



CASTLES & GARDENS



MUSEUMS



ENTERTAINMENT



CAFES

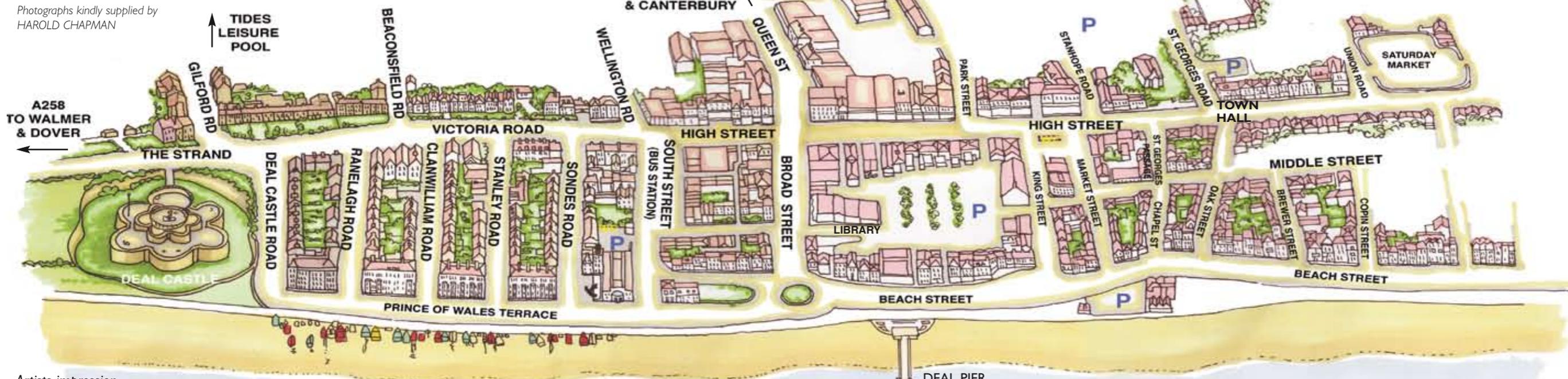


WEDNESDAY MARKET



SATURDAY MARKET

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Artists impression - not to scale



PUBS



ART GALLERIES



QUAINT LITTLE STREETS FULL OF HISTORY



SPECIALIST GIFT SHOPS



DEAL PIER



DESIGNER CLOTHES



EXCLUSIVE GIFTS



BOOK SHOPS



## CYCLE ROUTES

Great cycling can be enjoyed on both local or National Cycle Routes

### National Cycle Route 1 From Deal to Sandwich

Take route 1 north from Deal Pier along Beach Street, then inland to cross marshlands drained by medieval monks, past golfers and sand dunes under huge skies. Look out for all the sea birds and rare plants; stop for a picnic on the beach or in the dunes.

### National Cycle Route 1 From Deal to Dover

Start in Deal near the spot where Julius Caesar landed in 55BC. In Walmer, the path passes the Castle and Walmer Green, with the Lifeboat House (to rescue ships wrecked on the infamous Goodwin Sands), cafes and paddling pool - ride slowly and be especially careful of pedestrians along this stretch. At Kingsdown the route again leaves the road to follow a shared path next to the wide peaceful shingle beach, colonized by rare plants and with spectacular seashore views. The route to Kingsdown follows an off road track across open downland with lovely views but it is unlit, so not to be recommended at night.

### The Miners' Cycle Trail

A new route which explores the beautiful lower slopes of the North Downs between Deal and Shepherdswell, past what remains of old coal mines opened in a twenties rush for "black gold". Starts at Sholden on one of the first cycle tracks in the country, alongside the A258. Look out for interesting local churches, many birds including skylarks, and the locally produced vegetables/ salads sold in our shops.

### The Skylark Trail

The country road to Dover Starting from Victoria Park near Deal Station following an off route avoiding traffic to Walmer Station. From there the route heads out into the country, over the level crossing, past Ringwold (lovely old church and yew trees, and a fine pub). Great views of open countryside, old woods and hedgerows - listen for the skylarks.



## FOOTPATHS

Deal is charming to explore on foot, from gentle walks following the sea to Sandwich or Kingsdown, to more demanding long distance footpaths.

### Saxon Shore Way

Extends some 160 miles around the coast and follows the coastline as it was some 1500 years ago, the stretch from Deal to Dover has been described as the most exciting and evocative of all.

### North Downs Way

Can be picked up in Dover and offers tranquillity, beauty, historical and literary interest and some splendid natural history. Much of the Dover route follows the chalk escarpment.

### Walking Festival

This event begins at the end of August, there will be a variety of guided countryside and coastal walks suitable for all abilities.

### Fowlmead Country Park

This park is a nature reserve encompassing 200 acres of natural beauty with added facilities including rambling, walking, bird watching as well as a road race cycling circuit, BMX Track, cross country running and orienteering facilities. Bike Hire is available. There is also a short circular bridleway accessed from the Southwall Road entrance only.

For further information contact Deal Information Centre on 01304 369576 or log on to [www.fowlmead.co.uk](http://www.fowlmead.co.uk)

