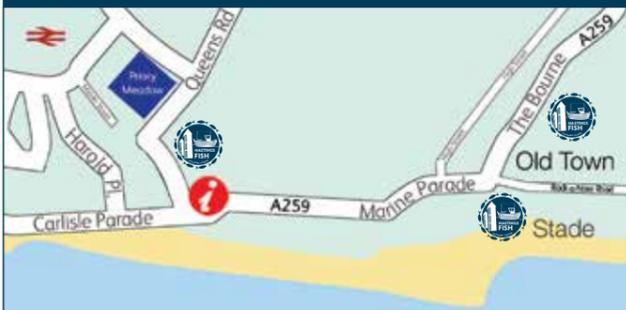


Hastings Fish - sustainably sourced



Where you see this sign, you know the fish you are buying and eating has been landed using traditional methods that have been in place for over 1,000 years. Hastings fleet uses sustainable fishing methods that help maintain stocks and don't destroy habitats, or other species. You can be assured you are getting a quality seasonal product where you see the 'HASTINGS FISH' logo.

For information about seasonality of Hastings Fish and where to buy and eat it see: hastingsfish.org.uk



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Hastings Fishing Fleet

Hastings has one of Britain's oldest fishing fleets. Boats have worked from the shingle beach known as the Stade (an old Saxon word for 'landing place') for over 1,000 years.

Today the fleet is made up of over 25 under 10 metre boats, making it Europe's largest beach-launched fishing fleet. Once ashore the boats are winched up the beach and the fish are unloaded into boxes for the fishmarket. Here the fish are sold wholesale.

Hastings Fish

Hastings historic fishing fleet still uses traditional, sustainable methods to catch fish, landing them by boat directly onto the beach. Where you see the Hastings Fish logo, you know that fish has been caught locally and responsibly, using these sustainable methods.

We are proud to have one of the strongest fishing stocks in the country. Cod, plaice, sole and skate make up 80% of the fish landed in Hastings. Much of the fish caught is seasonal in nature, such as herring, cuttlefish and sole.

Fresh fish from Hastings boats are sold in a number of places including the fishmongers in Rock-a-Nore Road, offering an array of wet and smoked fish and seafood, the 'Boys Ashore' sheds in the Winch Road and in the town and beyond. There's an abundance of fine restaurants and fish and chip shops to satisfy hungry visitors.

East Hill Lift

The East Hill lift is the steepest funicular railway in Britain. It provides access to Hastings Country Park, a stunning mix of woodland, grassland and heathland, stretching across 5 kilometres of cliffs walks. Magnificent views across Hastings Stade and Old Town, across the English Channel to Beachy Head.



Hastings Fishermen's Protection Society

The society was founded in April 1831 and preserves the fishing community's medieval right to work from the shingle beach. The society provides collective benefits to the fishermen of the fleet through its work maintaining the safety, security, accessibility and environmental quality of the fishing beach and its environs. The society looks after the welfare of its members, supports educational and training initiatives and acts as a first point of contact for those interested in the industry. Visit the Fishermen's Co-op to buy all sorts of fishing gear and clothes.

Rock-a-Nore Road

The Stade's surroundings are full of historic landmarks including the tall black net shops, Grade II listed buildings. Fishermen needed to store their nets on their return from the sea and the net shops were an ingenious space - saving solution, going 'up' instead of 'out' on an eight foot square base.

Stade Open Space

The Stade Open Space provides a purpose built area for outdoor events at the heart of the Stade.

The seating draws inspiration from the town's fishing heritage; the circles etched on the ground represent the path trodden by the horses which worked the capstans to pull the fishing boats onto the shore in pre-tractor times.



Seafood Festivals

The season starts with the Midsummer Fish Festival, a fantastic weekend of tasty treats, demonstrations and live music.

Hastings Seafood & Wine Festival is held annually on the Stade Open Space in September to celebrate Hastings' fishing heritage. It offers a weekend of local seafood and wines, accompanied by live music, street theatre, walks and talks.

The Hastings Herring Fair in November, revives an ancient custom for the 21st century.

Lifeboat Station

FREE ENTRY. DONATIONS WELCOME.

Hastings Lifeboat Station is home to an all-weather lifeboat, inshore lifeboat (or inflatable), launching tractors and a visitor centre complete with a viewing balcony. The RNLI is an independent charity, funded entirely by voluntary donations. They could not save lives at sea without your support.

The Fishermen's Museum

FREE ENTRY. DONATIONS WELCOME.

The Fishermen's Museum is housed in a charming former church, home to the town's last sailing lugger, the 29 feet long Enterprise. She was built on the Stade in 1912, just before engines were installed in local fishing boats.

The atmosphere and life of old seafaring days are vividly recalled through the museum's exhibits and displays.

Visit the external exhibition area to see inside one of the Grade II listed net shops. You will also find historic wooden fishing boats here and around the net shops.



Blue Reef Aquarium

Nearby is the Blue Reef Aquarium, which takes you on an undersea safari; walk through a giant ocean display and come face to face with sharks and other aquatic creatures.

Shipwreck Museum

FREE ENTRY. DONATIONS WELCOME.

The Shipwreck Museum was originally the stables for the horses which worked the capstans on the beach to haul up the fishing boats.

Discover the stories of historic wrecks lying on the seabed off South East England. Hastings' most famous shipwreck, the 18th century Amsterdam, sank into the sands of St Leonards after a bad storm. Its remains can be seen at the lowest tides. Guided tours available.

The Jerwood Gallery

The Jerwood Gallery is a major art gallery, nestling between the Stade's net shops and the fishing beach. The gallery houses the Jerwood Foundation's collection of 20th and 21st century British art, including works by Sir Stanley Spencer and L.S. Lowry.

Winkle Island

Winkle Island is the symbolic gathering place of the Winkle Club charitable organisation, formed by Hastings fishermen in 1900.

A giant winkle sculpture by local artist Leigh Dyer is used as a collecting box for local charities.

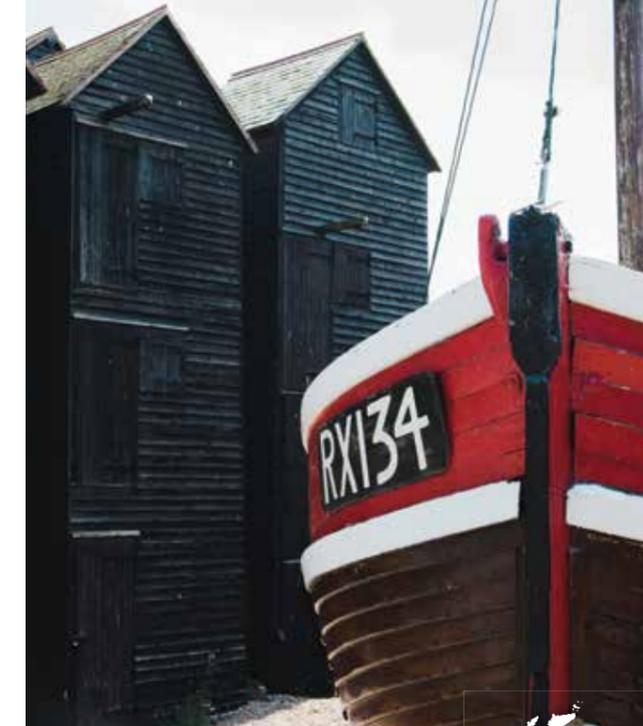
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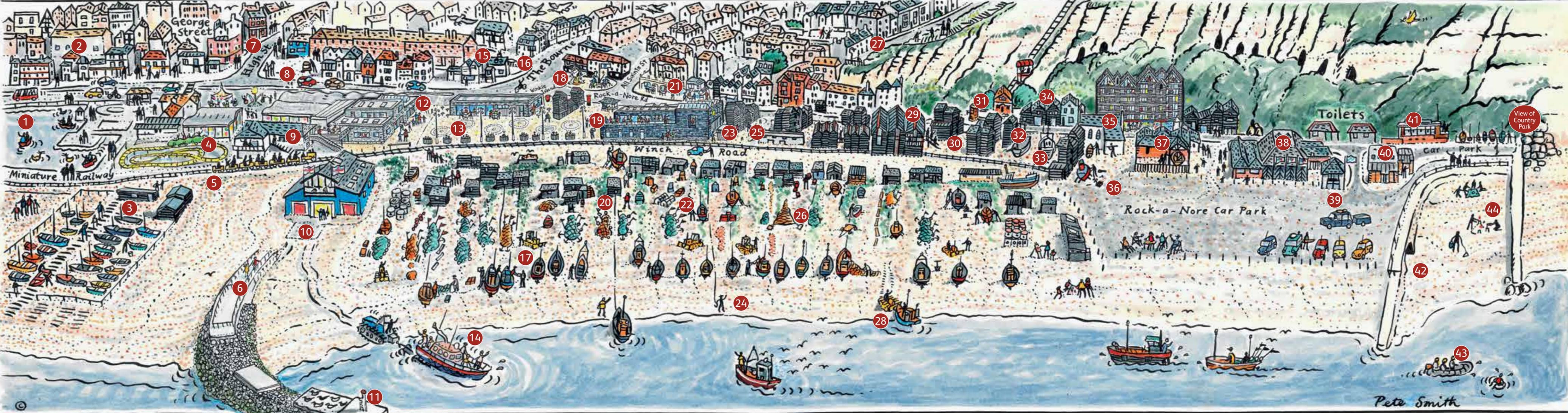
Hastings Stade,
the cultural catch
of the south coast





Hastings Stade

- 1 Boating Lake
- 2 Lower Lighthouse (1827)
- 3 Hastings & St Leonards Sea Angling Association
- 4 Stade Fun Park
- 5 Hastings Miniature Railway (opened 1948)
- 6 Harbour arm, with wide views (1896)
- 7 Old Town: shops, restaurants, pubs, Post Office, cashpoint
- 8 Site of original Fishmarket
- 9 East Hastings Sea Angling Association
- 10 Lifeboat House
- 11 Harbour Light
- 12 Stade Hall, Classroom on the Coast, Toilets
- 13 Stade Open Space, fish festivals site and cafe
- 14 Lifeboat and launching tractor
- 15 Net Shops (now other shops)
- 16 Hastings Wall (c1385)
- 17 Tractor - launches and recovers boats
- 18 Winkle Island and Winkle sculpture
- 19 Jerwood Gallery
- 20 Winch shed winch hauling boat up beach
- 21 East Cliff House (1762)
- 22 Pots for crabs, whelks and cuttlefish
- 23 Fishermen's Co-op in one of the net shops
- 24 "Boy Ashore" signalling boat ashore
- 25 Stacey Marie - RX134
- 26 Trawl net
- 27 Steps to top of East Hill lookout spot viewing all the Stade
- 28 Tractor launching boat
- 29 Fishmarket and fish and chips
- 30 Net Shops
- 31 East Well (1848)
- 32 Anchor (Napoleonic)
- 33 Edward & Mary - RX74, Valiant - RX90, Rebecca May, Jimmy Boy - RX10
- 34 Tan House
- 35 Fishermen's Museum (1854)
- 36 Boat repair yard
- 37 Shipwreck Museum
- 38 Blue Reef Aquarium
- 39 Coastguard (East Sussex office)
- 40 Southern Water pumping station
- 41 Boat Club (site of 1888 refuse recycling centre)
- 42 Groyne (1887) with modern sluice gate
- 43 Inshore lifeboat
- 44 End groyne (1878)



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