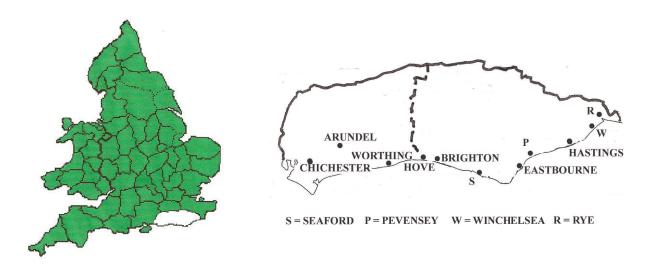
# **SUSSEX**

(West Sussex and East Sussex)



Sussex is large county on the south coast of England. On the landward side it is bordered by Hampshire, Surrey and Kent. Historically the main activity centered on the agricultural lands in the north of the county, and the coastal towns, some of which were designated as 'Cinque Ports',

In 1835 the administration of the county was carried out by the justices, in two separate divisions: the Western Division based at Chichester and the Eastern Division based at Lewes. In the Western Division the City of Chichester had separate jurisdiction, and in Arundel there was a long-established Court that regulated weights and measures. In the Eastern Division there were five towns that claimed separate jurisdiction by virtue of their status as Cinque Ports: Seaford, Pevensey, Hastings Winchelsea, and Rye, With the exception of Hastings these were very small places, but there is evidence of activity relating to weights and measures in all of them.

During the nineteenth century several other coastal towns became popular as 'seaside resorts'. Brighton became a municipal borough in 1854, and was followed by Eastbourne (1883), Worthing (1890) and Hove (1897). Up to the 1890s these places continued to act jointly with the county, even when separate legal authority existed.

In the Western Division, responsibility for the inspection of weights and measures was transferred to the Police Force in 1857, but the Eastern Division continued to employ civilian inspectors. The two divisions of the county were confirmed by the County of Sussex Act 1865, and in 1889 they were formally established as the new administrative counties of West Sussex and East Sussex [1].

The scale trade was slow to develop. Around 1850 Banfields of Brighton established themselves as specialist scale makers, and in due course they set up branches throughout the county. Avery's followed their usual policy of buying up smaller firms, but they did not succeed in taking over Banfields until 1969.

# A1: Inspection by the county of Sussex (East)

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1795 1826	One set of standards [280] verified for the East Division. Short sets were also verified for some hundreds 1826-1834.		Five districts based on the Rapes, each of which had many hundreds.  Inspectors 1834-95
1834	Five inspectors appointed, the inspector for Brighton district also acted for the town.	susse+	<i>I- Lewes- 215</i> Henry Bartlett I (1834-50) Henry Bartlett II (1850-74-) Walter Bartlett (-1878-95*)
1835	Standards [579] issued, also for East Grinstead [591], Battle [695] and Brighton [624].		II- Brighton -216 Samuel Duly (I and II?) (1834-78-) Henry Moore (-1882-95)
1840	Police force set up (but never used for WM duties).	susset	III -East Grinstead-217 Richard Payne (1834-82-) John Raw (-1889-95)
1867	Districts numbered I–V as shown opposite. Lewes and Brighton had full-time inspectors.		IV-Mayfield-218 James Damper (1834-) James Fenner (-1851-62-) George Fenner (-1866-74-) Robert Fenner (-1878 -95
1879	Numbers 215-219 issued, as shown opposite. No.218 was used in the borough of Eastbourne from 1883 and later transferred completely, and No.217 was transferred to Hove about 1897.		V-Battle-219 Thomas Foord (1834-39-) John Foord (-1859-82-) George Durnford (-1889-95)
1889	East Sussex CC formed. The five 'old' inspectors remained in office, for a while, and were listed in 1892 [AR].		*W. Bartlett was re-appointed for the new Lewes district in 1895, although not qualified. He was listed in 1896 [AR] and
1895	The 'old' inspectors were required to resign at the end of March [MR 94:416].		continued until 1898.

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1896 1946	Two inspectors and divisions: West (Lewes) 215 East (Rye) 216  The divisions were the same until 1946, but the location of the East division office changed: in 1928 it was in St Leonards, in 1939 in Bexhill.  Nos. 211, 212 issued; third division set up [MR 46:103]: North (E Grinstead) 215 East (Battle) 216 West & HQ (Lewes) 211, 212.  New East Sussex CC takes over; some areas transferred to West Sussex.	V99R 216 E4R 215	Qualified inspectors: Henry Moore, one of the 'old' inspectors, qualified for Brighton and E. Sussex in 1890, and was listed in 1892 [AR].  West (Lewes) William Futcher (q1890/1 in Winchester, 1898-1922-) [MR 98:46] W. Chamberlain (1927-49) [MR 49:63] R.F. Beale (-1950-)  East (Rye, etc) Thomas Latham (1895-1901) [MR 33:187] Arthur Horsnell (1901-12, moved to Essex) [MR 01:146] J.J. Murphy (1912-46) [MR 73:2] W.J. Challand (1946-49) then chief until 1972-[MR 49:83]. C.J. Thrussell (-1950-)  North (East Grinstead) J.B. Leach (-1950-)

¶ A two ounce brass weight bearing the mark of the Lewes district of East Sussex. Probably dating from the mid-Victorian period, c.1860-80.



# **A2:** Inspection by the county of Sussex (West)

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1795 1826	Set of standards [330] issued for the Western Division.		The 1826 standards were issued to John Mance, keeper of the house of correction.
1835	Four districts. Another set of standards [580] issued.	susset	In 1834 all verification marks said SUSSEX only, subsequently districts VI and VII were numbered [3].
1852	Superintending constables took over as inspectors. Two more	susse+	Inspectors 1834-52 VI Chichester: Robert Wills (1835-) Edward Wolferstan (1836-)
	sets of standards issued [1081-2]. The six districts shared four sets of standards:  1. Chichester		VII Petworth: John Mance (1835) Richard Salter (1836-45-) VIII Horsham:
	<ol> <li>Midhurst and Petworth</li> <li>Horsham and Steyning</li> <li>Arundel (incl. Worthing)</li> </ol>		Charles Sheppard (1835-36-)  IX Arundel (Worthing): George White (1835-)
1857	Police force set up. There were same six police districts. with the HQ at Petworth.	WS 3	Superintending constables 1852-57  Chichester William Neelance
1870	Worthing district separated from Arundel. There were now seven police districts, and in due course three more sets of standards were acquired: Worthing [1484] -1870		Midhurst Charles Brayne William Blake* (1854-) Petworth Thomas Gale May John Kemmish* (1856-)
1879	Horsham [1502] -1872 'County' [1506] -1873  Numbers 167-173 issued, for the seven districts, as below.		Horsham Richard Green*(1857) Steyning Robert Polney George Holloway* (1853-)
	35 . 51. 52541545, 45 6616 W.		*Appointed superintendent of police in 1857, and continued as IWM.

# Police officers as inspectors 1858-89

Petworth 169

John Kemmish (1858-82-) Horace Ellis (-1889)

Arundel (Lyminster) 172 John Bray (1858-62-&) George Holloway (&1866-74-)

Thomas Puttock (-1878-89)

Chichester 171
Henry Pratt (1858-74-)
Edmund Lucas (-1878-82-)
Richard Clarke (-1889)

Horsham 168

Richard Green (1858) William Blake (&1859-72-&) Leonard Henderson (-1874-

82-)

Richard Denman (-1889)

Midhurst 170

William Blake (1858&) John Parnell (-1862-66-&) \*Richard Clarke (-1874-82-&)

John Kennett (-1889)

\*Clarke was supt of police, but not IWM in 1874.

Steyning 167

George Holloway (1858-62-) John Bray (&-1866-) John Parnell (&-1874-82-)

James Ford (-1889)

Worthing 173

(with Arundel up to 1870) William Blake (&-1874-) Henry Silvester (-1878-82-) Jacob Long (-1889)

¶ A bronze weight bearing the mark of West Sussex, district 4, the area around Arundel and Worthing. The weight was originally marked in London, early in the reign of Queen Victoria. (The date 1826 refers to the adoption of the new Imperial Standards, not the making of the weight.)



Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1889	West Sussex CC formed.		
1890	One qualified inspector appointed. Several police officers continued to act as inspectors, under the chief constable. The main WM office was in Worthing [AR 1892, 96].		Qualified chief inspectors: A.E. Pomeroy (1890-92) F. Knott q1891/2 in Rochdale, in West Sussex 1893-1922, latterly as chief inspector, then coal officer) [MR 92/3:72] W.M. Huggett q1913, chief 1922-1944
1910	No. 171 adopted for the whole county. Probably at this time WM was removed from police control and the head office moved to Horsham.		[MR 44:59; 55:107] W.H. Hurry (1944-68-) [MR 44:59] Other inspectors:
1945 1947	Head office moved to Arundel, and Horsham became a district office [MR 45:47].  No.77 issued.		Chichester L.W. Rumble (at Horsham 1939, Chichester –1950-72-)  Horsham A.W. Manning (-1950-57-)
1950	Head office in Arundel, with three district offices: Chichester 172 Horsham 173 Worthing 171		Worthing R.G. Lowin (-1950-)
1964	The Borough of Worthing became a separate WMA.		
1974	West Sussex was largely unaltered by local government reorganisation, but Worthing returned to county authority.		

**B1:** Localities with separate jurisdiction in the county of SUSSEX (East)

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates
		Non- uniform	Number pre-1951	& Notes
Brighton	MktTown MB:1854 CB:1888	BB	197	s:1826, 1856

A Local Act of 1810 authorised the Town Commissioners to appoint inspectors of weights and measures. It is recorded [HOW] that in May 1823 a certain Mr E Savage declined to accept the office, which was an annual appointment, and said to be 'honorary'. Copies of the new Imperial Standards [310] were delivered to the churchwardens in 1826.

Samuel Duly was appointed as inspector in 1835, when he was also appointed for the Brighton district of the county. New standards [1173] were issued to the Mayor in 1856, following the conferment of borough status. Samuel Duly and (presumably) his son of the same name continued to hold the office until 1878 [K] at least, in conjunction with the post of the county inspector. Around 1880, both positions were taken over by Henry Moore, a man of many parts [MR19:19]. He was named as the inspector in 1882 [K], qualified in 1889/90 and was listed as IWM in 1892 [AR]. He seems to have retired in 1895, when the county finally regularised its own arrangements.

Harry Webster (q1890/1 in Coventry) served from 1895 until 1922-. He was followed as chief inspector by Charles Griffin (CC 1920-33, qualified 1915/16 in Clitheroe), T.J. Metcalfe (1934-41), H.J. Latham (1941-59), and O.A. Parry (1959-72-) [MR 34:56; 59:51,95].

The verification mark depicts two dolphins. It is sometimes seen without the initials BB, probably dating from the time before Brighton was granted borough status in 1854.



¶ A bronze weight bearing the verification mark for Brighton, probably stamped before the incorporation of the borough in 1854. There are also two earlier marks from Westminster.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates
		Non- uniform	Number pre-1951	& Notes
Eastbourne	MB:1883 CB:1910		218	s:1883 n:1883-1974

Eastbourne became a municipal borough in 1883, and standards were issued [indenture number not recorded]. Verification number 218 was transferred from the county, but it is likely that the county inspector for the Mayfield district continued to stamp weights in the borough until the arrangements in the county were regularised in 1895, William A. Wells qualified as inspector in 1895/6 and remained until 1939 [MR 39:51]. Maurice Stevenson (1939-74) took over, but from 1940-46 Stevenson was away on war service and Wells replaced him [MR 46:27; 77:155].

	AncBo	?		s:1826 r:1862
Hastings	MB:1835			
Hastings	CB:1888		250	n:1879-1974

Hastings traditionally had the status of a borough, as well as being the largest of the Cinque Ports in Sussex.

In 1826 standards [226] were issued G. Colbourn, sergeant-at-mace. In 1834 John P. Crouch was appointed as IWM, and he was still listed 1855 [K]. In 1858 [M] and 1859 [K] Thomas Foster was the IWM, and from 1862 [K] until 1878 [K] it was John Campbell.

William Catt was listed as the inspector from 1882 [K] until 1898. but he did not qualify. The first qualified inspector was H. Craik Smith (1898-1928), who was followed by H. Brentnall (1928-34), C.G. Adams (1935-56-) [MR 35:135], and G. Beresford (1965-72-) [MR 65:2].

Suprisingly, a non-uniform mark for Hastings has not been firmly identified.

	MB:1897		s:1897
Hove		 217	n:1897-1974

Prior to its incorporation as a borough in 1897, Hove was the responsibility of a county inspector, using the number 217. The new borough quickly acquired standards [2475] and the number 217 was transferred. A borough inspector, G. Presslie (q1895/6 in Aberdeen), was appointed in 1897. He remained in post until 1935 [MR 36:60], when he was succeeded by H.J. Dearling (1935-55) [MR 35:223].

#### *Inspection by the smaller Cinque Ports in East Sussex*

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates
		Non- uniform	Number pre-1951	& Notes
Pevensey	Cinque Port AncBo Unref	?	282	s:1851, r:1862 n:1879-86

Standards [1050] for the 'Liberty of Pevensey' were issued in 1851 to the inspector, Henry Bartlett, who was also was the county inspector for Lewes district. He was listed as IWM for Pevensey in 1866 [K]. Although the number 282 was issued in 1879, Pevensey was an unreformed borough, and borough status was withdrawn altogether in 1886.

The initials RC surmounted by a crown may be the mark of Rye Corporation.

A set of standards [256] was issued to the Mayor in 1826, and until 1834 a 'Grand Jury' was responsible for inspection of WM. In 1834 Thomas Chatterton was appointed as IWM, and it is likely that a local municipal officer continued to act in this capacity. The sergeant-at-mace was said to be responsible in 1866. Thomas Filmer Jnr was the 'school board inspector etc' in 1882 [K], and he was listed as IWM in 1888 [AR] and 1890 [K]. The borough ceased to be a WMA in 1889.

**Seaford** was one of the Cinque Ports. Although it claimed to be a borough, it was not granted municipal status in 1835 and did not acquire standards. However, it continued to claim separate juridisction, and inspectors of weights and measures were listed in several directories. In 1859 [K] and 1862 [K] they were William Haine and Charles Banks; in 1866 [K] they were Charles Banks and David Banks, and in 1874 [K] they were H.P. Davies and William Banks.

**Winchelsea** was one of the Cinque Ports, and an ancient borough. But it was not granted municipal status in 1835. However, standards [131] had been acquired in 1826. and in 1835 Charles Hill was appointed as IWM. The standards were re-verified in 1861, when the inspector was named as Stephen Laurence. Jurisdiction over WM ceased in 1889, if not before.

#### **B2:** Localities with separate jurisdiction in the county of SUSSEX (West)

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates
		Non- uniform	Number pre -1951	& Notes
Arundel	AncBo MB:1835 ncp	A·C		s:1828 r:1862

The Arundel Borough Court existed since Elizabethan times, and in the 18th century it dealt with Weights and Measures. In 1828 standards [410] were issued to the Mayor. Arundel became a municipal borough in 1835, and the borough archives indicate that the portreeves acted as the inspectors of weights and measures.

The mark is a swallow (Fr: hirondelle), a pun on the name of the borough. It is scarce but remained in use at least until 1882 [AR]. The borough was disqualified as a WMA in 1889.

	AncBo MB:1835 qsb	O R C C		s:1826, 1835, 1853
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The standards [319] issued in 1826 were for the use of the John Humphreys, the inspector, also sergeant-at-mace. At this time jurisdiction over WM was still a function of the Court Leet. In 1835 standards [663] were issued to Robert Wills, who was also the county inspector for Chichester district. The issue of a new set of standards [1100] in 1853 followed the appointment of the superintending constables as the county inspectors, and probably indicates that the borough resumed separate inspection at that time. Benjamin Brown was listed as IWM for the borough in 1855 [K] and 1859 [K].

The chief officers of the borough police force were Charles Everett (CC 1859-67), who was named as IWM in 1862 and 1867 [K], and Arthur Pratt (CC 1867-89), who was named as IWM in 1868 and 1878 [K]. In 1889 the police force was amalgamated with the West Sussex force, and responsibility for WM passed to the county.

**Worthing** In 1826 standards [242] were issued to William Tribe, clerk to the Improvement Commissioners. . Standards [581] were also issued in 1835 for the use of George White, who was also the county inspector for the Arundel and Worthing district. It appears that Worthing continued under the jurisdiction of the county, even after it became a Municipal Borough in 1890. In 1903 some replacement weights for the standards numbered 581 were issued.

The borough eventually became a WMA in 1964. F.A. Smith was appointed chief inspector [MR 65:78] and was still in post in 1972, but in 1974 the county re-assumed jurisdiction.

**Crawley**. The Urban District Council became a WMA in 1967.



¶ A bronze weight with the 'swallow' mark of Arundel. It is also stamped with the London marks of the Founders Company and the Sussex county mark.

¶ An 8oz brass weight, verified in Chichester in the period 1853-1889.



## **C:** The trade in Sussex

BRIGHTON	
Banfield	BANFIELD BRIGHTON
	George Banfield, b1819, set up as gas fitter c1844, scale maker and gas fitter [1854 BO], [1858 M advt]. Succeeded by Samuel Banfield [1874 K].  • 41 Ship Street <-1854-55-> • 53 Ship Street <-1858-74> • 56 Ship Street <1882 onwards.  Works at 33 Foundry Street <1908-27>. Several branches elsewhere in Sussex. Firm acquired by <b>Avery</b> 1969. (A separate firm of Banfield's, ironmongers was still in business in 2007.)
Taylor	G. Taylor, scale maker [1891 K].  • 15 Gardner Street <1891-98>
Avery	First noted 1905 [K].  • 34 East Street <1905-08->  • 49 Cheltenham Place <1965>
	CHICHESTER
Avery	• 36 Whyte Lane <1965>

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	EASTBOURNE	
Avery	First noted 1908 [Hbk].  • 66 Susans Road <1910>	
Banfield	Branch of the Brighton firm.  • 26 Junction Road <1899>  • 10 Commercial Road <1915-27.>	
	HASTINGS and St Leonards	
Banfield	BANFIELD HASTINGS	
	Branch of the Brighton firm  Richmond House <1899> 196 Queens Road <1908-15->	
Ely	N. ELY ST LEONARDS	
	Newport Ely, apprentice scale maker in London [1881 Census], retired 1937, d 1944.  • 25 Western Road <1895-1937? Sold to <b>Avery</b> c.1937.	
Fairburn	Fairburn Bros., branch of the Maidstone firm.  • 16a George Street <-1908-10-> The relationship with <b>Brignall</b> (same address) is unclear. Bought by <b>Avery</b> in 1935, but possibly had left Eastbourne in 1917.	
Brignall	<ul> <li>J.A. Brignall, apprentice to Ely, founded firm, succeeded by his son Jack Brignall.</li> <li>16a George Street 1917-1978.</li> <li>Sold to C.Stevens &amp; Co.</li> </ul>	
Avery	Bought the <b>Ely</b> firm c1937 and continued to use the Western Road premises until 1965 at least.	
	HORSHAM	
Bannister	Charles Bannister, scale maker [1891 K].  • Queen Street <1891> Possibly the Charles Bannister in Aldershot by 1898.	
Banfield	Branch of the Brighton firm.  11 East Street <1899> 23 East Street <1905> 3 Park Street <1911-27->	

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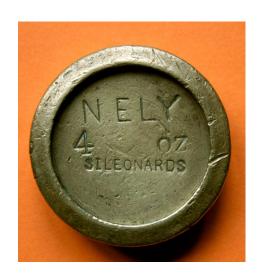
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Factory:



¶ Two pages from Banfield's catalogue of 1927, showing the extent of the organisation.





¶ Brass weights bearing the names of Banfield (Brighton) and Newport Ely (St Leonards, near Hastings), c.1900.

LEWES	
Potter	John Nathan Potter, adjuster [1891 K], scale maker [1899 K]., [1905 KMT]  • 49 North Street <1891-1905>
Fairburn	Fairburn Bros., branch of the Maidstone firm.  • 4a Station Street <-1910-35.  Acquired by <b>Avery</b> 1935, same address.
Avery	Took over from Fairburn.  • 4a Station Street <1935-65>
	WORTHING
Banfield	Branch of the Brighton firm.  • 27 West Buildings <1915>  • 117 Clifton Road <1927>
Avery	• 38a North Street <1965>

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Name changed to Stanley Weights 1970, company dissolved 1972.

H.M. Stanley was also a partner in **Stanton Instruments** and **Reverifications Ltd**.



¶ A brass weight for £5-worth of 'silver' coins, made by H.M. Stanley in the 1950s and 1960s. These weights were used for checking bags of coins at the high-street banks.

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# **County**

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C/W/1/1: Indentures of WM inspectors.

# Brighton

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# Winchelsea

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