



Montefiore College. Entrance are from the now demolished Judith, Lady Virtue alone remains. The Montefiore arms at the chiming clock is the only example on an English II* building is a simple one in a late Regency style. The June 1833 (New Moon of Tammuz 5992). The Grade £300 or £400. The dedication took place on the 16th £1,500 and £1,600; the interior would cost an extra hired as architect. The cost was estimated at between house in 1831 Montefiore's cousin, David Mocatta, was visited Ramsgate with her mother, he opened the "His great and manifold blessings". On acquiring the and to express their gratitude for a safe journey and for synagogue... to commemorate their visit to Jerusalem declared that he "... would build a small but handsome In 1830, when buying East Cliff Lodge, Montefiore

5. Synagogue

A short walk along the same footpath and you reach a walled gateway (without a gate) on the left, the way to

Site of the Theological College (*Yeshiva* in Hebrew), demolished in 1961, this is now a peaceful green space adjacent to the new Montefiore Medical Centre. The College was built in memory of Judith, Lady Montefiore. Designed by Henry Davis, FRIBA (1838-1915); the foundation stone was laid in 1865. The building was in Tudor style red brick, built in a crescent with a library and reading room on the ground floor and a lecture hall above. On each side of the central block were five residences for the scholars and included a 'mikveh' or ritual bath house. The site is now owned by Ramsgate Town Council and maintained by volunteers.



MONTEFIORE HERITAGE TRAIL via Winterstoke Crescent

The Trail should take a leisurely one-and-a-half to two hours.

Your starting point is Montefiore Avenue (at the junction with Dumpton Park Drive). Proceed along Montefiore Avenue, past the Montefiore Games Centre and tennis courts on the left, until you reach the gated entrance to King George VI Park.

Gate House
Here the Gate Keeper and his family lived

Turn left outside the gate and follow the path around to the Stable Block. Follow signs for the Montefiore Design Studios. CT11 8BD



Take a leisurely walk across the park to the park gates. Exiting the gates (the sea is on your left), take the first road on your right and walk up Winterstoke Crescent. (N.B. Not the footpath immediately to the right of the gates). Take the next right - Winterstoke Way. At the end of this small street, facing you on the other side of the road (Dumpton Park Drive), you will see a footpath with a five-bar gate. Through the gate and on your left is a wooded area. CT11 8AD

A building in the Gothic Revival style; first rated in 1799 at £40, used by Queen Caroline, then Princess of Wales, later by Admiral Lord Keith before being leased in 1815 to Marquis Wellesley, brother of the Duke of Wellington. Moses Montefiore purchased the house in 1830 for £5,500. In 1835, when Princess Victoria visited Ramsgate with her mother, he opened the grounds for her, presenting her with a golden key to a private door to the estate. In 1935, the property was sold, to be acquired after the war by Thanet District Council. It was demolished in 1954 and the George VI Memorial Park created from its grounds.

3. East Cliff Lodge (site of) home of the Montefiores



2. The Italianate Greenhouse
This early 19th century Grade II* listed structure is covered with fish scale glass becoming smaller towards the top. The greenhouse contains three vines of considerable age, and outside are two further vines trained through into the interior. Also inside is an olive bush and Agave plants. A formal garden with an ornate Italian fountain outside the front entrance became known as The Italian Garden, hence the name.
From the Greenhouse turn left towards the sea and then right across King George VI Park in the centre of which stood

1. The Stable Block
Away from the original main house, a building in the Gothic Revival style, this is in the same style. The size of the estate is now evident; the stable yard consisted of two three-stalled stables, two coach houses, wood house, tool house, lumber house... It was here that the famous Montefiore carriage, which travelled across continents, was kept; it can still be seen in Jerusalem. These grade II listed buildings were last renovated in 2006. The Stable Block has been leased to a firm of architects who also take responsibility for maintaining the building.
Continuing in a clockwise direction around the Stable Block you will find yourself in the park and looking to the left in the direction of the Gate House you will come to:



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6. The Mausoleum

This is a replica of Rachel's tomb near Bethlehem which was restored by Lady Montefiore in 1839. Lady Montefiore was buried here in 1862. Sir Moses was buried by her side in 1885. The inscription is from the Hebrew hymn *Adon Alom*: 'Within Thy hand I lay my soul/ Both when I sleep and when I wake/ And with my soul my body too/ My Lord is with me I shall not fear.' The pillar behind the mausoleum, brought back from the Holy Land by Sir Moses, alludes perhaps to the tombstone erected over Rachel's tomb by the patriarch Jacob.

On the footpath by the synagogue and with the synagogue clock on your left, continue towards the 'Honeysuckle Inn' passing the site of Temple Cottage.



At the bottom of Augusta Road, turn left into Victoria Parade. The next block and on the corner of D'Este Road is:

12. Granville Hotel

A famous hotel (now apartments) built by Edward Pugin. This is where members of the Montefiore family attended the opening ball in August 1869. Sir Moses was listed as a patron. A bust of Edward Pugin facing the sea is situated opposite.

Retracing your steps along Victoria Parade, passing Augusta Road, the continuation of this road takes you along Wellington Crescent. (Note the three Blue Plaques as you walk along the Crescent):

13. Wellington Crescent

In December 1859 Sir Moses, as Sheriff of Kent, records going with two military officers to select land for a battery to protect the harbour. They selected a plot in the front of the Crescent, site of the present bandstand. A site nearby was later used as a battery emplacement during the two World Wars.

Take a look up Plains of Waterloo (next road on the right) where, in 1857, in a house on the left the contract to build the Jerusalem almshouses with the famous windmill was signed.

Continue the full length of Wellington Crescent to Albion Place:

14. Albion House

Built around 1789, it was where the Princess Victoria holidayed in 1835, and where Montefiore gave the Princess the gold key to his estate. In August, after receiving her uncle, Leopold, King of the Belgians, she fell ill with typhoid fever and stayed until she recovered in January of the following year. She was 16 at the time.

7. Temple Cottage

Situated halfway between the Synagogue and the Honeysuckle Inn, it was built around 1837. Two brothers, the Revs. Isaac and Emanuel Myers, who were readers and chaplains to Sir Moses, lived here. Isaac Myers ran a school for both Jewish and Christian students. The cottage was demolished in the 1960s. This was probably the site of the so-called 'Rabbi's Orchard', where local folklore tells of young lads and lasses scrumping or being allowed to pick apples for a farthing.

Note that you need to turn left at the first set of semi-detached houses to get to the Honeysuckle Inn and, perhaps a refreshment stop.

Exit past the Honeysuckle Inn, to the right into Hereson Road and opposite the Tesco Extra store:

8. The 'Florry' cottages (95/97 Hereson Road)

These cottages, to the right, were built in memory of Floretta, youngest daughter of Sir Joseph Sebag-Montefiore. There are six almshouses: three for Jews and three for Christians.

With the Florry Cottages on your left, continue along Hereson Road to:

9. Church of St Ethelbert and St Gertrude

Church designed by Peter Paul Pugin (1851-1909). Sir Moses left money in his will to Augustus Welby Pugin's Roman Catholic parish of St Augustine. The Catholic Duke of Norfolk (1765-1842) and Montefiore had worked together on the Relief from Religious Disabilities Bill, enacted in 1846. Money was also left to the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate (now the QEQM), the Orphanage at St Peter's and to the Smack Boys Home in the Royal Harbour, as well as to all the parishes of Ramsgate.

Walking along Hereson Road note, on the left in Trinity Place, the sign of the Montefiore Arms, a CAMRA public house with Montefiore memorabilia. Continue to the traffic lights and turn left up Victoria Road and to Arklow Square:

Opposite Albion House:

Walk in the gardens, on the right hand path, and see plaque by the tree planted in 2001 in honour of Sir Moses by Mayor Jacqueline Coppock. The annual National Holocaust Memorial Day services are held here.

Continuing in the same direction as before, take the winding road downhill, past the Albion Gardens waterfall on the right, to:

15. Royal Harbour

Distinguished visitors, such as the King and Queen of the Belgians, disembarked here on their way to London or to holiday in this fashionable resort.

On the corner, facing the harbour, the building now home to Pizza Express and formerly the National Westminster Bank is:



10. Arklow Square and Holy Trinity Church

Baron Arklow is the Irish title of the Duke of Sussex (1773-1843) sixth son of George III. Holy Trinity is built on land given by the Duke's daughter Augusta Emma, Lady Truro (1801-1866), the daughter of the Duke of Sussex and his morganatic wife, Lady Augusta Murray (1768-1830). The Duke was a close friend of Sir Moses; they shared the services of the Orientalist and scholar Dr Louis Loewe. The Duke helped Montefiore in the fight for full Jewish Emancipation, and was patron of several Jewish charities, notably the Jews' Hospital and Orphanage at Norwood, still in existence. He became the Hospital's patron in 1815, and royal patronage has continued since that time; Her Majesty the Queen is the current patron.

At the church turn to the right alongside Arklow Square into Bellevue Road and walk to Augusta Road, which is the next road on the left:

11. Augusta Road

This was the western border of Lady Augusta's estate, and was developed around 1845. With the opening of the synagogue, Jewish visitors increased and with them the need for boarding houses serving kosher food. Augusta Road was one of the streets where several of these existed until the early 20th Century.



16. Albion Hotel (site of)

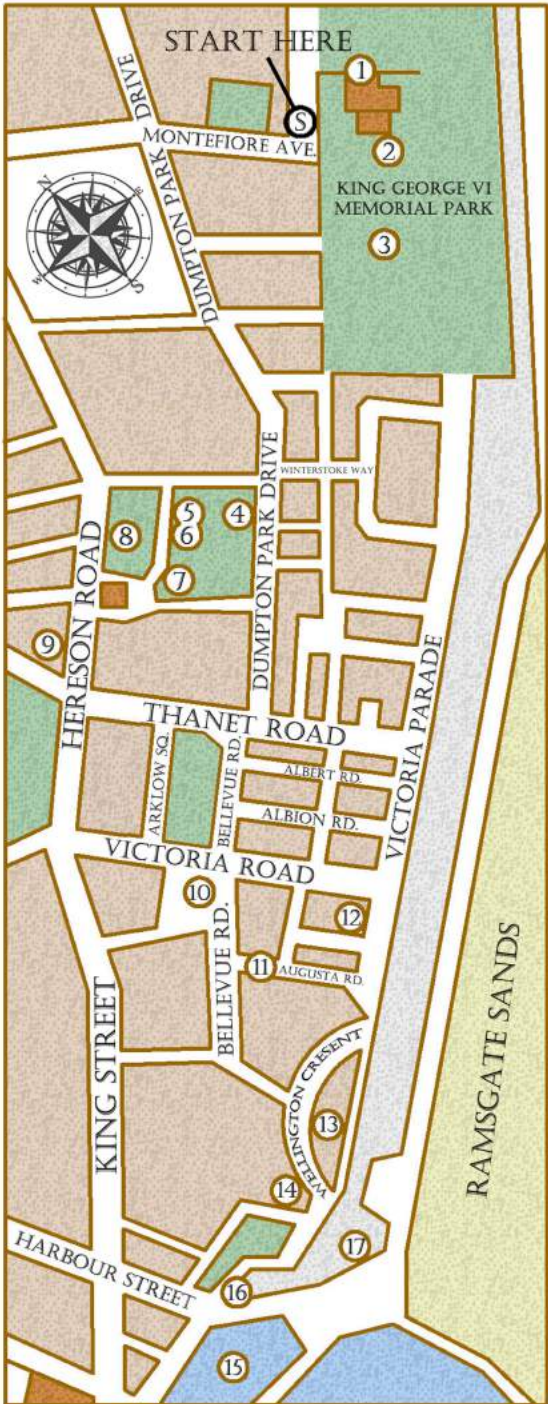
This is where the Montefiores stayed before moving into East Cliff Lodge, and where they often went to receive the many distinguished visitors who stayed there. The hotel stood in what was formerly called Goldsmid Place. The Goldsmids were friends of Montefiore as well as of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton.

Walk along the harbour (with the sea to your right and the many restaurants and cafés on your left) and you come to:

17. The Custom House

Built in 1893 for Customs and Excise, and now the Mayor's Parlour. The Mayoral gold chain made up of the Hebrew letter 'mem', presented by Sir Moses at the incorporation of the town in 1884, is kept here.







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