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# Sussex



## State of the Historic Environment 2021

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**Bignor Roman Villa.** © David Gill

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## Introduction

The RSA published its latest iteration of the Heritage Index in the autumn of 2020. This updates the data from 2016. The purpose of the Index is to assist with data-informed decision making for the heritage sector in the United Kingdom. The data is grouped around six main themes: Historic Built Environment; Museums, Archives and Artefacts; Industrial Heritage; Parks and Open Spaces; Landscape and Natural Heritage; and Cultures and Memories. There is a further category looking at basic infrastructure.

The Index is presented by local authority in England, with rankings available for each theme. The methodology gives a different weighting to each element of data; for example, public participation with the Historic Built Environment is worth 20 per cent of the activity section for that theme, whereas Grade I listed buildings 'at risk' reduce the asset element by 12 per cent.

There are differences in the data available for the different nations within the United Kingdom and therefore the information for local authorities in England and Wales need to be presented differently.

## Heritage Potential

The 'Heritage Potential' in the report is defined as:

Calculated as the difference in heritage assets ranking and heritage activities ranking. This is the opportunity within the Heritage Index to utilise assets.

This is explained in the *Report* as:

The Heritage Index also includes a measure of heritage potential which identifies local areas which have a higher heritage assets ranking than activities, suggesting there is potential for more activity in the area.

This supports the RSA's belief that heritage offers an important, but often untapped, opportunity for inclusive growth. To this end, our heritage potential ranking highlights areas where there might be scope for increased activity and heritage support, whilst data on heritage businesses across the domains will help us to understand which areas are likely to experience a long term impact on their local economies.

## Rankings

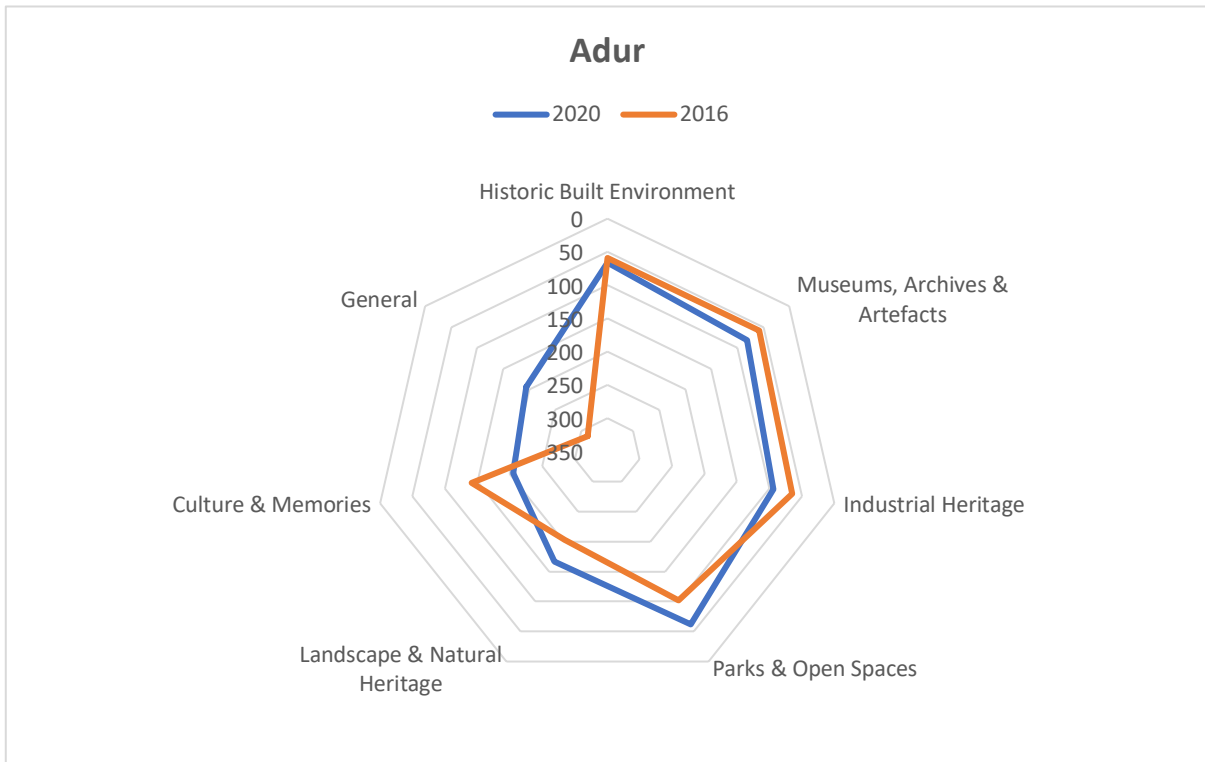
Each local authority in England (316) and Wales (22) is ranked using the strands of data presented in the themes embedded within the index.

The report combines the counties of West Sussex and East Sussex, and the unitary authority of Brighton and Hove City Council.

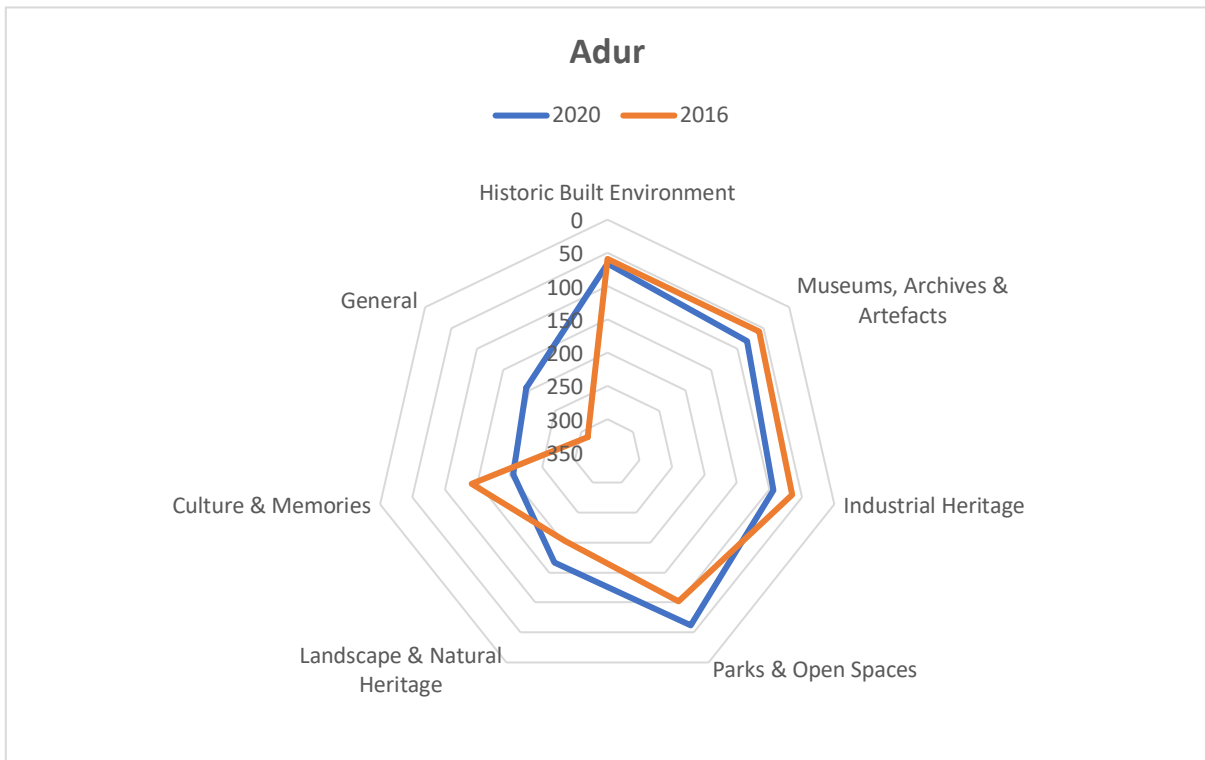
	<b>Ranking 2020</b>	<b>Ranking 2016</b>	<b>Heritage Potential</b>
<b>Hastings</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Eastbourne</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>255</b>
<b>Chichester</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Rother</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Lewes</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>Adur</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Arun</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>Worthing</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Mid Sussex</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>Wealden</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Horsham</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>Crawley</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>112</b>

# West Sussex

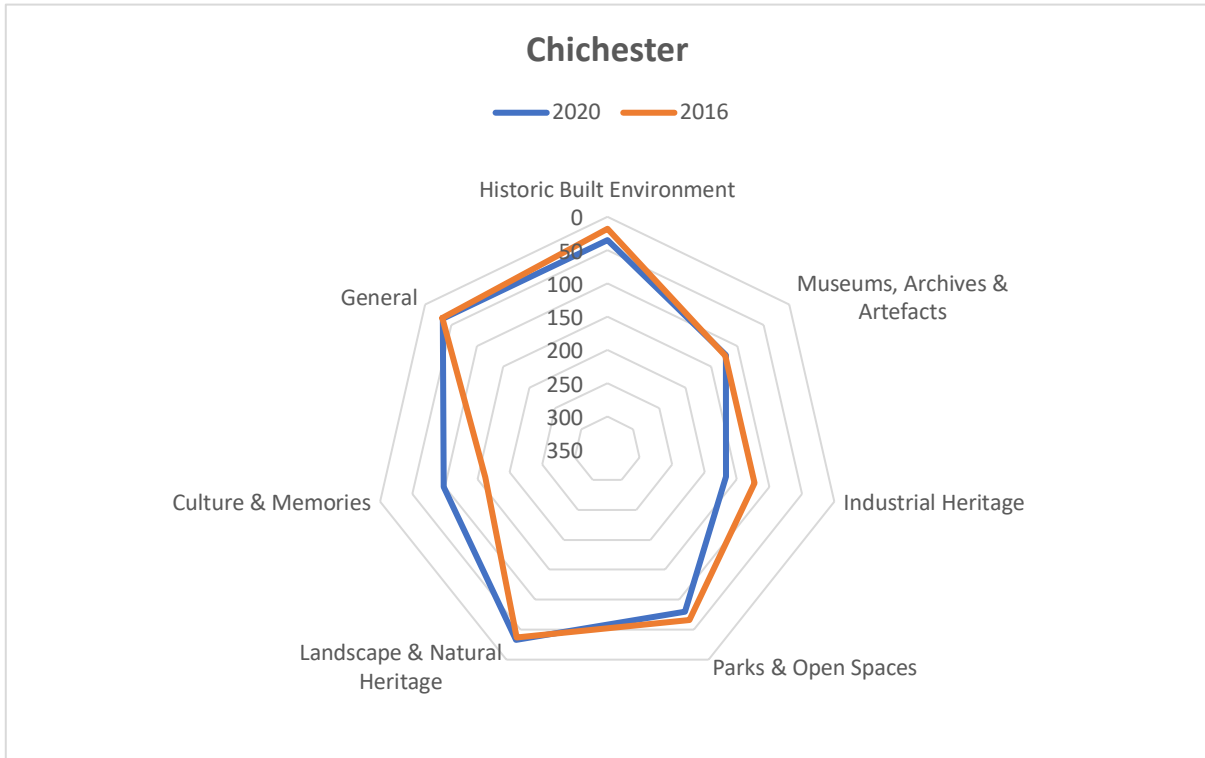
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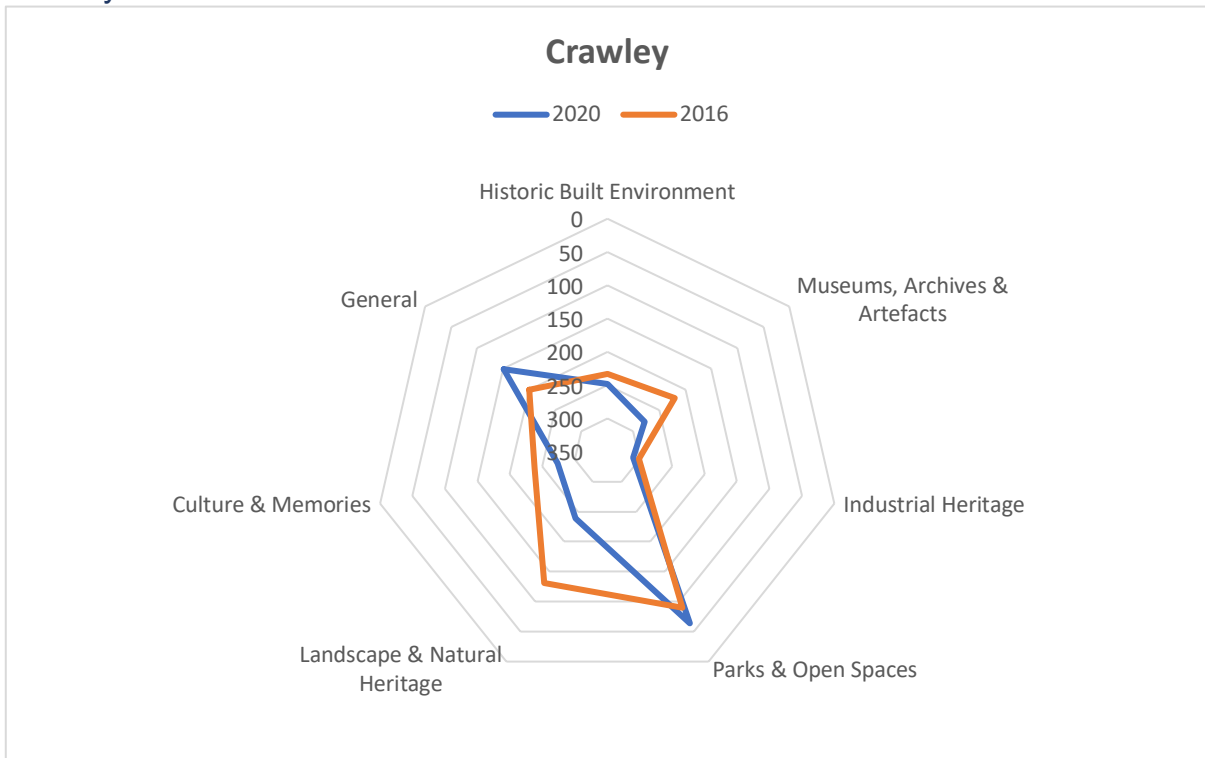
## Arun



## Chichester

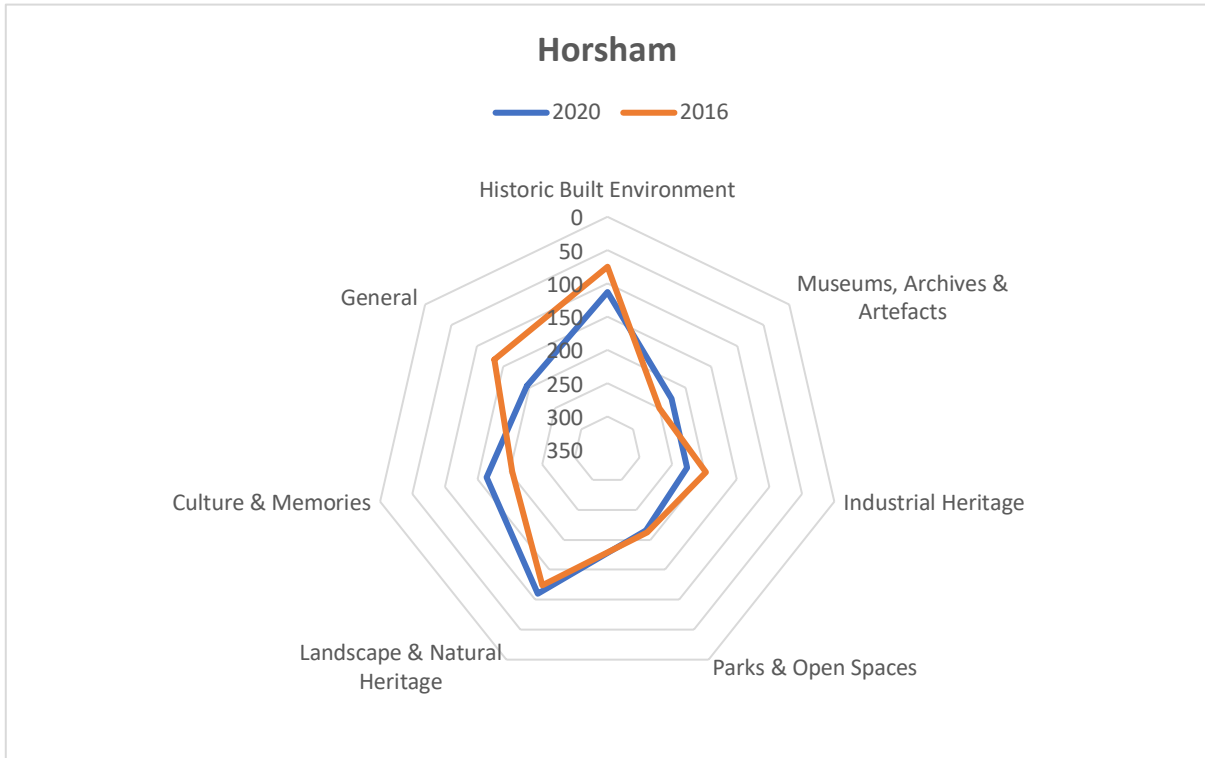


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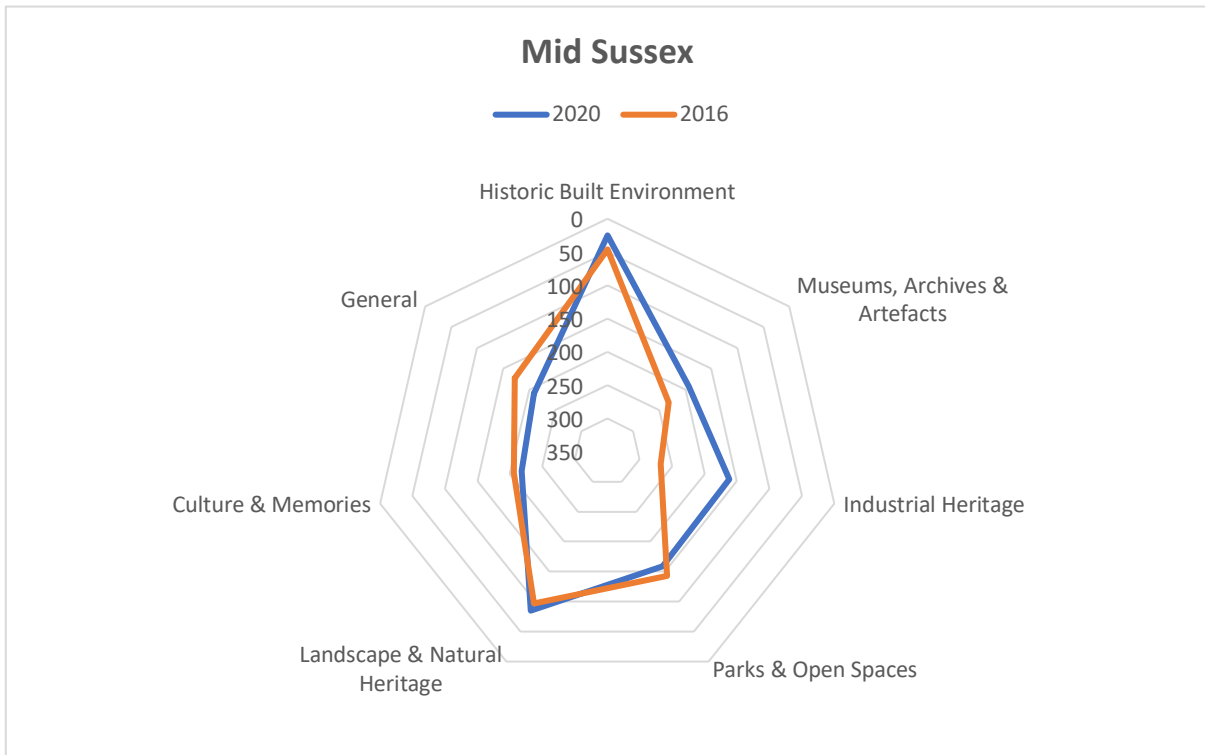




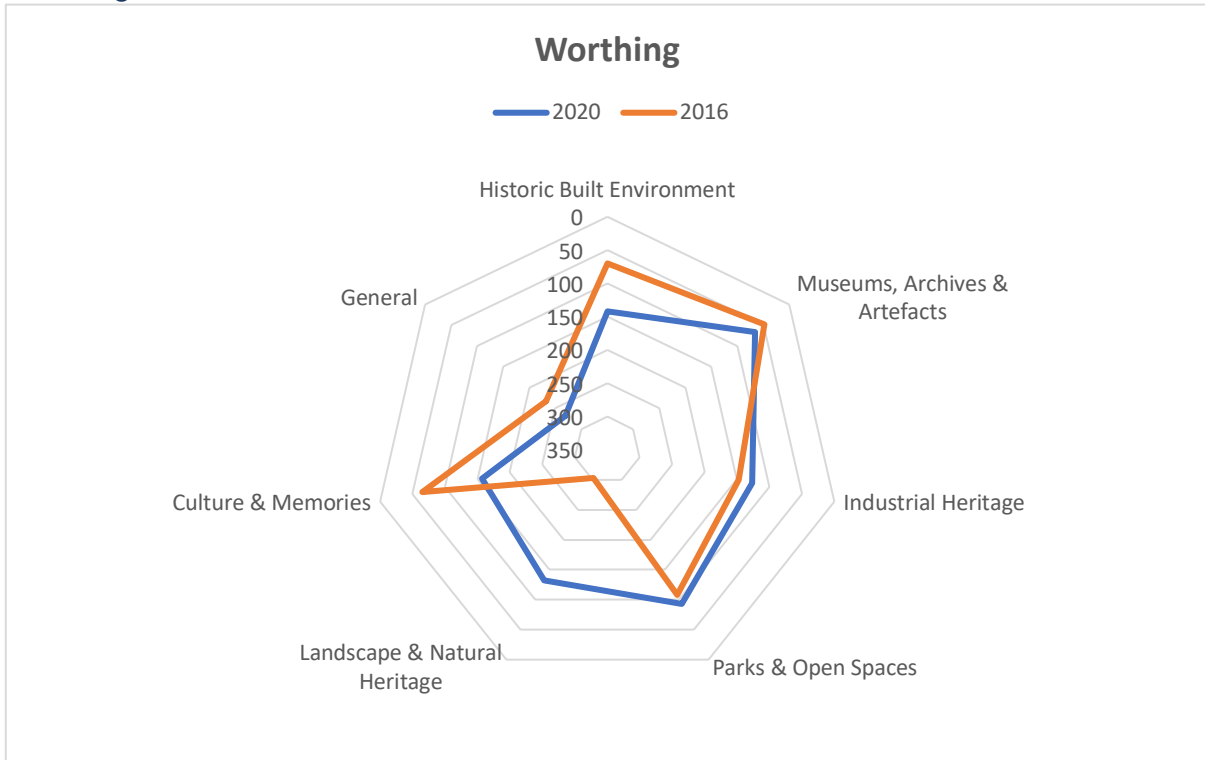
## Horsham



## Mid Sussex

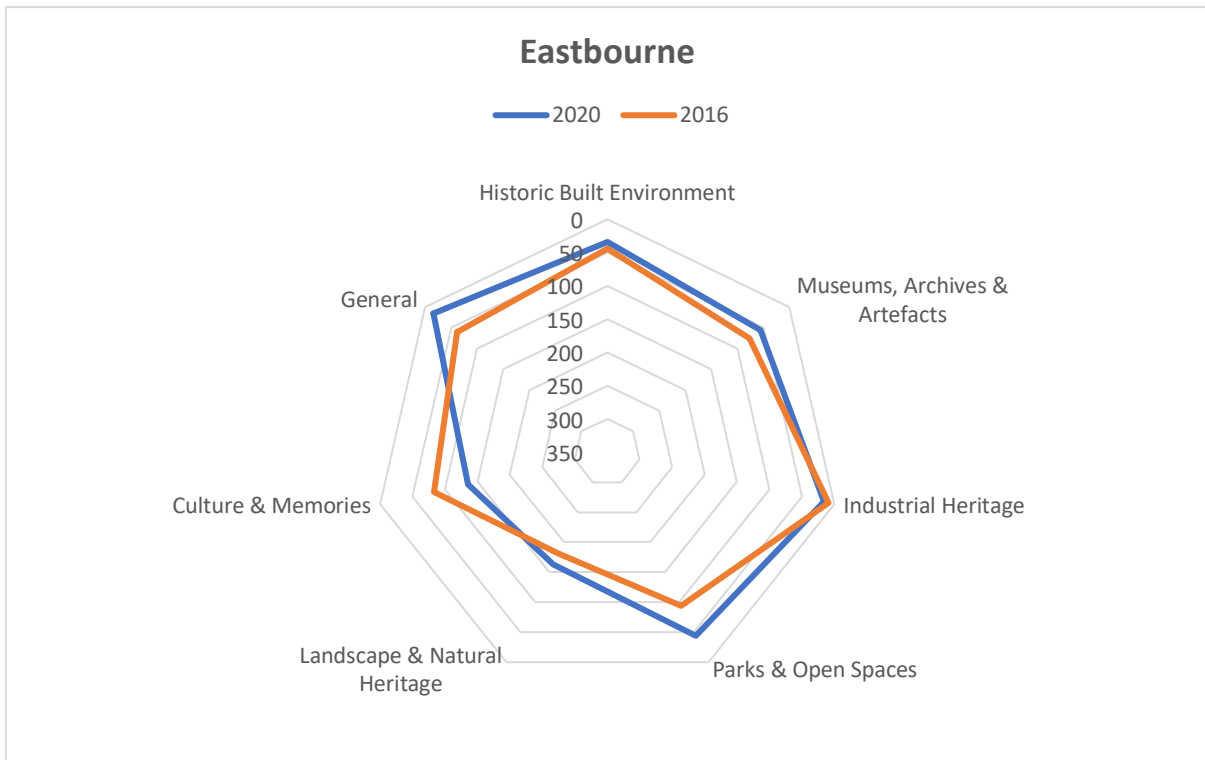


## Worthing

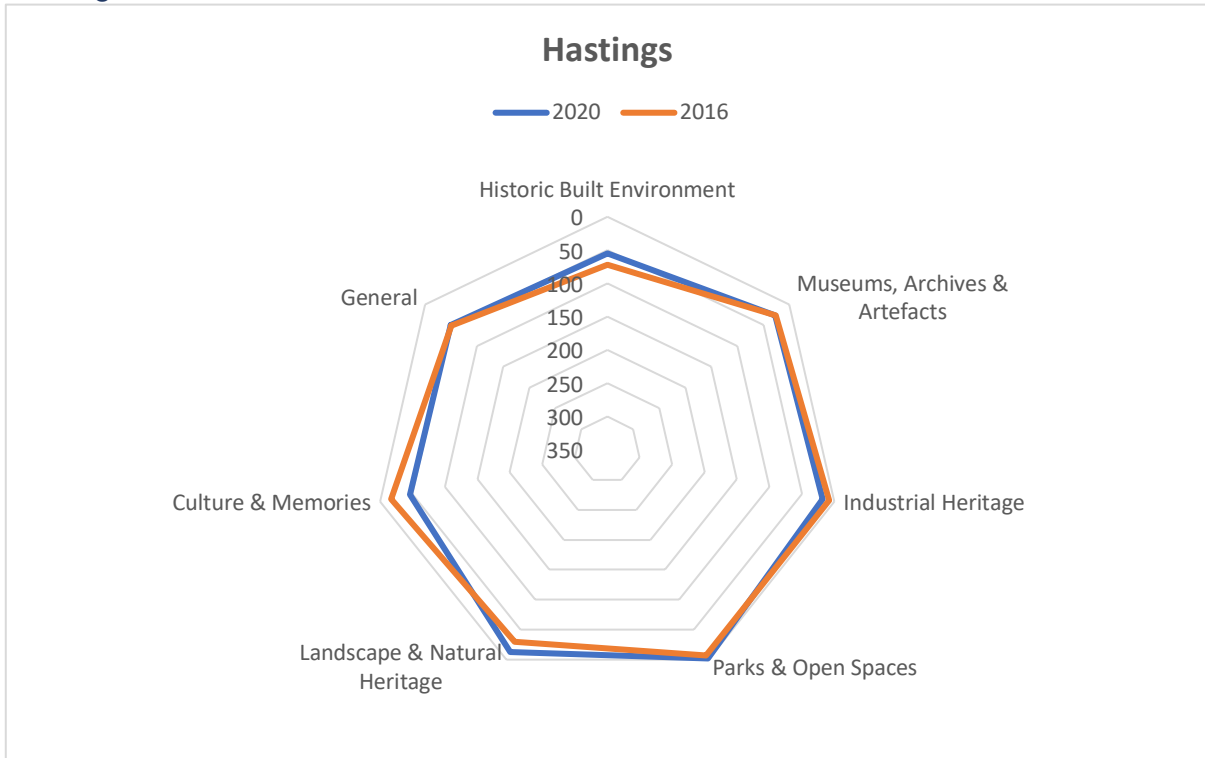


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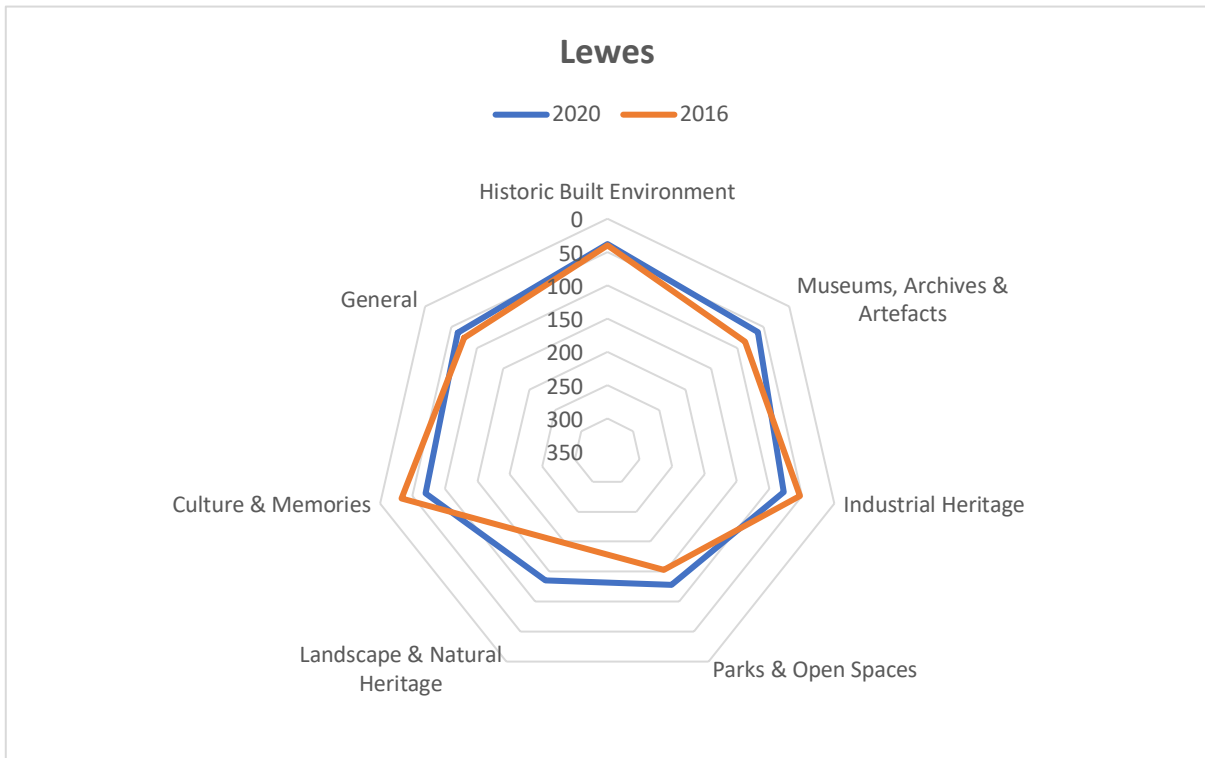
### Eastbourne



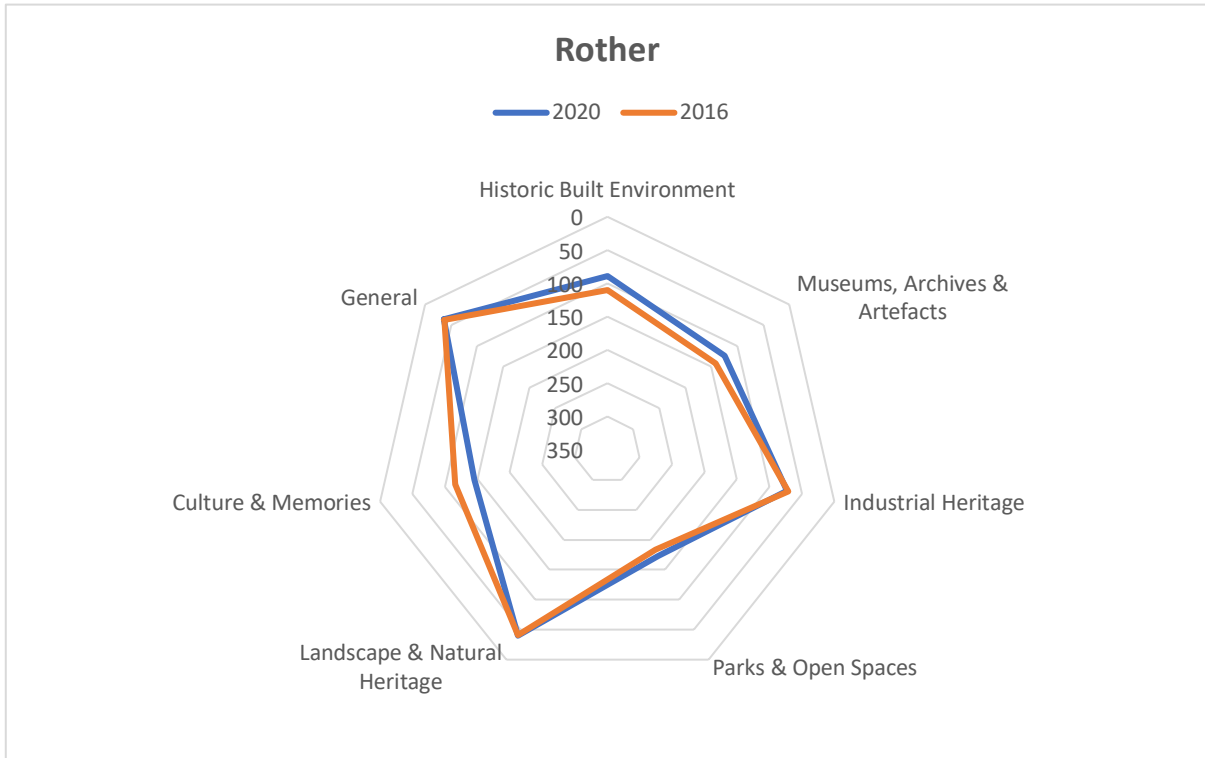
## Hastings



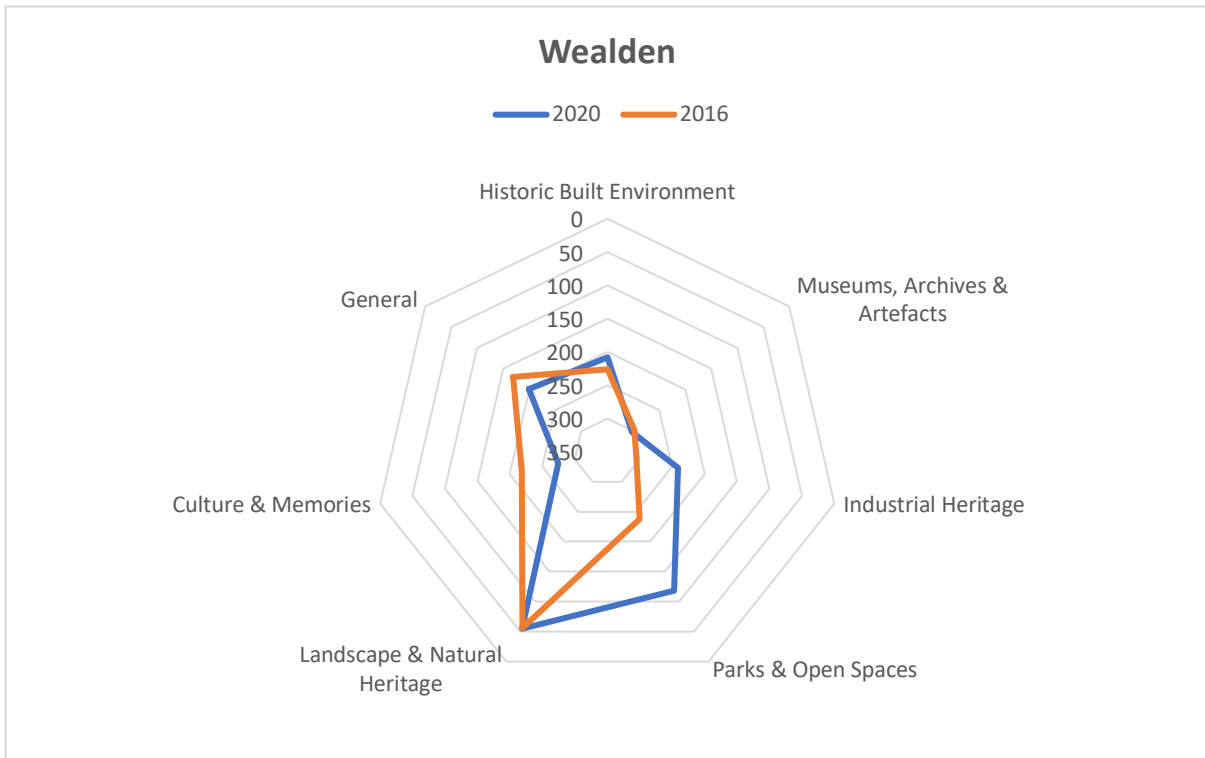
## Lewes



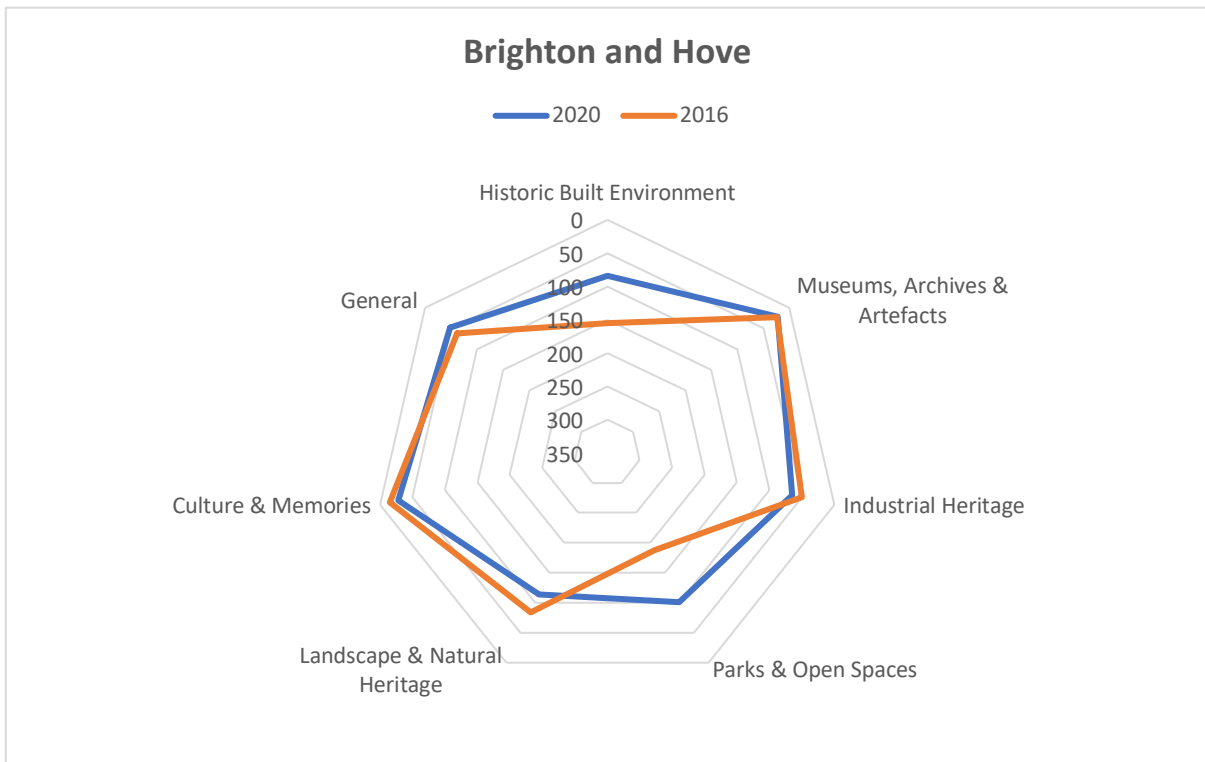
## Rother



## Wealden



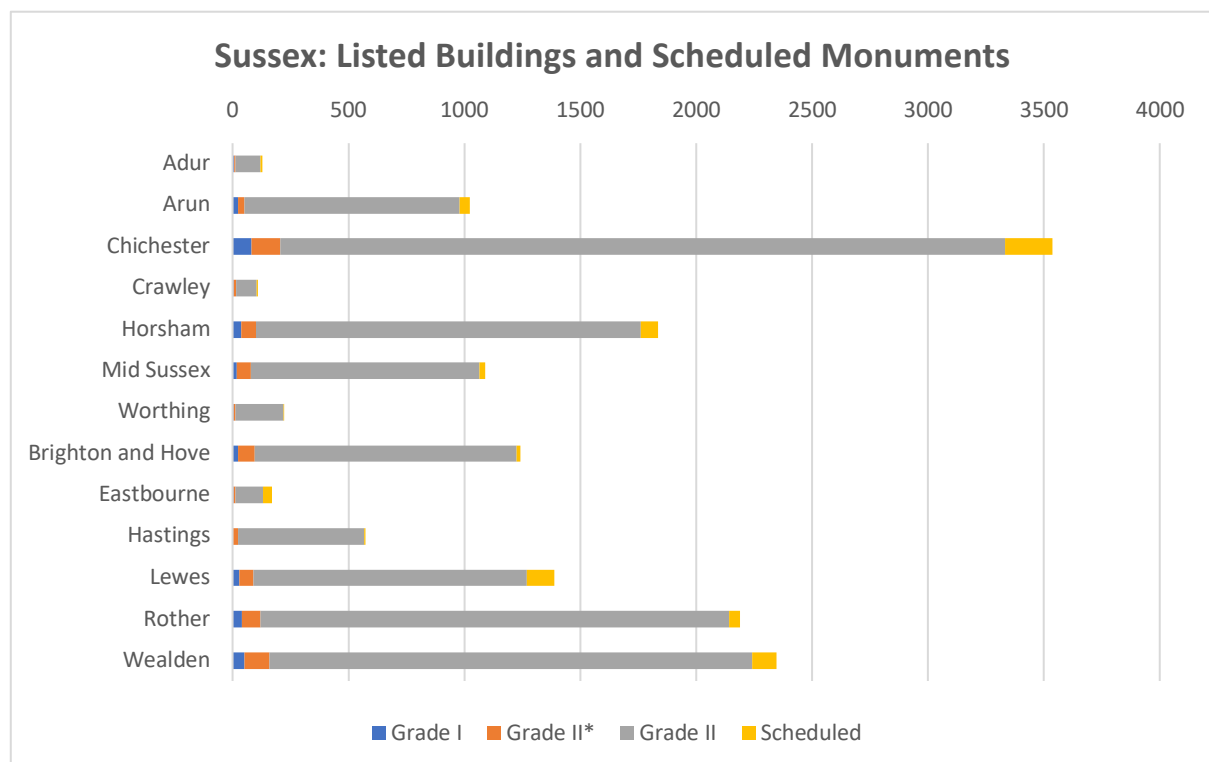
# Brighton and Hove



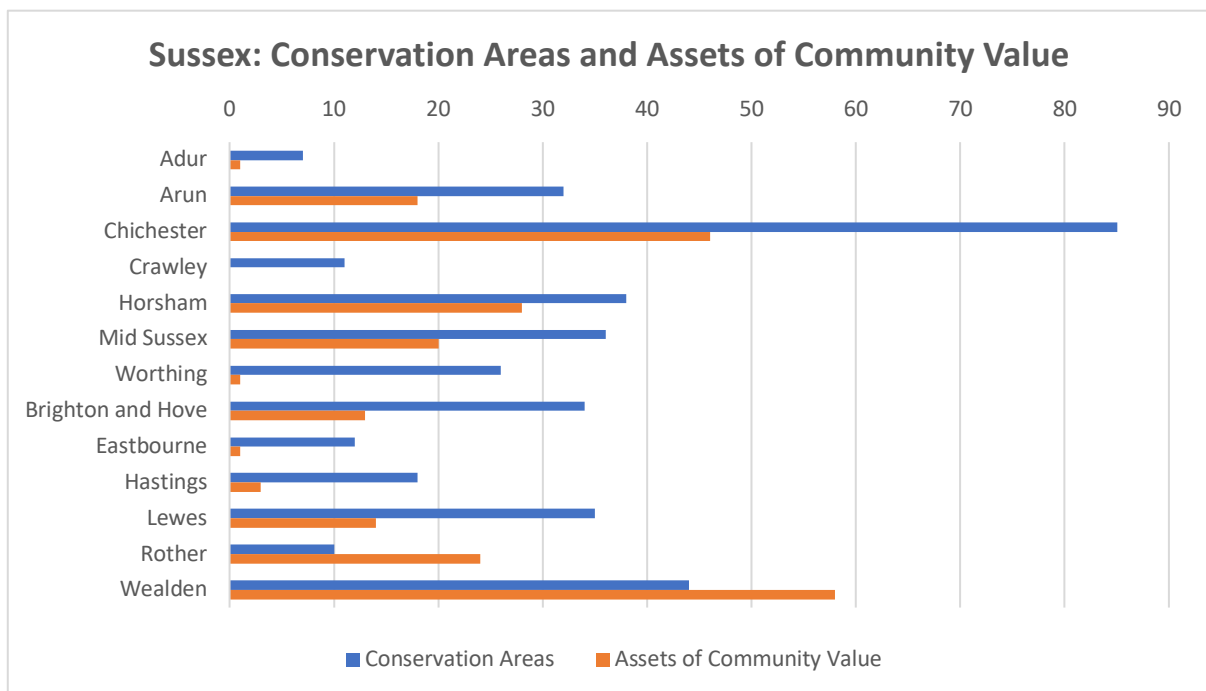
## Historic Built Environment

The data used for the analysis is derived from Historic England.

	Ranking 2020	Ranking 2016
<b>Mid Sussex</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Eastbourne</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Chichester</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Lewes</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Hastings</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Adur</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Arun</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Rother</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Horsham</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Worthing</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Wealden</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Crawley</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>233</b>

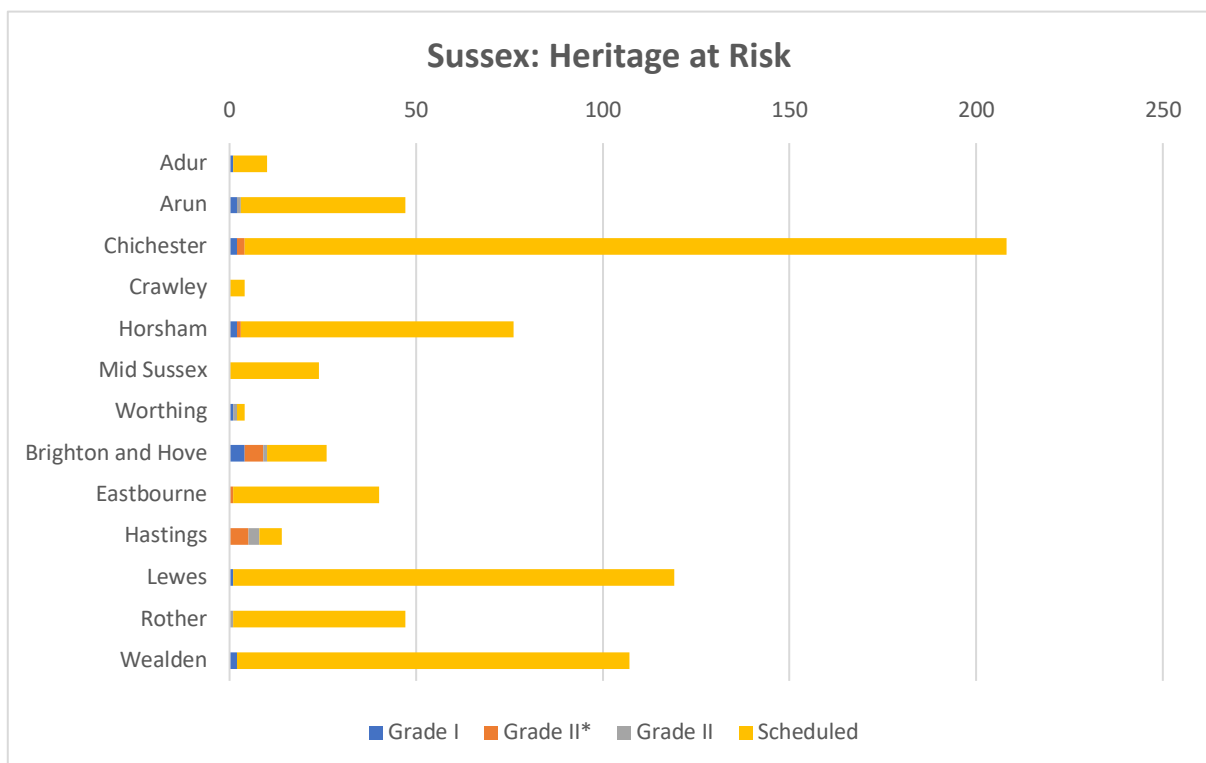


## Conservation Areas and Assets of Community Value



## Heritage at Risk

Listed buildings or scheduled monuments that are deemed to be at risk detract from the rankings in the section on the Historic Built Environment. The data used for analysis is derived from Historic England.



Scheduled monuments are the main heritage asset at risk across Sussex.

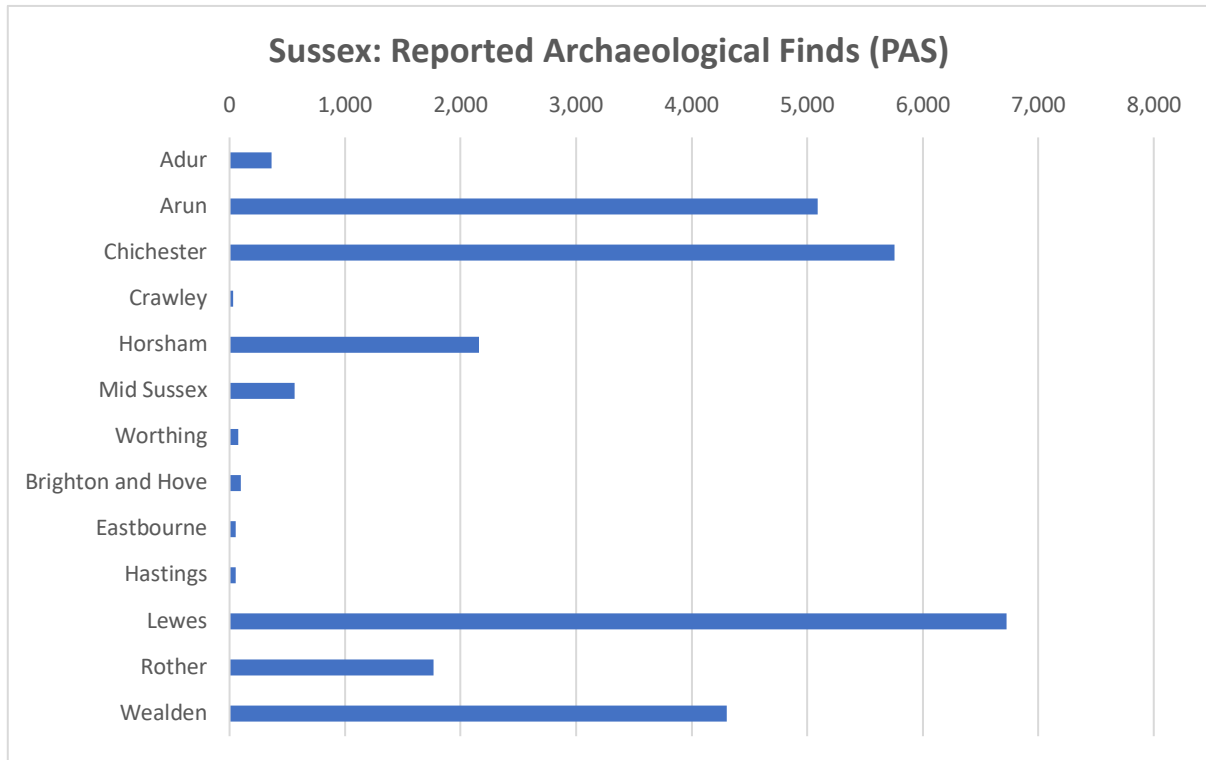
## Museums, Archives and Artefacts

	<b>Ranking 2020</b>	<b>Ranking 2016</b>
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Hastings</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Eastbourne</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Lewes</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Worthing</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Adur</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Chichester</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Rother</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Arun</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Mid Sussex</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>232</b>
<b>Horsham</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>Crawley</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Wealden</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>298</b>



## Archaeological Finds

Archaeological finds discovered by the public and reported to the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS). The results show active searching and recording of finds in East Anglia. The number of undeclared finds is unknown.



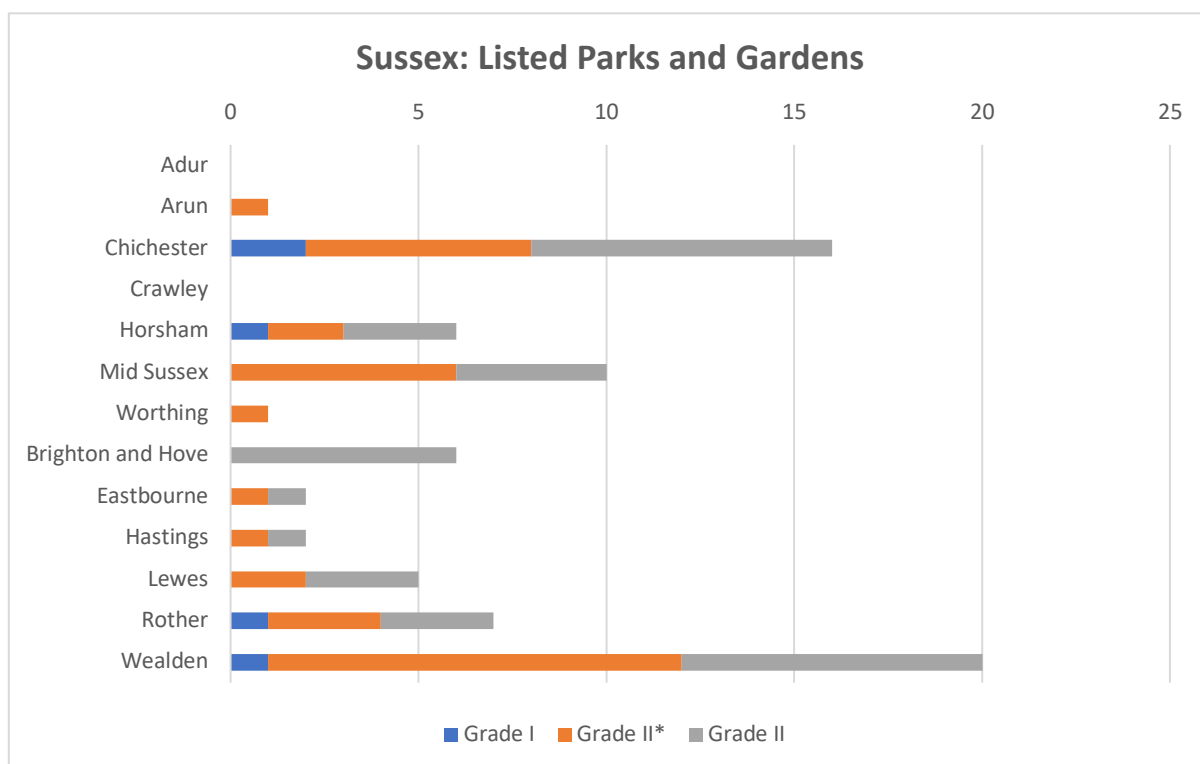
## Industrial Heritage

	<b>Ranking 2020</b>	<b>Ranking 2016</b>
<b>Eastbourne</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Hastings</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Rother</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Lewes</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Adur</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Worthing</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Mid Sussex</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>268</b>
<b>Chichester</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Arun</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Horsham</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Wealden</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>Crawley</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>301</b>

## Parks and Open Space

Parks and Open Spaces include National Parks, Country Parks, Traditional Orchards, National Trust land always open to the public, and Listed Parks and Gardens.

	Ranking 2020	Ranking 2016
<b>Hastings</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Eastbourne</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Adur</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Crawley</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Chichester</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Worthing</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>Wealden</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Lewes</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>153</b>
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<b>Mid Sussex</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>Rother</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Horsham</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>212</b>



## Landscapes and Natural Heritage

Information is derived from Natural England for AONBs, SSSIs, National Nature Reserves (NNR), Ramsar Wetlands, Ancient Woodland, Country Parks. The data for National Trust land always open to the public is derived from gov.uk.

### **Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**

Natural England defines AONBs as:

AONBs are designated areas where protection is afforded to protect and manage the areas for visitors and local residents. Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, Natural England has the power to designate areas of outstanding natural beauty (AONBs) in England that are outside national parks and that are considered to have such natural beauty it is desirable they are conserved and enhanced; issue a variation order to change an existing AONB boundary. It also holds a duty to give advice on developments taking place in an AONB; take into account the conservation and enhancement of AONBs in its work.

### **Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)**

Natural England defines SSSIs as:

A Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) is the land notified as an SSSI under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981), as amended. Sites notified under the 1949 Act only are not included in the Data set.

SSSI are the finest sites for wildlife and natural features in England, supporting many characteristic, rare and endangered species, habitats and natural features.

### **National Nature Reserves (NNR)**

Natural England defines NNRs as:

A National Nature Reserve (NNR) is the land declared under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 or the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) as amended.

### **Ramsar Wetlands**

Natural England defines Ramsar Wetlands as:

A Ramsar site is the land listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (the Ramsar Convention) 1973.

### **Ancient Woodland**

Natural England defines Ancient Woodland as:

The Ancient Woodland Inventory identifies over 52,000 ancient woodland sites in England.

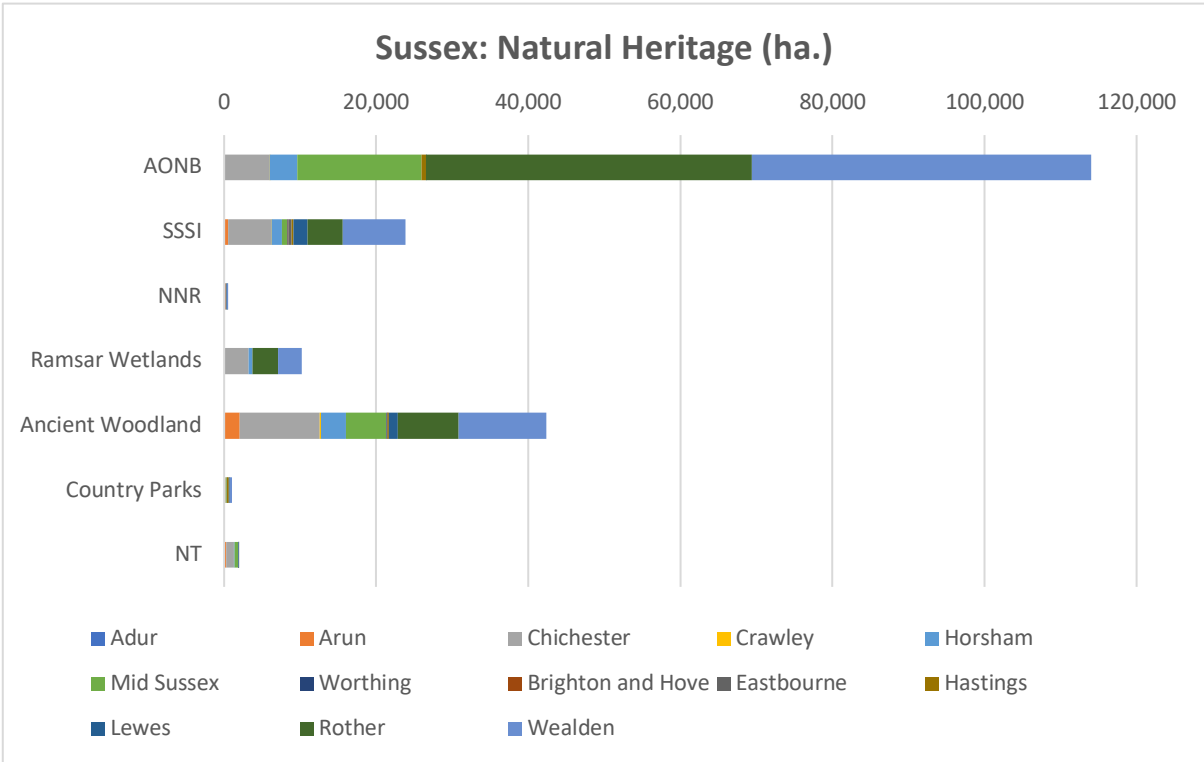
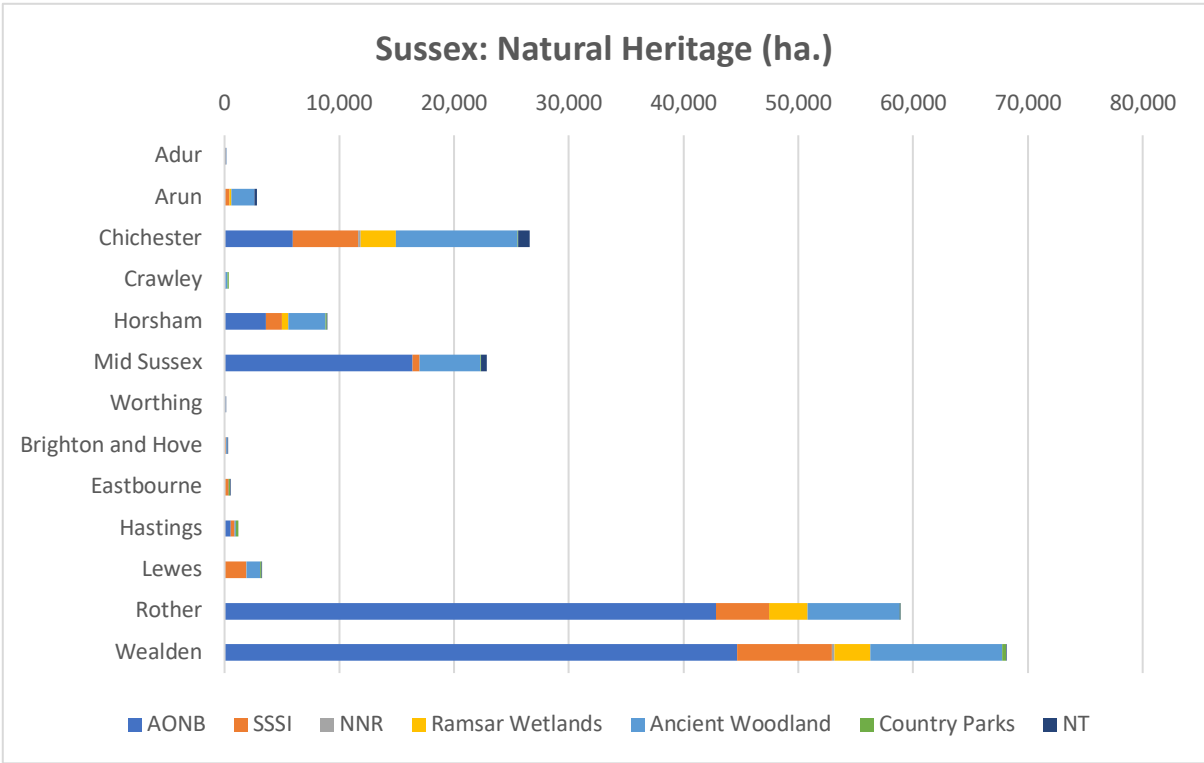
Ancient woodland is identified using presence or absence of woods from old maps, information about the wood's name, shape, internal boundaries, location relative to other features, ground survey, and aerial photography.

## **Country Parks**

Natural England defines Country Parks as:

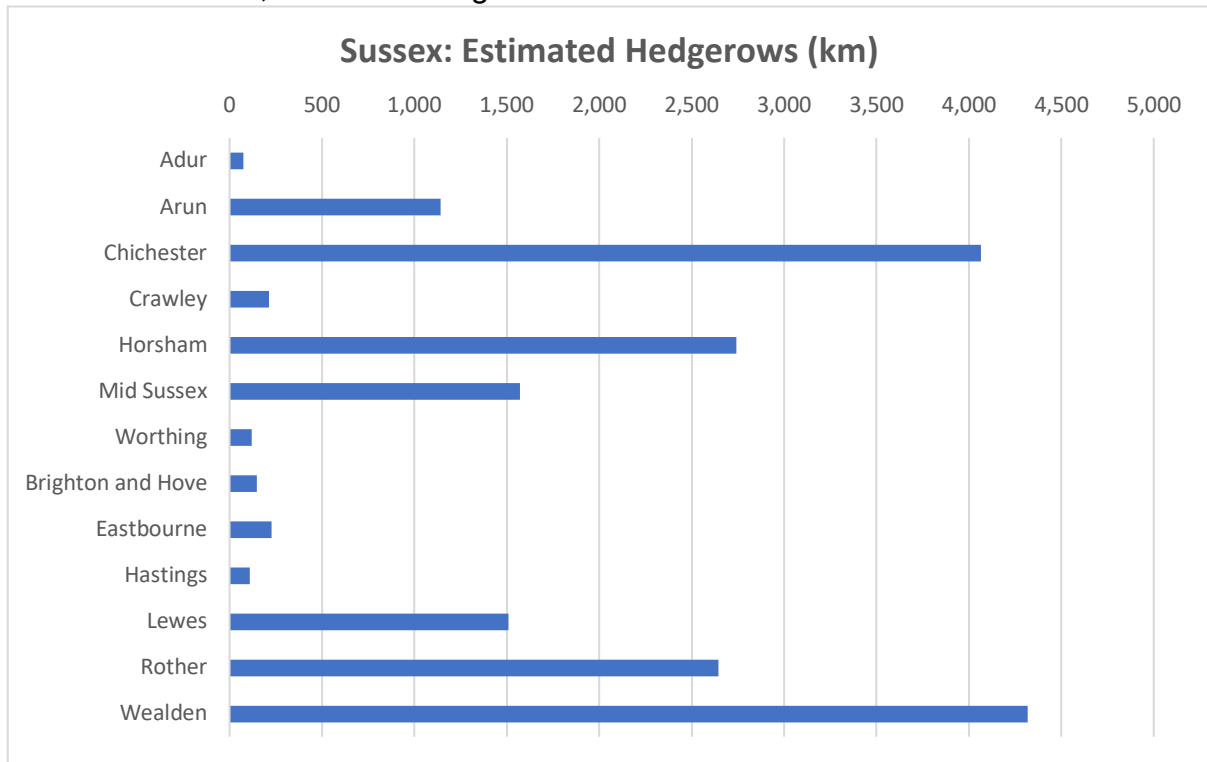
More than 400 Country Parks exist. They are public green spaces often at the edge of urban areas which provide places to enjoy the outdoors and experience nature in an informal semi-rural park setting. Country Parks normally have some facilities such as a car park, toilets, perhaps a cafe or kiosk, paths and trails, and visitor information. There is not necessarily public right of access, although most are publicly accessible; some charge entry others do not. Most are owned and managed by Local Authorities. Many Country Parks were designated in the 1970s by the then Countryside Commission, under the Countryside Act 1968. More recently Country Parks have been created under a less formal arrangement and Natural England is working with partners to encourage a renaissance and accreditation of parks which meet certain criteria.

	<b>Ranking 2020</b>	<b>Ranking 2016</b>
<b>Hastings</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Chichester</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Rother</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Wealden</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Arun</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Mid Sussex</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Horsham</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Worthing</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>Lewes</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Eastbourne</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>Adur</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>203</b>
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## Hedgerows

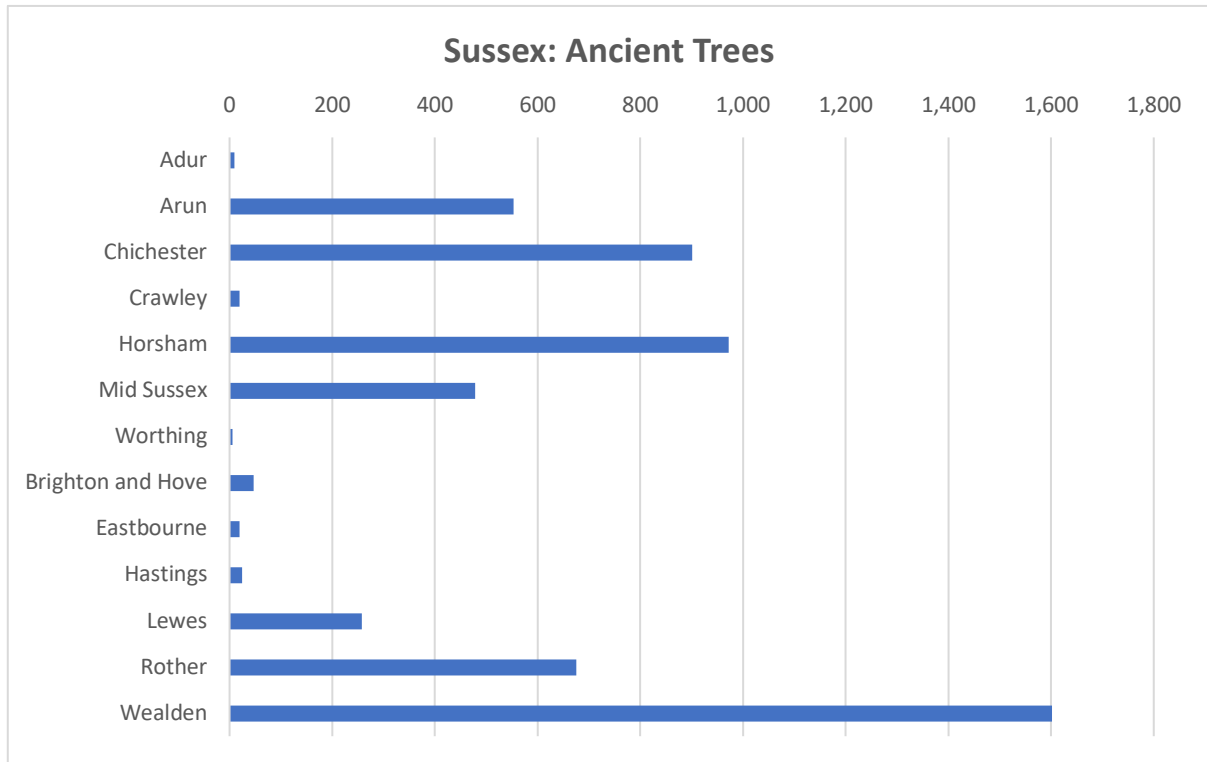
There are over 18,000 km of hedgerows in Sussex.



## Ancient Trees

The information is from the Woodland Trust.

There are over 5,000 ancient trees recorded for Sussex, mostly in Wealden.

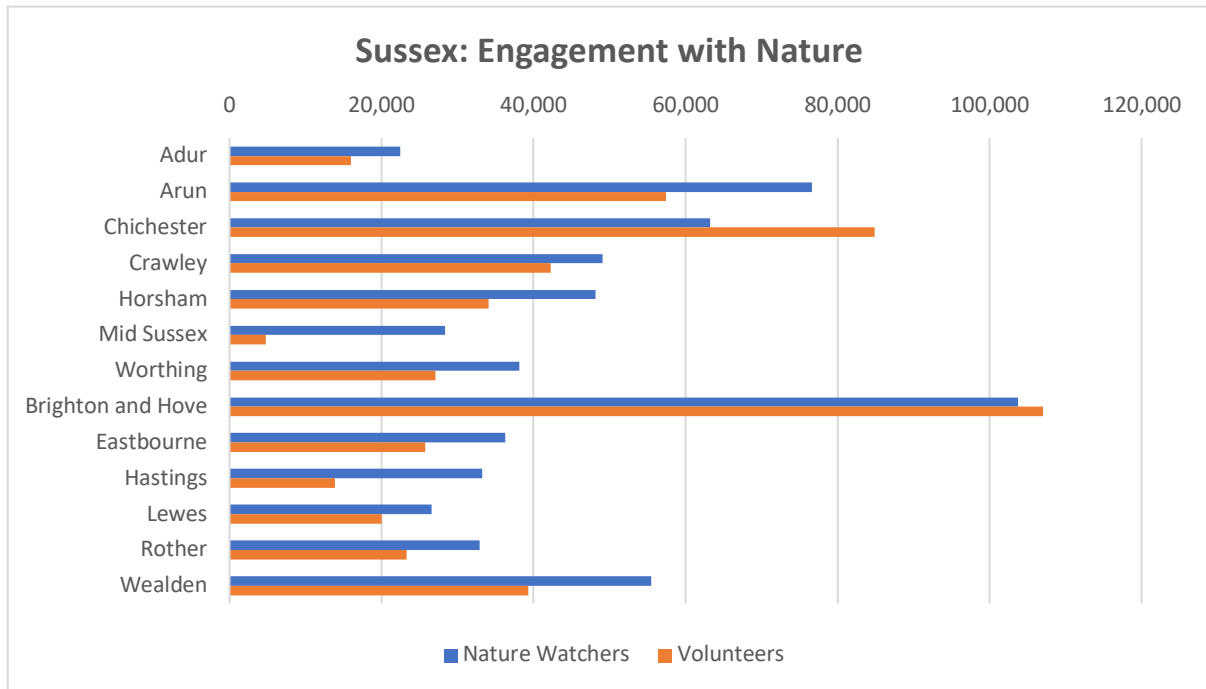




## Engagement with Nature

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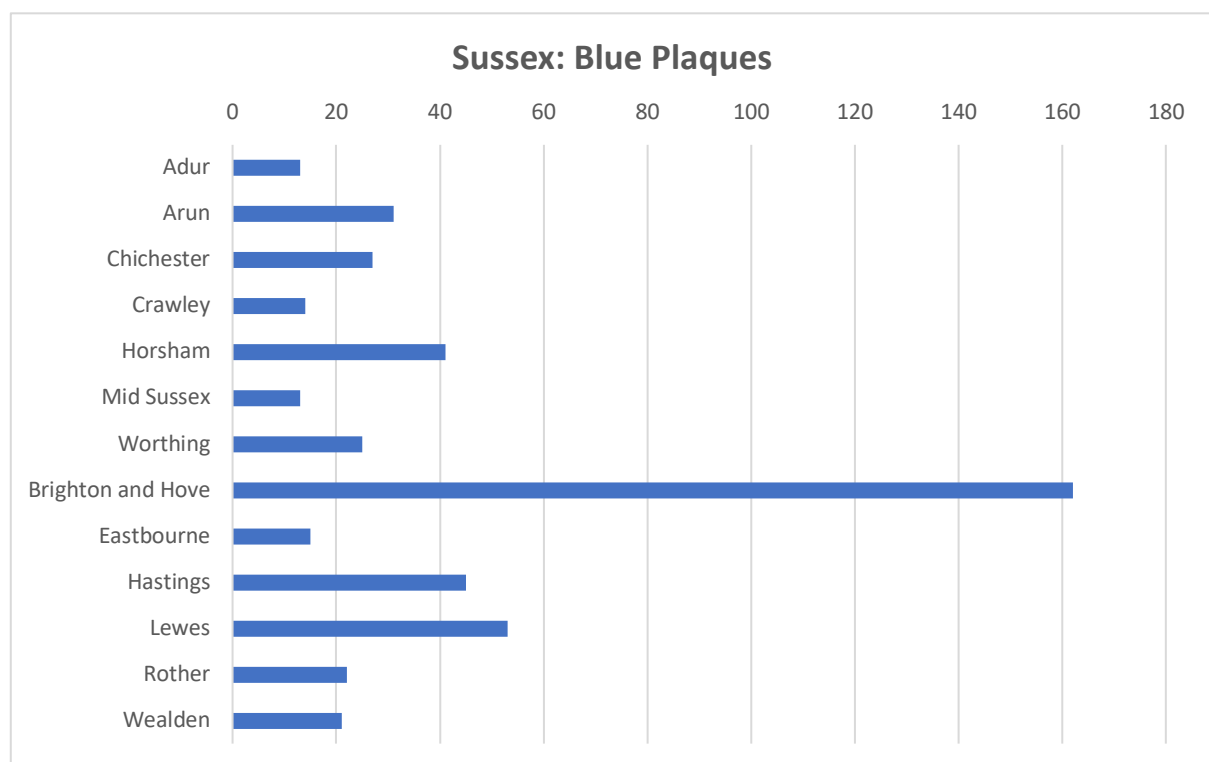
There are just over 613,000 nature watchers, and 495,000 nature volunteers in Sussex.



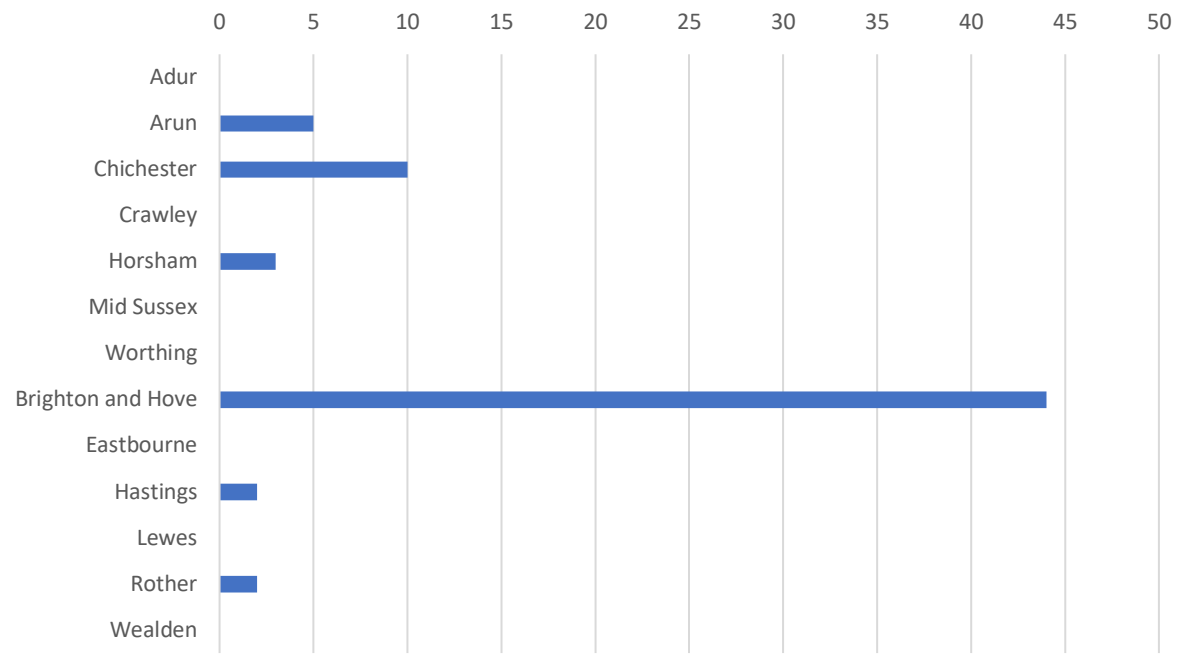
## Culture and Memories

This section includes the number of blue plaques displayed, European Designated Protection for Food and Drink, Intangible Cultural Events, and Creative Businesses in Conservation Areas.

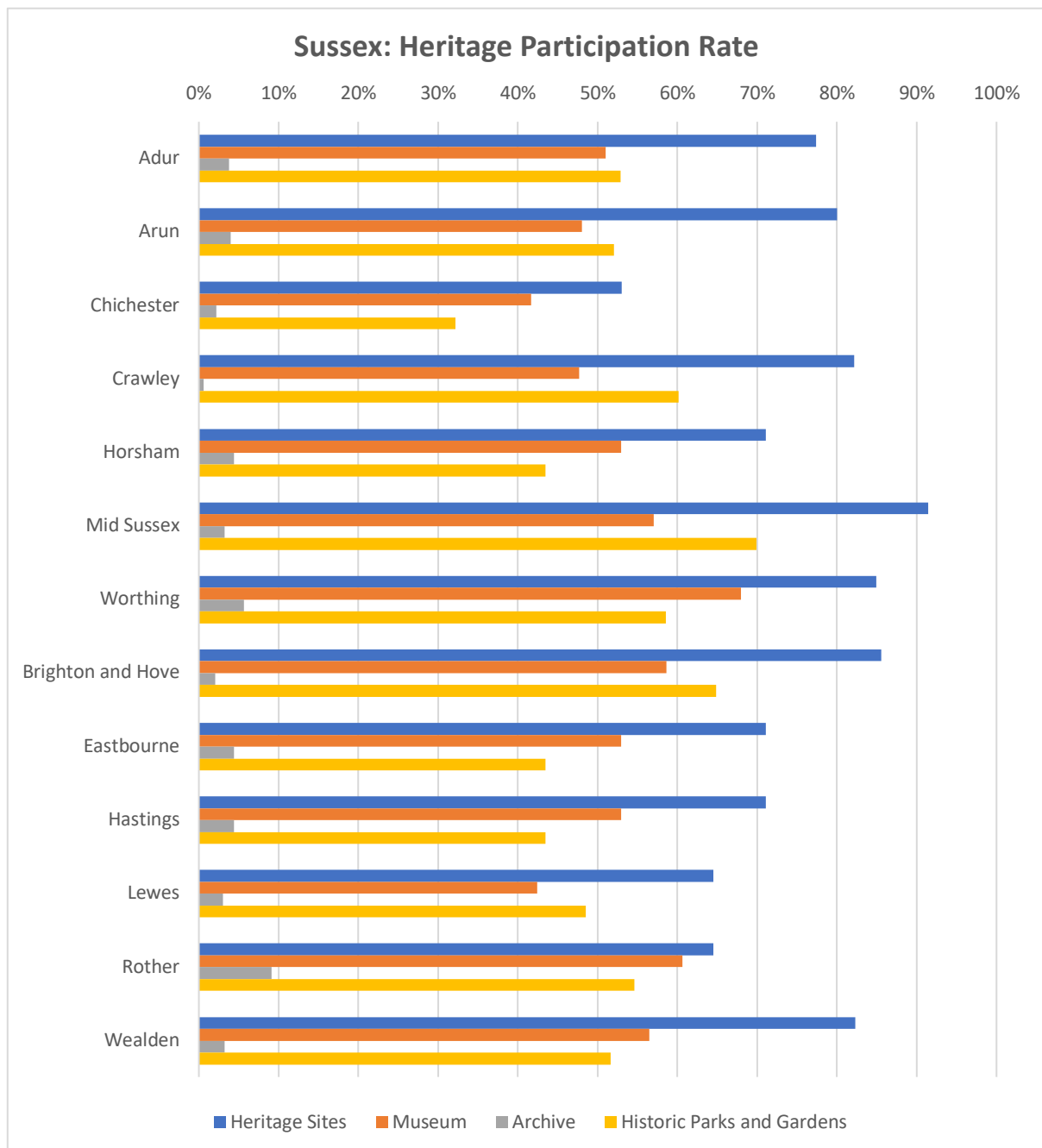
	Ranking 2020	Ranking 2016
<b>Brighton and Hove</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Hastings</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Lewes</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Chichester</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>Eastbourne</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Rother</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Worthing</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>65</b>
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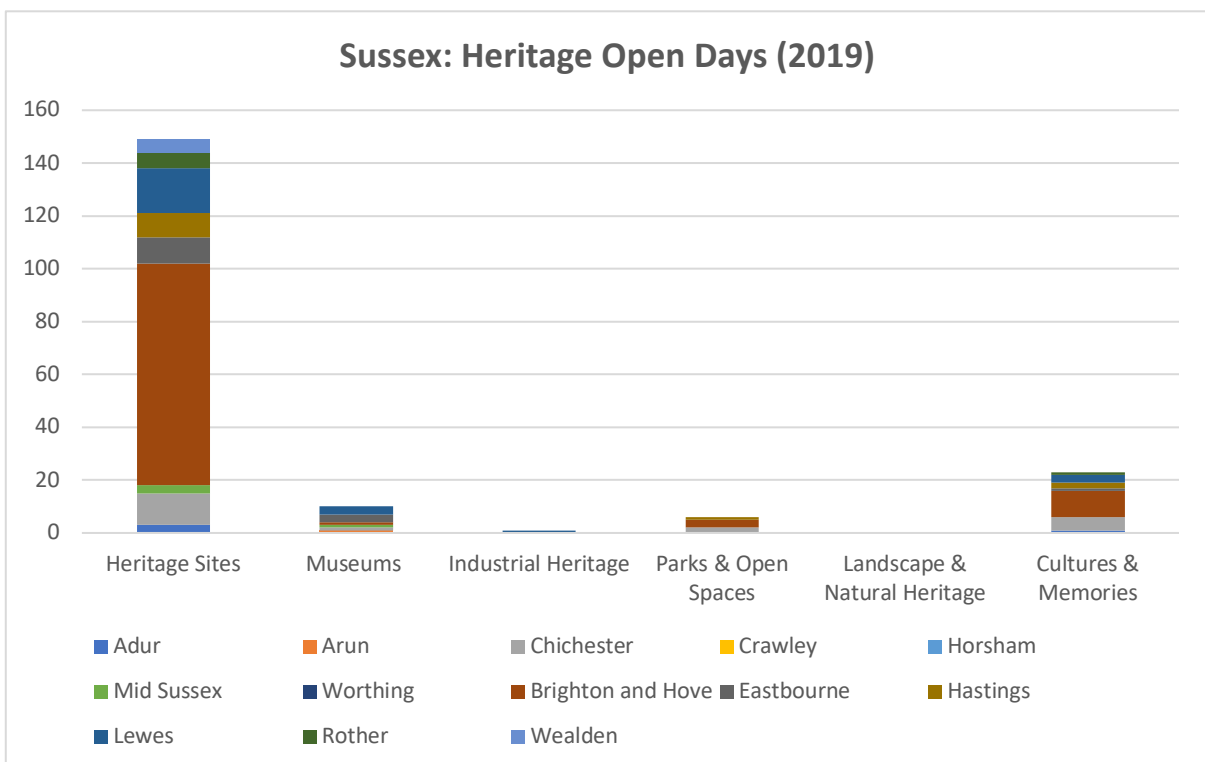
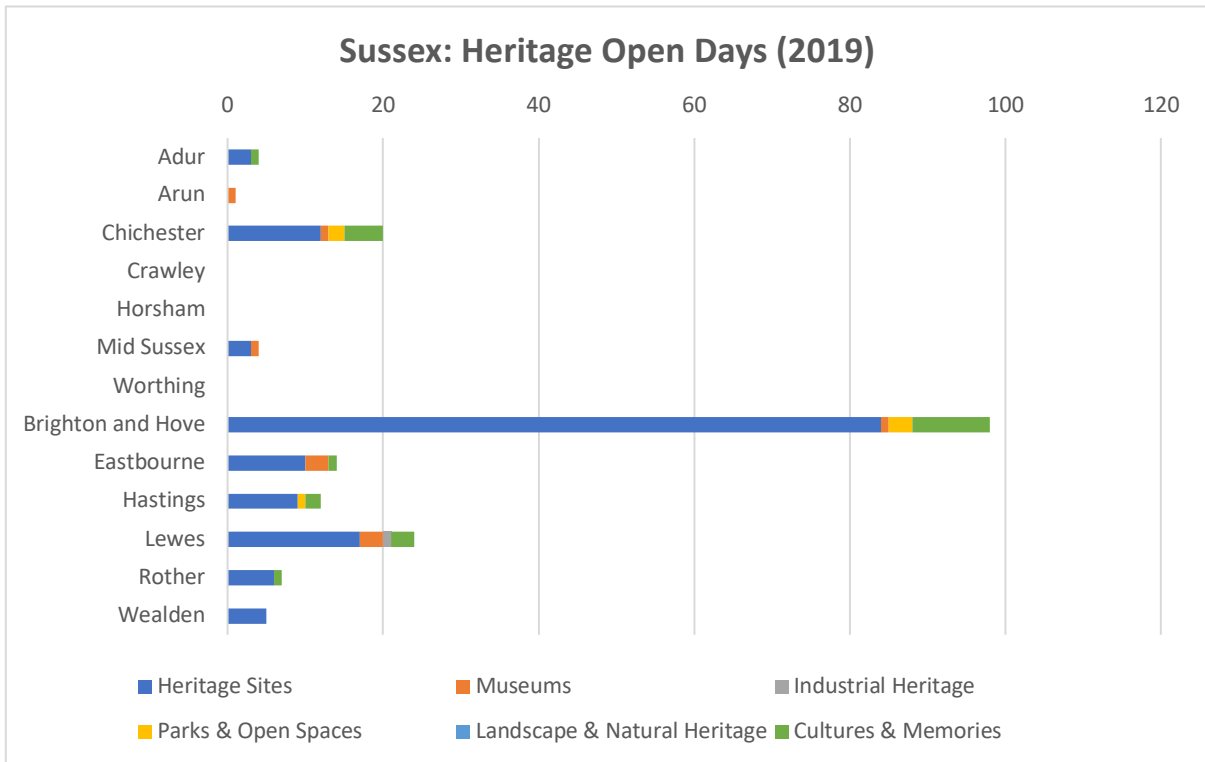
### Sussex: Creative Businesses in Conservation Areas



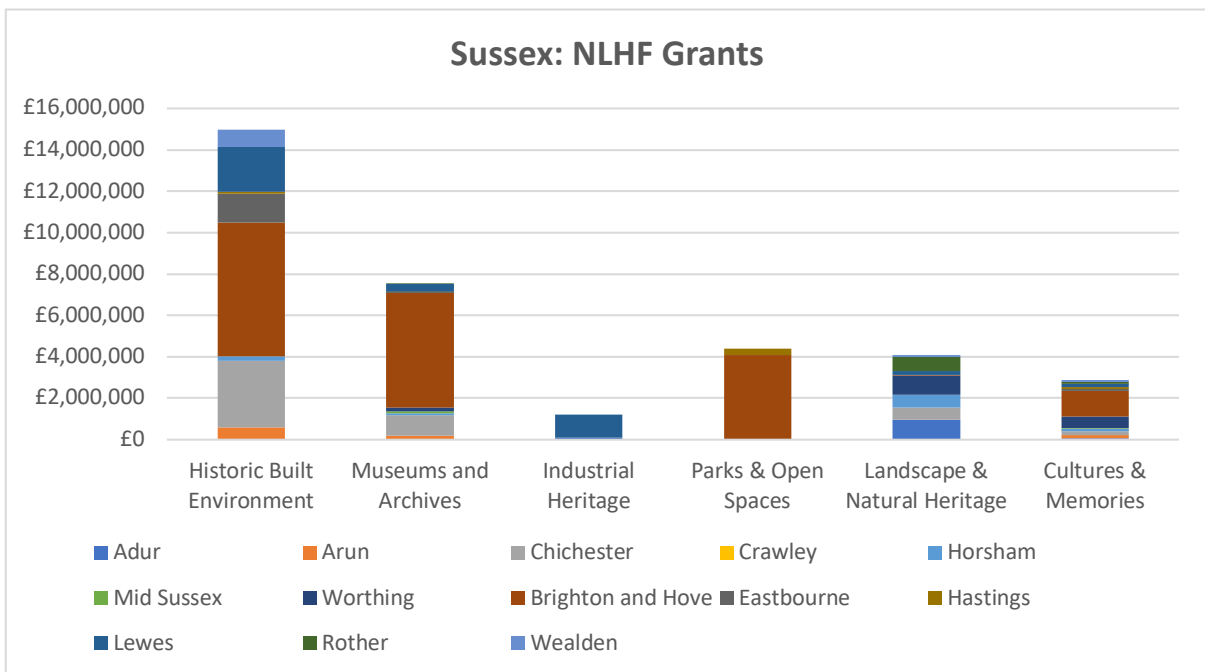
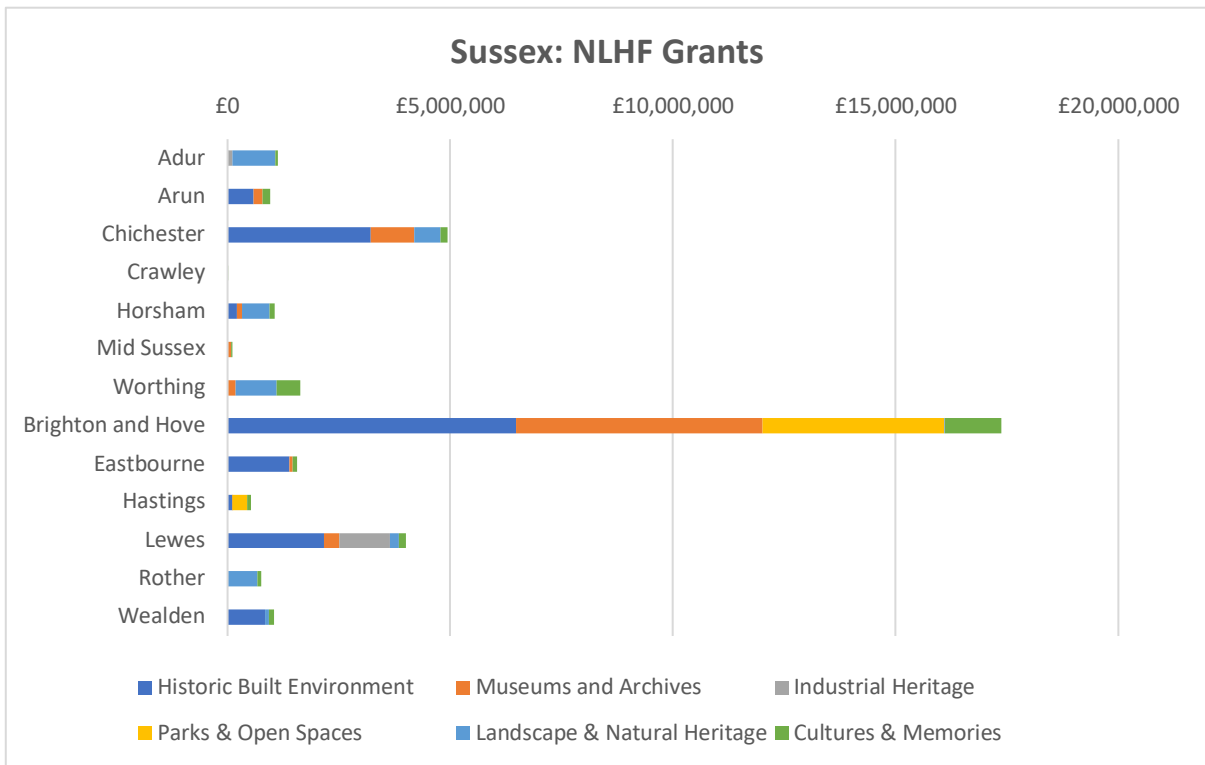
## Participation in Heritage



## Heritage Open Days



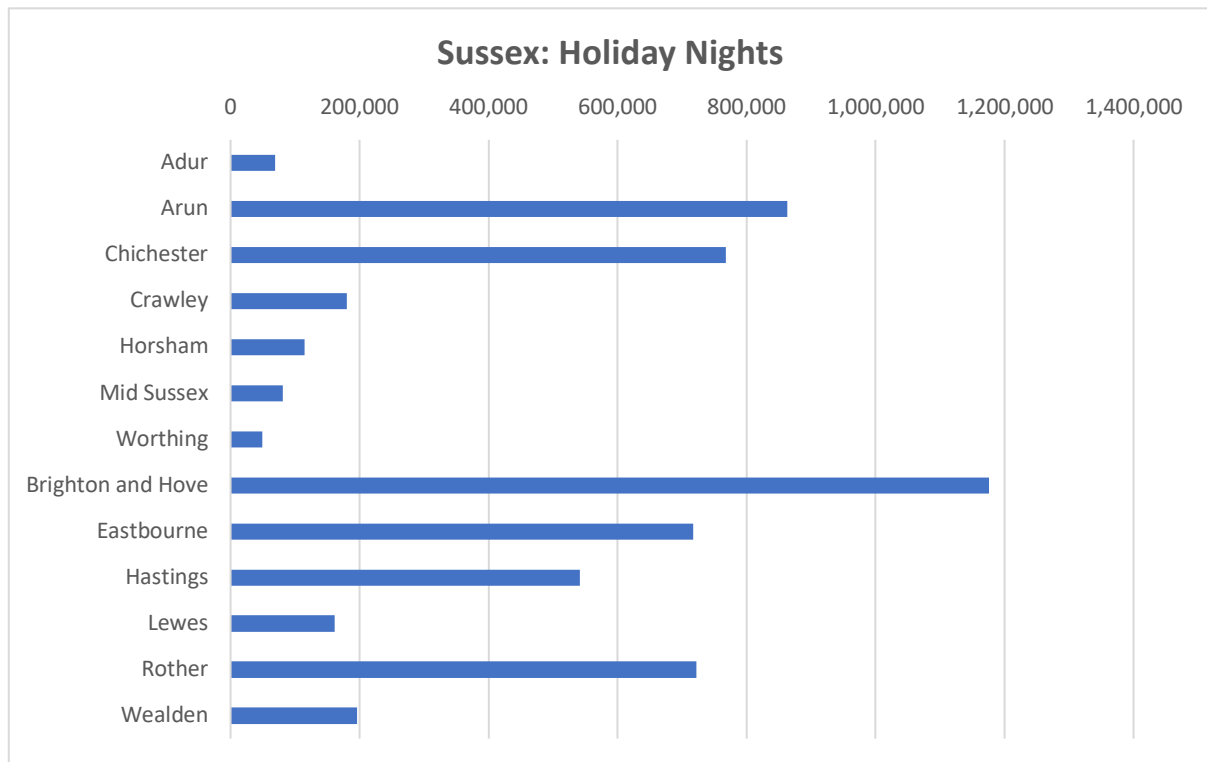
# National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Grants



Sussex has received over £35 million on NLHF grants.

## Heritage and the Tourism Economy

Information on holiday nights is compiled by Visit Britain. This data excludes nights spent for business purposes, or for visiting friends and family.



## Sources

### The RSA Heritage Index

The RSA Heritage Index (2016)

<https://www.thersa.org/projects/heritage/index>

The RSA Heritage Index (2020)

<https://www.thersa.org/reports/heritage-index-2020>

Webster, Hannah. 2020. *Pride in Place: The RSA Heritage Index 2020*. London: The RSA. < <https://www.thersa.org/reports/heritage-index-2020>>

### Data Sources

#### **Assets of Community Value**

<https://mycommunity.org.uk/what-are-assets-of-community-value-acv>

#### **Gov.uk**

##### ***DCMS Taking Part Survey***

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/taking-part-survey>

##### ***National Trust Land Open to the Public***

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/171dcad3-ed21-4afe-966d-e3f255987d57/national-trust-open-data-land-always-open>

#### **Heritage Open Days**

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

#### **Historic England**

##### ***Historic Built Environment and Heritage at Risk***

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

##### ***Heritage Counts***

<https://historicengland.org.uk/research/heritage-counts/>

#### **National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)**

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/about/insight/open-data>

#### **Natural England**

##### ***Ancient Woodlands***

<https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/ancient-woodland-england>

##### ***Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)***

<https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/areas-of-outstanding-natural-beauty-england>



**Country Parks**

<https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/country-parks-england>

**National Nature Reserves (NNR)**

<https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/national-nature-reserves-england>

**Ramsar Wetlands**

<https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/ramsar-england>

**Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)**

<https://naturalengland-defra.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/sites-of-special-scientific-interest-england>

**Portable Antiquities Scheme**

<https://finds.org.uk/>

**Visit Britain**

***Visit Britain, Annual Survey of Visits to Visitor Attractions***

<https://www.visitbritain.org/annual-survey-visits-visitor-attractions-latest-results>

***Visit Britain, GB Tourism Survey (Domestic Overnight Tourism)***

<https://www.visitbritain.org/great-britain-tourism-survey-latest-monthly-overnight-data>

***Visit Britain, Inbound Accommodation Research***

<https://www.visitbritain.org/inbound-accommodation-research>

***Visit Britain, Inbound Culture, Heritage and Attractions Research***

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