

KENT COAST FROM THE AIR

Jason Hawkes

At 178 miles (286 kilometres) Kent has one of the longest and most varied coastlines in England. Here are to be found some of the finest heritage sites in the country, together with exceptional habitat of international importance for wildlife. The landscapes include towering cliffs, lonely marshlands, popular holiday towns, international ports and tiny harbours. Kent also has the busiest passenger ferry port in Northern Europe and the largest installed offshore wind farm in the UK.

Almost one third of the people of Kent live in coastal districts. For some the sea is merely the backdrop to their lives but a significant number make their living from its ports and harbours, industries, fishing grounds, tourist towns and beaches. Each will find the aerial photographs in this book equally fascinating.

The principal attraction of aerial photographs is that they are literally a bird's-eye view, allowing us to look down on the landscape from a perspective that we never normally see. Such pictures reveal to us things that are normally hidden from view, and often surprise us when we find that what we had imagined the layout of the land to be is in reality quite different.

The best practitioners of this genre of photography, like Jason Hawkes, strive to capture an aesthetic in the images they take, and these pictures, sometimes quite abstract in appearance, are often strikingly beautiful in their own right.

ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Jason Hawkes is one of the country's best-known photographers specialising in aerial photography. From his base near London he travels worldwide to produce images for books, advertising and design. Since 1991 he has provided photographs for major international companies including Nike, HSBC, Ford, Rolex, Toyota and BP. The images in this book and the sister publications in the series were specially commissioned by Halsgrove.

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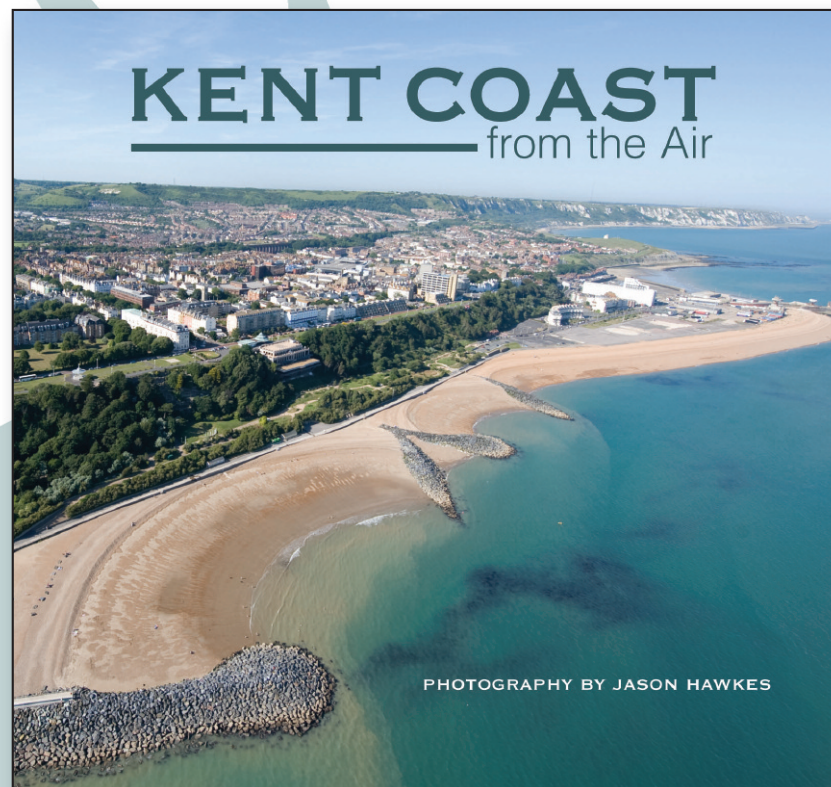
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Looking south-east along the coast towards Minster.



While it is the harbour that defines Ramsgate, its wide sandy beaches have appealed to holiday-makers from Victorian times onwards.



A fine view over Westgate Bay.



Summer holiday weather at the beach huts, Kingsdown.



A superb panoramic view over Sandgate.



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Above: A superb panoramic view over Sandgate.

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Right: Looking inland over Sandgate with the Metropole, once a hotel and now largely apartments, dominating the cliffs.



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