16. Gazetteer of Prehistoric, Roman and Saxon Sites in Romney Marsh and the surrounding area

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This gazetteer attempts to list all known prehistoric, Roman and Saxon sites on Romney Marsh and the surrounding area. Roman roads have not been included as there is little new information to add to the existing study by Margary (1948). A fairly broad area has been chosen deliberately, since it is impossible to consider the archaeology of the Marsh itself without reference to the hinterland. For the sake of convenience, the area covered encompasses the National Grid squares TQ 80, 81, 82, 83, 91, 92, 93 and TR 01, 02, 03, 12, 13. Details of the Roman finds from Bodiam, which lies just outside these squares, are also given. A distribution map showing those sites falling in and immediately adjacent to the marshland is included (Fig. 16.1).

The uneven nature of the evidence probably owes more to the activity and enthusiasm of local archaeological groups than to actual patterns of past settlement. For example, the Hastings Area Archaeological Research Group has recorded many sites in a concentrated area. The pattern on the distribution map is also likely to be due in part to the burial of early occupation sites by later sediments.

The gazetteer is as comprehensive as possible, but it is inevitable that some omissions will have occurred, for which the author accepts full responsibility. It is intended to provide a revised version of the information at some future date.

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Entries are listed according to the OS 1:10,000 map number in which they fall, and each site has been numbered consecutively. Parish, county and site names (where these are known) are recorded.

Grid references are qualified as follows:

A Accurate – exact location known or published.
E Estimated – location of site attempted from available information.
G General – no information to locate exact site.

Reference abbreviations used are as follows:

ESxSMR Site number in the East Sussex Sites and Monuments Record (Lewes).
NMR National Monuments Record number, Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England), London.
Arch. Cant. Archaeologia Cantiana
JHAARG Journal of the Hastings Area Archaeological Research Group
SAC Sussex Archaeological Collections
SNQ Sussex Notes and Queries
VCH Sx Victoria County History, Sussex
VCH Kent Victoria County History, Kent

A list of general reference works is given at the end of the gazetteer.

TQ 72 NE

BODIAM East Sussex: area centred TQ 783251 A
[1] An extensive Romano-British settlement, lying adjacent to the River Rother where it is crossed by the Roman road. The site has yielded quantities of 1st- to mid-3rd century pottery, glassware, coins and tile, scattered over a fairly wide area. In particular CLBR stamped tiles have been found, which has led to speculation that the site might have been the river port of the Classis Britannica.

NMR: TQ 72 NE 2. ESxSMR: 367
Jones, G. 1977 Recologia 6, 17–21

TQ 80 NW

HASTINGS East Sussex: TQ 8109 G
[2] Neolithic axe of shale (Sx 27).
ESxSMR: 4992

ESxSMR: 4968

ESxSMR: 4967

ESxSMR: 4966

ESxSMR: 4993

[7] Iron Age 1/4 stater (Bellovaci, Mack 4).
NMR: TQ 80 NW 25. ESxSMR: 4499
HASTINGS East Sussex, beach: TQ 8008 – 8209 G

[10] Roman silver coin (Nero) found on beach after storm. NMR: TQ 80 NW 5. ESxSMR: 4471

HASTINGS East Sussex, beach under East Hill: TQ 837099 A


HASTINGS East Sussex, beach near pier: TQ 811091 A

[13] Roman coin (Faustina Senior). ESxSMR: 4955

HASTINGS East Sussex, The Bourne: TQ 826093 A


HASTINGS East Sussex, Bourne Street: TQ 826096 A


HASTINGS East Sussex, Braybrook Road: TQ 815098 E

[16] Roman coin (Gallienus). NMR: TQ 80 NW 23. ESxSMR: 4502

HASTINGS East Sussex, Cambridge Road: TQ 811093 E

[17] Sherds of Romano-British pottery. NMR: TQ 80 NW 38. ESxSMR: 4516

HASTINGS East Sussex, Castle: TQ 820094 A

[18] Mesolithic and Neolithic flintwork, together with Iron Age and later pottery recovered from 'kitchen midden' site on the cliffs between the castle and the sea. NMR: TQ 80 NW 26. ESxSMR: 4491 – 97

HASTINGS East Sussex, The Croft: TQ 824080 E

[21] Roman coin (Severus Alexander). ESxSMR: 4954

HASTINGS East Sussex, East Hill: TQ 833099 A

[22] Barbed and tanged flint arrowhead. NMR: TQ 80 NW 32. ESxSMR: 4508

[23] Burial mound, now lost over cliff. NMR: TQ 80 NW 12. ESxSMR: 4477

[24] Possible Iron Age promontory fort, of which substantial earthworks still survive. A vessel containing 30 Roman coins was dug up from within the enclosure at the centre of the fort, whilst Romano-British pottery sherds and fragments of tile have been found from elsewhere on the site. NMR: TQ 80 NW 7/8. ESxSMR: 374/375/376/377/4473/4952

Cinque Ports Chronicle 4, No. 71, 1840

Alcock, A.H. 1908, 674

Moore, J.W. 1974 SAC 112, 168

[25] Prehistoric and Romano British pottery was found when the East Cliff lift was being built. NMR: TQ 80 NW 13. ESxSMR: 4509

HASTINGS East Sussex, below East Hill: TQ 831096 A

[26] Roman coin (Constantius II). NMR: TQ 80 NW 9. ESxSMR: 4474

Baines, J.M. 1946 SNQ 11, 36

HASTINGS East Sussex, Pond Field: TQ 828099 A

[27] Roman coin (Hadrian). ESxSMR: 4957

HASTINGS East Sussex, Rock-a-Nore: TQ 829095 A

[28] Roman coins (Faustina Senior and Constantine II). NMR: TQ 80 NW 10. ESxSMR: 4475/4953

HASTINGS East Sussex, Warrior Square: TQ 804090 E

[29] Hoard of 50–60 Roman coins found together with five or six broken vessels recovered whilst digging foundations for a house on the west side of the Square. NMR: TQ 80 NW 16. ESxSMR: 4483

Anon. 1862 SAC 14 xii

Baines, J.M. 1946 SNQ 11, 37

HASTINGS East Sussex, White Rock Gardens: TQ 813093 E


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TQ 81 NW

BREDE East Sussex, Picklick Lane: TQ 843185 E

[31] Roman bloomery. NMR: TQ 81 NW 6. ESxSMR: 4418

Straker, E. 1931, 344

BREDE East Sussex, Westfield: TQ 8116 G

[32] Neolithic axe, Gp. XIX (Sx 85). ESxSMR: 4959

BREDE East Sussex, Westfield: TQ 826183 E

[33] Roman coin (Hadrian). ESxSMR: 4958

GUESTLING East Sussex, North Wood: TQ 841158 – 842161 A

[34] Roman bloomery. NMR: TQ 81 NW 1. ESxSMR: 4410

Straker, E. 1931, 340

TQ 81 NE

GUESTLING East Sussex: TQ 8514 G

[35–37] Prehistoric flintwork. TQ 854155 (ESxSMR 5023), 862153 (ESxSMR 5024), 863154 (ESxSMR 5025)

ICKLESHAM East Sussex: TQ 8816 G

[38–54] Prehistoric flintwork. TQ 869154 (ESxSMR 4498), 871153 (ESxSMR 4999), 871155 (ESxSMR 5000), 879155 (ESxSMR 5001), 882152 (ESxSMR 5003) site excavated see reference below, 884153 (ESxSMR 5004), 884154 (ESxSMR 5005), 887153 (ESxSMR 5006), 888154 (ESxSMR 5007), 888160 (ESxSMR 5009), 883160 (ESxSMR 5010), 879164 (ESxSMR 5011), 880167 (ESxSMR 5012), 893119 (ESxSMR 5013), 895160 (ESxSMR 5014), 696162 (ESxSMR 5015)
Fig. 16.1 Location of archaeological sites in and immediately adjacent to Romney Marsh.


ICKLESHAM East Sussex: TQ 878165 A
[55] Remains of six bloomery furnaces were found during quarrying operations, together with a Roman coin (Hadrian). Recent excavations have revealed considerable quantities of slag and a slag-metalled road. A broken fragment of a Bronze Age battle axe (Sx 196) of feldspathic sandstone was also recorded.
NMR: TQ 81 NE 11. ESxSMR: 4544/4545
Straker, E. 1931, 340–1
Homan, W.M. 1936–7 SNQ 6, 247–8
Vahey, Z. 1983 JHAARG 4, 1–28

ICKLESHAM East Sussex, Church Field: TQ 881165 A
[56] Romano-British pottery, tile and furnace material found.
ESxSMR: 4961

ICKLESHAM East Sussex, Cock Field: TQ 889169 A
[57] Romano-British pottery found.
ESxSMR: 4960

ICKLESHAM East Sussex, Lower Crutches: TQ 889170 A
[58] Romano-British pottery and bloomery slag.
ESxSMR: 4964

ICKLESHAM East Sussex, Old Place Farm: TQ 880166 A
[59] Roman coin (Hadrian).
ESxSMR: 4962

PETT East Sussex: TQ 8713 G
[60–66] Prehistoric flintwork.
TQ 879151 (ESxSMR 5016), 880151 (ESxSMR 5017), 882151 (ESxSMR 5018), 889150 (ESxSMR 5019), 891151 (ESxSMR 5020), 892152 (ESxSMR 5021), 893151 (ESxSMR 5022)

PETT East Sussex, Pannel Banks: TQ 888151 A
[67] Romano-British pottery.
ESxSMR: 4963

TQ 81 SW

GUESTLING East Sussex: TQ 838136 A
[68] Roman bloomery.
NMR: TQ 81 SW 1. ESxSMR: 4549
Straker, E. 1931, 340

HASTINGS East Sussex: TQ 803113 A
[69] Broken cutting tip of late Neolithic flint axe.
NMR: TQ 81 SW 5. ESxSMR: 4558

HASTINGS East Sussex: TQ 841120 E
[70] Neolithic polished flint axe.
NMR: TQ 81 SW 11. ESxSMR: 4565
HASTINGS East Sussex: TQ 817108 A
[71] Roman bloomery.
NMR: TQ 81 SW 9. ESxSMR: 4562

HASTINGS East Sussex: TQ 801103 E
[72] Roman coin (Vespasian).
NMR: TQ 81 SW 7. ESxSMR: 4560

HASTINGS East Sussex, Beaufort Road: TQ 802106 A
[73] Roman coin (Faustina Senior).
NMR: TQ 81 SW 6. ESxSMR: 4559
Baines, J.M. 1946 SNQ 11, 37

HASTINGS East Sussex, Blacklands: TQ 816107 A
[74] Roman coin (Valeria I).
ESxSMR: 4976
HASTINGS East Sussex, Covehurst Bay: TQ 849102 A
[75] Roman coins (Victorianus and Tetricus II) found on the beach after a recent landslip.
ESxSMR: 4965

HASTINGS East Sussex, Covehurst Wood: TQ 848104 A
[76] Romano-British hut site and hearth revealed in the cliff face.
NMR: TQ 81 SW 21. ESxSMR: 4574
Moore, J.W. 1974 SAC 112, 168-9

HASTINGS East Sussex, Golf Course, East Hill: TQ 841110 A
[77] Polished Neolithic axe.
NMR: TQ 81 SW 15. ESxSMR: 4569
Frost, M. 1924 SAC 65, 262

HASTINGS East Sussex, High Street: TQ 828101 E
[78] Roman coin (Hadrian).
NMR: TQ 81 SW 14. ESxSMR: 4568

HASTINGS East Sussex, Moscow Road: TQ 835111 A
[79] Roman coin (Gallicanus).
NMR: TQ 81 SW 13. ESxSMR: 4567
Baines, J.M. 1946 SNQ 11, 35

HASTINGS East Sussex, Mount Pleasant: TQ 826106 A
[80] Roman coin (Lacinius II).
ESxSMR: 4970

HASTINGS East Sussex, Old London Road, Ore: TQ 837114 E
[81] Roman coin (Constantine II).
NMR: TQ 81 SW 12. ESxSMR: 4566
Baines, J.M. 1946 SNQ 11, 36

HASTINGS East Sussex, Old Roar Road: TQ 806122 E
[82] Roman coins (Constantius II, Postumus and Victorianus).
ESxSMR: 4975

HASTINGS East Sussex, Ore: TQ 8311 G
[83] Part polished Neolithic axe.
NMR: TQ 81 SW 16. ESxSMR: 4570

HASTINGS East Sussex, Rocklane Estate: TQ 838121 A
[84] Roman coins (Augustus, Constantine II and Valerius).
ESxSMR: 4972

HASTINGS East Sussex, Sandrock Hall: TQ 818125 E
[85] Roman coins (Maximinus Daza and Maximinus II).
NMR: TQ 81 SW 3. ESxSMR: 4557
Baines, J.M. 1946 SNQ 11, 35

HASTINGS East Sussex, Silverhill: TQ 802108 E
[86] Flat Early Bronze Age copper axe.
NMR: TQ 81 SW 2. ESxSMR: 4556
Grinell, L.V. 1932 SAC 72, 41
Baines, J.M. 1945 SNQ 10, 186-7

HASTINGS East Sussex, Torfields: TQ 827102 E
[87] Roman coin (Nero).
ESxSMR: 4973

HASTINGS East Sussex, Vale Road: TQ 803103 E
[88] Roman coin (Domitian).
ESxSMR: 4971

TQ 81 SE

BREDEN East Sussex: TQ 882147 A
[89] Roman bloomery.
ESxSMR: 4978
Cleere, H. and Crossley, D. 1985, 296

BREDEN East Sussex: TQ 892145 A
[90] Roman bloomery.
ESxSMR: 4977
Cleere, H. and Crossley, D. 1985, 296

FAIRLIGHT East Sussex: TQ 8612 G
[91-101] Prehistoric flintwork.
NMR: TQ 86124 (ESxSMR 5076), 864124 (ESxSMR 5077), 867125 (ESxSMR 5078), 869127 (ESxSMR 5079), 872131 (ESxSMR 5080), 872127 (ESxSMR 5081), 873124 (ESxSMR 5082), 878131 (ESxSMR 5083), 881131 (ESxSMR 5084), 886128 (ESxSMR 5085), 884125 (ESxSMR 5008)

FAIRLIGHT East Sussex: TQ 888130 A
[102] Mesolithic flint artefacts found in former cave site, now destroyed by erosion.
NMR: TQ 81 SE 4. ESxSMR: 4592/4593
Palmer, S. 1972 SAC 110, 3-9

FAIRLIGHT East Sussex: TQ 802131 E
[103] Roman bloomery.
NMR: TQ 81 SE 1. ESxSMR: 4577
Straker, E. 1931, 339

FAIRLIGHT East Sussex, Cliff End: TQ 8813 G
[104] Three Iron Age coins.
NMR: TQ 81 SE 3. ESxSMR: 4591
Evans, J. 1864, 450, 462

FAIRLIGHT East Sussex, Great Warren Field: TQ 857117 A
[105] Roman-British pottery and Roman coin (Vespasian).
ESxSMR: 4981

FAIRLIGHT East Sussex, opposite Great Warren Field: TQ 858121 A
[106] Roman-British pottery and slag.
ESxSMR: 4991

FAIRLIGHT/HASTINGS East Sussex: Centred TQ 861113 A
[107] Mesolithic and Neolithic flintwork, sherds of Iron Age pottery and traces of an Iron Age house.
NMR: TQ 81 SE 2. ESxSMR: 4586/4587/4588/4589/4590

GUESTLING East Sussex: TQ 8514 G
NMR: TQ 85144 (ESxSMR 5066), 861148 (ESxSMR 5067), 869148 (ESxSMR 5068)

GUESTLING East Sussex, Church Farm Field: TQ 856145 A
[111] Roman-British pottery, tile and slag.
ESxSMR: 4986

GUESTLING East Sussex, Elm Farm: TQ 874139 A
[112] Roman coin hoard found 1936.
ESxSMR: 4983

GUESTLING East Sussex, Shelley's Green: TQ 859137 A
[113] Roman-British pottery.
ESxSMR: 4987

GUESTLING East Sussex, Stream Bank: TQ 838136 A
[114] Roman bloomery.
ESxSMR: 4982

HASTINGS East Sussex: TQ 856108 A
[115] Neolithic pottery and flintwork.
NMR: TQ 85610 A. ESxSMR: 4599/4600
Moore, J.W. 1974 SAC 112, 169

HASTINGS East Sussex: TQ 858114 A
[116] Iron Age hut site. Paving stones and impressions of wattle found during excavations.
PETT East Sussex: TQ 8713 G

TG 871145 (NMR: TQ 81 SE 8, ESxSMR: 4597), 870144 (ESxSMR 5041), 878149 (ESxSMR 5042), 878148 (ESxSMR 5043), 876144 (ESxSMR 5044), 875142 (ESxSMR 5045), 876142 (ESxSMR 5046), 879144 (ESxSMR 5047), 879141 (ESxSMR 5048), 881149 (ESxSMR 5049), 881148 (ESxSMR 5050), 881146 (ESxSMR 5051), 882146 (ESxSMR 5052), 883146 (ESxSMR 5053), 884149 (ESxSMR 5054), 887149 (ESxSMR 5055), 885147 (ESxSMR 5056), 886146 (ESxSMR 5057), 886144 (ESxSMR 5058), 884143 (ESxSMR 5059), 882141 (ESxSMR 5060), 883140 (ESxSMR 5061), 886140 (NMR: TQ 81 SE 6, ESxSMR: 4595), 882149 (ESxSMR 5062), 891148 (ESxSMR 5063), 891142 (ESxSMR 5064), 861138 (ESxSMR 5065), 875138 (ESxSMR 5069), 874136 (ESxSMR 5070), 873135 (ESxSMR 5071), 884139 (ESxSMR 5072), 885139 (ESxSMR 5073), 883137 (ESxSMR 5074), 892136 (ESxSMR 5075), 887136 (NMR: TQ 81 SE 7, ESxSMR 4906).

PETT East Sussex: TQ 88139 A

[152] Roman coin (Faustina Senior).
NMR: TQ 81 SE 5. ESxSMR: 4594.

PETT East Sussex, Clatter's Farm: TQ 881145 A

[153] Iron Age and Romano-British pottery.
ESxSMR: 4988.

PETT East Sussex, Cliff End: TQ 887139 A

[154] Roman coin (Cirpina).
ESxSMR: 4979.
Bowd, C. 1980 JHAARG 1, 76.

PETT East Sussex, Godley's Field: TQ 878144 A

[155] Romano-British pottery and slag.
ESxSMR: 4985.

PETT East Sussex, Hollow Field: TQ 883139 A

[156] Romano-British pottery and slag.
ESxSMR: 4996.

PETT East Sussex, Lumsford Farm: TQ 887139 A

[157] Roman coin (Faustina Senior).
ESxSMR: 4974.

PETT East Sussex, Pannel Banks: TQ 883149 A

[158] Iron Age and Romano-British pottery.
ESxSMR: 4994.

PETT East Sussex, Pett Barn: TQ 883147 A

[159] Romano-British pottery, tile and slag.
ESxSMR: 4984.

PETT East Sussex, Pett Barn 40 Acres: TQ 892146 A

[160] Romano-British pottery, tile and slag.
ESxSMR: 5087.

PETT East Sussex, Pett Level beach: TQ 892136 E

[161] Roman coins (Constantine II and Constantius).
ESxSMR: 4980.

PETT East Sussex, Primrose Dell: TQ 886140 A

[162] Romano-British pottery, tile and slag.
ESxSMR: 4995.

PETT East Sussex, Tongs Field: TQ 885128 A

[163] Romano-British pottery and slag.
ESxSMR: 4950.

PETT East Sussex, Upper Chick Hill Field: TQ 885138 A

[164] Romano-British pottery.
ESxSMR: 4989.

TQ 82 NW

BECKLEY East Sussex, Rother: TQ 843275 E

[165] Bronze Age barbed bronze spearhead, recovered from river dredgings on south side of Rother.
NMR: TQ 82 NW 9. ESxSMR: 4607.

NEWENDEN Kent: TQ 8327 G

[166] Roman coins.
NMR: TQ 82 NW 4.

TQ 82 NE

BECKLEY East Sussex, Rother: TQ 877265 E

[167] Finely chipped Neolithic flint axe recovered from deep within peat close to the River Rother.
ESxSMR: 5088.

TQ 82 SW

BECKLEY East Sussex, Burnthouse Wood: TQ 848206 A

[168] Large slag and refuse bank producing considerable quantities of samian (2nd century), Romano-British pottery and a coin (Hadrian).
NMR: TQ 82 SW 12. ESxSMR: 4637.
Botting, W.J. 1973 SAC 111, 111.

BREDE East Sussex, Chitcombe: TQ 813211 A

[169] A very large site yielding large quantities of pottery ranging from late 1st century to early 3rd. Remains of masonry can still be seen on the ground surface today, together with numerous tile fragments, indicating the presence of a substantial building.
NMR: TQ 82 SW 2. ESxSMR: 4616.
Straker, E. 1931, 347.

TQ 82 SE

BECKLEY East Sussex: TQ 852224 A

[170] Prehistoric flintwork.
NMR: TQ 82 SE 5. ESxSMR: 4650/4651/4652.

BECKLEY East Sussex: TQ 853252 A

[171] Prehistoric flintwork.
NMR: TQ 82 SE 5. ESxSMR: 4647/4648/4649.
Ray, J.E. 1925 SAC 66, 240.

TQ 83 NW

BENENDEN Kent, Chest Hospital: TQ 834352 A

[172] Bronze Age palstave.
NMR: TQ 83 NW 8.
Fisher, C.E. 1939 Arch. Cant. 51, 204.

CRANBROOK Kent, Bettenham: TQ 816390 G

[173] Small gold ring of possible Iron Age date.
NMR: TQ 83 NW 4.
Anonymous. 1874 Arch. Cant. 9, 12.

[174] Urn containing cremated bones found.
NMR: TQ 83 NW 5.
Anonymous. 1874 Arch. Cant. 9, 12.

CRANBROOK Kent, Little Farningham Farm, Sissinghurst: TQ 801352 A

[175] A substantial stone-built building with a hypocaust system. CLBR stamped tiles have been found on the site. Although no slag has been discovered, excavations have produced a number of tuyeres and a worked iron bloom. It is possible that the building may have had some administrative function.
NMR: TQ 83 NW 3.
Lebon, M.C. 1957 Arch. Cant. 71, 224.
Lebon, M.C. 1958 Arch. Cant. 72, xlvii, bx-ixii.
ROLVENDEN Kent: TQ 83213 G
[176] Neolithic stone axe Gp. VI (Kent 44)
Maidstone Museum.

TQ 83 NE
BIDDENDEN Kent: TQ 859369 A
[177] Neolithic polished flint axe.
NMR: TQ 83 NE 3

TENTERDEN Kent, Penhill Farm: TQ 8635 G
[178] Iron Age or Roman gold coin.
NMR: TQ 83 NE 2

TQ 83 SW
BENENDEN Kent, Hemeden Brickworks: TQ 861323 A
[118] Two 2nd-century cremation burials.
NMR: TQ 83 SE 5
Blumstein, M. 1951 Arch. Cant. 71, 237

TENTERDEN Kent, Penhill Farm: TQ 8635 G
[178] Iron Age or Roman gold coin.
NMR: TQ 83 NE 2

TQ 83 SE
ROLVENDEN Kent: TQ 861323 A
NMR: TQ 83 SE 5
Blumstein, M. 1951 Arch. Cant. 71, 237

TENTERDEN Kent, Heronden Estate: TQ 866328 G
[182] Late 1st-century Roman vase.
NMR: TQ 83 SE 6

TQ 91 NW
ICKLESHAM East Sussex, Winchelsea: TQ 903167 E
[183] Flint implement, recorded as Palaeolithic, but more likely Neolithic.
NMR: TQ 91 NW 5
Roe, D.A. 1968, 305

ICKLESHAM East Sussex, Winchelsea: TQ 901775 E
[184] Roman coin discovered at the base of the hill leading to Strand Gate.
ESxSMR: 4997

TQ 91 NE
Nil.

TQ 91 SW
Nil.

TQ 92 NW
STONE-CUM-EBONY Kent, Stone-in-Oxney church: TQ 940273 A
[185] A Roman Mithraic altar, of Kentish ragstone, is reputed to have been found under the chancel of Stone-in-Oxney church. It is now housed in the church tower.
NMR: TQ 92 NW 4
Cock, F.W. 1935 Arch. Cant. 47, 1-12

TQ 92 SE
APPLEDORE Kent: TQ 9529 G
[186] Roman coin (Sabina).
NMR: TQ 92 NE 3

SNARGATE Kent, Hope Farm: TQ 979283 E
[187] In 1966 and 1968, a group of Belgic pottery was found in the side of a freshly recut sewer on land at Hope Farm. The material came from a horizon just above the peat, which may possibly have represented an ancient land surface. Fragments of at least 15 vessels were identified, several with either heavy cordons on the neck or combed decoration. Most seem to date to the first century AD.
NMR: TQ 92 NE 7
Kelly, D. 1968 Arch. Cant. 83, 265

TQ 92 SW
PLAYDEN East Sussex: TQ 920220 G
ESxSMR: 5086
Clark, J.D.G. 1932, 85
Wymer, J. 1977, 171

PLAYDEN East Sussex, Mockbeger: TQ 921226 A
[189] Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age ring ditch with a rectangular enclosure nearby.
NMR: TQ 92 SW 7. ESxSMR: 391/392/393
Hawkes, C.F.C. 1935 Antiq. J. 15, 467-71
Cleal, R.M.J. 1962 SAC 120, 1-17

RYE East Sussex: TQ 9220 G
[190] Flint sickle blade.
NMR: TQ 92 SW 3. ESxSMR: 4669

TQ 93 SE
Nil.

TQ 93 NW
BETHERSDEN Kent, Beacon Cottages: TQ 931399 E
[192] Roman coin (Domitian).
NMR: TQ 93 NW 2

TQ 93 NE
Nil.

TQ 93 SW
TENTERDEN Kent, near Reading Hill: TQ 9302 G
[193] Roman cremation burial.
NMR: TQ 93 SW 3
Furley, R. 1882 Arch. Cant. 14, 38

TENTERDEN Kent, Shirley Moor: TQ 920320 G
Wymer, J. 1977, 160

TQ 93 SE
KENARDINGTON Kent, Ellis Barn Farm: TQ 964335 A
Wymer, J. 1977, 152

TR 01 NW
LYDD Kent, Scotney Court: TR 013192 A
[196] Romano-British material was recovered during topsoil stripping ahead of gravel extraction. Some 40 sherds of pottery were discovered together with quantities of briquetage.
Philp, B.J. and Willson, J. 1984 Kent Arch. Rev. 77, 156-61
A large fragment of another vessel was found in the same pit in 1983 (Jim Bradshaw pers. comm.).

TR 01 NE
LYDD Kent, Dungeness: TR 0919 G
[197] Roman coin (Probus) washed up on coast.
NMR: TR 01 NE 1
Taylor, M.V. 1932 VCH Knt 3, 152
TR 01 SW
LYDD Kent, south-west of Dungeness: TR 0010 G
[198] A Roman samian mortarium (Dragendorf 45), decorated with a lion's-head spout, was brought up in the nets of a fisherman approximately five kilometres south-west of the point of Dungeness. The pot is in near perfect condition, apart from some abrasion of the surface and wear to the rim.
Vahey, Z. 1985 JHAARG 6, 4-18

TR 02 NW
IVYCHURCH Kent, Barling Field: TR 017525 E
[199] A small flint scraper was discovered in 1953.
NMR: TR 02 NW 4
Teschman Dervile, M. 1933 Arch. Cant. 45, 284

TR 02 NE
DYMCHEURCH Kent, sea wall: TR 098286 E
[200] Large quantities of Romano-British pottery were discovered when alterations were made to the sea-wall in 1837. Complete pots were discovered, including a samian bowl and dish (both mid-second-century types) which may have been part of a cremation burial. Other finds included three coins, extensive amounts of briquetage and a Saxton knife handle. Further coins were found within a nearby earth-bank, which as a consequence became known as 'Money Bank'. Recent investigations undertaken in the same general area by the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit (unpublished) have revealed both features and pottery beneath about one metre of loamy deposit.

TR 02 SW
LYDD Kent, churchyard: TR 042209 E
[201] In 1910 a borehole produced late Iron Age pottery (perhaps of first-century BC or first-century AD date) and animal bone. The finds were associated with burnt clay and charcoal, beneath about one metre of loamy deposit.
Green, R.D. 1968, 27, 115
More material is said to have been collected from the same general area some years later (Jim Bradshaw pers. comm.).
NMR: TR 02 NE 9

ALDINGTON Kent, Aldington Knoll: TR 071353 E
[202] A coin of Commodus was reported as being found in a garden adjacent to the churchyard.
NMR: TR 02 SW 4
Jones, I. 1953 Roman remains on Lydd Rype, Arch. Cant. 66, 160-1

LYDD Kent, Pioneer Quarry: TR 047219 A
[203] Four early Bronze Age axes were collected in 1983 from the conveyor belt at this quarry. Although none were found in situ, all are so similar in form as to suggest that they came from a single hoard.
Needham, S. 1988: A Group of Early Bronze Age axes from Lydd, this volume, chapter 5

LYDD Kent, Pioneer Quarry: TR 049217 E
[204] Eight cakes of bronze were collected from the conveyor belt at this site (Jim Bradshaw pers. comm.). Although no associated implements were discovered, it is presumed that the material formed part of the raw material of a travelling Bronze Age smith.
Sherds of abraded Romano-British pottery have also been collected from the same general area.

LYDD Kent, Sandybanks: TR 049219 E
[205] A quantity of Romano-British pottery, including both coarse ware and samian, was found after ploughing of pasture in 1951. The material is mostly of 2nd-century date.

ALDINGTON Kent, Bower Farm: TR 078355 E
[207] Samian and Romano-British coarse wares (late 1st to 2nd century), thought to have come from burials.
NMR: TR 03 SW 2
RUCKINGE Kent, Weystreet Farm: TR 074386 E

Mesolithic flintwork.
Wymer, J., 1977, 158

RUCKINGE Kent, Park Wood: TQ 073386 A

Mesolithic flintwork.
Wymer, J., 1977, 158

TR 03 SW

RUCKINGE Kent: TR 014346 G

Neolithic axe-hammer of Diorite (Kent 45).
Maidstone Museum.

RUCKINGE Kent, Millbank Farm: TR 033306 A

Several sherds of Romano-British pottery and briquetage were obtained from a small trench, excavated at this site. The material occurred at depths of up to one metre, and the waterproofing prevented the lower limit of distribution from being determined (Jim Bradshaw pers. comm.).

RUCKINGE Kent, Weystreet Farm [1]: TR 022320 A

In 1970, a Romano-British burial group was found by Mr. D. Body in a newly-cut ditch. The grave goods included three glass vessels: a small beaker, a large glass bottle, a glass bowl, and two samian vessels. Although no bone survived, it is likely that the cremation had been contained within the glass bottle which, like the small beaker, dates from the first century AD (c. 75–120 AD). The glass bowl, which is of yellow-green glass in colour, dates to the second century. The samian comprises two bowls, one plain, Drag. 18/31, stamped 'BITVRIXF' and the other, Drag. 36, decorated en barbotine with leaves around the rim. Both are of second-century date.

If, as seems likely, the vessels came from a single grave, then we have to postulate the preservation of the earlier glass vessels, possibly as treasured family heirlooms, until they were eventually buried as part of a later grave group.

NMR: TR 03 SW 5
Bradshaw, J., 1970 Arch. Cant. 85, 179.

RUCKINGE Kent, Weystreet Farm [2]: TR 021322 A

Large dark patches, showing considerable evidence of burning, and containing numerous sherds of Romano-British pottery and briquetage, are visible in the field immediately adjacent to the above site. The depth of the deposit is not known, but it is reported to be at least two metres thick in places (Alan Body pers. comm.). Further material is visible in the sides of nearby ditches and within the debris cleaned out of them.

NMR: TR 03 NW 1
Wymer, J., 1977, 155

RUCKINGE Kent, Weystreet Farm [3]: TR 021322 A

This site was discovered by Mr. A. Body in 1985 when he noted sherds of Romano-British pottery within spoil from a recently dug post-hole. A small exploratory trench was excavated in order to establish the context of these discoveries. The trench revealed three distinct layers: a basal layer of brown sandy silt, a black organic silt some 10 cm thick lying at a depth of about 70 cm, and a thick layer of yellow alluvial silt. The black organic silt yielded over 300 sherds of Romano-British pottery (dating from the 1st to the 3rd century AD), briquetage, fragments of daub, and charcoal.

Masters, P.L., Woodcock, A.G. and Green, C.P. forthcoming

TR 03 SE

ALDINGTON Kent: TR 079344 A

Roman tiles, sherds of coarse ware and a piece of samian were found amongst material dredged from the Royal Military Canal. Tile fragments were also observed in the sides of some of the nearby ditches (Jim Bradshaw pers. comm.).

NMR: TR 03 SE 7

ALDINGTON Kent, Eighteen Acres: TR 073345 A

Mesolithic flintwork and Romano-British pottery.
NMR: TR 03 SE 8

LYMPNE Kent: TR 096344 A

Romano-British pottery has been noted south of the Royal Military Canal amongst material dredged from the canal and subsequently scattered (Jim Bradshaw pers. comm.).

TR 12 NW

DYMCURCH Kent: TR 103598 E

The rim sherd of a large Belgic pot, made of black soapy ware (Jim Bradshaw pers. comm.).

TR 13 NW

LYMPNE Kent: TR 120550 G

Mesolithic flint axe.
Wymer, J., 1977, 153

LYMPNE Kent: TR 125550 E

Romano-British pottery and coins.
Bradshaw, J., 1971 Arch. Cant. 86, 258

LYMPNE Kent, Lympne Airport: TR 113535 A

Ring ditch visible on air photo.
NMR: TR 13 NW 13

LYMPNE Kent: TR 113564 A

Neolithic flint axe.
NMR: TR 13 NW 12

POSTLING Kent: TR 1488 G

Saxon brooch.
NMR: TR 13 NW 7
Smith, R.A. 1908 VCH Kent 1, 3

SALTWOOD Kent, Harp Wood: TR 147354 A

Roman foundations, bricks and tiles discovered in 1864.
NMR: TR 13 NW 8
Taylor, M.V. 1932 VCH Kent 3, 124
Payne, G. 1893, 199

SALTWOOD Kent, Heyne Barn Field: TR 160360 G

Microlith.
Wymer, J., 1977, 155

SELLING Kent, Barrowhill: TR 109374 A

Large bowl barrow.
NMR: TR 13 NW 9

STANFORD Kent: TR 115371 A

Large bowl barrow.
NMR: TR 13 NW 1
Ashbee, P. and Dunning, G.C. 1960 Arch. Cant. 74, 56

STANFORD Kent: TR 1388 G

Roman coins (Constantius II).
NMR: TR 13 NW 4
Taylor, M.V. 1932 VCH Kent 3, 168

TR 13 NE

NEWINGTON Kent: TR 182335 A

Large bowl barrow.
NMR: TR 13 NE 4

NEWINGTON Kent, Quarry: TR 189381 A

Iron Age pottery.
NMR: TR 13 NE 28

NEWINGTON Kent: TR 189381 E

Iron Age pottery.
NMR: TR 13 NE 28

POSTLING Kent: Between TR 155392 and TR 160388 E

9th-century Saxon strap end.
NMR: TR 13 NE 27
Evson, V.I. 1967 Arch. Cant. 82, 282-3

SALTWOOD Kent: TR 150361 A

Bow barrow.
NMR: TR 13 NE 20
SALTWOOD/ LYMINGE/ NEWINGTON Kent, Brockman's Bushes: TR 160385 A
[244] Four bowl barrows.
NMR: TR 13 NE 3
Bing, H.F. 1950 Arch. Cant. 63, 150

TR 13 SW

HYTHE Kent, West Hythe: TR 125337 A
[245] The Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit located a major storm-beach containing badly rolled fragments of Roman tile and pottery. It may be that this material derived from the ‘missing’ Classis Britannica fort, thought to have been sited somewhere in this area.

HYTHE Kent, Sandtun: TR 120338 E
[246] 50 to 70 sherds of pottery, now in the British Museum, from two occupation levels – an upper and a lower – separated by a clay floor. There was also a hearth reputedly associated with the upper floor.
Phase I: c. 7th-9th century (perhaps AD 650-850).
Phase II: Early medieval Canterbury sandy ware – placed in AD c. 1050-1100 bracket.
Macpherson-Grant, N. pers. comm.
Wilson, D. 1960, 82

LYMPNE Kent: TR 100349 E
[247] Saxon burials.
NMR: TR 13 SW 2

LYMPNE Kent, Stutfall Castle: TR 117342 A
[248] The remains of the Roman Saxon Shore Fort of Portus Lemanis lie on the hill-slopes overlooking Romney Marsh. The fort seems to have been pentagonal in shape and to have covered an area of more than four hectares. The walls are, on average, about three metres thick, built of local ragstone and bonded with occasional courses of tile. At least nine external bastions seem to have been present. The fort was probably built at the end of the third century, coin evidence suggesting occupation from the mid-third to mid-fourth centuries.
Excavations by Roach Smith during the last century showed something of the internal layout of the site and located a very large headquarters building (principia) and an internal bath-house. More recently, excavations by Cunliffe have added further to this information and demonstrated the extent to which the fort walls have moved downhill since Roman times. Detailed information on the landslips and their effects on the fort has been presented by Hutchinson et al. Of particular interest has been the finding of re-used CLBR stamped tiles, and a barnacle-encrusted altar in the structure of the east gate (dedicated to Neptune by one Aulus Pantera, praefect of the Classis Britannica). This implies the presence of an earlier fort somewhere in the vicinity, the position of which has yet to be located.
NMR: TR 13 SW 5
Smith, C.R. 1850
Taylor, M.V. 1944 Journ. Roman Studies 34, 85
Cunliffe, B.W. 1980 Britannia 11, 227-88
Philp, B.J. 1982 Kent Arch. Rev. 68, 175-84
Hutchinson, J.N., Poole, C. Lambert, N. and Bromhead, E.N. 1985, Combined archaeological and geotechnical investigations of the Roman fort at Lympne, Kent, Britannia, 16, 209-236

TR 13 SE

HYTHE Kent: TR 16344 G
[249] Two silver Iron Age coins.
NMR: TR 13 SE 9

HYTHE Kent: Between TR 159349 and TR 155348
[250] Roman coin (Gordianus Pius).
NMR: RE 13 SE 10

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