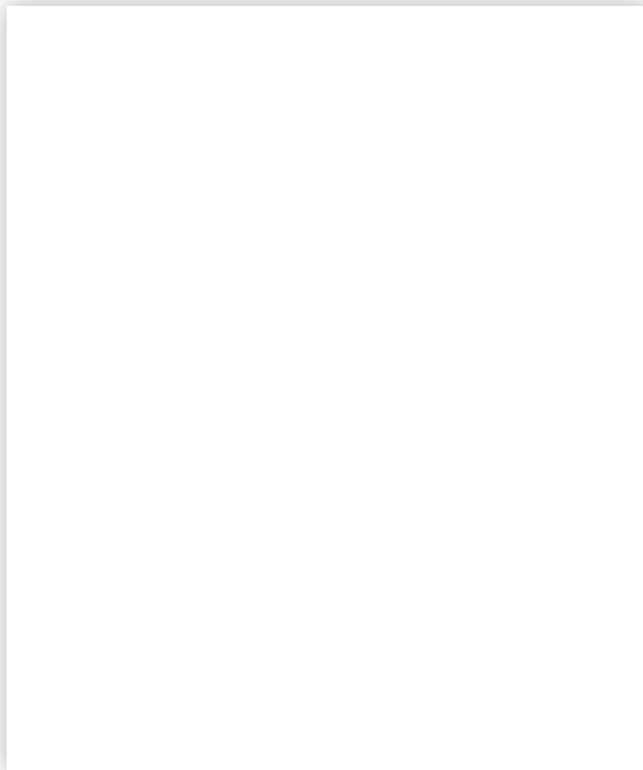
Welcome to The Rype.

This was supposedly given to Lydd by the Archbishop of Canterbury for defending against invading Danish armies in 904! That is over a thousand years ago!!!



Sound Map!

Sit and relax on the bench. Close your eyes and listen carefully to the secret sounds of Lydd! What can you hear? Draw them around you in the box below.



Take a closer look at the tree or grass around you. Can you find and take a photo of any wildlife? Why not share it on our Facebook page, @KentWildlife. (Hint: if stuck, look closely at the bark of the tree to see any tiny bugs?)



Have extra time and fancy discovering more?



This is the point where you can continue your walk further around The Rype to take a closer look at the library (5 minute walk) or play area (5 minute walk). Just return back to this point to continue your quiz trail.

13 With your back facing The Rype, walk back to the main road and turn right and head along Skinner Road to return to Lydd's centre.

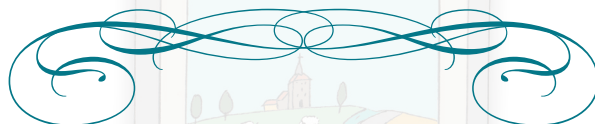


Who lived at Skinner house on the left as you walk back to Coronation Square?
(Clue: look for a sign on a white house!)



CONGRATULATIONS!

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ANSWERS

- 1.1 | Wheelers Green.
- 1.2 | Triangle.
- 1.3 | 4 Trees.
- 1.4 | Romney Marsh Meanders cycle route.
- 2.1 | A defibrillator.
- 3.1 | A time Capsule.
- 4.1 | Anna (real name Hannah).
- 5.1 | 3 windows.

- 9.1 | Number of the house..... need to check!
- 9.2 | A blue doorway.
- 10.1 | To remember local fallen heroes of the war.
- 10.2 | THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE.
- 11.1 | Fire station.
- 13.1 | John Skinner. Local Bailiff.

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