

## VILLAGE ECHOES

### Visible and Invisible History

In these miserable winter days, it is easy to explore local historical sites without leaving your house. A website published by Kent County Council reveals many features visible today and those virtually lost. The site is called **Heritage Maps**, which shows listed buildings and much more.

By entering Goudhurst on the location box, the map will immediately zoom in on our area. Scroll down and find Heritage Data and click the box next to the information you would like to look at. The box Archaeological Sites and Buildings will put markers on those items. You can of course move the map around and zoom in and out. There are four further main headings to explore.

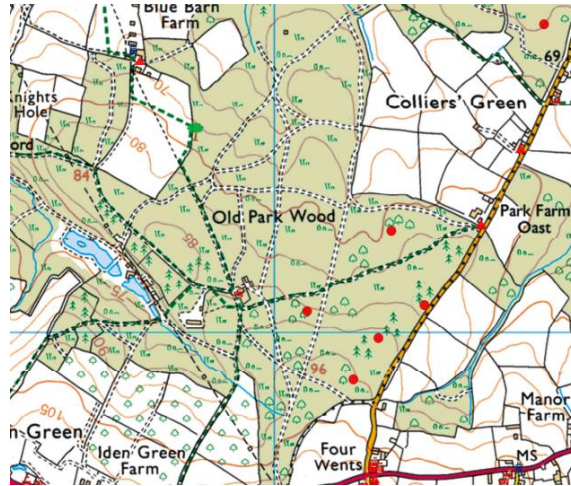
The first thing that will be obvious is the large number of listed buildings in the parish. If you click on one symbol the name will pop up with the details. If you would like to find out why this building is listed you can consult another website called **British Listed Buildings** where all the houses, barns and even gravestones of importance in the country are listed, usually accompanied by an image.



*Trevor Hayman, British Listed Buildings*

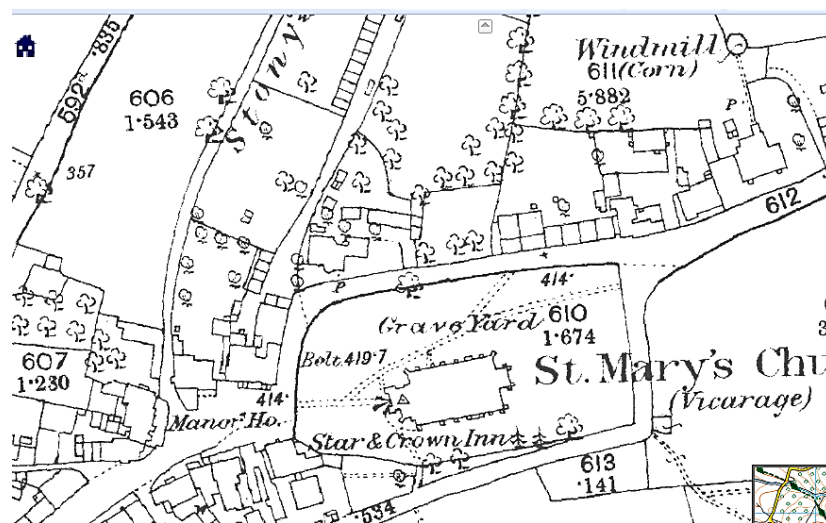
**Tomb of Marshall Viscount Beresford, about 1 Metre South of Christ Church, Listing Date: 22 June 1989, Grade: II**

It is astonishing how many there are locally. Apart from houses there are a few symbols for monuments. One of these red dots is by the pond in Goudhurst and is described as a 'nodal' point, denoting the meeting of roads going back centuries. Another shows the site of where the Goudhurst Railway Station once was. Several archaeological sites are shown on the A21 just out of Kilndown, which were discovered when the road was built or repaired. Old Park Wood has several red dots associated with Glassenbury. (see below)



Clicking on Historic Parks and Gardens will show the extent of Bedgebury or Scotney land. The site of the original castle at Scotney is shown as a scheduled monument. Under landscape, Finchcocks is described as an historic park and there are several other headings under Historic Landscape Characterisation. Predictably it is dominated in this area by fields, downland and woodland.

Moving away from the Heritage Data, look to the top of the map where you can see several other options of how you can investigate whilst huddled around the fire – Map Views and Historic Map Views. Clicking on Map Views will bring up several shots of aerial photographs taken on various dates. Historic Map Views is just as the title suggests, the option to see what your neighbourhood looked like from 1870s to the 1950s. Fascinating stuff!



Goudhurst Church with the Windmill in the top right corner, published 1871-1890 by Ordnance Survey

And so many happy hours will be whiled away as so often happens on computers, but as Spring starts to appear why not have a wander and look at these wonderful buildings we live amongst?

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.HeritageMaps.Web.Sites.Public/Default.aspx>

<https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk>