

CRP Artwork Resource Pack

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4. Sound Suggestions

After conducting research with local people in each area, we have made a shortlist of lockdown-compliant suggestions to spark initial inspiration. You will need to observe social distancing and government guidance relating to Covid-19, which may change following the preparation of these instructions.

As our experience of sound is unique, we are extremely interested in hearing what sounds are important to you. These lists are intended to provide suggestions to inspire you and get you started. Please add your own ideas too! At each location, there will be sounds you do not expect. Listen carefully. Pay attention to things you might not normally pay attention to. Record all sounds: even ones you might think are boring!

If you are taking part with your family, perhaps you could try and find and record some of these sounds in a sonic treasure hunt?

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA

- ★ All Saints Church bell
- ★ Dogs barking on the beach
- ★ Farm lorries and tractors
- ★ Local chat
- ★ Mandy's Deli: customers chatting about the news of the day
- ★ Mobility scooters and their reversing beep
- ★ Seals breathing and splashing off the prom between Grenham Bay and Minnis Bay
- ★ Sounds of the sea: waves crashing, gulls, *etc.*
- ★ The train sounding its horn as it comes into Birchington Station
- ★ The Square: general noise of daily life

BROADSTAIRS

- ★ Birds at low tide (Oyster Catchers, Curlews)
- ★ Cars beeping in the narrow part of the high street, with people shouting: “You can’t fit a bus through there!”
- ★ Children laughing on the beach
- ★ Fishing boats chugging out to sea
- ★ Local chat
- ★ The sound of wind in shells
- ★ Seagulls attacking people eating chips
- ★ Skateboarders on Eastern Esplanade
- ★ Sounds of the sea close to the tide’s edge
- ★ St Peter’s Church bell

DUMPTON PARK

- ★ Bird calls in the train station: an amazing variety that can be heard from the upper walkway and the platforms
- ★ Dumpton Gap beach: children playing, sea sounds, dogs barking, *etc.*
- ★ Pigeons cooing at Dumpton Park station
- ★ Post Office [210 Ramsgate Road]: People placing orders (ask permission from the shop owner first and ensure social distancing guidelines are adhered to)
- ★ Trains arriving and leaving Dumpton Park Station
- ★ Train announcements
- ★ Woodlands around the Synagogue: what sounds can you capture here?
- ★ Wyevale Garden Centre

MARGATE

- ★ Anchors and chains being pulled over the sandbank
- ★ The MOD boom from Shoeburyness: explosions echoing throughout Margate
- ★ Clock tower striking on the hour
- ★ Mannings seafood stall: people ordering with the sound of the sea in the background
- ★ Mopeds and bikes (bank holidays at the clock tower)
- ★ People saying: “What’s that smell?” or “We should buy somewhere here”
- ★ The fizz and pop of a bottle of prosecco being opened
- ★ Tidal Pool: People swimming
- ★ Waves slapping on Margate beach steps

MINSTER

- ★ Archie’s Chip Shop: People ordering chips and the boy racer speeding by at 50mph
- ★ Birdsong over the marshes in the morning
- ★ Car horns when buses get stuck by the Saddlers on the corner of Monkton and Egbert Road
- ★ Minster Abbey: 12 o clock lunch bell or Benedictine Nuns singing
- ★ Minster Marsh frogs (spring)
- ★ Michael Abbott’s peacock*
- ★ Post Office: People banging on the door when it’s not open at the times they thought it would be
- ★ Sheep baa-ing
- ★ Tractors
- ★ Train announcements on the platform

* If you would like to record the peacock, please contact me for Michael’s address. It calls in spring.

RAMSGATE

- ★ Air Raid Siren at Ramsgate Tunnels
- ★ Audacious Marine boat builders on Ramsgate Harbour
- ★ Boat masts and sail ropes clanging, rattling and whistling in the harbour
- ★ Harbour dock gates opening and closing: the warning message/siren
- ★ Harbour slipways boat yard
- ★ People saying: “Rubber Chicken House” or talking about the tiles on Kent Steps as they walk up Kent Place towards Kent Steps
- ★ Skateboarders in the multi-storey carpark on Leopold Street
- ★ Squeals of sea swimmers at Western Undercliff
- ★ Toni’s news – the radio blaring outside (opposite Iceland on King Street)

WESTGATE-ON-SEA

- ★ Bicycle bells ringing on the promenade
- ★ Big Issue Seller outside the Co-op: he always says hello and has the radio on
- ★ People chatting in the sea shelter near the cafe
- ★ Roxburgh Road metal railway bridge: it makes a great sound as prams go over it
- ★ Sounds of the sea: waves crashing, gulls, *etc*, from St Mildred’s Bay
- ★ St Saviour’s bells
- ★ Train announcements on the platform
- ★ Westgate Fish and Chips (opposite the station): Fryers frying and the owner offering free chips or sweets for children while you wait

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