

8. DOLLAR ROW

Tradition has it that this row of cottages (circa 1850) was built with silver dollars the old Whitstable divers salvaged from a wreck found near the Copeland Islands off the coast of Ireland. The King's Head pub, now a dwelling with the face above the door, was their headquarters.



9. THE FAVOURITE

This is one of the last oyster dredging yawls (smacks) remaining in Whitstable. Originally the fleet here numbered over 80. She was built on the beach by the Whitstable Shipbuilding Company in 1890 from oak and pitch pine. Her fishing life ended in 1942 after machine gun damage from a Nazi aircraft.

10. MASCALL COPPERAS WORKS

In 1565 Queen Elizabeth granted a Royal patent to Cornelius Stephenson for the exploitation of local copperas. The mineral copperas is a form of iron sulphide and occurs as hard nodules that can still be found on the beaches.



The best pieces called 'gold stones' were used as pistol flints. Processing was a very dirty and smelly industry resulting in green vitriol crystals which were used in leather tanning, dyeing and ink. One copperas industry site was the Castle Tea Garden.

11. WHITSTABLE CASTLE

This picturesque folly was started in the late 1790s as the summer residence of Charles Pearson the last owner of the near-by Copperas Works. Its history can be learnt from one of the volunteer-led tours. Following its use as offices for the Whitstable Urban District Council a trust was formed in 1975 to manage it as a local attraction and community venue. In addition to the sympathetic interior design, overseen by English Heritage, there is an attractive garden, Orangery Tea Room and imaginative play area for children created with natural materials.

Normal Opening: All week 9.30am to 6pm.

www.whitstablecastle.co.uk



12. THE SLOPES & THE STREET

In Tankerton cliff-top grass slopes roll down to the beach and provide excellent views of the naturally formed spit of land called The Street. This can be walked on at low tide but beware the incoming sea and never swim here as there are dangerous currents. Enjoy views of the wartime forts, wind turbines and the Essex coast on the opposite side of the Thames Estuary with the Isle of Sheppey between. (No, it's not France!)

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