

KENT

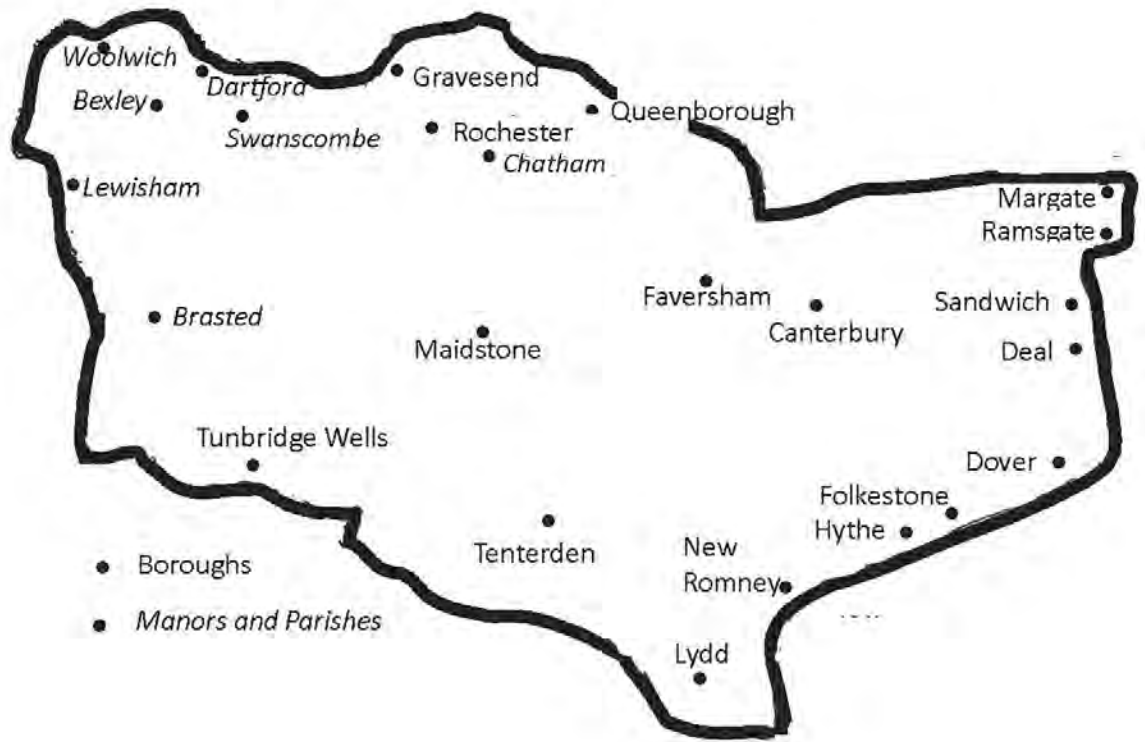


Kent is a large county in South-east England, bordered to the north by the River Thames, to the east by the English Channel, to the south by Sussex, and to the west by Surrey. Several of the coastal towns were part of the 'Cinque Ports', an ancient consortium that had played an important role in the defence of the nation. Although some vestiges of their special privileges remained, by the nineteenth century the administration of weights and measures was mainly carried out under the same legislation as in the rest of England. A few sets of standards were issued to the county in 1826/7 and in 1834/5 15 divisions were set up, A police force was set up in 1857 but police officers were never used for WM duties. In 1867 20 new divisions were established, and the numbers 341-360 were issued for them in 1880.



In 1889 parts of the north-western area of the county, including Greenwich, Woolwich and Lewisham, were transferred to the new London County Council. At the same time the new Kent County Council took over responsibility for all the smaller local authorities (see below), and the appointment of qualified inspectors began. In 1906 there was a complete re-organisation, resulting in only six divisions, each with a qualified inspector.

There were numerous local jurisdictions in Kent (*see map on next page*). The ancient boroughs ranged from large centres like Canterbury, Dover, and Maidstone, to small towns like Lydd, New Romney and Queenborough. All these acquired the new Imperial Standards around 1826. A few parish councils, such as Bexley, Chatham, and Dartford, also undertook inspection, as did the manors of Brasted, Lewisham, and Swanscombe. There was also a Liberty of Romney Marsh (distinct from the borough of New Romney). Another anomaly was in the 'Isle' of Thanet, where the towns of Margate and Ramsgate were historically under the jurisdiction of Dover and Sandwich respectively. These towns became independent in 1859 and 1884, by acquiring the status of municipal boroughs. Tunbridge Wells, a large commuter town, became a municipal borough in 1889. The only local authorities that remained active as Weights and Measures Authorities after 1889 were: Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone, Gravesend, Maidstone, Margate, and Tunbridge Wells.

The earliest scale makers in Kent came from London. By the 1870s there were firms in several of the larger towns, such as Nash in Gravesend and Wood in Maidstone. The trade expanded rapidly thereafter, with the firms of Chayney and Fairburn opening branches in several places. The 'national' firms like Avery did establish a few branches in Kent, but their attempts to dominate the trade were less successful than elsewhere.



A: Inspection in the County of Kent

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1795	Standards obtained for some hundreds, such as Aloesbridge in the Lathe of Shepway.		Kent was divided into 5 lathes: St Augustine, Aylesford, Scray, Shepway, and Sutton-at-Hone. Each of them was divided into hundreds (72 in all).
1826	2 sets of standards verified [362 Eastern Divn; 363 Western Divn]. One more short set in 1827 [366 Blackheath], and another [431 Blackheath Upper Half Hundred] in 1831.		The 1795 standards for Aloesbridge are now in the Church of Saint Augustine, Brookland
1834	Inspectors appointed for 15 districts.		The mark is a 'horse forcene', known as Invicta. There are many variations.
1835	12 sets of standards verified [642-3, 666, 672-3, 692-3, 714-6, 722-3].		The inspectors appointed in 1835 were:
1857	Police force set up. Tunbridge Wells Division created.		Thomas Thurston, Ashford;
1858	Standards [1246] verified for Tunbridge Wells Division.		Thomas Davis and John Roots, Eltham, near Canterbury;
1860	The use of the police had been discussed since 1857 but, on the basis of an (erroneous) legal opinion, the police were not used for WM duties. Standards [1291A] verified for No 12 Division.		John Beal, Wingham; Robert Cowtan, Camterbury; Robert White, Sittingbourne; John Monshall, Sheerness; John Briggs, Sevenoaks; John Churcher, Bromley; Samuel Dobell, Cranbrook; John Chalklen, West Malling; Benjamin Lewis, Tunbridge Wells; Robert Rugg, Bearsted, near Maidstone; Richard Hodges and John Farmer, Greenwich; Charles Chandler Pattison, Chatham; William Lucas Pearce, Dartford.
1866	The districts were reorganised so that there were 20 in all, with the numbers re-allocated. Standards [1392] verified for Dartford.		(Return of the Clerk of the Peace.)
1867	Standards [1403-5] verified for Deptford 17, Lewisham 18 and Woolwich 19 respectively.		

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
Ashford Division.

WHEREAS, the Standard Weights and Measures for this Division cannot be finished till some time after the 1st of January next, I hereby give notice, that as soon as I receive them, information will be sent to the different parishes in the division, of the time and places, when and where I shall attend for the purpose of examining and stamping, according to the recent act of parliament.
Ashford, Dec. 29, 1834. **THOMAS THURSTON.**

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I THOMAS TOMPSON, Inspector of Weights and Measures of the East Division of the late of Aylesford, District No. 1, do hereby Give Notice, that I have removed my residence from Loosc, to No 2, FANTPLACE, BOWER, MAIDSTONE, and that I shall be in attendance at my house every 1st and 3rd Tuesday in each month, for the purpose of examining, comparing, and stamping (if found correct) all such Weights and Measures as shall be brought to me for that purpose.

The parishes which comprise the above district are :-

Bicknor	Wormshill	Otham
Bredhurst	Bearsted	Sutton Valence
Frinted	Boughton Malherbo	Langley
Hollingbourne	Boughton Monchel	Ulcomb
Harrietsham	sea	Harming
Hucking	Broomfield	Hoxley
Lenham	Chart next Sutton	Debtling
Otterden	East Sutton	Linton
Stockbury	Headcorn	Loose
Thurnham	Leeds	East Farleigh
Witchling		

(Signed) **THOS. TOMPSON.**

¶ Two advertisements, the first from the Kentish Gazette of 30 December, 1834, p. 2 and the second from the South Eastern Gazette of 31 May, 1853, p. 1

15 districts and inspectors 1834-1866		
Inspectors who continued after reorganisation (1866) are indicated by -66&.		
<p><i>1. Bearsted:</i> Robert Rugg (1834-36) Thomas Tompson (1836-65) William Shadgett (1865-66&)</p>	<p><i>7. Sittingbourne/Faversham:</i> Richard. White (1834-) Thomas Bigg (-1836-55) Edward Bigg (1855-66&)</p>	<p><i>12. Sevenoaks:</i> John Briggs (1834-36-) Samuel Pawson (1846-55) Alfred Blackman (1856-66&)</p>
<p><i>2. 'Home':</i> Robert Cowtan (1834-36) George Eastes (1836-56-) George Mount (1860-66&)</p>	<p><i>8. Bromley:</i> John Churcher (1834-45) James Churcher (1845-66&)</p>	<p><i>13. Malling:</i> John Chalklen (1834-36-) Richard Simmons (-1845) Thomas Chatfield (1845-49) Charles Woollett (1849-66&)</p>
<p><i>3. Sheerness:</i> John Monshall (1834-37) George Buckhurst (-1847 -55) William Pratten (1855-66&)</p>	<p><i>9. Ashford:</i> Thomas Thurston (1834-66&)</p>	<p><i>14. Wingham:</i> <i>(Ramsgate added in 1861)</i> John Beal (1834-54) Clement Harris (1854-66&)</p>
<p><i>4. Blackheath:</i> John Farmer (1834-66&) Richard Hodges (1834-54) John William Farmer (1854-66)</p>	<p><i>10. Tonbridge:</i> Benjamin Lewis (1834-49) Thomas Ditton (1850-53) Thomas Barton (1853-56) Thomas Goddard (1856-66&)</p>	<p><i>15. Elham:</i> John Rootes (1834-65) Thomas Davis (1834-36-) Richard Ovenden (1865-66&)</p>
<p><i>5. Dartford:</i> William Pearce (1834-45-) John Webb (1849-66&)</p>	<p><i>11. Cranbrook:</i> Samuel Dobell (1834-41) John Ballard (-1851-53) Frederick Finnemore (1853-59) W. Doubell (1860-61) William Jenner (1862-65) Joseph Mott (1865-66&)</p>	<p><i>16. Tunbridge Wells (formed 1857)</i> John Stringer (1857-66&)</p>
<p><i>6. Rochester (Chatham):</i> Charles Pattison (1834-39-) Thomas Bines (-1843-51) Joseph Flenley (1851-66&)</p>		



¶ Details from three brass weights, showing the white horse (Invicta) of Kent.

20 districts and inspectors (unqualified) 1867 onwards

1. Ashford 341

Thomas Thurston (&1867-68)
George Jennings (1868-77)
T.Heming Morgan (1877-92)
T.Herbert Morgan (1889-1895)
who qualified in 1895/6

2. Bearsted 342

William Shadgett (&1867-1902)
Combined with Malling 1902

3. Bromley 343

James Churcher (&1867-86)
James Davis (1886-91)
qualified inspector (1891-3)
George Tucker (1893-95)
Henry Chaney (1895-6)
qualified inspector from 1896

4. Cranbrook 344

Joseph Mott (&1867-74)
John Bourne (-1882-1903)

5. Deptford 345

William Willson (1867-72)
Thomas Kent (1872- 82)
James Lucas (1883-90)
to LCC 1890

6. Dartford 346

John Webb (&1867-90)
James Winter (1890-91)
part to LCC 1890
rest combined with Bromley in
1892

7. Elham 347

Richard Ovenden (&1867-71)
Joseph Tucker (1872-90)
T. Herbert Morgan (1890-1892)
Thomas J. Wadson (1892-3)
who qualified in 1893

8. Faversham 348

Edward Bigg (&1867-87-)
Reuben Pearson (1889-91)
qualified inspector from 1891

9. Greenwich 349

John W. Farmer (&1867-8)
[4Rep:282]
Edwin Townshend (1868-90)
to LCC 1890

10. 'Home' 350

George Mount (&1867-75)
John Fill Bing (1876-91)
Reuben Pearson (1891)
T. Herbert Morgan (1892)
Thomas J. Wadson (1892-3)
who qualified in 1893

18. Lewisham 351

Henry Aitken (1867)
Richard Hamlin (1867-73-)
Robert Baker (-1878-82-)
to LCC 1890

12. Malling 352

Charles Woollett (&1867-73-)
Silas Wagon (1877-82-)
E.L. Fisher (188? – 85)
George Tucker (1885-93)
qualified inspector from 1893

13. Ramsgate 353

Clements Harris (&1867-71)
Charles Hambrook (1871)
Thomas Taylor (1871-82)
Henry Luckhurst (1883-1906)

14. Rochester 354

Joseph Flenley (&1867-1878)
John I. Pope (1878-1902)

15. Sevenoaks 355

Alfred Blackman (&1867-74)
Thomas Card (1875-1903)

16. Sheppey 356

William Pratten (1867-72)
Richard Harris (1872-76)
John Barnaby (1876-91)
combined with Faversham 1892

17. Tonbridge 357

Thomas Goddard (&1867)
George Bates (1867-68)
John Francis (1868-1903)

18. Tunbridge Wells 358

John Stringer (&1867-76)
Joshua R. Gower (1876-86)
Thomas Austen (1886-91)
part to the Borough 1892
rest combined with Tonbridge

19. Wingham 359



(Shared IWM with Ramsgate but
retained identity)
Clement Harris (&1867-70)
Charles Hambrook (1871)
Thomas Taylor (1871-82)
Henry Luckhurst (1883-1906)

20. Woolwich 360

Philip James (1867-90)
to LCC 1890





¶ Detail from a 2oz brass weight showing the mark of the Wingham District, 1867-80.

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1880	The white horse of Kent was 'used from time immemorial'. On 1 January numbers 341-360 were allocated [<i>KSC 17/12/79</i>].		
1889	Kent CC formed. At this time part of Dartford, and Deptford, Greenwich, Lewisham and Woolwich all became part of London CC. Nos. 346, 349, 360 were transferred to the LCC; No.351 cancelled. The county took over from several small boroughs, including Deal, Faversham, Lydd, Hythe, New Romney, Sandwich and Tenterden [<i>MJ 3/8/89</i>].	 VR 349  VR 350	



¶ Details from a ½ lb bronze weight, a 2oz and a ¼ lb brass weight, showing the verification numbers in use 1880-1906. The last one also carries the old mark for District 2.

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1890	Thomas Heming Morgan appointed chief inspector, in post until his death in 1906; 17 'old' inspectors for petty sessional divisions remain [MR 76:217].		Qualified inspectors: 1890-1906 <i>Faversham, Sittingbourne and parts of 'Home' (1897)</i> John Welfare (1891-1906)
1892	Only 9 of the 17 'old' inspectors still in post.		<i>Bromley and Dartford:</i> Henry Metters (1891-93) A. Quinlan (1896-1906)
1896	11 districts and inspectors (5 qualified).		<i>Elham and 'Home':</i> Thomas J. Wadeson (1893-96) Thomas Roberts (1896-1906)
			<i>Malling: (and Bearsted, 1902)</i> Edward Moon (1893-1906)
			<i>Ashford and Elham:</i> T.H. Morgan jnr (1895-1903) W.E. Allen (1903-06)
1906	On Morgan's death, John Welfare was named as the chief IWM, although the Chief Constable of Kent was nominally in charge. The old districts were abolished and six new districts defined, all with qualified inspectors: Ashford 341 Tonbridge 342 Bromley 343 Maidstone 348 Chatham 354 Ramsgate 357.		<i>Tonbridge:</i> E.W. Ryley (1904-06)
			<i>1906- Maidstone (Central): 348/341</i> John Welfare (1906-1931) W.E. Allen (1931-40 then chief)
			<i>Ashford: 341/348</i> W.E. Allen (1906-31) W.A. Elkington (-1933-39) H.Nuttall (1939-45)
			<i>Tonbridge: 342/354</i> E.M. Moon (1906-09) J. Chamberlain (1909-21) W. Chamberlain (1921-27) E.C. Mercer (1927-29) A.C. Fox (1929-31) A.G. Welfare (-1935-46)
c1935	Another reorganisation: numbers re-allocated: Maidstone 341 Ramsgate 342 Dartford 343 Bromley 347 Ashford 348 Tonbridge 354 Chatham 357.		<i>Bromley: 343/347</i> A. Quinlan (1906-1921) J. Chamberlain (1921-35) E.R. Granger (1935-46) [MR 35:43] W.A. Elkington (1946-54) G.W. Weavil (1954-72-)

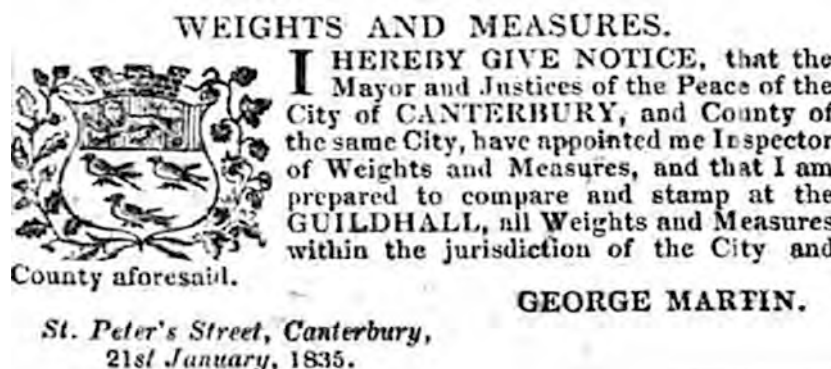
Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1950 1974	<p>By 1939 the old Kent numbers 344, 345, 350, 351 were being used by the LCC.</p> <p>Numbers in use as above plus: 352, 353, 355, 356</p> <p>Kent CC takes over WM authority from Canterbury and Dover.</p>		<p><i>Chatham: 354</i> T. Roberts (1906-31) A.C. Fox (1931-36) W.R. Breed (1936-45) H. Nuttall (1945-64) J. Stokoe (1964-67)</p> <p><i>Ramsgate, Canterbury (Eastern): 357</i> E.W. Ryley (1906-36) [MR: 37:19] A.C. Fox (1936-64 then chief) H. Nuttall (1964-67 then chief) J. Stokoe (1967-68 then chief) B.Dixon (1968-)</p> <p><i>Dartford (created 1935?): 343</i> J. Chamberlain (1935-38) [MR 53:36] W.A. Elkington (1938-46) F.A. Merrifield (1946-50-)</p> <p><i>Chief Inspectors: Maidstone</i> W.E. Allen (1940-45) [MR 66:3] S. Strugnell (1945-64) [MR 45:79, 64:252] A.C.Fox (1964-67) [MR 64:187] H. Nuttall (1967-68) [MR 67:230; 68:168] J. Stokoe (1968-74) [MR 68:190]</p>

B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in the county of KENT



¶ The 8oz Avoir standard for Brasted Manor 1826, stamped with two GR^{IV} 1824 marks and two Exchequer marks, and verified in District 12 (Sevenoaks) in the period 1834-66.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Bexley	A short set of standards [429]			was issued to the Churchwardens of the Parish in 1830.
Brasted	A short set of standards [294]			was issued to the Ale Conner for the Manor in 1826.



¶ Advertisement, *Kentish Gazette* 27 January, 1835, p.1. Note the 'mural crown' at the top.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Canterbury	CCorp MB:1835 CB:1888		42	s:1825 [19] r:1867 n:1879-74

The crown used in the Canterbury mark is a version of the so-called ‘mural crown’ that appears in the City’s crest (see above). Various forms of the crown have been seen on weights, some carrying the mark of the Wingham district or the verification number 42.

In 1835 George Martin, the sergeant-at-mace, was appointed as inspector, having previously served in that capacity. By 1838 [*Stapleton*] the inspector was Thomas Davey, a hatter, who was succeeded by his brother John W. Davey, a fruiterer, on his death in 1858 [*SEG 26/10/58*].

Charles Gould, a tinner and brazier, was appointed inspector in 1863, on John Davey’s death [*CJ 7/2/63*]. The initials C D G beneath a crown may refer to him. He resigned in 1869 [*CJ 11/12/69*], and James Pettman, a baker, was appointed in his stead [*CJ 1/1/70*]; an adjuster of weights and measures was also appointed: Mr Dashwood, an ironmonger, resigning in 1870, as the fees were insufficient to cover the work [*KG 5/4/70*], the same complaint as made by Mr Collins in 1873 [*KG 4/2/73*].

Although Robert Peacock (CC 1888-92) qualified as IWM in 1891/2, he moved on to Oldham almost immediately, so Pettman continued until his death in 1895 [*MJ 21/3/95*], although J.W.Farmery had been acting latterly. Farmery had been appointed chief constable in 1892 and, following the death of Pettman, he was appointed as IWM subject to qualification [*MR 95:111*], within six months [*CJ 6/4/95*]. He was successful in 1898/9 and served until 1907 [*CJ 20/3/07*]. Subsequently the inspectors were: W.J. Taylor (q1908-31), I.J. Jupp (1933), H.A. Thomas (part-time) [*DE 4/8/33*] (1933-39-), T.B. Hine (1946-68) [*MR 46: 51; 68:161*], and D.E. Wright (1968-72-).



¶ A 4 oz brass weight, showing the verification mark for the Wingham District of Kent and the mark (?) of Charles Gould, the Inspector of Weights and Measures for Canterbury 1863-69.



¶ Two variants of the crown/CDG mark, the first a detail from the weight shown above and the second from a 1/4 oz brass weight.



¶ Detail from 2oz and 4oz brass weights, showing different versions of the crown; the first also has the Wingham district mark and the second the verification number VR42 of the City of Canterbury.



¶ The crowned VR42 mark used in the City of Canterbury 1874-1901.

Chatham	Parish MB:1890	C.P.	---	s:1826 [239]
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The letters C.P. have been thought to stand for Chatham Parish, but they may also be the initials of Charles Pattinson (see below).


In 1809 the aleconner, O. James, reported that he had found many deficient weights and measures, and that correct measures had been stamped with the crest of the Lord of the Manor [MR 64:304]. In 1826 standards were issued to R. Dadd, high constable for Chatham Parish.

Charles Pattinson, feltmaker, is listed as IWM in directories from the late 1830's [Wright, Pigot]. He was also the county inspector for the Rochester district.



¶ Detail from a 1 lb brass weight, carrying the initials C.P, but whether these indicate Chatham Parish or the Inspector Charles Pattison is unclear.


Dartford: short sets of standards were issued for this parish in 1828 [414] and 1833 [446].

Deal	AncBo MB:1835		284	s:1826 [163] n:1879-1889
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Thomas Langley, town-sergeant, was appointed as IWM in 1835, having served previously; he was still serving as the town sergeant in 1855 [PO]. The Deal police force had been formed in 1836; in 1859, Thomas Parker (CC 1858-74) was issued with a warrant to enter the premises of anyone with weights and measures [SEG 22/2/59], suggesting a recent appointment as IWM. It was confirmed in 1870 that the Head Constable acted as the inspector [KG 15/3/70]. Subsequent Head Constables were William T. Parker (CC 1874-77), and Hilder B. Capps (CC 1877-89). In 1889 the borough ceased to be a WMA because the population was less than 10,000; it was stated that the late inspector was a member of the police force and the borough was added to the Wingham district [MJ 3/8/89].



¶ Details from two weights, showing the non-uniform mark of Deal.
The first is from a 4oz bronze weight, whilst the second from a ½ oz brass one.

<p>Dover</p>	<p>AncBo MB:1835</p>		<p>569</p>	<p>s:1826 [120] 1835 [604] 1838 [859] 1849 [1030] n:1891-1974</p>
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The mark represents Dover Castle. The Dover corporation also controlled the **Thanet Liberties**: the letter L superimposed on the front of the castle indicated a mark stamped in that locality, the letter M above the castle indicating the borough of Margate (until 1859).


From 1834 until 1893 the town sergeant was usually the IWM, beginning with Edward Poole, ironmonger, in 1835. Thomas Rutley was appointed in 1836 [DT 2/1/36], but then “displaced” by the town sergeant Thomas Waters (1837-54) [DT 28/10/37]. In 1838, fresh standards were purchased for the “new IWM”, the Mayor being authorised to dispose of the old set [DT 6/5/43]. On Waters’ death in 1854, the Superintendent of Police John Coram (1854-55) was appointed but there was an outcry that the post of IWM was one the perquisites of the job of Town Sergeant [DT 5/5/55] so the role reverted to the Town Sergeant Robert Frow (1855-73) [DT 9/6/55], followed by Stephen Chapman (1873-92).

The next town sergeant, Albert Pritchard, was appointed as IWM, subject to his passing the BoT exam. After twice failing, he was replaced in 1893 by Charles Cromwell Marsh, who qualified in 1893/4 and served until his death in 1916 [MR 16:124]. The post was advertised and Marsh’s son appointed; whilst he tried to pass the qualifying exam (unsuccessfully), the county inspector, E.W. Ryley, acted for the borough – until after the war when Thomas H. Greenfield (1919-20) was appointed. He was followed by A.W. Butlin (1920-24), W.A. Ladds (1924-25), W.H. Hurry (1925-26), Patrick Clarke (1926-37), and Ronald Stocks (1937-74) [MR 76:55]. (In 1945, Stocks also acted as IWM for Folkestone and Margate, due to the then overall shortage of inspectors [DE 2/2/45], under arrangements between the Councils.)

The last-named wrote a very useful history of WM inspection in Dover and the Thanet Liberties [R. Stocks, *Control of Pounds and Pints*, Buckland Press, Dover, 1973].



¶ Detail from a 1 lb brass weight, showing the non-uniform verification mark for Dover, used in the town and port.

Faversham	AncBo MB:1835		280	s:1826 [133] n:1879-c1885
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Before 1834 Thomas Alfrey and Thomas Frost had acted as inspectors, but only Thomas Alfrey was appointed under the Act of that year. In 1841, there was a sale of Corporation property, which included weights and measures formerly used “as standards for regulating the weights and measures of the town” [CJ 23/1/41]. Confusingly, Thomas Frost was listed as the inspector in 1855 [PO] and, on Frost’s death in 1858, the Superintendent of Police Thomas Burroughs was appointed IWM [CJ 16/1/58]. The following year, John E. Cook, the hall-keeper was appointed as IWM, having acted as assistant IWM for seven years [SEG 24/5/59; KG 16/8/59], to be followed by Richard Hawkins, appointed in 1861 [MJ 29/1/61]. In 1864, the borough deemed its IWM to be incapacitated, rescinding his appointment and appointing William Patching in his stead, with the proviso that the standards should be delivered to the Town Clerk, rather than to Patching directly [KG 16/2/64; SEG 15/3/64]. Patching served until his death in 1875 [WT 1/1/76]. William Saxby, a photographer, was appointed in Patching’s stead [KG 18/1/76]; he also served until his death [FT 15/8/81].

Reuben Pearson, a music teacher, was then appointed IWM [EKG 10/9/81]. The number 280 had been assigned in 1879 but seems to have been withdrawn around 1885. Pearson was then appointed as county inspector for the Faversham district and, in 1889, it was decided that Pearson should continue to act in this capacity [EKG 11/5/89]. The borough was disqualified as a Weights and Measures Authority in 1889. because the population was less than 10,000. But it would seem that there had been another appointment in the borough as, in 1890, it was deemed that the IWM was incapable of fulfilling his duties and was forced to resign. The borough was now placed firmly under the jurisdiction of the County Division [MJ 22/7/90].

In 1903, the standards were found languishing in a cupboard and the decision taken to sell them [FT 5/12/03]. They were first offered to the County, which was uninterested in them, but suggested they be offered to the maker [FT 6/2/06], whose response is unknown.



¶ Details from two 1 oz weights, illustrating the non-uniform mark for Faversham. The bronze one was first stamped in the reign of William IV (1830-37), whilst the brass one is from the period 1837-79.

Folkestone	AncBo MB:1835		573	s:1825 [72] r:1867 n: see below
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The non-uniform mark was still in use in 1882 [AR]. The numbers are rather confusing: 573 was issued in 1891, but in 1910-12 [Hbk] it was said to be obsolete, being replaced by No.375. This must be a mistake, because by 1922 No.573 was cited again.

John Omer Stone, law writer, was appointed as inspector in 1834 and, on his death in 1849, Samuel Farley was appointed [KG 8/5/49]. Farley was named as Inspector in 1858 [M] but was succeeded by “Mr” Francis that year [SEG 16/11/58]. The following year, Edward Poole, an ironmonger with a chain of outlets, was appointed to the post [DT 9/4/59]. However, Poole refused to keep any account of inspections performed and resigned in 1864, to be replaced by a printer, George Puttee [SEG 9/8/64; 11/10/64; 22/11/64]. Puttee resigned in 1873, the advertisement for his successor being placed in 1873 [FE 6/12/73]. Edward Dale, described as a bookseller and IWM, was appointed [KG 30/12/73] but, in 1876, was too ill to perform his duties and the possibility of combining the roles of town sergeant and IWM was considered [KG 22/2/76]. He finally resigned in 1881, to be succeeded by Richard Shoobridge [FE 10/9/81]; he resigned in 1884 and was followed by John K. Boorn [FE 8/11/84]. By 1891, Boorn was willing to retire and was given three months notice [FE 20/6/91].

The first qualified inspector was T. C. Major, appointed in 1891 [FH 24/10/91], who passed the BoT exam at his second sitting [FH 12/12/91; 20/2/92]; additional scales and weights were bought at a cost of £34 16s 6d [FH 23/4/92]. He moved to Cardiff in 1893 [FE 23/8/93]. J.S. Welch had qualified in Maidstone in 1893 [FE 30/9/93] and served in Folkestone 1893-96, before returning to Maidstone [MR: 93:219, 97:26]. W.T. Gosling was appointed in 1897, subject to qualifying; he was successful in 1900/1 [FE 8/6/00] and served until 1925. Initially, Thomas Naugh was appointed [FH 7/3/25] but, when he failed to qualify, the post was readvertised and went to Patrick Clarke (1925-26) [FH 19/9/25; 4/12/26], who resigned to take up the post in his home borough of Dover. He was followed by M.A. Queenan (1927-39) and H.J. King (1939-41-). In 1945, Folkestone made an arrangement with Dover for the services of their IWM [DE 2/2/45] but N.H. Naish (1946-72-) was appointed the following year.



¶ Detail from a 1oz bronze weight, showing the non-uniform mark for Folkestone.

Gravesend	AncBo MB:1835		580	s:1826 [223] n:1890-1967
<p>Standards [223] were issued in 1826 to Gravesend and Milton Corporation. The mark depicts a bull's head superimposed on a tower, part of the arms of the borough.</p> <p>William Alexander Bennett was appointed as IWM to Gravesend and Milton in 1834 [<i>MJ 30/12/34</i>] and was still acting as the inspector in 1845 [<i>SEG 7/1/45</i>]. By 1851, Robert Aitken was the serjeant at mace [GM] and was cited as the IWM in 1854 [<i>SEG 24/1/54</i>]. However, a borough police force had been set up in 1836, and in 1854 Frederick White (CC 1853-73) was appointed inspector [<i>SEG 27/6/54</i>]. George Berry (CC 1873-92) was acting as IWM by 1874 [<i>GR 16/5/74</i>] and remained in post until his retirement, despite comments in 1891 that he was overworked and should be relieved of the post [<i>GR 5/9/91</i>]. The inspection of WM remained the responsibility of the police until 1943, when the force was abolished. Walter Thornton (CC 1892-1912) had qualified in Lancaster in 1892. Chief Inspector Arthur G. Martin qualified in 1914 and was then appointed IWM, being promoted to CC in 1923 [<i>MR 30:196</i>]. Similarly, Frank Bunn (CC 1930-34) had qualified in 1919 [<i>MR 31:3</i>], and Keith Webster (CC 1934-43) in 1921. After 1945 the corporation decided to appoint the chief inspector for the county, and S. Strugnell served until 1964.</p>				

ARNOLD,  MAYOR.
BOROUGH OF GRAVESEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that certain GENERAL REGULATIONS made by the Gravesend Town Council as Urban Sanitary Authority under the Weights and Measures Act, 1889, have been approved by the Board of Trade, and that a Copy thereof is deposited and kept deposited at the Offices of the Town Council, Court House, King-street, Gravesend, and of the Inspector of Weights and Measures at the Town Hall, Gravesend, and that such Regulations are kept on Sale by the Inspector at the published price.

Dated this 12th day of August, 1891.
CHAS. E. HATTEN,
Town Clerk.



¶ Announcement from the *Gravesend Journal* of 15 August, 1891, p. 4, showing the borough coat of arms, and a detail from a 4 oz brass weight showing the non-uniform mark, 1834-79.

WEIGHTS AND Measures.


The **MAYOR** and **MAGISTRATES** of this Town having, pursuant to the late Act of Parliament, provided a complete Set of **IMPERIAL WEIGHTS** and **MEASURES**, which have been duly stamped at the proper Office in the Exchequer;—do hereby give Notice to the Tradesmen of the Town, and all others whom it may concern, that the said **Weights** and **Measures** will lie open for inspection, under the care of the **Town-Serjeant**, at the **Guildhall** in **Hythe**, on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** next, the **29th** and **30th** instant, from **Ten o'clock** in the Forenoon until **Four o'clock** in the Afternoon: and during either of these days **Persons** may attend with their **Weights** and **Measures** to have them properly adjusted.

By Order of the Mayor and Magistrates:

W. JANEWAY,
TOWN-CLERK.

Hythe, Mar. 25, 1826.

¶ Copy of a flyer issued in Hythe in 1826, which implies that the Town-Serjeant was responsible for the Weights and Measures inspection within the borough.

Hythe	AncBo MB:1835		---	s:1826 [188] 1835 [596] r:1861
<p>The corporation acquired standards in 1826 [188], and it appears that they were used by the town serjeant. These standards are now (as of 1996) kept in the Hythe Local History Room, together with a set of punches with the crowned HC mark. Another set was issued in 1835 [596] for the use of the inspector, Stephen Brittenden.</p> <p>By 1866 a surveyor was acting as IWM, who was Richard Oxley, the Surveyor of Highways in 1867 [PO] and that year William Evenden was appointed IWM in the room of the late Richard Oxley [KG 24/9/67]. In 1872, Joseph Tucker, of Hythe, was appointed IWM for the Elham district of the county and he was listed as acting as IWM for Hythe in 1878 [PO]. Certainly he was the borough inspector in 1889 when the borough ceased to be a WMA and came under the authority of the Elham WM district, under Joseph Tucker [MJ 3/8/89].</p>				
<p>Lewisham Standards were issued in 1826 [255] to the steward of the manor, for use by the aleconners. It is possible that they were still active in 1866, but inspection had ceased by 1868.</p>				

Lydd	AncBo Unref MB:1883	CL	431	s:1825 [62] n:1882-1889
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The weights from the Lydd standards bear the maker's name W. Blackburn, Minories, London and the indenture number 62 whilst the scale beam is marked De Grave & Co; these, together with the punches, were accessible (in 1998).

In 1835 Stephen Terry was appointed as the inspector; a Stephen Terry died in Lydd in 1850, aged 77. In 1867 [PO], George Jell was listed as hairdresser and IWM but he died in 1876 [FE 26/5/77]. His son Henry Jell, a tailor, was listed in 1878 [PO] and in 1884/5 [Pike], as the IWM, and in 1890 he received £5 compensation for his loss of earnings as IWM [MJ 22/7/90]. In 1889, the original plan was to form a separate WM district from the district of Romney Marsh and the boroughs of Lydd and New Romney [MJ 3/8/89] but the then IWM of Romney Marsh declined to act, so Lydd was added to the Ashford WM district [GJ 16/11/89].

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1892.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
 that the Town Council of the Borough of Maidstone, at a Special Meeting held on the 10th May, 1892, adopted the Model Regulations with respect to Inspectors and the Inspection of Weights, Measures, and Weighing and Measure Instruments which have been approved by the Board of Trade, and they further give notice that such Model Regulations are deposited at the Town Clerk's Office and with the Inspector of Weights and Measures, and that copies may be obtained at the cost of 1s 6d.

HERBERT MONCKTON,
 Town Clerk.
 25th May, 1892. (1076)


¶ Advertisement, *Maidstone Journal* 31 May 1892, p. 4, showing the coat of arms of the borough.



¶ A brass 4 oz weight, with the non-uniform mark for Maidstone borough (1835-79) and the mark of the Faversham County District VR348 (1880-1901)



¶ Details from two 1 oz brass weights showing the non-uniform verification mark (1835-1879) and the VR27 mark (1880-1901) of the Borough of Maidstone.

Maidstone	AncBo MB:1835		27	s:1826 [201] n:1880-1974
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Henry Kipping, a broker, was appointed inspector in 1835, having acted previously; he was succeeded by James Bentlif in 1838 [SEG 9/1/38], who continued in post until his death in 1860 [SEG 11/12/60].

Inspection was then taken over by the borough police: Supt Blundell (CC 1853-64), who had previously served as IWM in Pembrokeshire, was appointed IWM in 1861 [SEG 8/1/61]. Although the appointment of the superintendent of police as inspector of WM was questioned in 1864 [KG 16/2/64], John Barnes (CC 1864-68) was appointed to both roles in 1864 [MJ 29/3/64]; Inspector Neale was appointed as his assistant [KG 17/5/64]. Although there were still doubts about the superintendent of police acting as IWM, W. Gifford (CC 1869-82) was appointed to the two roles in 1869 [MT 15/5/69]. Later that year, the post of inspector of weights and measures (in connection with the present inspector) was advertised [MJ 27/12/69], Charles Beale, a tailor, being appointed to the post [MT 12/2/70]. Although doubts had been expressed about his competency to act as IWM in 1889 [MJ 10/8/89] and 1891 [MJ 15/8/91], he remained in post until his death in 1896 [MJ 12/11/96]. The situation was eased when the assistant IWM, J.S. Welch, qualified in 1892 [MJ 31/12/92], but he was appointed to Folkstone in 1893.


Welch returned to Maidstone in 1897 and served until 1946 [MR 97:26; 46:51,60]. He was also inspector for Rochester 1928-46. His successor was G.F. Cantrill (1947-60- not 72).



¶ A 2oz bronze weight bearing the London Founders marks (1826-30) and the non-uniform verification mark of Margate (1869-1879).



¶ Detail of the Margate mark, showing a sea-horse, as it appears on the crest of the borough coat of arms.

Margate	MB:1859		20	s:1869 [1451] n: 1880-1974
<p>A set of standards marked Borough of Margate, 1870 were in the Margate Old Town Hall Museum in 1998, together with a set of weights, indenture number 2329 (issued 1892-93). Nicholl & Fowler of London made the bushel measure.</p> <p>Historically, Margate was part of the Thanet Liberties, under the jurisdiction of Dover. After the formation of the borough in 1859, the corporation arranged to employ the inspector for the Thanet Liberties jointly with Dover, so the same standards were used in both the borough and the other part of the Liberty. This anomaly came to the notice of the Board of Trade when the Liberty standards were sent for reverification in 1868. The use of the same standards by two separate authorities was then deemed illegal [<i>Stocks</i> pp. 26, 46].</p> <p>In 1869 the Thanet inspector, James Timms, committed suicide. Margate appointed its superintendent of police T.M. Compton (CC 1869-76) to act as temporary inspector [<i>Stocks</i> pp. 43-47; <i>TA 11/7/69</i>], and he had the use of the Liberty standards. But when Dover appointed a new inspector for the Liberty, Margate had to acquire its own standards., and the borough surveyor P.B Coghlan was appointed as the inspector [<i>TA 6/11/69</i>].</p> <p>Coghlan moved to Sheffield in 1874 [<i>TA 14/2/74</i>]. William H. Rowe was listed in 1882 [<i>Kelly</i>] but John D. Stein was the IWM by 1884 [<i>TA 3/5/84</i>] and was still in post in 1886 [<i>EKT 25/2/86</i>]. Duncan F. Fitzmaurice was cited as the inspector in 1889 [<i>CJ 12/1/89</i>] and was listed in 1891 [<i>Kelly</i>]. J.F. Keavis was the acting IWM from July 1891 to March of the following year [<i>WT 23/4/92</i>], when Charles Buck (CC 1889-93), who had qualified as IWM in 1891/2, was appointed to the post. He was followed by Joseph Farndale (CC 1893-97) who qualified in 1893/4 [<i>MR 93:156</i>]. His successor James Clegg (1898-1902) failed to qualify and had to leave the police force. Charles Green Street acted from 1902 to 1903, when Sergeant Binney was appointed. Order was restored in 1905 with the appointment of a new Chief Constable, Alfred Appleyard, who had qualified in Oldham in 1898/9.</p> <p>Appleyard retired in 1923, and Margate approached Dover Town Council, requesting ‘the services of the Inspector of Weights and Measures for one day a fortnight, until the new inspector they had appointed qualified’ [<i>DE 8/6/23</i>]. When A.W. Butlin moved to Somerset in 1924, the borough turned to W.J. Taylor of Canterbury for help [<i>EKT 12/3/24</i>]; his appointment as IWM for Margate, in addition to Canterbury, was confirmed that year [<i>EKT 13/8/24</i>]. When William Taylor died in 1931, the borough turned to John Welfare, the former chief inspector for the county [<i>EKT 18/7/31</i>]. Welfare was still acting for the borough in 1940 [<i>EKT 18/5/40</i>]. U. Bancroft served for Margate alone from 1945 to 1972- [<i>MR 45:79</i>].</p>				

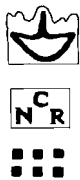
Milton (Regis) is a town and port near Sittingbourne. Standards [424] were verified in 1829 for the portreeve, W. Hunt, who was the supervisor of weights and measures. He continued to be active until at least 1835.

The town continued to claim authority for WM for many years after 1834: in 1860, the portreeve was elected, with his duties being the supervision of all weights and measures over all the hundred of Milton [MJ 26/7/60]; three years later, the annual election of a portreeve was described as a farce – “for there is literally nothing for him to do” [EKT 1/8/63].

In practice, the county inspectors Thomas and Edward Bigg undertook the duties. In 1839 and 1840 [Pigot] Thomas Bigg was stated to be sheriff's officer and IWM. In 1867 [PO] Edward Bigg was listed as IWM and High Constable for the Hundred of Milton and in 1878 [PO] he was listed as high constable, sheriff's officer and IWM for Sittingbourne and Milton Regis. However, the town was not mentioned in the 1889 reorganisation, indicating that inspection had ceased before then.

The standards are in the local museum, as of 1998.

Minster-in-Sheppey Standards were issued for this parish in 1826 [282] and 1835 [610]; the standards were re-verified in 1855. In 1867 [PO] William Pratten, a cab and fly proprietor and constable for the parish of Minster, was listed as IWM but he had just been appointed the County Inspector for the Isle of Sheppey. Inspection had ceased by 1868.

New Romney	AncBo Unref MB:1883		462	s:1826 [106] n: 1882-89
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The three marks shown above are stamped on a bronze weight made in London in the 1840s or 1850s (illustrated below). The top mark represents an ancient ship, part of the seal of the borough, and the second one signifies the Corporation of New Romney. The third mark is unidentified; it may or may not relate to this authority. Another weight has the same three marks, but they are not arranged in the same manner.

John Wiles was appointed as inspector under the Act of 1834, having held the post for some years previously [DT 21/2/35]. In 1840 [Pigot] he was listed as a blacksmith, but was not stated to be the IWM. In 1866 a watchmaker Gilbert Jeffrey was the inspector and was listed as such in 1867 [PO]; although Jeffrey was given as a watch and clock maker, in 1882 [Kelly], the IWM was not named.

Inspection was clearly being undertaken in 1882, when the No. 462 was issued. The borough was granted municipal status in 1883, and the standards were reverified in 1886/7. In 1886, that part of New Romney that was excluded from the borough's jurisdiction came under the supervision of the Ashford division of the County [GJ 17/4/86]. In 1889, as the population was less than 10,000, the original plan was to form a separate WM district from the district of Romney Marsh and the boroughs of Lydd and New Romney [MJ 3/8/89] but the then IWM of Romney Marsh declined to act, so New Romney was added to the Ashford WM district [GJ 16/11/89]. The following year, Gilbert Allen was awarded £6 as compensation for loss of earnings as the IWM in New Romney [MJ 22/7/90].




¶ An 8 oz bronze weight, originally stamped in London, showing the three stamps of New Romney, together with the mark of District 9, Ashford (1834-66).




¶ Two details, the first from the 8 oz weight illustrated above and the second from a 4 oz weight, dating from the reign of George I/II, showing a different arrangement of the same three marks (the ship mark is punched over an earlier County mark).




¶ The set of Troy-weight standards for Queenborough from 1835, with the modern spelling of the name being engraved on the reverse.

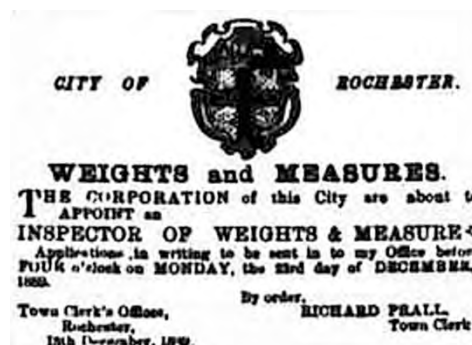
Queenborough (Quinborowe)	AncBo Unref MB:1883	 ?	---	s:1826 [182] 1835 [639]
<p>The mark represents a queen's head overlooking a castle. This device is engraved on the Queenborough standard troy weights [EW p.74], but no example of its use as a verification mark has yet been traced.</p> <p>The town sergeant, William Elph was recorded as being responsible for inspection of WM in 1826 and 1835. Regular payments to the Inspector appeared in the Borough accounts, at least until 1851. In 1866 it was said that the sergeant-at-mace was responsible; in 1867 [PO], this post was held by William Doddsen. It is believed that inspection ceased in about 1878. However, in 1890, it was noted that, under the County reorganisation, Queenborough had been left without an IWM and that it should be added to the remit of the Isle of Sheppey, with the IWM to visit there [MJ 11/11/90].</p>				

Ramsgate	Parish MB:1884		78	s:1826 [211] 1835 [632] n:1879-89
<p>A similar mark, with the letters between two concentric circles, has been recorded.</p> <p>R. Sladder was recorded as IWM in 1826 [SBk], and J. Smith in 1835 [SBk]. At this time, the parish of Ramsgate was subordinate to Sandwich, but the latter agreed to appoint a separate inspector. A local police force was established in 1836 and John Smith, head constable in 1855, was also listed as IWM [PO]. James Livick was appointed head constable in 1856 but John Smith continued as the IWM, in 1858 [Melville] and 1867 [PO]. When John Smith died in 1873, allegedly aged 108, it was noted that he had held the post of IWM since “1824 until a very recent time” [KG 21/10/73]. And when the head constable, James Livick, resigned in 1870, it was stated that they should send to Sandwich for someone to stamp the WM, until a new appointment could be made [KG 22/3/70]. Edward Buss (CC 1870-92) was appointed in his stead and in 1885, the St Lawrence portion of the town was added to his remit [TA 9/5/85].</p> <p>Under the Ramsgate, Dover and Sandwich Local Government Act of 1888, certain rights and powers were transferred to the County Council. In 1891, at a hearing in the Court of Queen’s Bench, it was decided that responsibility for appointing the IWM of Ramsgate lay with the County Council [TA 7/2/91]. This was confirmed later in the year when it became the responsibility of the Chief IWM of Kent County Council to nominate the IWM [TA 25/8/91] and Ramsgate passed under the jurisdiction of the Wingham division, with Henry John Luckhurst as its IWM [KSC 19/2/92]. In May, Buss applied to the County Council for compensation for loss of earnings, as the borough had been transferred to the County [MJ 24/5/92], which he was awarded [MJ 20/8/92].</p>				



¶ Advertisement from the *Thanet Advertiser* of 3 June, 1871, showing Ramsgate's use of the arms of Sandwich (also the Cinque Ports generally). and a detail from a 1oz bronze weight showing one version of the non-uniform verification mark for Ramsgate.

<p>Rochester</p>	<p>AncBo MB:1835</p>		<p>507</p>	<p>s:1825 [75] r:1866 n:1890-1974</p>
<p>In 1835 the inspector appointed was George Marson Viney, bootmaker, who had served for some years previously, also cited as the principal sergeant at mace in 1842 [MJ 28/6/42]. However, in 1872, he was unable to continue with his duties and James Lewis was appointed to act as IWM for six months [MJ 8/6/72].</p> <p>Lewis was appointed in 1875, and Charles B. Clark in 1890 [Bo. Archives]. The latter was listed in 1892 and 1896 [AR], but presumably he did not pass the qualifying examination. John Hepworth was appointed in 1897 and qualified in 1897/8; he resigned in 1915 [KM 17/7/15]. Later that month, Arthur Jeffery, librarian at the public Free Library, was appointed as his successor [KM 31/7/15], but presumably he failed to qualify.</p> <p>Frederick Clarke qualified in 1921 in Rochester and was listed as inspector until 1928 when the inspector for Maidstone, J.S. Welch, was appointed. Welch continued to act for the two boroughs jointly until his death in 1946 [MR 46:51,60]. Separate inspection then resumed, the inspectors being R.W. Price (1946-51) and B.H. Wilder (1951-72-).</p>				




¶ Detail from a 11lb bronze weight, showing the non-uniform verification mark for Rochester. Also an advertisement for the appointment of an inspector, *Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham Journal*, 14 December 1889, p.1.

Romney Marsh	Liberty		432	s:1825 [48] r:1887 i:1834 n:1882-89
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The Liberty of Romney Marsh was virtually a municipal corporation, administering a tract of land with headquarters at Dymchurch. It was quite distinct from the borough of New Romney. In the nineteenth century the Liberty was treated as an 'unreformed borough'. Despite its lack of formal status, the archives of the Liberty show that it acted as a WMA until 1889.

In 1835 Robert Gutsole of Dymchurch was appointed as inspector. He was listed as IWM in the borough accounts until 1844 [KG 10/12/44]. The accounts continue to include payments for stamping weights and measures until at least 1869. And the Kent Archives hold the Report Book for the Inspector of Romney Marsh, covering the period 8 September, 1887 to 30 September, 1889, following on from the reverification of the standards. In the reorganisation of the County in 1889, the initial plan was to form a single WM authority from the district of Romney Marsh and the boroughs of New Romney and Lydd [MJ 3/8/89]; when the IWM for Romney Marsh declined to act, Romney Marsh was split between the Elham and Ashford County districts, as appropriate [GJ 16/11/89]. In 1890, George S. Hunt was awarded £10, in compensation for loss of earnings as IWM for the district [MJ 22/7/90].

Sandwich	AncBo MB:1835		77	s:1826 [92] 1835 [680] r:1868 n:1879-1889
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The verification mark for Sandwich was the shield of the Cinque Ports, as shown above.

In 1835 William Saddery Goodwin was appointed as inspector.

In 1855 [PO] J.G. Mannings was listed as CC and IWM. The police force was formed about 1856 and it was stated in 1861 that the Superintendent of Police was acting as the inspector [KG 2/4/61]; John D. Warman (CC 1856/8-68) was also listed as IWM in 1867 [PO]. He was succeeded by Edward Buss (CC 1868-70), who moved to Ramsgate, and John Brothers (1870-74), who was reported as the IWM [CJ 3/6/71]. John Cuthbertson, a late corporal of the Royal Marines, was appointed in 1874 [TA 4/4/74] but died two years later [WT 3/6/76]. The last Head Constable was William Page (1877-89), listed as IWM in 1878 [PO]. But in 1889 when the police force was disbanded, the office became vacant and authority was transferred to the Wingham Division of Kent [MJ 3/8/89].

Swanscombe: a short set of standards [393] was verified for this parish and manor in 1827.



¶ A 2 oz bronze weight, dating from the reign of Charles II, bearing both the non-uniform mark and the verification number for Sandwich, together with a detail of the non-uniform mark.



¶ The Swanscombe standards from 1827.


Tenterden	AncBo MB:1835	BH	241	s:1826 [27] r:1866, 1885 n:1879-89
<p>The inspector appointed in 1835 was Benjamin Hatch, an auctioneer. Hatch resigned in 1840 [SEG 14/1/40], to be replaced by James Barns the “chief of the borough police force”. Barns continued to act as IWM when the borough police force was officially formed around 1856 and was listed as IWM in 1867 [PO] and 1878 [PO]; Barns was succeeded by Benjamin Goldsmith (CC 1881-89), who was listed as IWM in 1884/5 [Pike] and in 1891[K], despite the fact that, in 1889, the borough was transferred to the Cranbrook Division of the County, the IWM having been recently compensated [MJ 3/8/89].</p>				



¶ Detail from a ½ lb bronze weight, stamped in the reign of William IV (1830-37), showing the non-uniform verification mark, with the initials of the inspector Benjamin Hatch and the T of Tenterden, together with the VR241 mark of the borough of Tenterden (1879-89).

¶ Detail from a 1 lb bronze weight, first stamped in the reign of George IV (1820-30), showing the non-uniform verification mark for the Thanet Liberties.



Thanet Liberty	See below		569	s: 1835 [731]
<p>Parts of the ‘Isle’ of Thanet, including the towns of Birchington, Broadstairs, and Margate, were traditionally under the jurisdiction of Dover. Margate became a MB in 1859 and, in 1869, it appointed its own inspector, but the other parts of the ‘Liberty’ remained under the jurisdiction of Dover until 1974. Full details may be found in: [R. Stocks, <i>Control of Pounds and Pints</i>, Buckland Press, Dover, 1975].</p> <p>The non-uniform mark used in the Thanet Liberty was the Dover mark, with the addition of the letter L, and later this letter was sometimes added to the numerical mark.</p> <p>From 1834 onwards a separate inspector, the Deputy to the Mayor, was appointed by Dover for the Liberty: Richard Jenkins, appraiser, (1834-62) and John P. Smith (1862-67), who resigned in 1967 [TA 2/11/67]. Although it was suggested that Thomas Bearling, the Town Sergeant, be appointed as IWM [DT 16/11/67], the post went to James Timms [TA 18/1/68]. The following year, Timms committed suicide [CJ 22/5/89] and Barzillai Cock(e) was appointed for the Liberty, excluding Margate [CJ 2/10/69]. When his funeral in 1884 was reported, Cock(e) was said to have served as IWM for fourteen years [TA 15/11/84]. However, this report seems to have been erroneous as, in 1910, Cock resigned as IWM, owing to his advancing years (90/91) [DE 11/11/10]. At this stage, the post was taken over by the Dover inspector, Charles Marsh [DE 18/11/10], and this arrangement with Dover continued until 1974.</p>				



¶ Detail from an 8oz brass weight, stamped in 1928 in Tunbridge Wells.

Tunbridge Wells	MB:1889	---	358	s:1892 [2297] n:1892-1974
<p>In 1891, the inspector for the Tunbridge Wells district of the county was deemed to be inefficient and was suspended by the chief inspector. He offered his services to the borough but was not appointed [KSC 4/9/91]. The Tunbridge Wells district was annexed to the Tonbridge district [KSC 6/11/91] and an advertisement appeared in the same issue for an IWM for the Borough of Tunbridge Wells. John Hayward was appointed, subject to passing the BoT exam [KSC 27/11/91], which he did in 1892, serving until 1929. He was followed by Ronald Race, 1929-68 [MR 68:190] and C. Howard-Luck 1968-74 [MR 68:122; 74:2].</p>				
<p>Woolwich Standards were verified for the parish in 1843 [906] and reverified in 1863. It was a large parish with over 40,000 inhabitants, but no record of inspection has yet been found.</p> <p>In 1866, when the county districts were reorganised, the Greenwich district was subdivided and a Woolwich one was formed, suggesting that the county had taken over responsibility.</p>				

C: The trade in Kent

The larger centres are listed first, in alphabetical order. Localities which became part of the London County Council area in 1889 are indicated thus.*

CANTERBURY	
Farley	<p>Thomas Farley was first listed as a scale maker in 1839 [P].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northgate Street <1839-50>.
Chayney	<p>The firm of Chayney & Co., which had previously operated in Maidstone, had a branch in Canterbury by 1894 [Pike]. This became their main office after T.S. Chaney's death in 1936 and remained so until 1972.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 Burgate Street <1894-1918>. • 1 Station Road East <1945-72 <p>From 1972 onwards Chayney & Co. Ltd were working from Verity Works, Albert Street, Whitstable, and they were still in business in 2007. [TA 7/45-1/46; EKT 19/4/72].</p> <p>At various times the firm also operated in Dover, Ramsgate and Tunbridge Wells.</p>
Avery	<p>A branch of W & T Avery Ltd was established by 1908 [Hbk].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St George's Place <1908-10>.
Court	<p>Court Bros were listed [Hbk] as a scale repairer in 1910 at Butchery Lane.</p>



¶ Detail from an 8oz brass weight, by Chayney & Co, Canterbury; the weight has been verified in the City of Canterbury (VR42) in the period 1894-1901.

SCALE MAKERS.

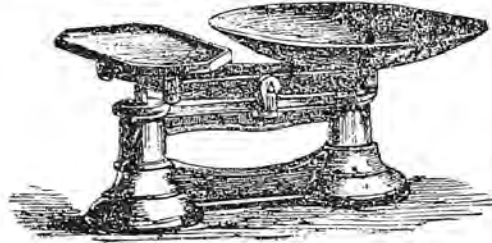
Chayney & Co. 50 Burgate street, and at Ramsgate and Dover

CHAYNEY & CO.,
Scale, Weight and Weighing Machine
MANUFACTURERS,
50, BURGATE STREET, CANTERBURY;
37, HIGH STREET, DOVER;
AND
145, HIGH STREET, RAMSGATE.

Scales & Weights Cleaned & Adjusted by the Year.



All kinds of Scales and Weights Made, Repaired, and Altered to meet the requirements of the Weights and Measures Act.



Weigh Bridges made & repaired to weigh from 3 cwt. to 20 tons.

All Goods Stamped for use.

¶ Advertisement from *Pike's Blue Book of Canterbury*, 1894/5.

ESTABLISHED IN THE YEAR 1881

CHAYNEY & Co., LTD.

1 STATION ROAD EAST
- CANTERBURY -

SCALE AND WEIGHING MACHINE ENGINEERS
CONTRACTORS FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

BRANCHES: 20 PARK ROAD, RAMSGATE 6 TOWER HAMLETS ROAD, DOVER
136 CAMDEN ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

Telephone
4857/8

Telephones
THANET 51108
DOVER 1011
T. WELLS 23174

¶ Letterhead from a contract agreement, in use in 1962.

CHATHAM	
Wood	Robert William Wood, son of R.H. Wood, Maidstone, was listed as a scale maker in 1881 [Census]. His son Sidney Edward was also a scale maker. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Watts Place <1881-2> • 11 High Street <1891-94 • 15 High Street 1894>.
Fairburn	The business was taken over by Fairburn around 1898, at the same time as the Maidstone branch, but continued to trade under the name of Wood for a while. In the 1908 and 1910 Handbooks the firm was listed as Fairburn Bros. (See also Rochester.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 343, High Street <1901-10>.
Avery	W & T Avery Ltd were trading at 4 Rhode Street in 1965.

R. W. WOOD,
PRACTICAL MANUFACTURER OF
Scales, Weights and Weighing Machines,
DEGS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT HE HAS
REMOVED
From 11, High Street, Chatham,
TO
15, HIGH STREET, CHATHAM INTRA,
(Opposite the Synagogue).

¶ Advertisement from the *Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham Journal*,
29 September, 1894, p.1.

DOVER	
Chayney	A branch of Chayney & Co was established in Dover by 1893 [TA 25/2/93] and was still listed as such in 1913 [K]. By 1946, the company was trading as Chayney & Co, Ltd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37, High Street <1893-46> • 6, Tower Hamlets Road <1962>.

GRAVESEND	
Nash	<p>James Nash was listed as a scale maker in 1868 [H].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44A Queen Street <1868> • 16 Union Street <1871-72> • 16 West Street <1874-80> • 6 Bank Street <1881-1891>. <p>In 1881, Thomas Nash was apprenticed to his second-cousin James Nash. He was working as a scale maker in 1889 [<i>GJ</i> 22/6/89] and listed as such in 1891 [Kelly]. The name had been changed to T. Nash & Co by 1908 and the business was acquired by Avery in 1937.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64/7 New Road <1891-1932>.
Fowler Stone	<p>‘Fowler Bros,’ and ‘Stone’ are listed (separately) in the Inspectors Handbook of 1910.</p>
Avery	<p>W & T Avery Ltd took over from Nash in 1937 and had a branch at 12 High Street in 1965.</p>



¶ A 4 oz brass weight carrying the non-uniform verification mark for Gravesend, used until 1889; this makes it probable that the weight is attributable to James Nash.

¶ A 4oz brass weight, stamped by Thomas Nash. The reverse has the VR580 mark of Gravesend and was re-verified frequently between 1923 and 1946.



GREENWICH*

Bowring	<p>Manuel Alfred Bowring, b<1840> was listed as a scale maker in 1878 [Kelly] at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 71 Greenwich Road <1878> • 44 Church Street <1882>. <p>His sons Manuel and John were also scale makers [1881 Census]. Bowring & Sons, scale makers, were listed in 1891 [Kelly] at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42/44 Church Street <1882-91>. <p>After Greenwich had been transferred to the LCC in 1890, the company was trading as M.A. Bowring & Sons in 1896 [Kelly] at the same address and at 152, Meeting House Lane, Peckham <1896-1905>. John Bowring was established at 24, Church Street by <1901-10> and the business continued to flourish in Greenwich and Peckham.</p>
Wedderburn	<p>Jabez Wedderburn I (1798-1880) was apprenticed to W. L. Nicholl in London in 1811, and worked as a scale maker at various addresses in the London area from 1822 onwards. His son Jabez Wedderburn II (1827-82) was also a scale maker, moving to Deptford around 1870 and then to Greenwich around 1875.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 Blackheath Road <1881-2>. <p>His widow Harriet ran the business for the period 1882-84, before their son Frederick took over. After Greenwich was transferred to the LCC in 1890 H(enry) Wedderburn & Son were at the above address in 1891 [Kelly]. By the time of the 1901 Census, Frederick had moved the business to 467, New Cross Road, Greenwich. His son Frederick E. Wedderburn then took over the business, being cited there in <1908-10> [Hbk].</p> <p>Several other descendants of Jabez Wedderburn I were active in the scale trade, working in the London area.</p>
Hayles	<p>William Hayles was listed in the 1891 Census as a scale maker and W.E. Hayles & Co were listed in 1896 [Kelly LS] as scale makers, at 3, Royal Hill, Greenwich; the business folded, the brokers possessing the premises in 38, William Street, Woolwich on 30 December, 1898 [KI 4/2/99]. At this stage, Hayles neglected his apprentice [KI 4/2/99] and, as a result, served a prison sentence [Census, 1901]. On his release, he was had up for falsely impersonating an IWM [GR 26/10/01], serving a year's hard labour; similar cases were reported in 1903 [NEP 16/7/03], for which the sentence was two years' hard labour.</p>



¶ Details from two brass 2oz weights: the first bears the name of M.A. Bowring, together with the non-uniform mark for District 3 (Bromley) of Kent used in the period 1867-89, whilst the second could be made by either M. or J. Bowring but the uniform verification number stamped on the reverse indicates that it was before 1901, although the district is unclear.



¶ Details from two brass weights: the 1lb weight has a VR2 verification number, indicating the period 1890-1901 whilst the 2oz one has “& Son” added later to the J. Bowring mark.



¶ Details from two brass weights. The 8oz one was made by H. Wedderburn & Son and the VR66 verification mark, issued to Surrey in 1879, was one of the three marks transferred to the LCC in 1889, still dating the weight to the period 1882-1901. The 2oz one was made by Hayles; the VR345 verification mark was issued to the Deptford district in 1879, dating the weight to the period 1880-1901, but Hayles went out of business in 1889.

LEWISHAM*

Crane

Edward Crane b<1851> was listed as a scale maker living in Shoreditch in 1881 [Census] and was established in Lewisham by 1891 [K], at:

- 20 Loampit Vale <1891-1974>.



¶ Detail from a 1 oz brass weight, stamped in the period (1901-1910) but the ER345 mark was transferred from the old Deptford district of Kent to the LCC in 1906.



¶ Detail from a 2oz brass weight, showing a variant of the Crane mark illustrated above. Although there is a mark in the lead plug, it is indecipherable and does not date when this mark was in use.

MAIDSTONE

<p>Prentis & Gardner (Medway Brass Foundry)</p>	<p>In 1834, the company provided the County with 12 sets of standards at a cost of £61 19s each and was asked to tender for the standards for the Tunbridge Wells division (£85) in 1858 [<i>MJ</i> 20/3/58]. In 1866, the company provided the three new sets of standards for the three additional Blackheath divisions [<i>MT</i> 24/11/66].</p>
<p>Wood</p>	<p>Robert Henry Wood was a member of the old-established scale making family of Wood in West Smithfield, London. He moved to Maidstone, and in 1849 he advertised as a scale, weight and weighing machine manufacturer [<i>MG</i> 27/11/49]. In 1869 he complained that authority to adjust deficient weights had been awarded to the recently appointed IWM, which (he claimed) was not legally allowed [<i>MJ</i> 16/8,69; 13/11/69]. In 1889, his business was one of three to be auctioned [<i>SEG</i> 11/6/89]. But the scale-making business continued in Maidstone and, in 1893, an advert appeared, extending their operations to Folkestone. He was succeeded by Fairburn Bros.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4, High Street <1849-67> • 56, High Street <1871-94>.
<p>Wright</p>	<p>J. Wright was listed as a scale maker in 1855 [<i>PO</i>], working in the High Street; it is a possibility that he worked with Wood.</p>
<p>Chayney</p>	<p>Thomas Sinclair Chayney b<1859> was unemployed in 1881 [<i>Census</i>], the year in which the company was established. He was listed as a scale maker the following year [<i>Kelly</i>]. In 1887, he was declared bankrupt [<i>LES</i> 18/9/87]. By 1891 he had moved his operations to Ramsgate, although he is listed in Maidstone in 1891 [<i>Kelly</i>].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Market Buildings <1882-83> • 30 Marsham Street <1891-94>.
<p>Fairburn</p>	<p>Fairburn Brothers, scale makers, the successors of Charles Fairburn of London, moved around 1898 to Maidstone to succeed R.H. Wood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 High Street, Maidstone <1903-1918>.
<p>Avery</p>	<p>W & T Avery Ltd were at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14/16 Market Street in <1938> [<i>Kelly</i>] • Avery House, 11 King Street <1965> • 75 Campbell Road <2007>.

CAUTION TO TRADESMEN.
R. H. WOOD,
SCALE, WEIGHT, AND WEIGHING MACHINE MAKER,
HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE,
BEGS to CAUTION all persons against having their
WEIGHTS ADJUSTED by Inspectors of Weights
 and Measures, such adjustment being contrary to law.
 R. H. W. respectfully informs the proprietors of mills, and
 others, that he would be happy to wait on them periodically,
 and adjust their weights and scales on the premises.
An Apprentice Wanted.

¶ Advertisement, *South Eastern Gazette*, 27 November 1849, p.1.

IF you want a GOOD WEIGHING MACHINE
 go to the MAKER, R. H. WOOD, 4, High-
 street, Maidstone.



Scales and Weights Cleaned and Adjusted by the year.

IF you want a GOOD WEIGHING MACHINE
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Scales and Weights Cleaned and Adjusted by the year,



The best house in Maidstone for all description of
 Scales, Weights, Weighing Machines, Measures,
 Mills, Grocers' Canisters, Treacle Cans, Tobacco
 Jars, Cheese Knives, Bacon Knives, and all neces-
 sary fitments for Butchers' and Grocers' use.

¶ Advertisements from the *Maidstone Telegraph*, 28 July 1866 and 18 May 1867, p.1.

**To Grocers, Butchers, Coal Merchants and Traders
 in general.**

R. H. WOOD AND SON,

SCALE, WEIGHT, AND WEIGHING MACHINE MANUFACTURERS, MAIDSTONE,

Beg to inform the above Traders that they have taken over the premises lately occupied by

MR. PACKER, BRADSTONE NEW ROAD, FOLKESTONE,

For the purpose of Repairing and Adjusting all Weights, Scales and Weighing Machines in
 the Borough of Folkestone and Neighbourhood, and hope to give the same satisfaction as has been
 given the last 40 years in the Borough of Maidstone.

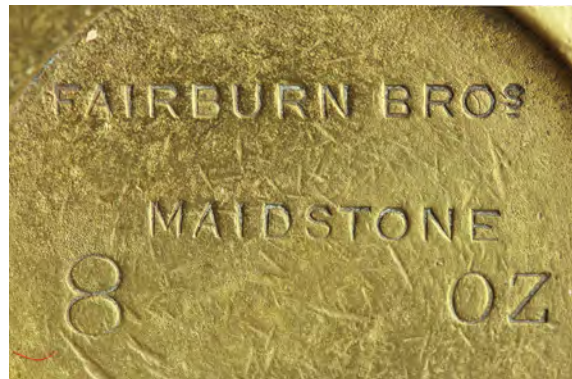
ESTIMATES GIVEN FOR YEARLY CONTRACTS. 7937

¶ Advertisement from the *Folkestone Express*, 13 December 1893, p.1.

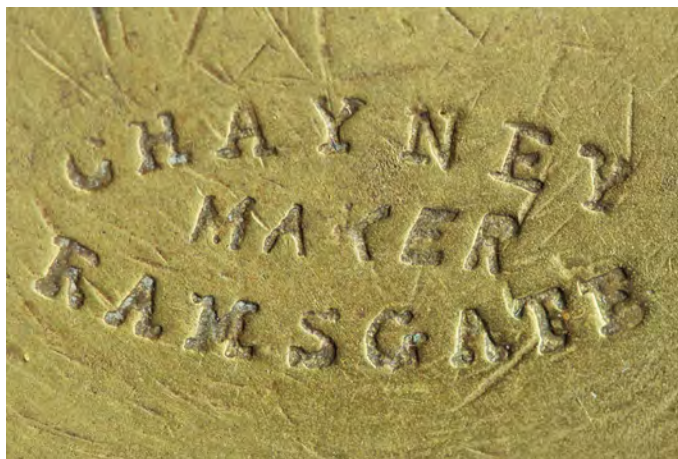


¶ Detail from a 4oz brass weight, by Chayney of Maidstone. This weight has been verified in the Malling District of Kent (VR352) in the period 1882-1901 and over stamped in the borough of Maidstone (VR27) in the period 1882-1901.

¶ Detail from an 8oz brass weight, by Fairburn Bros of Maidstone.

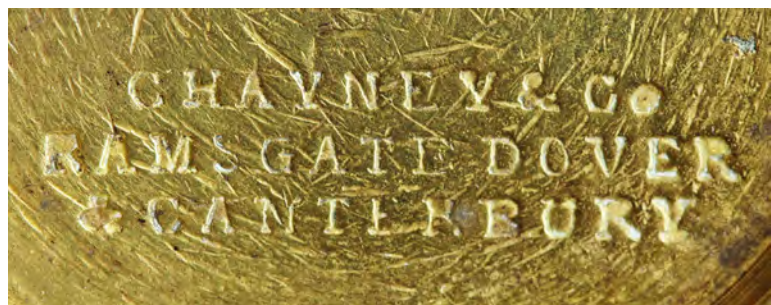


RAMSGATE	
Warmisham	<p>The London company of Samuel Warmisham opened a branch in Ramsgate in 1876 [TA2/9-25/11/76] and was still listed in 1891 [Kelly].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13, Chatham Street <1876-94>.
Chayney	<p>T.S. Chayney had established his main office here by 1891 [TA 5/12/91] and, by 1893, was trading as Chayney & Co. The company was trading as Chayney & Co, Ltd by 1921 [DE 21/4/21]. At the time of his death in 1936, Chayney had extended the premises to 143/145 High Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 145, High Street <1891-1936>. <p>After WW2 the re-opening of the Ramsgate branch of Chayney & Co. Ltd was delayed until 1946 [TA 3/45-4/46], the main office having transferred to Canterbury.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Park Street <1946>. <p>Chayney & Co. Ltd were working from Verity Works, Albert Street, Whitstable 1972-2007>.</p>
Avery	<p>In 1910, a branch of W & T Avery Ltd was first listed here [Hbk]:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Princess Street <1910> • 23-25 George Street <1931> <p>Park Road <1965>.</p>



¶ Detail from a 1lb brass weight; there is a 358 mark in the plug, associating the weight with Tunbridge Wells. The Chayney Maker mark suggests the weight dates to the beginning of the 1890s.

¶ Detail from an 8oz brass weight, showing the change of the company name, dating from around 1900.



IMPORTANT NOTICE. TO ALL IN TRADE.

FOR SCALES, WEIGHTS, and WEIGHING MACHINES of every description, you will do well to go to the Maker,

T. S. CHAYNEY,
PRACTICAL

SCALE, WEIGHT & WEIGHING MACHINE MANUFACTURER
145, HIGH STREET, RAMSGATE.

Platform Machines and Weigh-bridges made and repaired from 3 cwts. to 20 tons.
Weighing Machines of the Approved Pattern, as required by the Kent County Council, for carrying with coal vans, kept in Stock.

COAL LABELS FOR SACKS. ALL GOODS STAMPED READY FOR USE.

REPAIRS of every description executed on the premises with dispatch in the most approved style.

SCALES and WEIGHTS CLEANED and ADJUSTED BY CONTRACT BY THE YEAR.

N.B.—Every article is personally examined by T. S. C. before leaving the premises, and is guaranteed correct.

¶ Advertisement, *Thanet Advertiser*, 19 December 1891, p.2.

ROCHESTER (with GILLINGHAM and STROOD)	
Saunders	William Saunders of North Street was listed as a scale maker in 1858 [M].
Howlett	Harcourt Howlett was first listed as a scale maker in 1878 [K]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 178, High Street <1878-82>. He had moved to Gillingham by 1891. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 Britton Street <1891-10>.
Wood	R.W. Wood began his business as a scale maker in Chatham, but the region of the High Street in which his shop was located was referred to as being in Rochester by 1898. Although under the ownership of Fairburn Bros at this time, it continued to be known by the name of Wood. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 343, High Street <1898-1940> • 1 Newark Yard, Strood <1961> • 1 Baden Road, Gillingham <1971>
Pooley	H. Pooley & Son, Ltd had a showroom at 18, Maidstone Road, in 1910-11 but was listed at 20, Maidstone Road in 1913 [K].
Mattocks	Mattocks were listed in 1938 [K] at 1, Chaucer Road, Gillingham, and this branch is also listed in an advertisement in the 1939 edition of the Inspectors' Handbook.
Fry	Fry & Co were listed in 1938 [K] at 154, Canterbury Street, Gillingham.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT, 1890.
SCALES, WEIGHING MACHINES and
S WEIGHTS, PEWTER and WOOD
 MEASURES of every description supplied, tested,
 and stamped in accordance with the above Act.
 Also Old Scales and Weights adjusted and prepared
 to receive Government stamp, by **HENRY S. TETT,**
 IRONMONGER, SITTINGBOURNE.

¶ Advertisement from the *East Kent Times*, 17 January 1891, p.4.
 It appeared regularly until August of that year.

SITTINGBOURNE	
Tett	Henry S. Tett, an ironmonger advertised in 1891 [<i>EKT 1-8/91</i>], responding to the Weights and Measures Act passed the previous year.
Fairburn	A branch of Fairburn Bros had been established by 1903. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63, East Street <1903> • 34, Station Road <1908-13>.
Wood	A branch of R.W. Wood (late Hooker) was working from the Scale Works by 1908.
Fry	Fry & Co were listed in 1932-49 [K] at 16, West Street.

TONBRIDGE	
Fairburn	A branch of Fairburn Bros had been established by 1908. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 184, High Street <1908-13>.
Pooley	H. Pooley & Son Ltd were working from the South Eastern Railway in 1910.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	
Wood	Thomas Ashby Wood, an ironmonger at 14, Mount Pleasant, advertised in 1880 [<i>KSC 8/11/80</i>] that he tested scales, weights and measures.
Stringer	E.A. Stringer was first listed as a scale maker at in 1881 [Census]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Dale Street <1881-82> • 8, Wood Street <1891>.
Haward	Haward, an ironmonger at 21 Mount Pleasant and 14-18 Goods Station Road, advertised in 1891 [<i>KSC 8-9/91</i>] that he repaired and adjusted weighing machines, scales, weights and measures.
Ingram	Frederick A. Ingram was listed as a scale maker in 1891 [K] but he features in neither the 1881 nor the 1901 Census returns. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41&43, Monson Road <1891-94>.
Whipps	George Whipps, b. 1846, was listed in the 1891 Census as a scale maker, living in Bow. His 1901 advertisements state that he had been working with Walter Parry for 25 years [<i>KSC 25/10/01</i>] whilst the earlier one has his scale business established in 1890 [<i>KSC 21/6/01</i>]. By the end of the decade, G. Whipps and Sons were operating in the Camden Road but the number is not cited [Hbk] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarry Road <1901-1905> • 29A Camden Road <1908-13>.
Fairburn	A branch of Fairburn Bros had been established by 1902. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 136, Camden Road <1902-33>. The company was acquired by Avery in 1935.
Chayney	Chayney & Co Ltd were established at 136, Camden Road before 1962 [letterhead above], the premises formerly occupied by Fairburn Bros. The opening of new showrooms at 105b, St John's Road, was advertised in 1966 [<i>KSC 7/1/66</i>].
Avery	W & T Avery had a branch at 75 Calverley Rd in 1965.
Kent and Sussex (Scales) Ltd.	The company was established by David Matthews in 1978 but was sold to Marco Weighing of East Grinstead, in 2003.
Salter	In 2007, Salter Weightronic had a branch at Unit 4, Colebrook Industrial Estate, Longfield Road, TH2 3DG.

GEORGE WHIPPS,
 SCALE WORKS:
 QUARRY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.
 PRACTICAL SCALE, WEIGHT, AND
 WEIGHING MACHINE MANUFACTURER.
 Established 1890.
 REPAIRS DONE ON THE SHORTEST NOTICE.
 Yearly Contracts entered into on the Lowest
 Possible Terms.
 ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

GEORGE WHIPPS,
 (25 years with WALTER PARRY, London).
 SCALE WORKS:
 QUARRY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.
 Manufacturer of all kinds of WEIGHING
 MACHINES, WEIGHTS, &c., Wholesale and
 Retail. Yearly Contracts entered into. Smith's
 Work in general. All Work Guaranteed.

¶ Two advertisements from the *Kent and Sussex Courier*,
 of 21 June and 25 October, 1901 respectively.

GEORGE WHIPPS,
 SCALE WORKS,
 QUARRY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.
 Practical Scale, Weight and Weighing Machine
MANUFACTURER.
 Adjusting Contracts entered into by the Year.
 ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

FAIRBURN BROS.,
 WEIGHING MACHINE
 MANUFACTURERS.
 Large Stock of BUTCHERS', GROCERS', and
 PUBLICANS' REQUISITES.
 136, *CAMDEN ROAD,*
 TUNBRIDGE WELLS.
 And at MAIDSTONE and SITTINGBOURNE.
 EST. 1760.

¶ Two advertisements from the *Kent and Sussex
 Courier* of 27 March, 1903; the Whipps
 advertisement ran for 4 weeks whilst the Fairburn one
 was carried for 2 years.

FAIRBURN BROS.,
 WEIGHING MACHINE, WEIGHT, AND
 SCALE MANUFACTURERS.
 ADJUSTING CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO.
 136, *CAMDEN ROAD,*
 TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

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FAIRBURN BROS.,
 SCALE MAKERS,

 136, *CAMDEN ROAD,*
 TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

¶ A group of three advertisements from the *Kent and Sussex Courier*;
 the first is from 26 September, 1902, which ran for a month,
 the second from 21 November, 1902, running for two years,
 and the third from 28 July, 1905, running for two months.



¶ Detail from an 8 oz brass weight; the verification mark in the lead plug on the reverse shows that it was stamped in Tunbridge Wells in the reign of Edward VII (1901-10).



¶ Detail from a scale plate, summarising the various locations where Fairburn Bros had a presence.

The following list contains scale makers in smaller towns.

ASHFORD	
Avery	W & T Avery Ltd had a branch here in their own name [Hbk]. • 1 Norwood Street <1908-1913>. By 1965, the address was c/o Mather & Smith.
BEXLEYHEATH*	
Perry	W.G. Perry was listed as scale maker [1903 Kelly] at Pincott Road but had moved to <i>Ilford (Essex)</i> by 1908.
Court	Court Bros were listed as scale repairers in 1910 [Hbk] in Butchery Lane.
DARTFORD	
Team Engineering Ltd.	In 2007, the company was listed at Unit 3, Millside Industrial Estate. Lawson Road.

TETT & HUSSEY,
WHOLESALE & RETAIL
IRONMONGERS,
MARKET STREET,
 Faversham.
WEIGHTS, MEASURES. &
SCALES ADJUSTED.
 N.B.—There are no **AUTHORISED**
 Adjusters of Weights and Measures
 for the Town of Faversham.

¶ Advertisement from the *Faversham Times* of 22 October, 1891.

FAVERSHAM	
Tett & Hussey	The advertisement above ran for two weeks in 1881. The 1891 Census records a Henry S. Tett, ironmonger, living in Faversham, linking him to the Sittingbourne concern above.

FOLKESTONE	
Packer	Charles B. Packer was listed as a scale maker in 1894 at 10 Bradstone road [K] and as a scale maker and repairer at 95, Dover Road <1908-13> [Hbk, K].
MARGATE	
Chayney	A branch of Chayney & Co was established by 1894 and was still listed in 1913 [Hbk]. • 33a, Hawley Street <1894-1913>.
ORPINGTON	
De Grave	Although highlighting <i>De Grave</i> , the 1969 Inspectors' Handbook carries an advertisement for L. Oertling Ltd, Cray Valley Works, Orpington. (The 1950 edition carries a London address.)
PENGE*	
Allard	Sydney Allard was first listed as a scale maker in 1903 [K] and as a scale repairer in 1910 [Hbk]. • 52 Hawthorn Grove <1903-1913>.
Mackey	The only trade listing of William Mackey as a scale maker was in 1903 [K], at 12, Harding's Lane, Penge. But the 1901 Census also lists him as a scale maker, at the same address.
WHITSTABLE	
Chayney	Chayney & Co. Ltd were working from Verity Works, Albert Street, Whitstable 1972-2007>.

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EKT East Kent Times and Mail 1867-1972
FE Folkstone Express, Sandgate, Shorncliffe and Hythe Advertiser 1872-1909
FH Folkstone, Hythe, Sandgate and Cheriton Herald 1891-1933
FT Faversham Times and Mercury and North-East Kent Journal 1878-1909
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KC Kentish Chronicle 1859-67
KG Kentish Gazette 1834-1876
KI Kentish Independent 1899
KM Kentish Messenger 1914-1918
KSC Kent and Sussex Courier 1874-1966
KWP Kentish Weekly Post or Canterbury Journal 1836
LES London Evening Standard 1887
MJ Maidstone Journal and Kentish Advertiser 1834-1902
MT Maidstone Telegraph 1865-71
NEP Nottingham Evening Post 1903
NN Norwood News 1934

RCGJ Rochester, Chatham and Gillingham Journal 1883-94
SA Sussex Advertiser 1840
SC Sevenoaks Chronicle 1890-1938
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