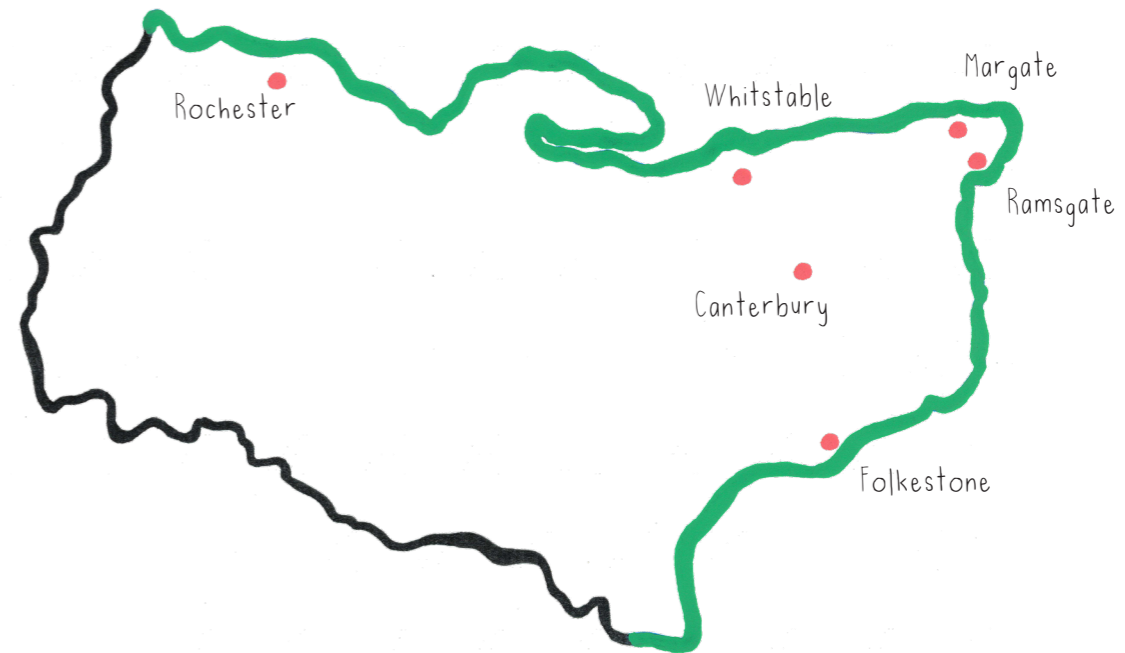




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## Introduction

This publication has stemmed from a lot of inspiration and creativity that I have been surrounded by. From my experience working in an art shop that sells local artists' work, I have gained a huge understanding of how important it is for people to support local artists and businesses.

From this, I want to help promote artists by visiting their businesses and combining my love for illustration by illustrating the exterior buildings and architecture.

This publication isn't about reviewing the places I have visited, simply just documenting my experiences to encourage creativity.

Rochester





## Artisan market

On the second Saturday of every month, there is a market in Rochester High Street.

A vast selection of products that people are selling, with a lot of them being hand made goods, artwork, as well as things like prints and paintings, jewellery, and food stalls.



A busy creative environment to have a stroll along, also talking to the creators about their products and processes.

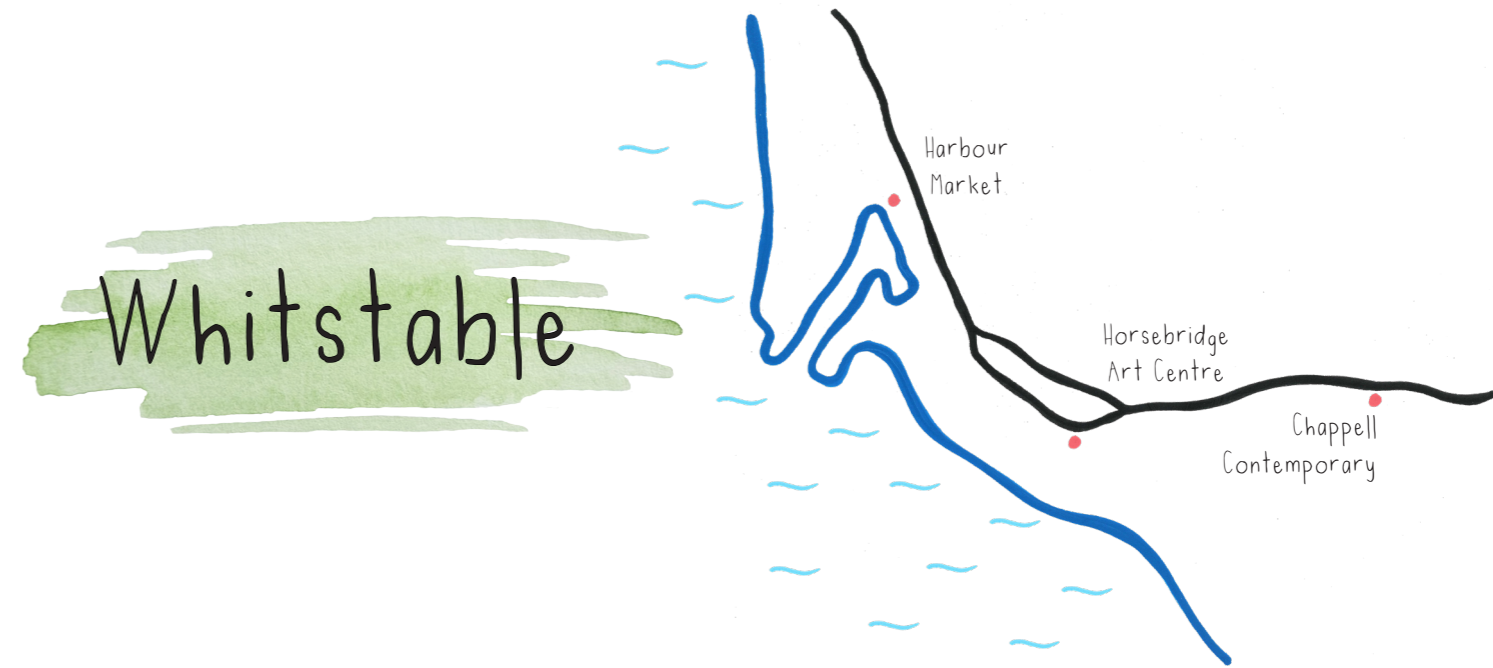
## Medway art box

This phone box, now turned into a small gallery space is a clever way in order to express extra creativity into the Rochester High Street.

The exhibition space is for artists and community projects like local schools etc.

The Medway art box is owned by a local creative company that also have numerous studio spaces and a bigger gallery.





## Horsebridge art centre

A building full of creativity, situated down a side road connecting to the main High Street. With spacious exhibition spaces, firstly having the opportunity to look through the gallery shop, filled with work from local artists. Things like ceramics, prints, cards and much more.

There is space in the gallery for 3D installations to look at, not just all 2D work. There is also information regarding workshops, not only just hands on making, like printing classes or life drawing that they offer, but also classes for dancing and yoga.



## Harbour market

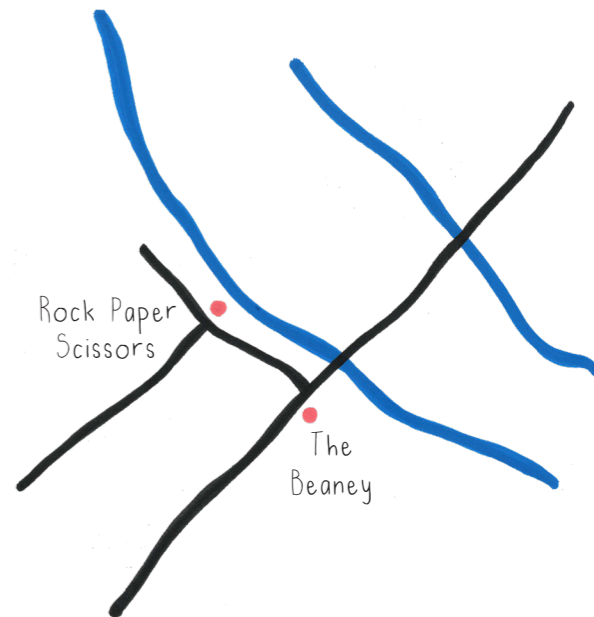
A very diverse range of art to look at alongside the Whitstable harbour, all in uniformity of black huts. Lots of options of hand made goods to purchase, with things like seaside themed jewellery, ceramics, textiles, a range of painting styles, photography, prints and a few food stalls.

## Chappell Contemporary

A very relaxed environment to look around and enjoy the art work. This shop offers a very vast range of work for sale. Some in the form of funky light installations, 3D work on canvases, highly detailed paintings on all different formats, prints and much more. Located in Whitstable High Street with lots of other lovely shops to browse in.



Canterbury



## Rock Paper Scissors

Located in one of the numerous side streets off of the main High Street, a shop selling a diverse range of local artists work, with some of them working in the shop.

Selections range from ceramics, paintings, prints, textiles, jewellery, and lots more.

There is also options for weekly workshops for all levels of ability to attend. It's a really spacious and relaxing environment to learn and create. With options of workshops ranging from ceramics, drawing and print making.



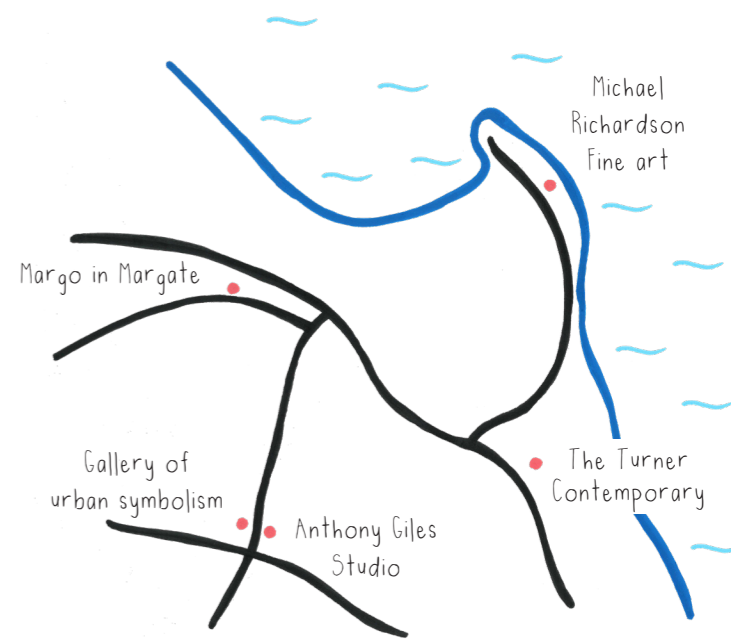
## The Beaneys

A stunning building and lovely interior, in the heart of Canterbury High Street. It's a very informative museum, gallery and library, with free entry. With lots of information regarding local history and artwork.

A selection of different collections, antiques, paintings, and lots of rooms with different areas of interest. There is currently an exhibition ongoing in the small films gallery, which has the original Bagpuss on display, a very interesting and fun exhibition! A pleasant place to visit, with lots to learn about and feel inspired by.



# Margate



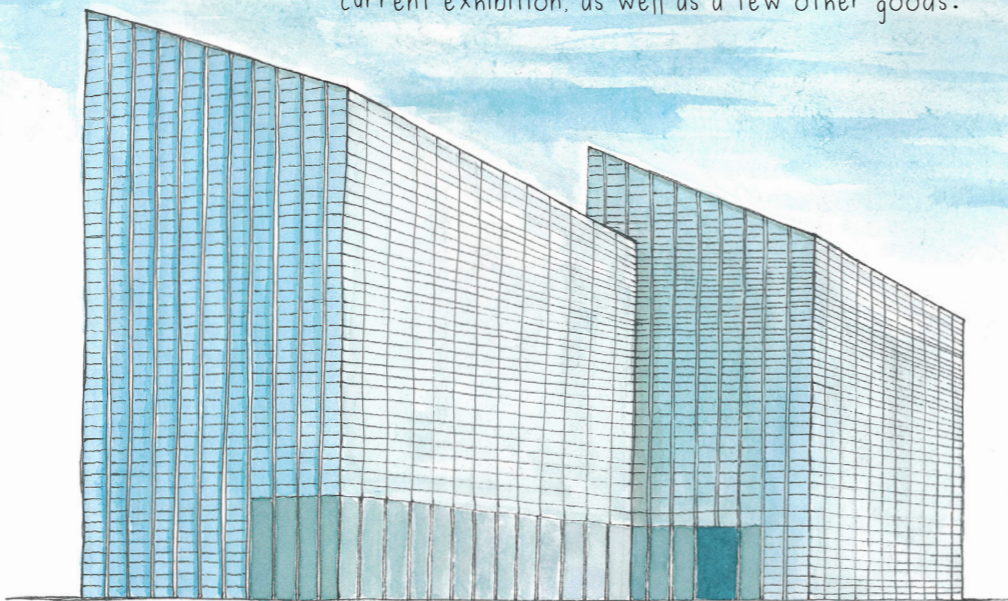
## The Turner Contemporary

At the time of this particular visit, the main exhibition was curated by Steve McQueen. 'Resistance: How protest shaped Britain and photography shaped protest'.

Running from the 22nd of February to the 1st of June. A collection of very powerful black and white photographs. There are more events to offer, including talks regarding particular subjects, some events are ticketed, but others are free.

Situated right by the harbour wall, giving a lovely view of the sea when looking out the window upstairs in the gallery.

Upon entering, a very spacious main entrance with a gift shop selling branded merchandise from the current exhibition, as well as a few other goods.



## Margo in Margate

A very spacious shop with lots of vibrant pieces of work, a close walk to the beach front, located on Margate High Street.

This artist has a very distinctive style, with a range of materials being used as a base for her work. From producing work on plates, canvas, screen prints and wood blocks.



## Gallery of Urban Symbolism

This gallery is a short walk from the High Street, a very bold and energetic highly detailed shop front, nothing like I have ever seen before, you definitely won't miss it!

Inside acts as a workspace as well as a gallery. As soon as I walked through the door, the artist was priming a canvas ready for his next piece of work, this kind of environment I find very inspiring.



## Anthony Giles Studio

This gallery and studio is well curated, a short walk from the High Street, with amazing paintings.

A collection of vastly scaled canvas sizes, some being slightly smaller.

The main themes of these paintings focusing on landscapes and seascapes, full of texture and vibrant colour, with a few portraits on display.



## Michael Richardson

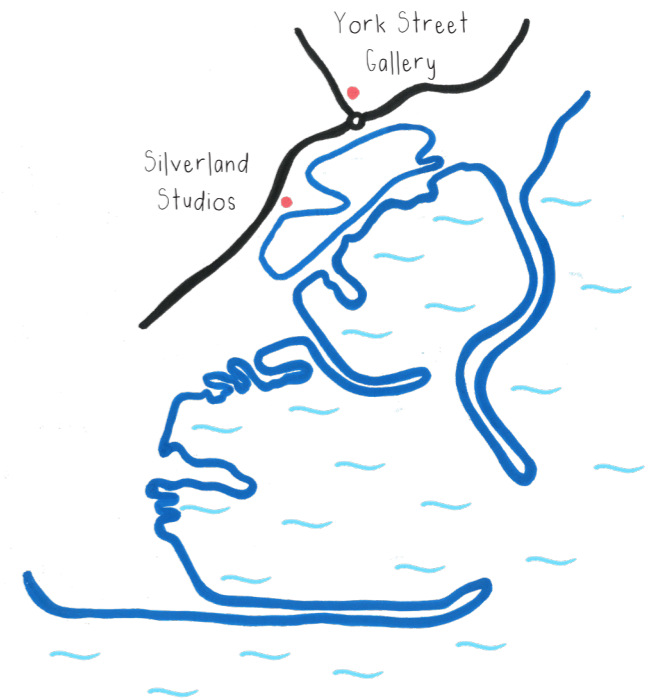
Along the Margate Harbour wall, a stunning location for an art shop and workspace with a view of the seaside town and beach.

All of the original artwork has been painted in situ, in the original space of what the painting is depicting, all available for purchasing. Beautiful paintings, full of detail and vivid colour as if you're looking at a photograph, with some smaller versions of prints available.

There are a few workshop options to choose from, teaching the process of in situ painting, some based in Margate and a few other options to go abroad, places like Corfu, Montenegro, and Venice!



Ramsgate



## Silverland studios

Located along Ramsgate harbour, a lovely place for a studio and exhibition space.

When I visited, there wasn't currently any exhibitions happening but the artists who were in using the studio space were more than happy to give tours of the studios and space.

There are also workshops available, it seems like a very relaxed environment to work in with a stunning view of the harbour.



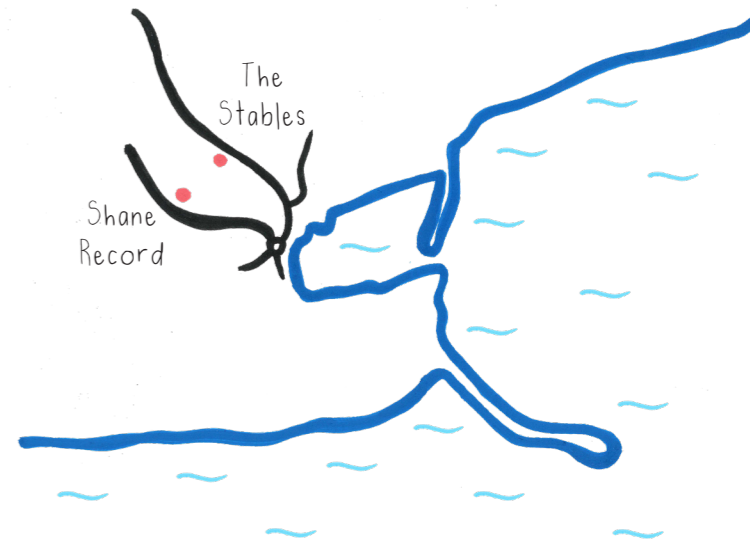
## York Street gallery

Situated down a side street from the High Street, and a short walk from the harbour, this gallery offers a wide selection of work from local artists, an array of different styled paintings for sale.

Further into the shop is a work station, which when I visited, someone was mid painting. Of course I had to have a look and be nosey with what was being produced and with what materials.



Folkestone



## The stables

The stables is an amazing creative environment filled with many artist studio spaces. There is an exhibition space that is rentable, it has visibility from the public pathway outside the main entrance, but for a more detailed look it is best to go in and engage with the space.

There are lots of studio spaces, it seems like an amazing environment. With a large variety of work being produced by artists in different specialisations, like model making, different painting and drawing styles, glass work and lots more!




## Shane Record

This shop is located at the top of the creative quarter street. This artist creates beautiful paintings on all scales of canvas, prints are also available.

The painting style is very textured, focusing on scenes from everyday life and also life by the coast.



A wooden easel with a light blue sign is centered in the image. The sign contains a paragraph of text. The background is a textured blue surface.

This publication documents galleries and art shops I have visited in Kent. My aim is to encourage people to immerse themselves in the creativity around them.