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Essex



State of the Historic Environment 2021

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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 are 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.

This report has been prepared by the Centre for Heritage at the University of Kent to identify ways to develop and support the heritage sector within the region.

The report forms part of a series on the State of the Historic Environment in 2021 available via the Centre for Heritage website.¹

¹ <https://research.kent.ac.uk/heritage/>

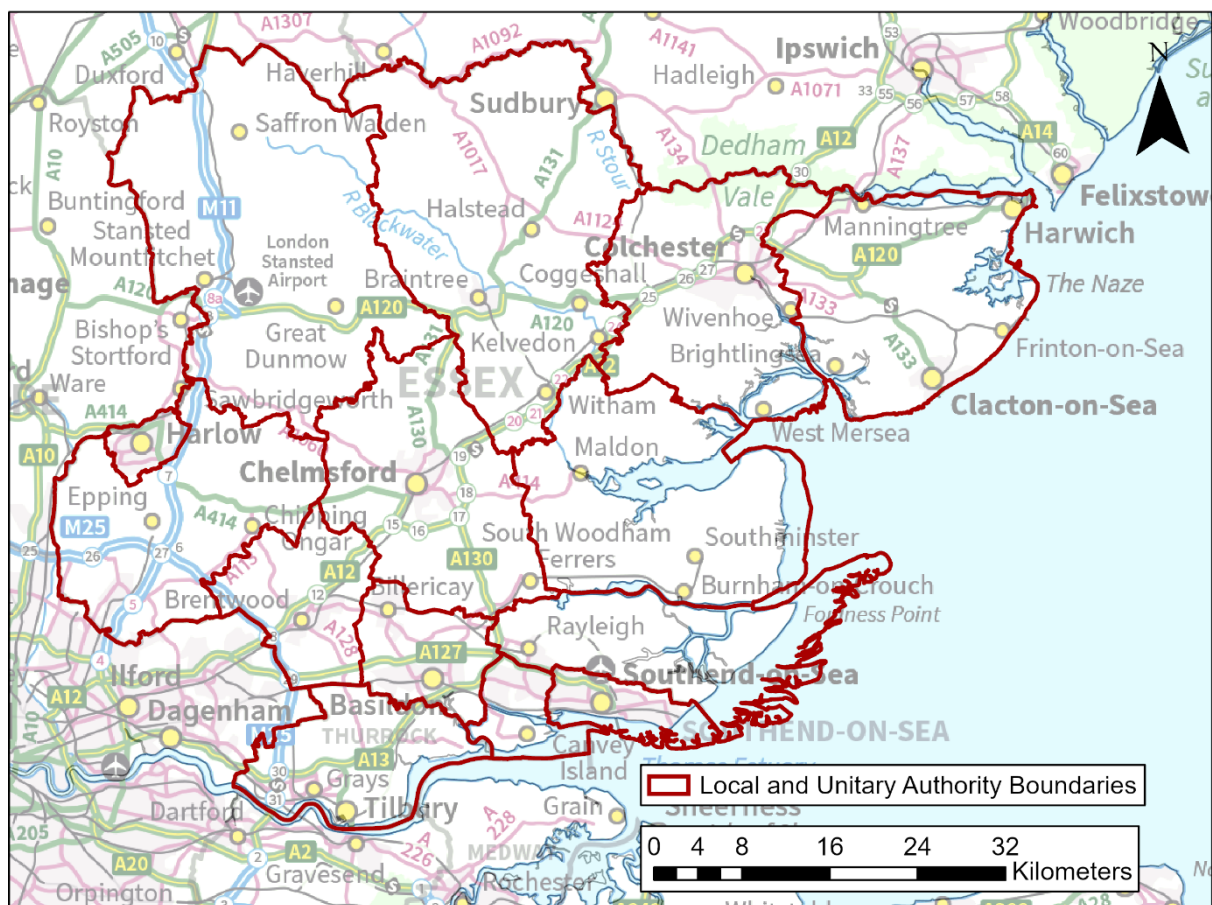
Local Authorities in Essex

The county of Essex includes the following 12 local authorities:

- Basildon
- Braintree
- Brentwood
- Castle Point
- Chelmsford
- Colchester
- Epping Forest
- Harlow
- Maldon
- Rochford
- Tendring
- Uttlesford

There are also two unitary authorities:

- Southend-on-Sea
- Thurrock



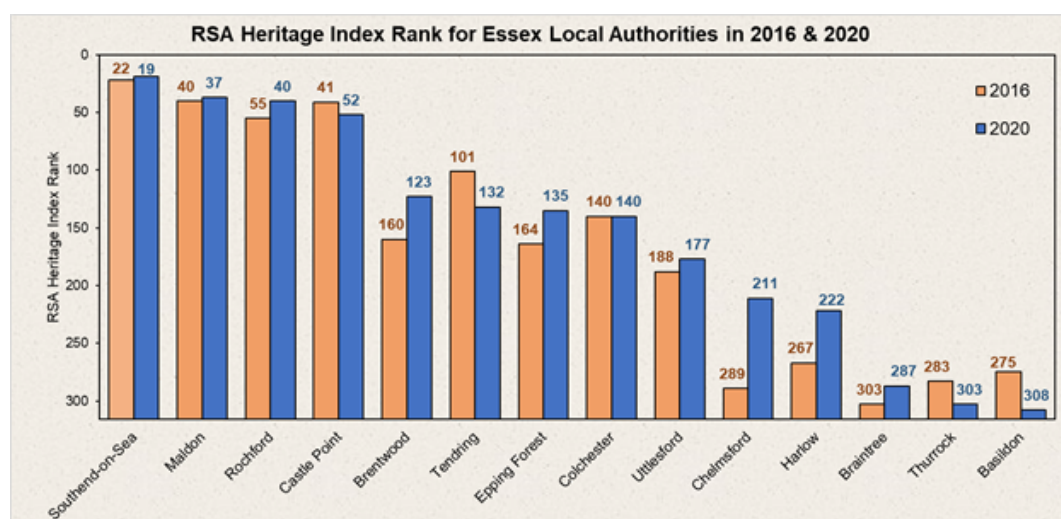
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Rankings

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

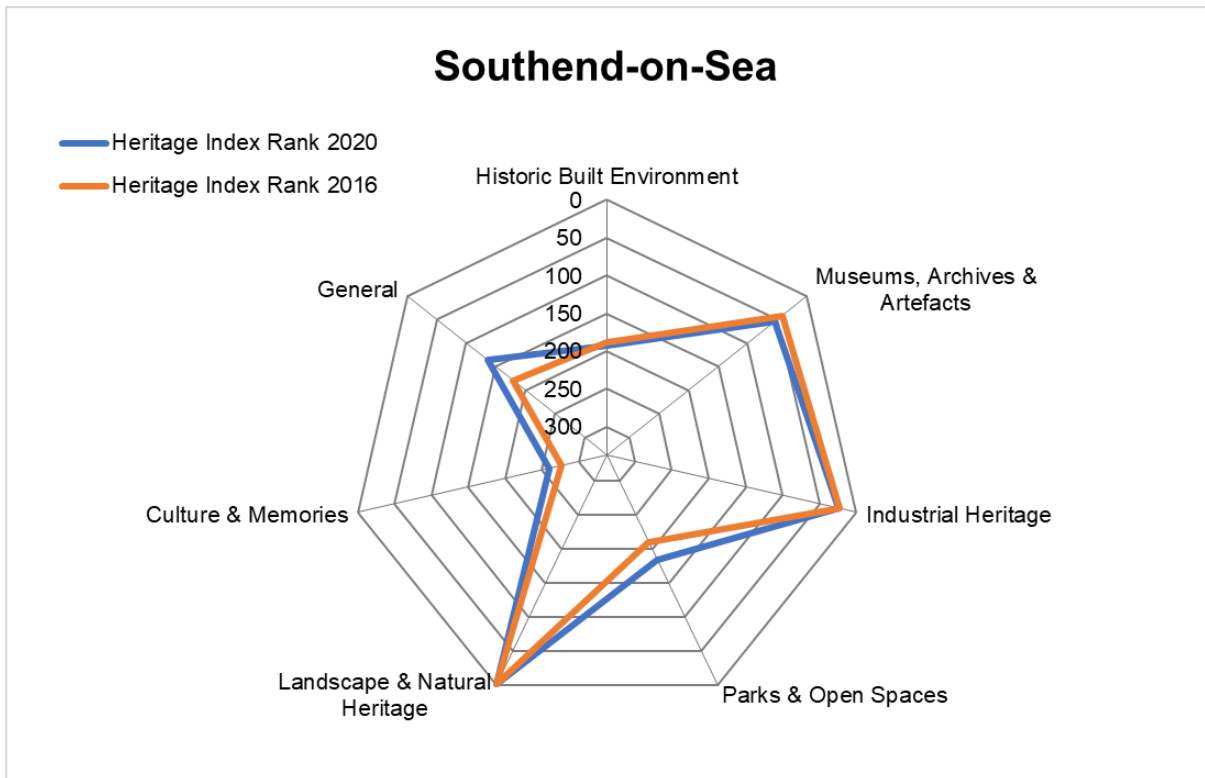
| Local Authority | Heritage Index Rank: Overall | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------|--------|
| | 2020 | 2016 | Change |
| Southend-on-Sea | 19 | 22 | ↑ 3 |
| Maldon | 37 | 40 | ↑ 3 |
| Rochford | 40 | 55 | ↑ 15 |
| Castle Point | 52 | 41 | ↓ -11 |
| Brentwood | 123 | 160 | ↑ 37 |
| Tendring | 132 | 101 | ↓ -31 |
| Epping Forest | 135 | 164 | ↑ 29 |
| Colchester | 140 | 140 | → 0 |
| Uttlesford | 177 | 188 | ↑ 11 |
| Chelmsford | 211 | 289 | ↑ 78 |
| Harlow | 222 | 267 | ↑ 45 |
| Braintree | 287 | 303 | ↑ 16 |
| Thurrock | 303 | 283 | ↓ -20 |
| Basildon | 308 | 275 | ↓ -33 |

Essex has a strong heritage base with Southend-on-Sea, Maldon, Rochford, and Castle Point in the top 100 places in England. These four are higher than the strongest local authority in Suffolk (Ipswich, 87).

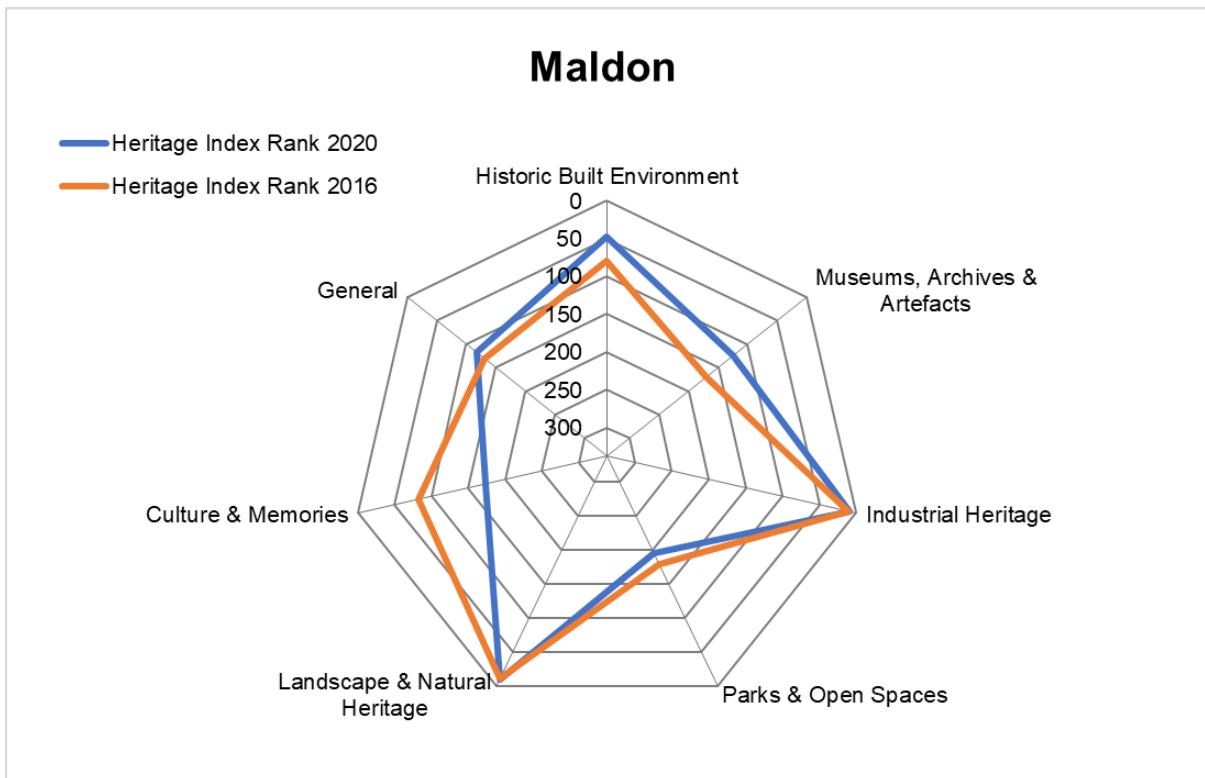


The RSA report has highlighted the Thames Estuary for its heritage potential: with Castle Point (1), Rochford (5), Southend-on-Sea (16), as well as on the other side of the Thames, Gravesham (4), Medway (9), and Dartford (39).

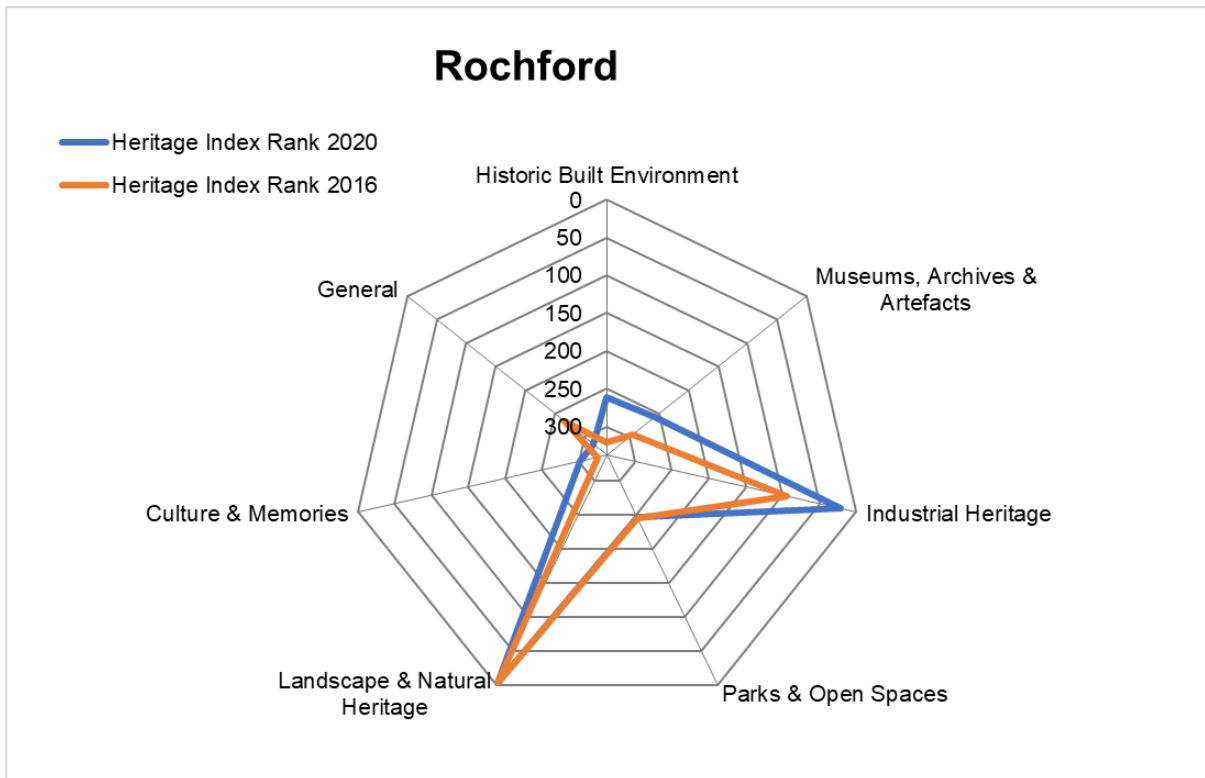
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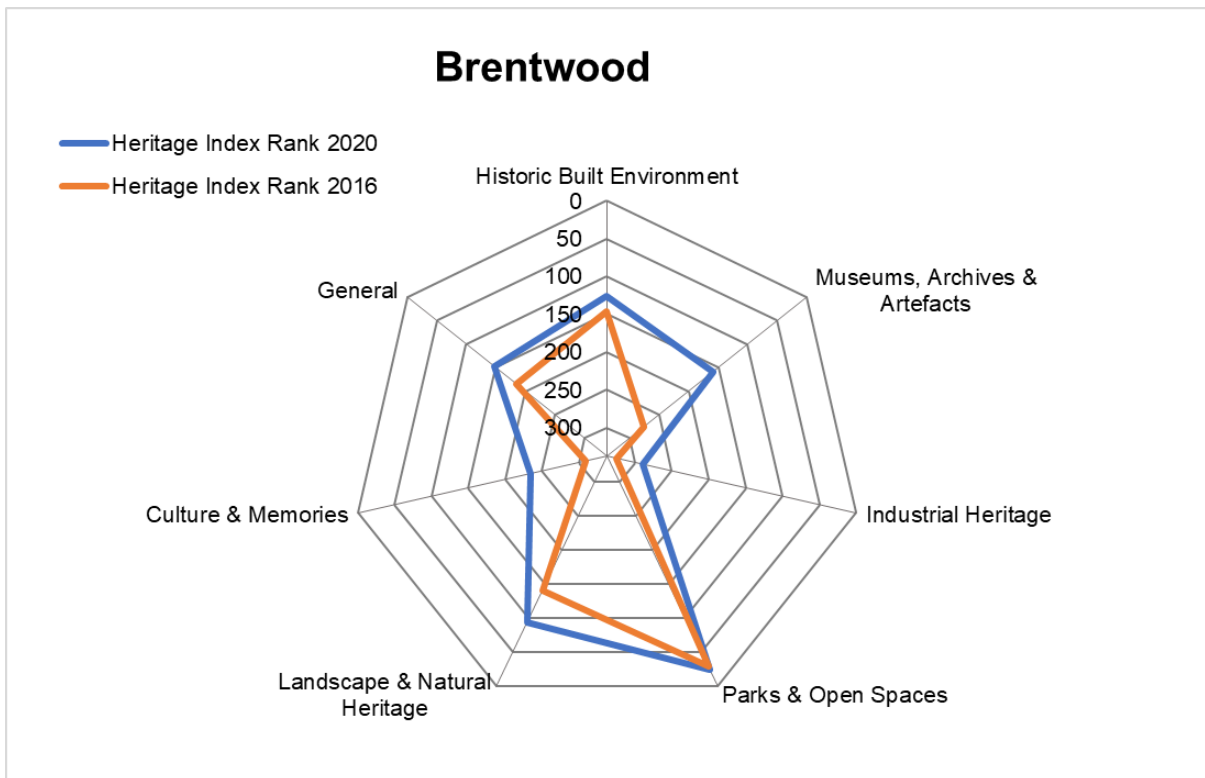
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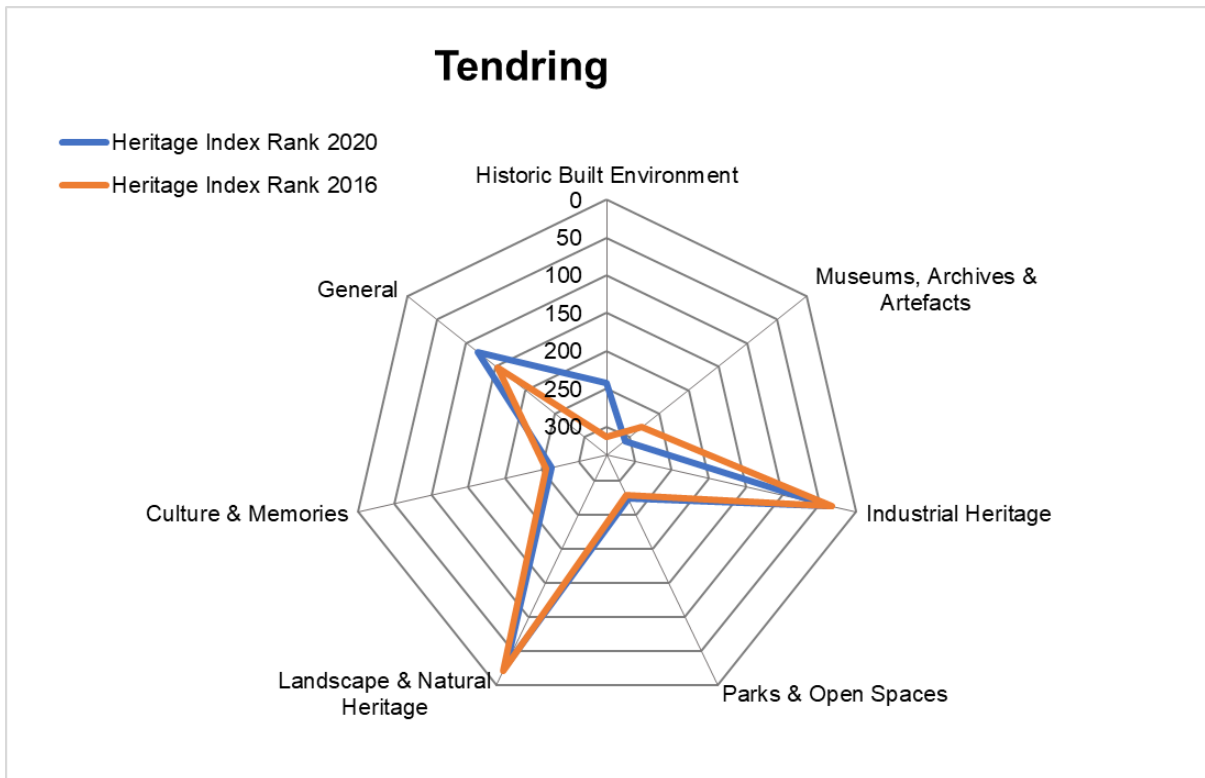
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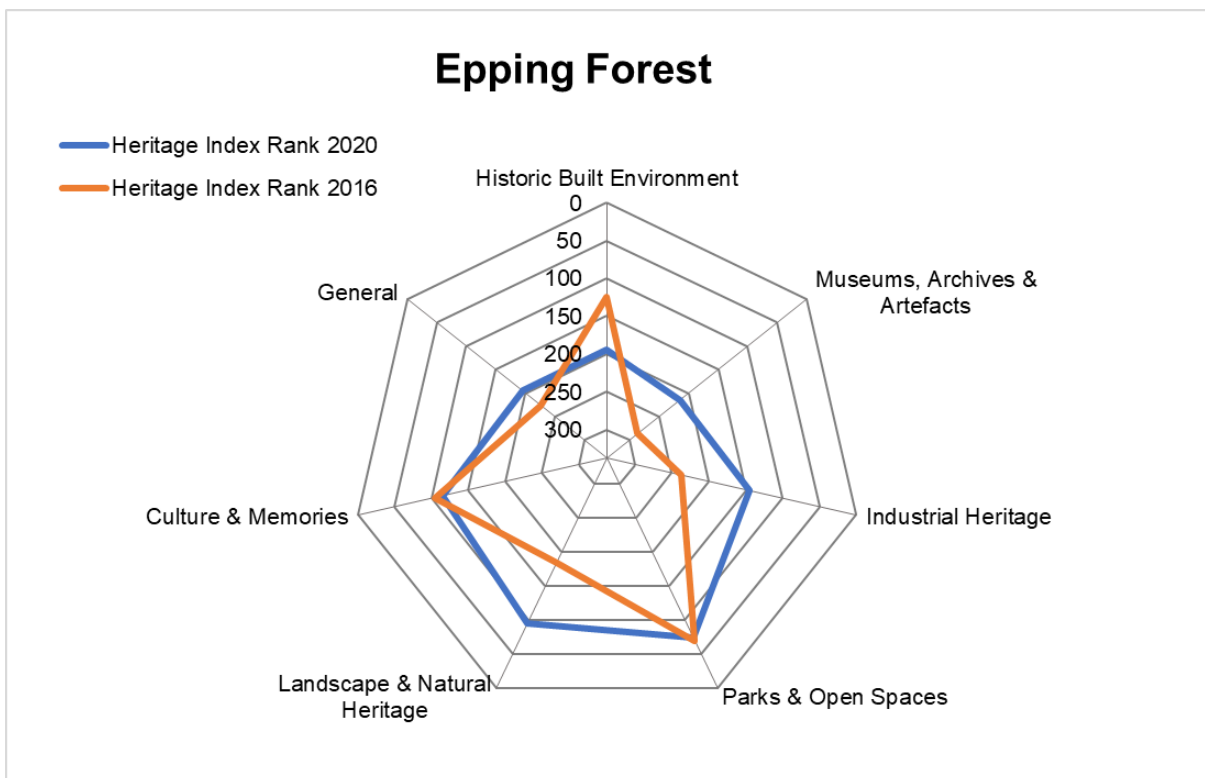
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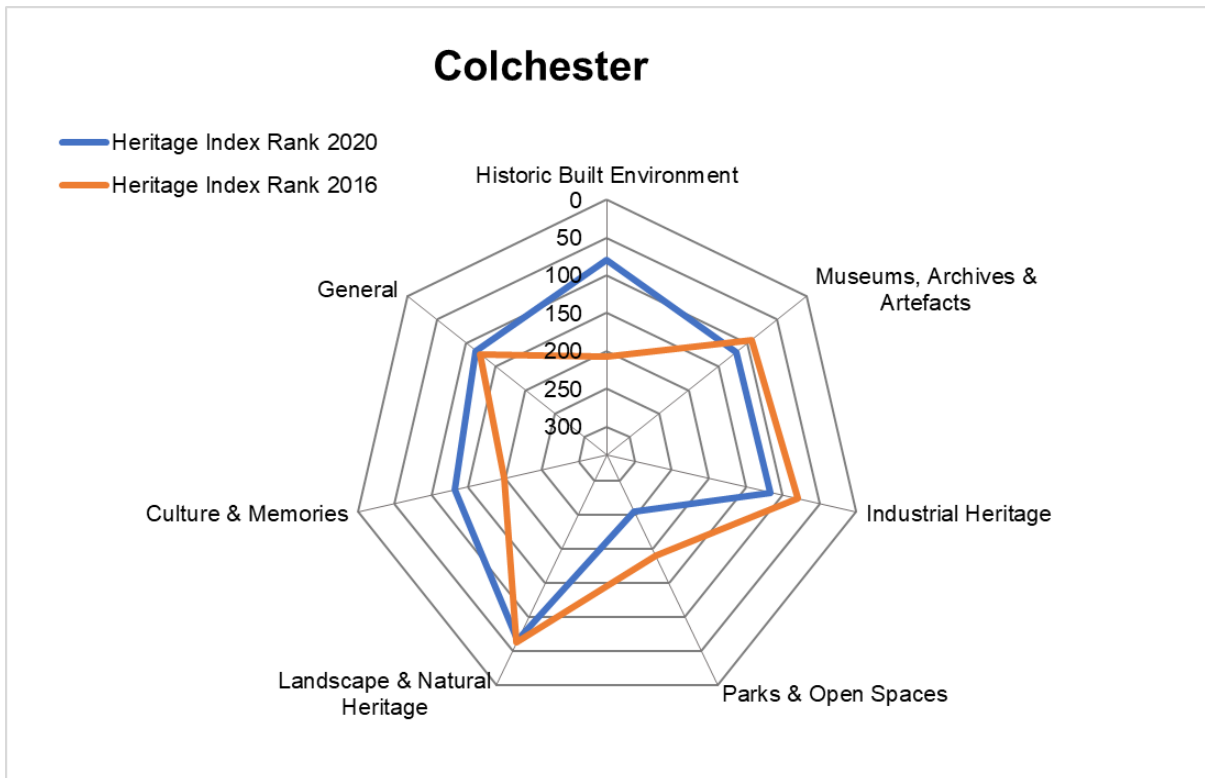
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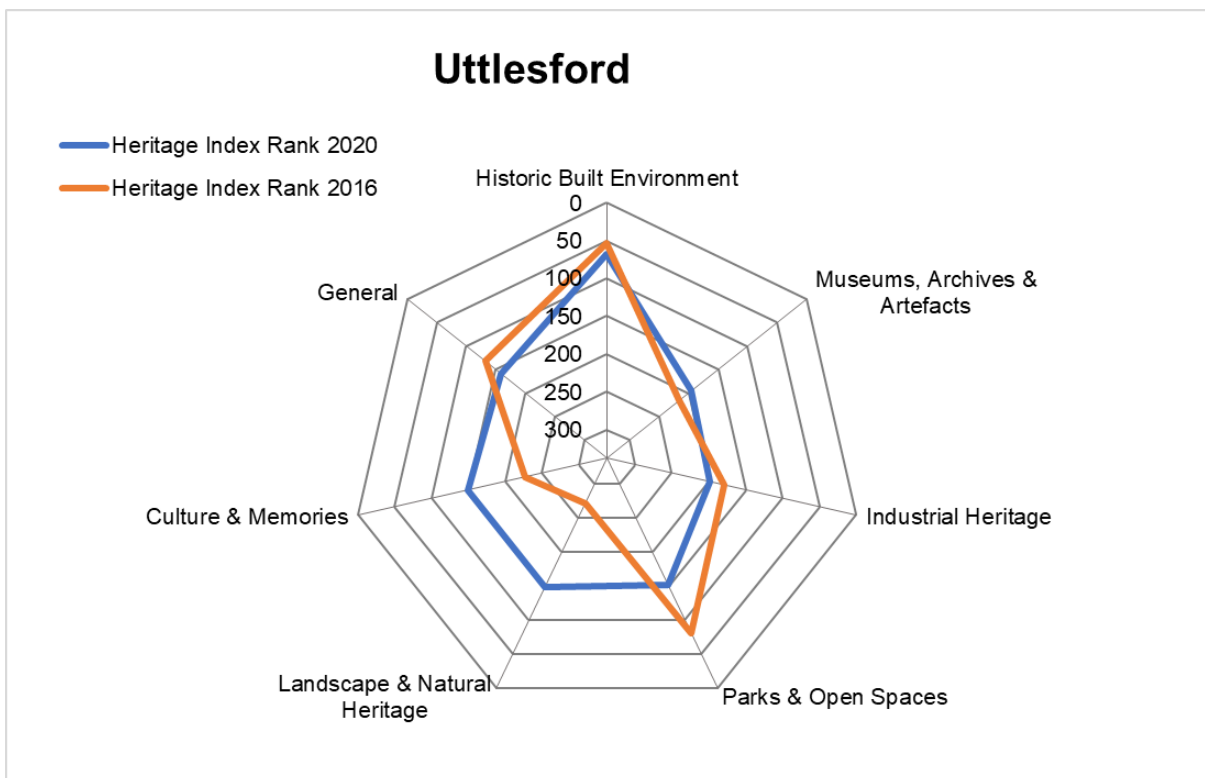
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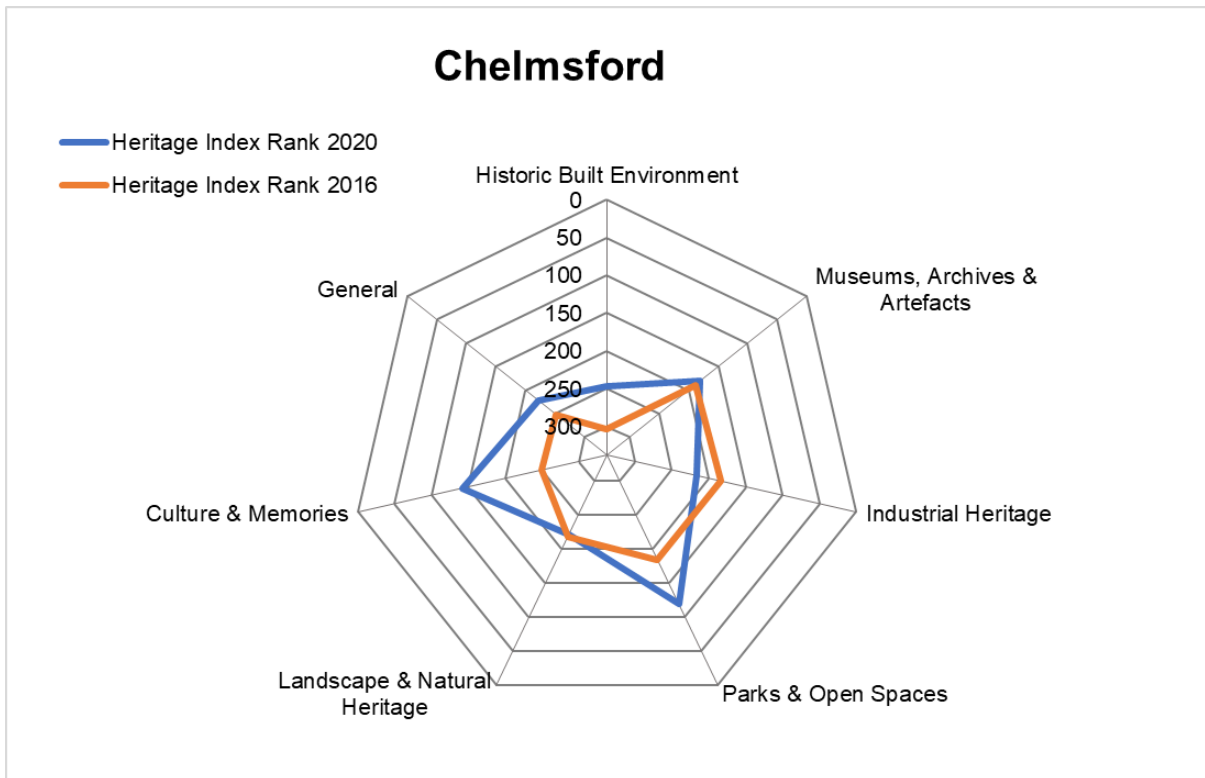
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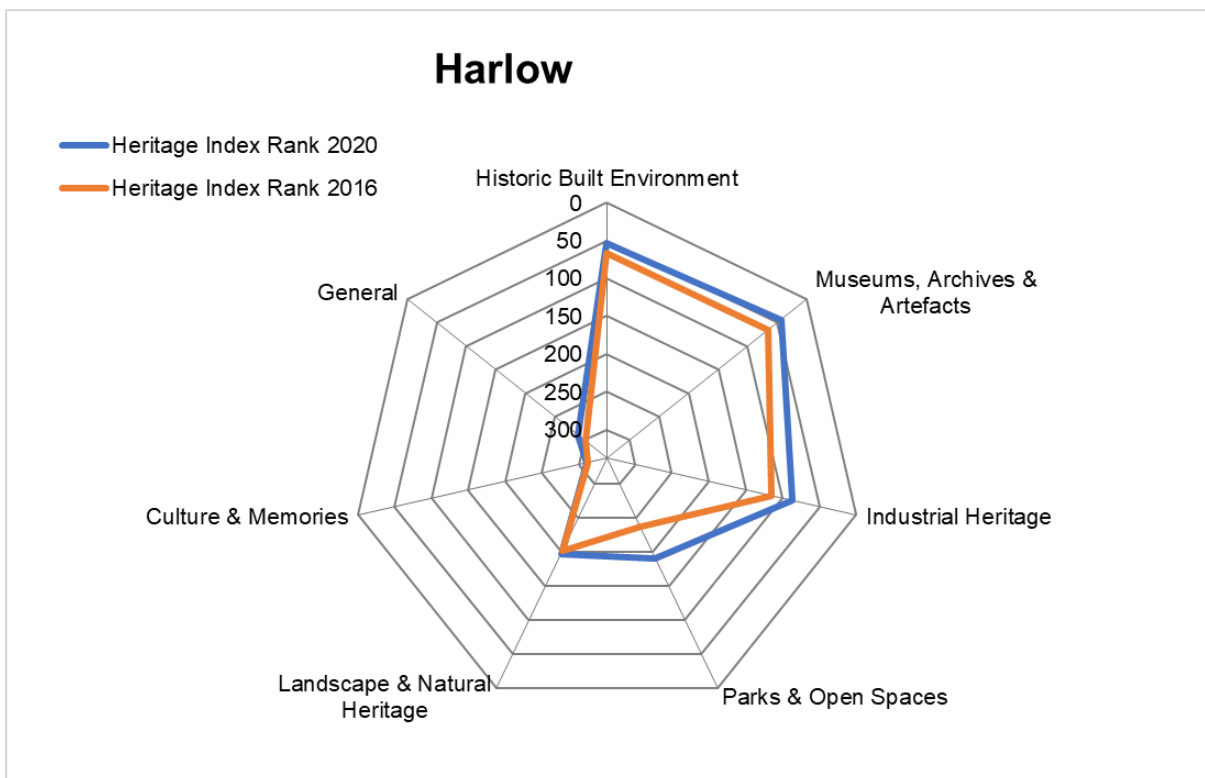
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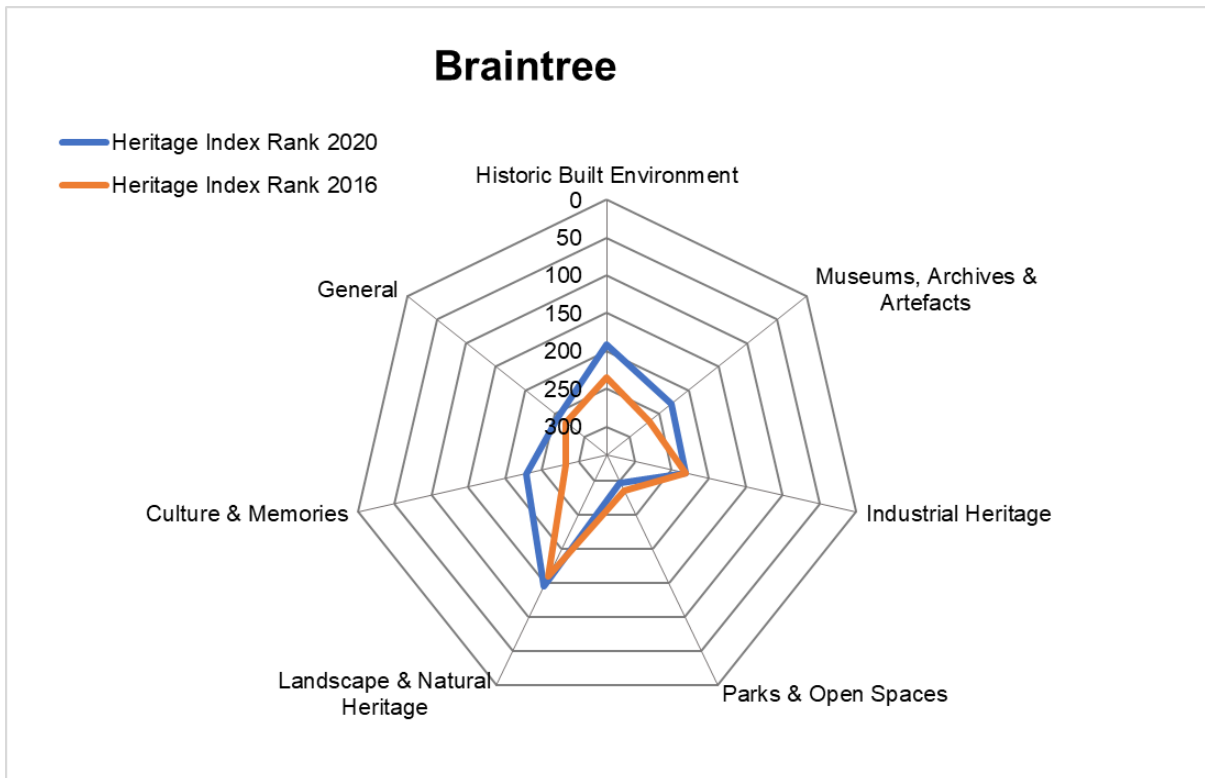
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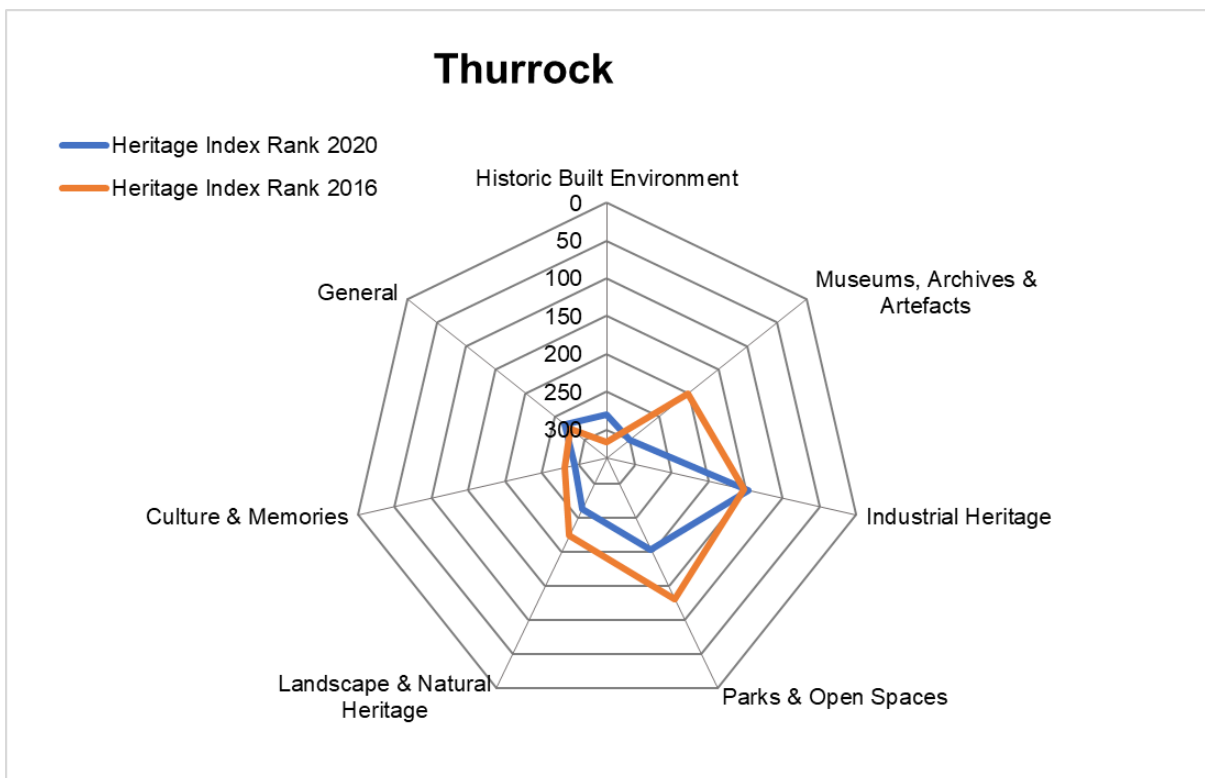
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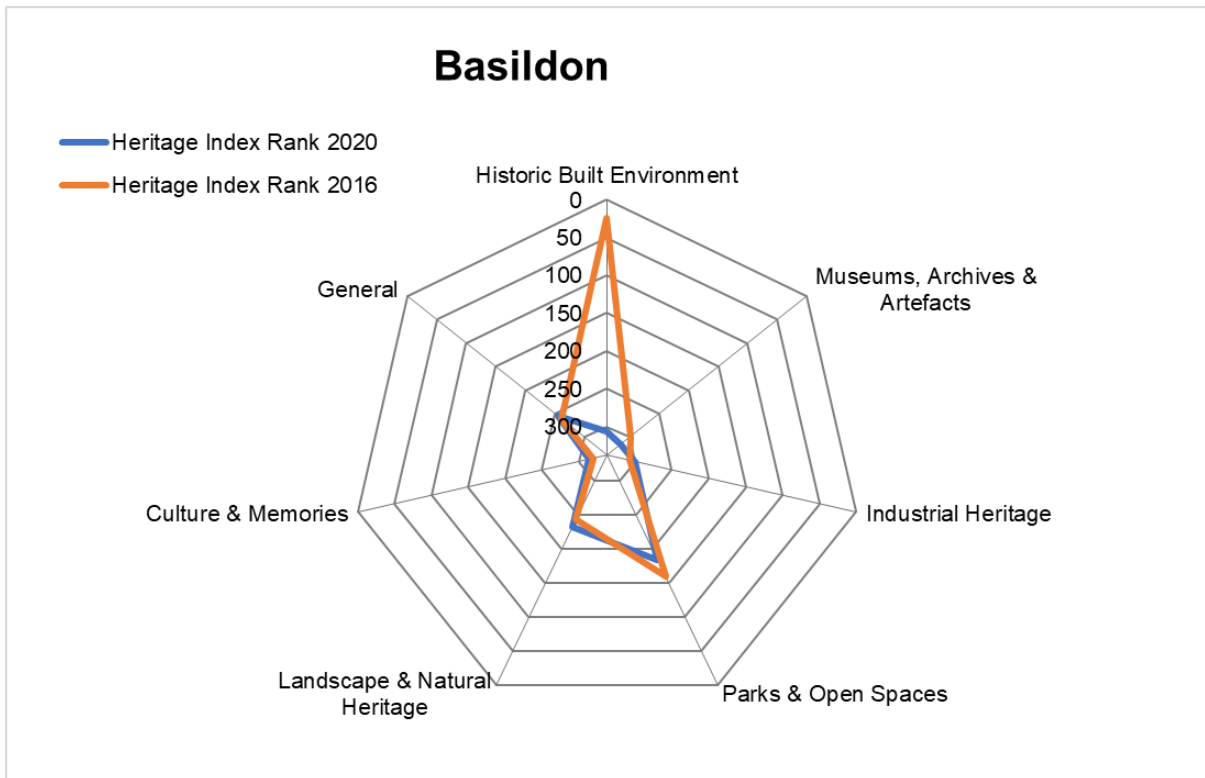
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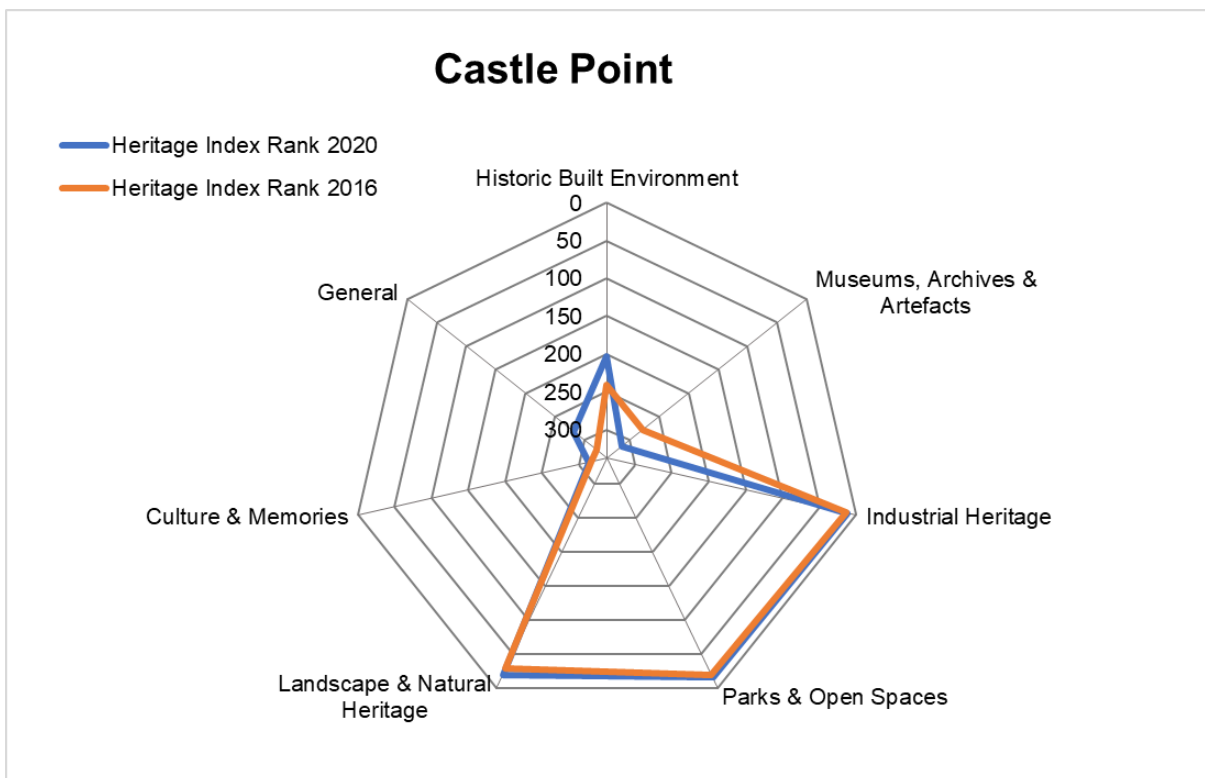
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Basildon



Castle Point

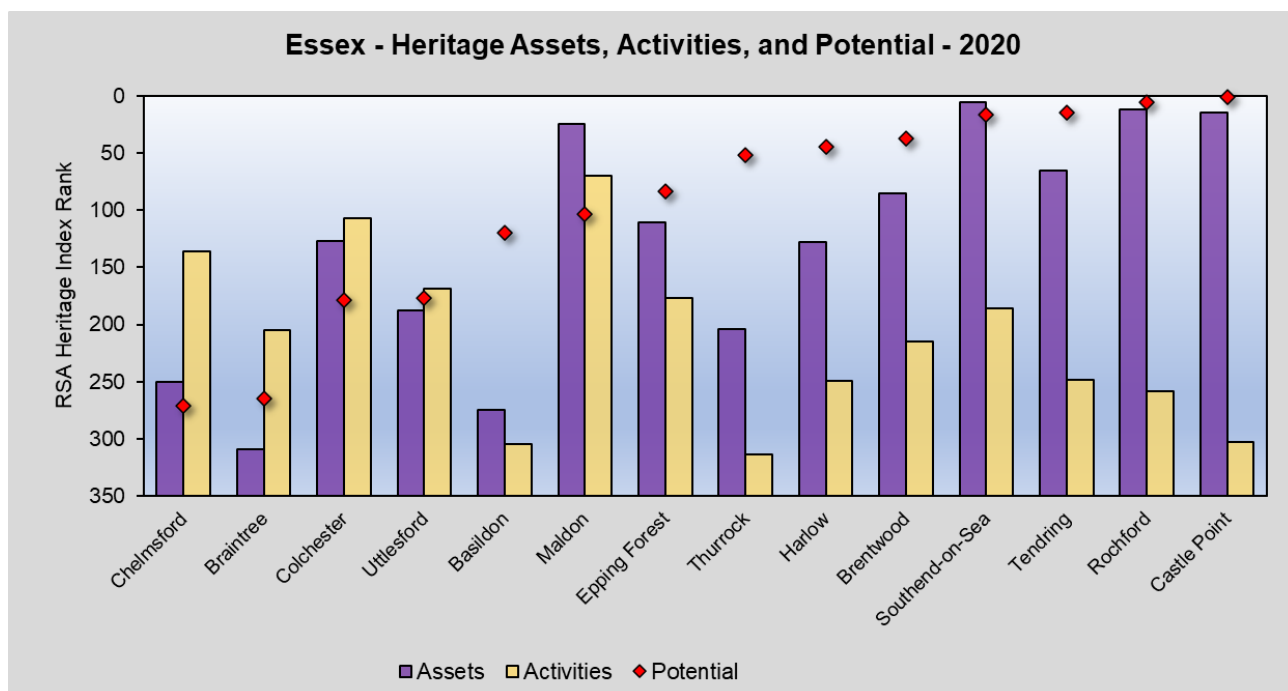


Eastern Region

| Local Authority | County | Heritage Index Rank: Overall | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | | 2020 | 2016 | Change |
| Norwich | Norfolk | 3 | 9 | ↑ 6 |
| Cambridge | Cambridgeshire | 9 | 12 | ↑ 3 |
| Southend-on-Sea | Unitary Authority | 19 | 22 | ↑ 3 |
| North Norfolk | Norfolk | 25 | 36 | ↑ 11 |
| Maldon | Essex | 37 | 40 | ↑ 3 |
| Great Yarmouth | Norfolk | 38 | 64 | ↑ 26 |
| Rochford | Essex | 40 | 55 | ↑ 15 |
| Castle Point | Essex | 52 | 41 | ↓ -11 |
| Kings Lynn and West Norfolk | Norfolk | 54 | 48 | ↓ -6 |
| Ipswich | Suffolk | 87 | 70 | ↓ -17 |
| East Suffolk | Suffolk | 98 | 73 / 127 | n/a |
| Fenland | Cambridgeshire | 115 | 133 | ↑ 18 |
| West Suffolk | Suffolk | 122 | 105 / 134 | n/a |
| Brentwood | Essex | 123 | 160 | ↑ 37 |
| Tendring | Essex | 132 | 101 | ↓ -31 |
| Epping Forest | Essex | 135 | 164 | ↑ 29 |
| Colchester | Essex | 140 | 140 | → 0 |
| Breckland | Norfolk | 150 | 152 | → 2 |
| Uttlesford | Essex | 177 | 188 | ↑ 11 |
| Babergh | Suffolk | 188 | 181 | ↓ -7 |
| Broadland | Norfolk | 190 | 205 | ↑ 15 |
| Peterborough | Unitary Authority | 198 | 216 | ↑ 18 |
| Mid Suffolk | Suffolk | 210 | 223 | ↑ 13 |
| Chelmsford | Essex | 211 | 289 | ↑ 78 |
| East Cambridgeshire | Cambridgeshire | 216 | 139 | ↓ -77 |
| South Norfolk | Norfolk | 219 | 255 | ↑ 36 |
| Harlow | Essex | 222 | 267 | ↑ 45 |
| Huntingdonshire | Cambridgeshire | 244 | 233 | ↓ -11 |
| Braintree | Essex | 287 | 303 | ↑ 16 |
| South Cambridgeshire | Cambridgeshire | 291 | 291 | → 0 |
| Thurrock | Unitary Authority | 303 | 283 | ↓ -20 |
| Basildon | Essex | 308 | 275 | ↓ -33 |

The unitary authorities of Peterborough, Southend-on-Sea, and Thurrock have been included in this report under the information for the counties of Cambridgeshire and Essex.

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 (Webster 2020: 11):

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.

Comparing the rankings for heritage assets, activities, and potential across Essex reveals differences in the extent to which each Local Authority has been able to make use of its heritage assets. While Chelmsford, Braintree, Colchester and Uttlesford are all ranked higher for heritage activities than assets, and therefore have low to moderate rankings for heritage potential, the opposite is true for other parts of Essex.

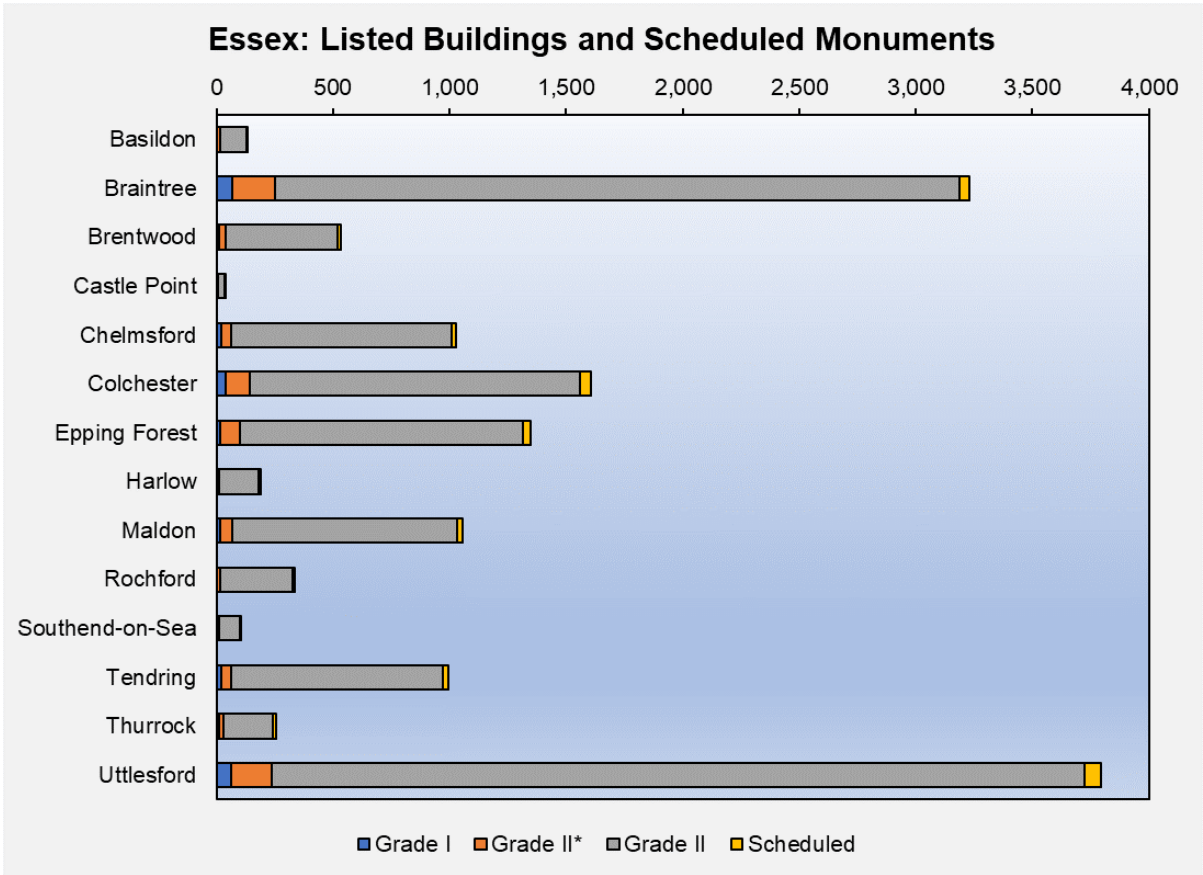
The RSA report has highlighted the Thames Estuary for its heritage potential: with Castle Point (1), Rochford (5), and Southend-on-Sea (16), all showing high levels of potential. High heritage potential is also a feature of the authorities on the other side of the Thames, particularly for Gravesham (4), Medway (9), and Dartford (39).

Historic Built Environment

The data used for the analysis are derived from Historic England and only includes the Historic Built Environment (Grade I, Grade II* and Grade II Listed buildings as well as Scheduled monuments).

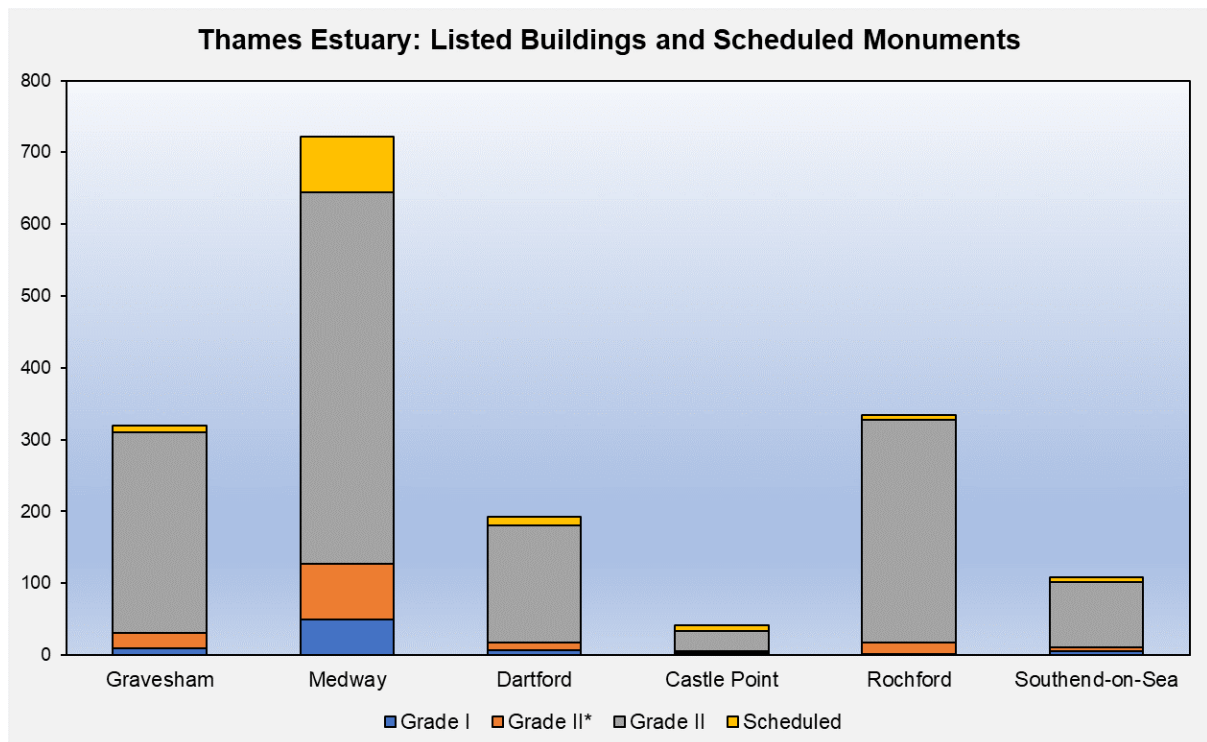
| | Ranking 2020 | Ranking 2016 | Change |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Maldon | 48 | 79 | ↑ 31 |
| Harlow | 53 | 67 | ↑ 14 |
| Uttlesford | 68 | 54 | ↓ -14 |
| Colchester | 80 | 207 | ↑ 127 |
| Brentwood | 126 | 146 | ↑ 20 |
| Braintree | 191 | 235 | ↑ 44 |
| Southend-on-Sea | 192 | 188 | ↓ -4 |
| Epping Forest | 195 | 125 | ↓ -70 |
| Castle Point | 203 | 241 | ↑ 38 |
| Tendring | 243 | 313 | ↑ 70 |
| Chelmsford | 247 | 303 | ↑ 56 |
| Rochford | 262 | 321 | ↑ 59 |
| Thurrock | 280 | 316 | ↑ 36 |
| Basildon | 307 | 25 | ↓ -282 |

Some part of Essex saw an improvement in their rankings for the Historic Built Environment. However, there were some dramatic drops, e.g. Basildon. There are 284 Grade I listed buildings in the county (including Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock).



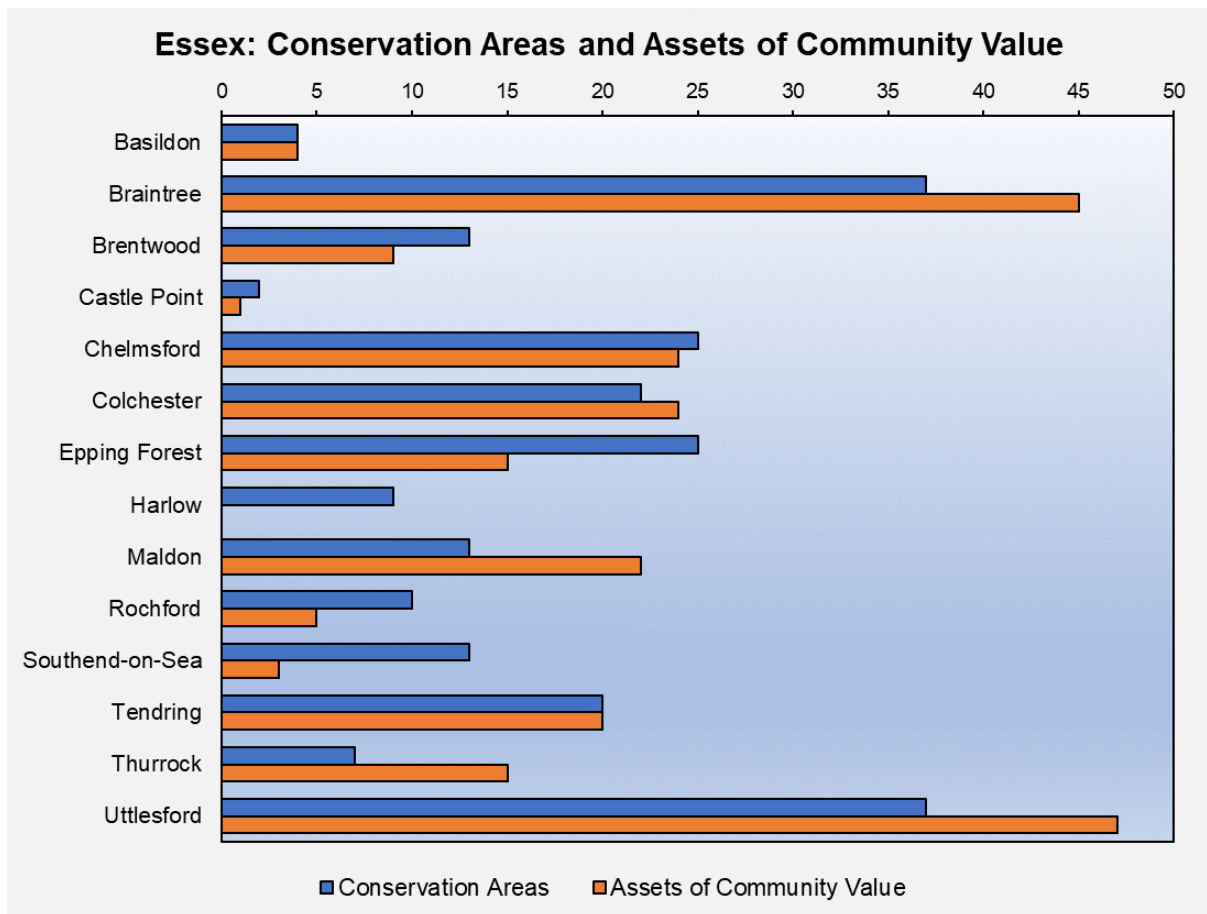
There are 284 Grade I, 776 Grade II*, and 13,270 Grade II listed buildings in Essex. In addition, there are 323 scheduled monuments. Braintree has the highest number of Grade I listed buildings (67).

Thames Estuary



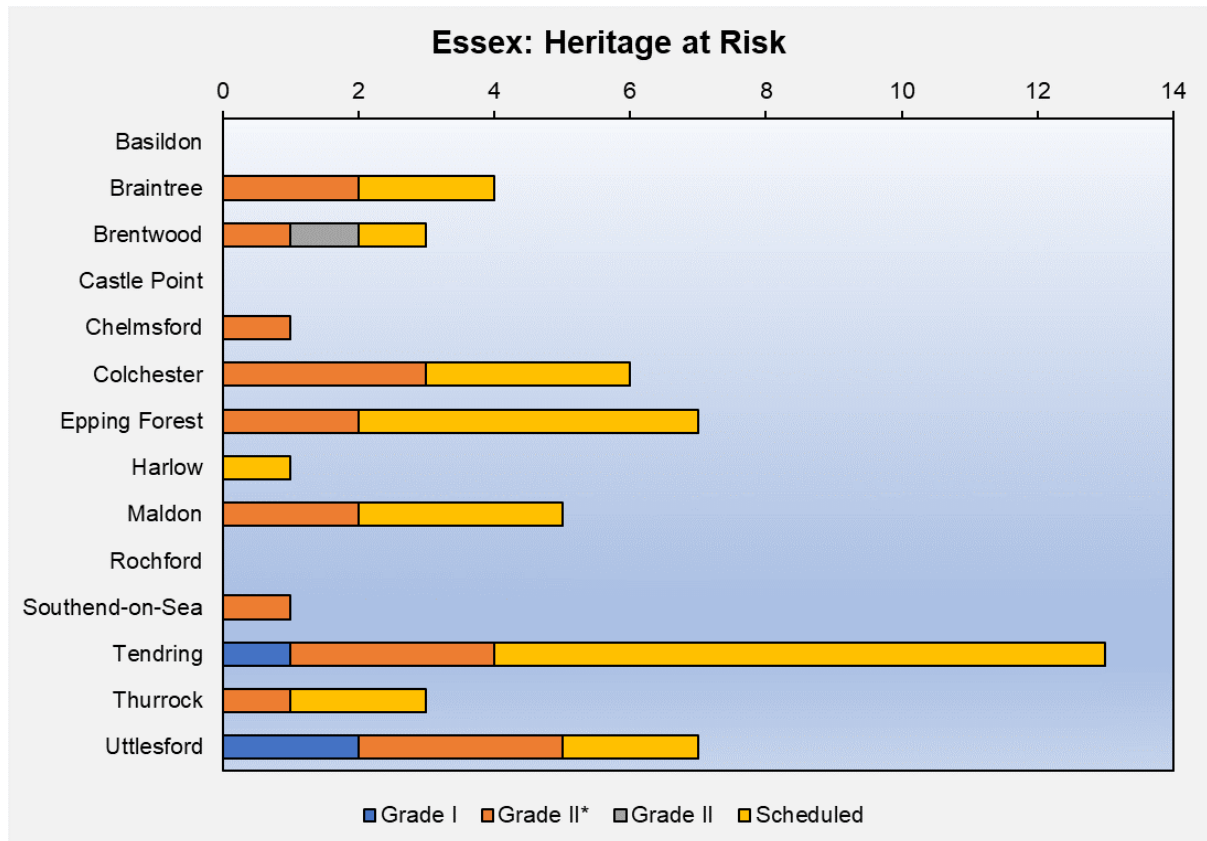
This suggests that the Kent side of the Thames has a considerably larger number of Listed Buildings.

Conservation Areas and Assets of Community Value

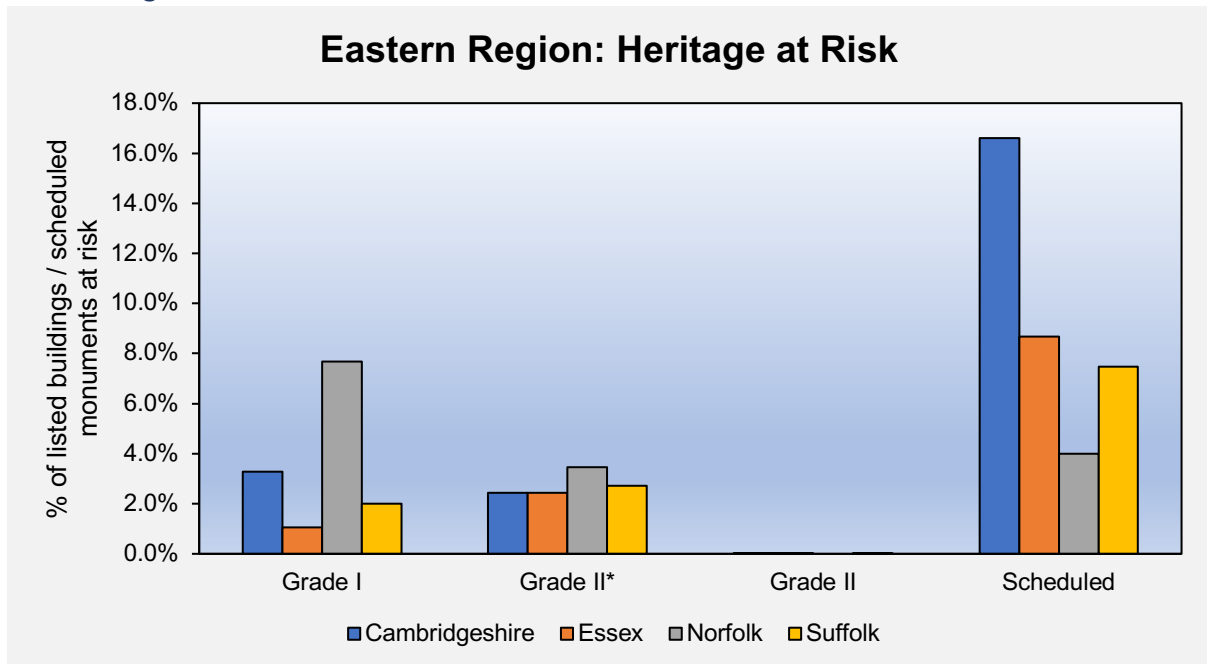


Heritage at Risk

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 are derived from Historic England.



Eastern Region



The percentage of listed buildings and scheduled monuments that are at risk indicates that Norfolk has a higher percentage of Grade I listed buildings that are at risk. Cambridgeshire has a high percentage of scheduled monuments at risk.

Listed Parks

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 | Change |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Castle Point | 16 | 20 | ↑ 4 |
| Brentwood | 25 | 29 | ↑ 4 |
| Epping Forest | 75 | 70 | ↓ -5 |
| Chelmsford | 120 | 184 | ↑ 64 |
| Uttlesford | 152 | 81 | ↓ -71 |
| Basildon | 184 | 160 | ↓ -24 |
| Southend-on-Sea | 185 | 211 | ↑ 26 |
| Harlow | 191 | 237 | ↑ 46 |
| Maldon | 196 | 179 | ↓ -17 |
| Thurrock | 204 | 131 | ↓ -73 |
| Rochford | 247 | 245 | ↔ -2 |
| Colchester | 256 | 190 | ↓ -66 |
| Tendring | 274 | 279 | ↑ 5 |
| Braintree | 298 | 286 | ↓ -12 |

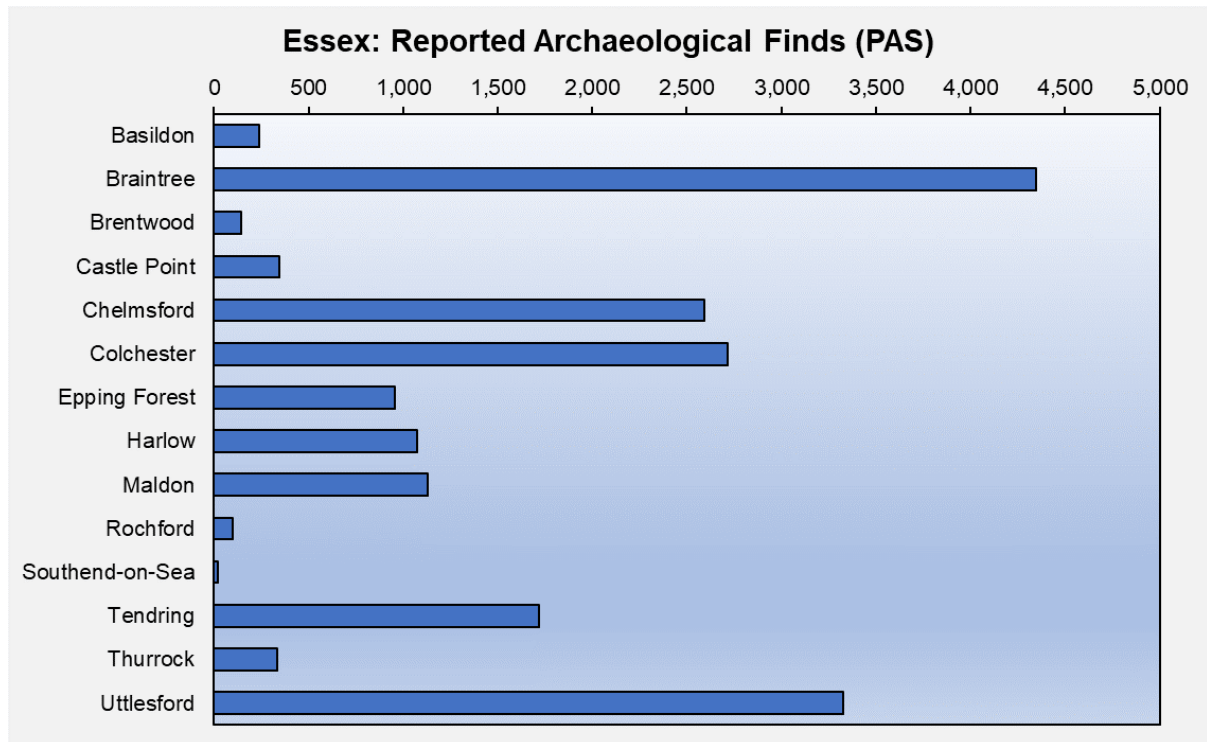


Museums, Archives and Artefacts

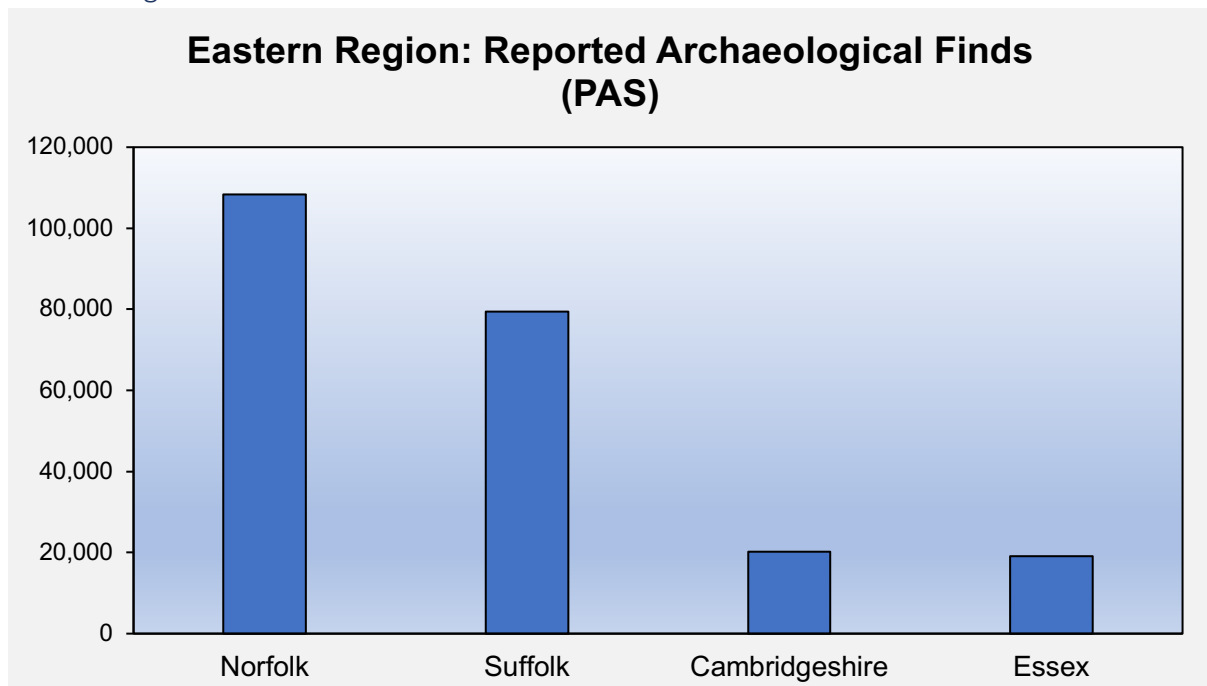
| | Ranking 2020 | Ranking 2016 | Change |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Harlow | 44 | 65 | ↑ 21 |
| Southend-on-Sea | 54 | 42 | ↓ -12 |
| Colchester | 120 | 93 | ↓ -27 |
| Maldon | 125 | 170 | ↑ 45 |
| Brentwood | 159 | 276 | ↑ 117 |
| Chelmsford | 181 | 189 | ↑ 8 |
| Uttlesford | 195 | 216 | ↑ 21 |
| Epping Forest | 215 | 286 | ↑ 71 |
| Braintree | 229 | 267 | ↑ 38 |
| Rochford | 257 | 294 | ↑ 37 |
| Thurrock | 300 | 202 | ↓ -98 |
| Tendring | 308 | 279 | ↓ -29 |
| Castle Point | 313 | 277 | ↓ -36 |
| Basildon | 315 | 298 | ↓ -17 |

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.



Eastern Region



Industrial Heritage

| | Ranking 2020 | Ranking 2016 | Change |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| Maldon | 9 | 10 |  1 |
| Castle Point | 12 | 13 |  1 |
| Rochford | 21 | 94 |  73 |
| Southend-on-Sea | 24 | 22 |  -2 |
| Tendring | 36 | 33 |  -3 |
| Harlow | 86 | 115 |  29 |
| Colchester | 117 | 79 |  -38 |
| Epping Forest | 145 | 237 |  92 |
| Thurrock | 146 | 153 |  7 |
| Uttlesford | 198 | 179 |  -19 |
| Chelmsford | 216 | 183 |  -33 |
| Braintree | 231 | 232 |  1 |
| Brentwood | 289 | 325 |  36 |
| Basildon | 300 | 307 |  7 |

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 are 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.

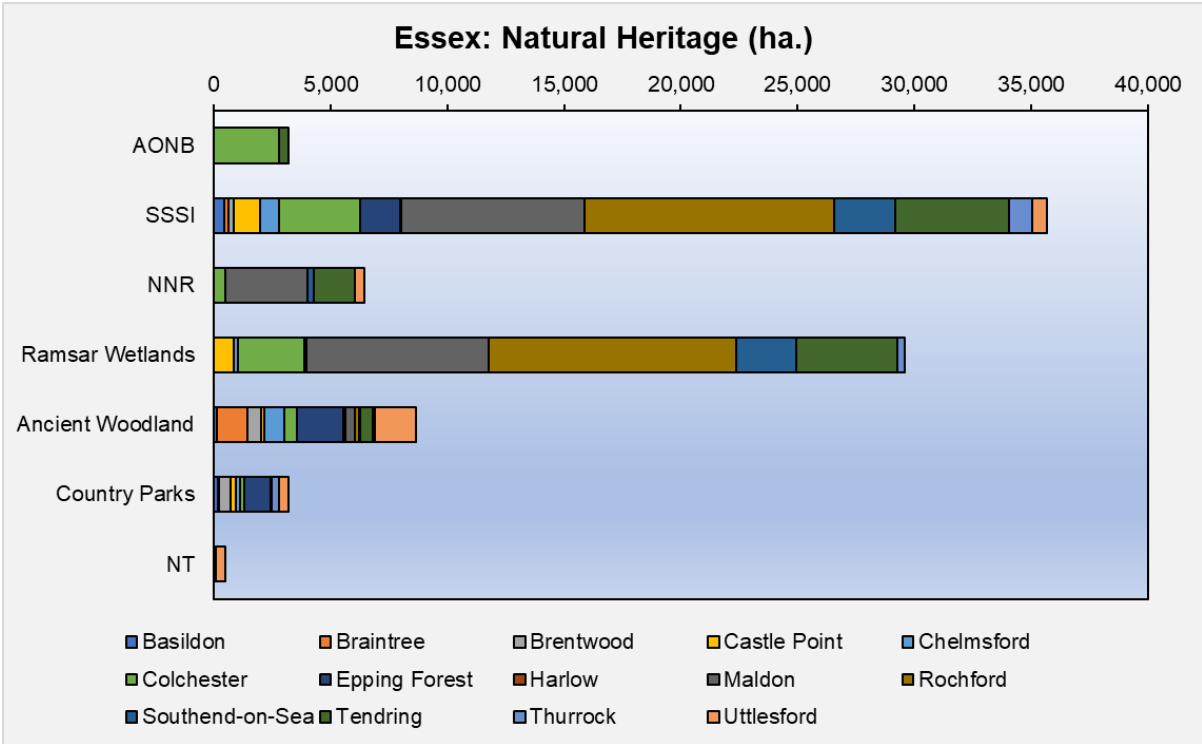
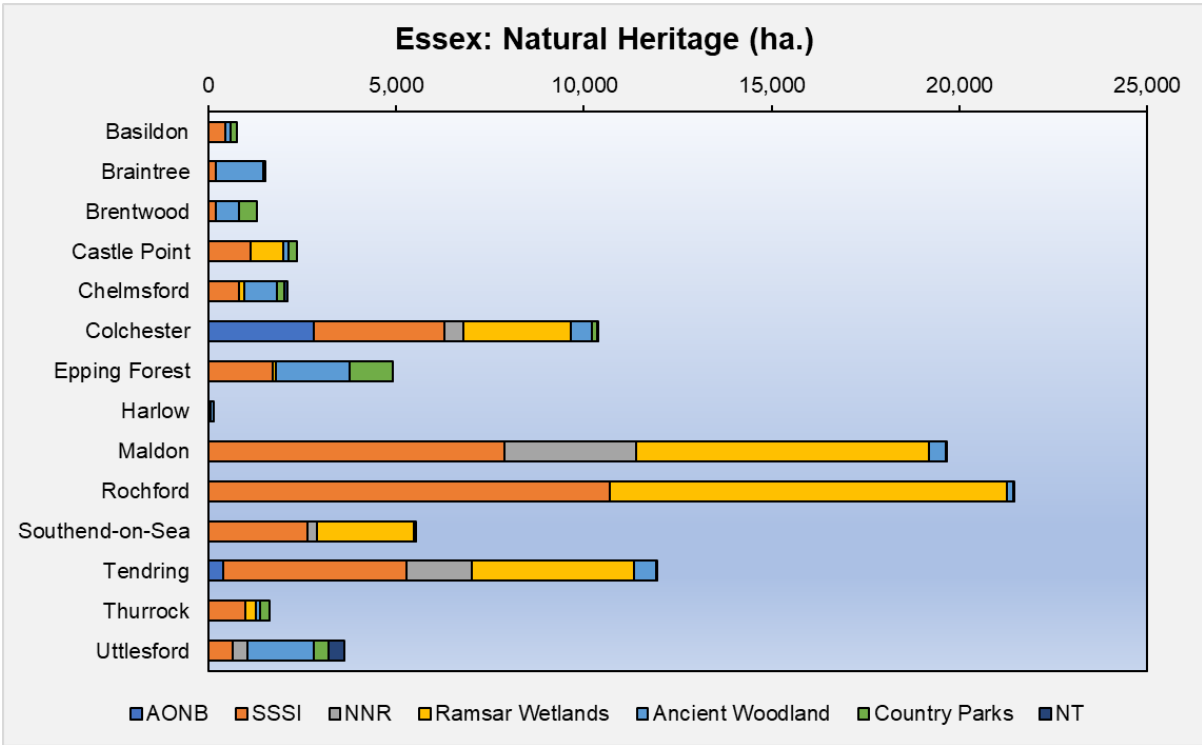
Ancient woodland is identified using presence or absence of woods from old maps, information about the wood's name, shape, internal boundaries, location relative to other features, ground survey, and aerial photography.

Country Parks

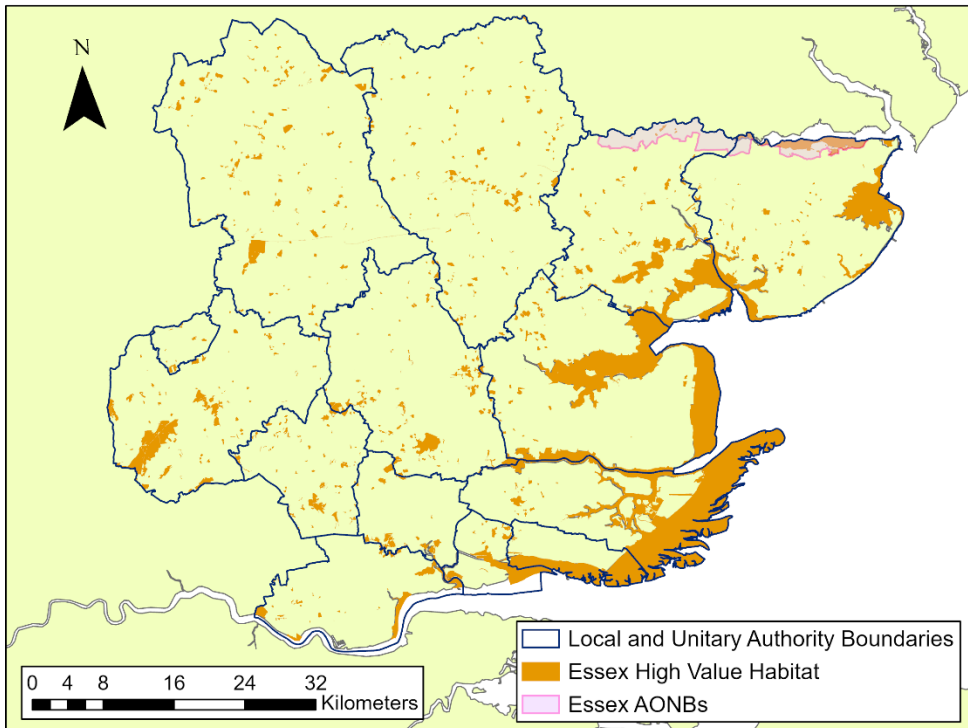
Natural England defines Country Parks as:

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.

| | Ranking 2020 | Ranking 2016 | Change |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Southend-on-Sea | 2 | 2 | → 0 |
| Rochford | 4 | 4 | → 0 |
| Maldon | 10 | 12 | ↗ 2 |
| Castle Point | 20 | 29 | ↑ 9 |
| Tendring | 30 | 21 | ↓ -9 |
| Colchester | 66 | 63 | ↓ -3 |
| Brentwood | 94 | 141 | ↑ 47 |
| Epping Forest | 95 | 185 | ↑ 90 |
| Braintree | 146 | 160 | ↑ 14 |
| Uttlesford | 149 | 272 | ↑ 123 |
| Harlow | 198 | 202 | ↑ 4 |
| Chelmsford | 221 | 218 | ↓ -3 |
| Basildon | 232 | 244 | ↑ 12 |
| Thurrock | 263 | 224 | ↓ -39 |



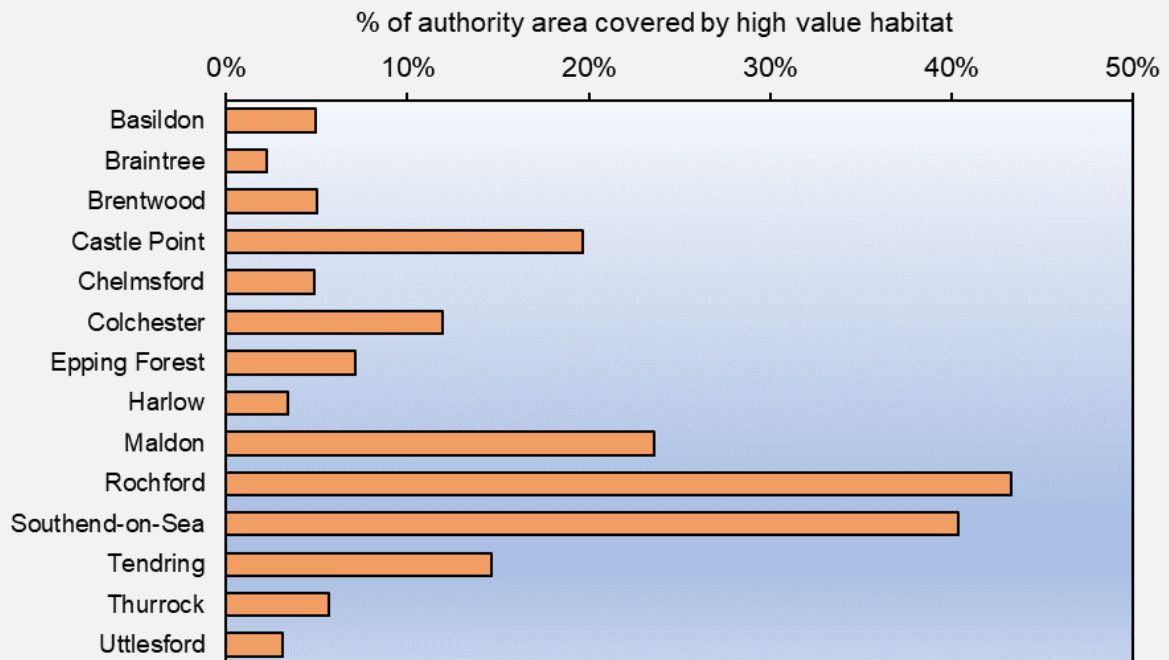
Essex's High Value Habitat and Landscape



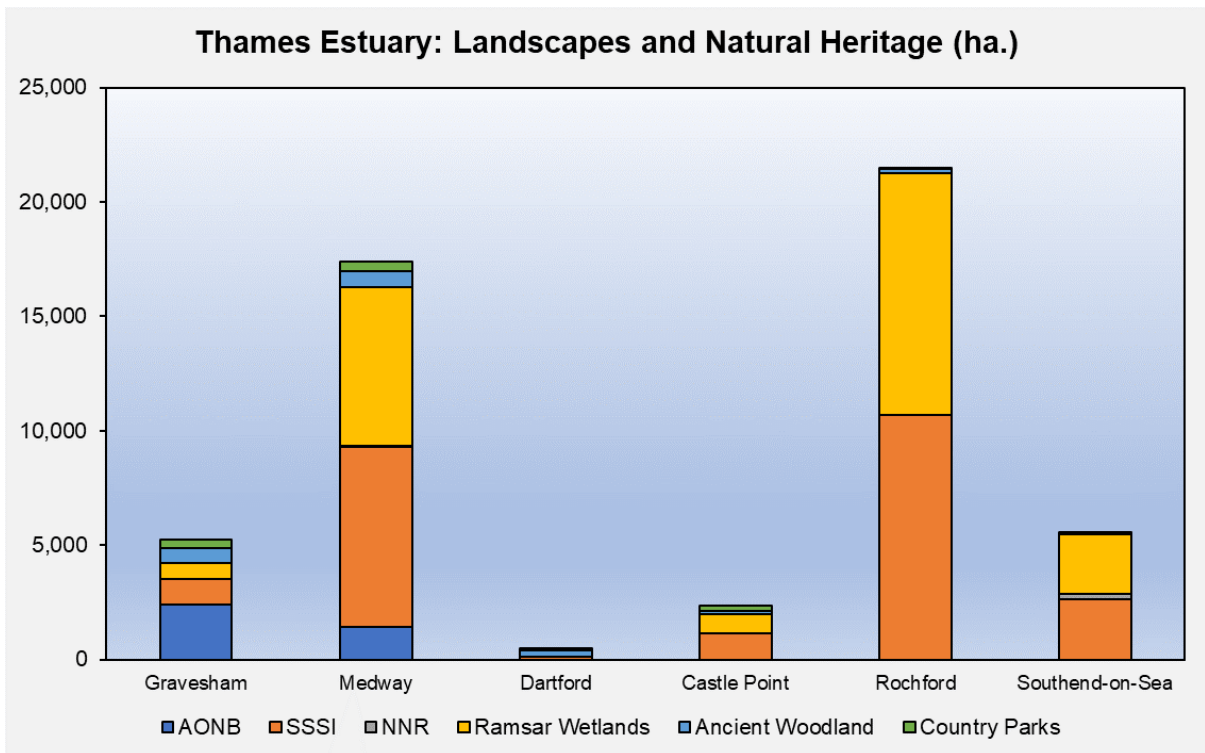
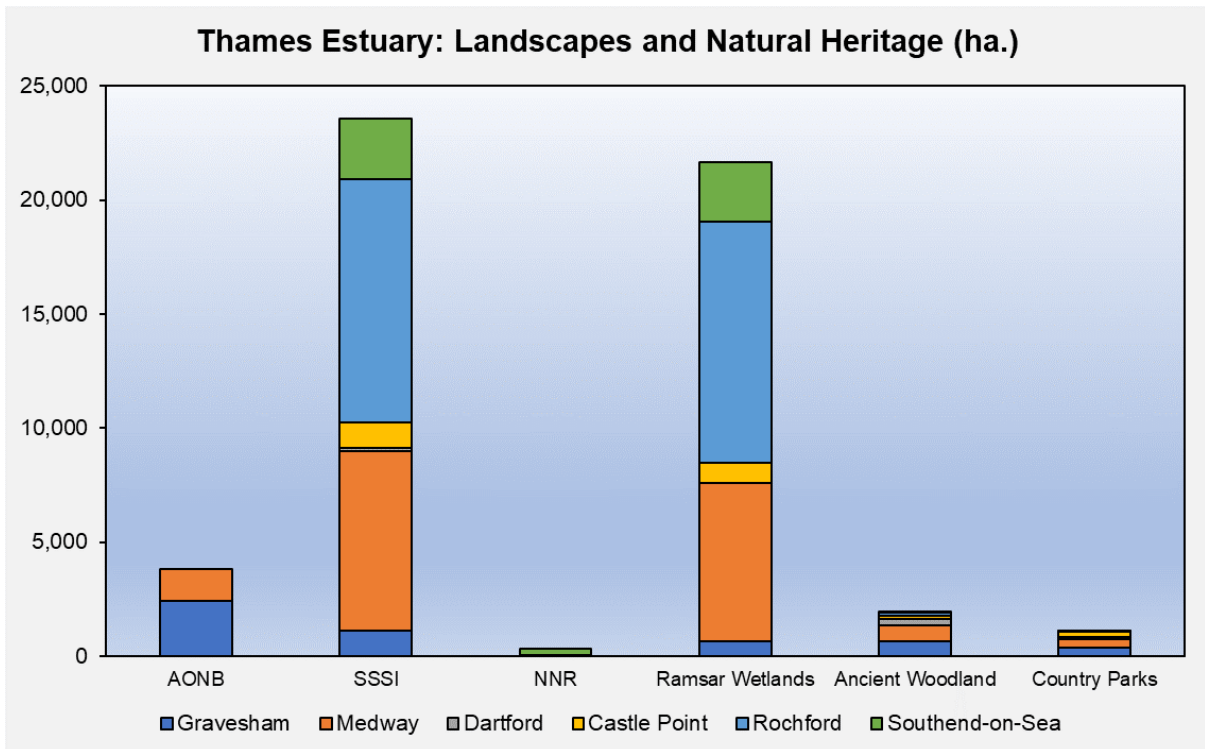
- High value habitat includes:
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)
 - Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)
 - Special Protection Areas (SPAs)
 - National Nature Reserves (NNRs)
 - Local Nature Reserves (LNRs)
 - Ancient Woodland
 - Ramsar wetlands

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Essex - % coverage by high value habitat

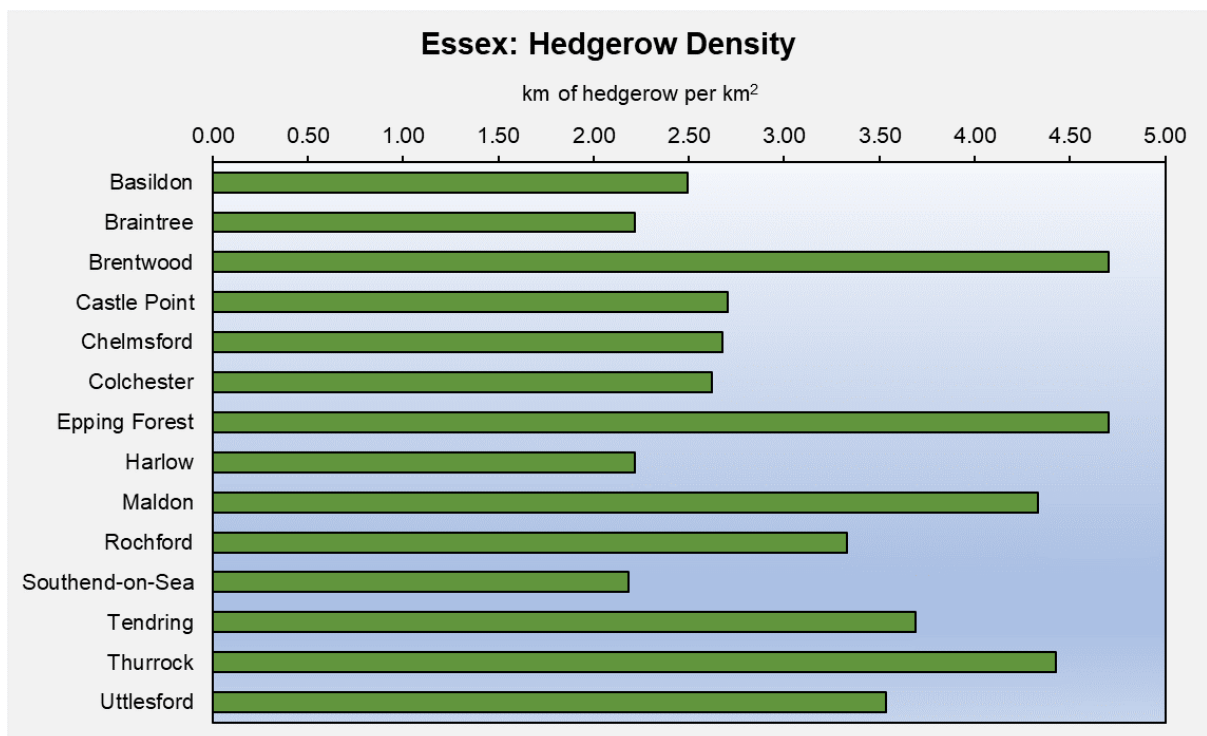


Thames Estuary



Hedgerows

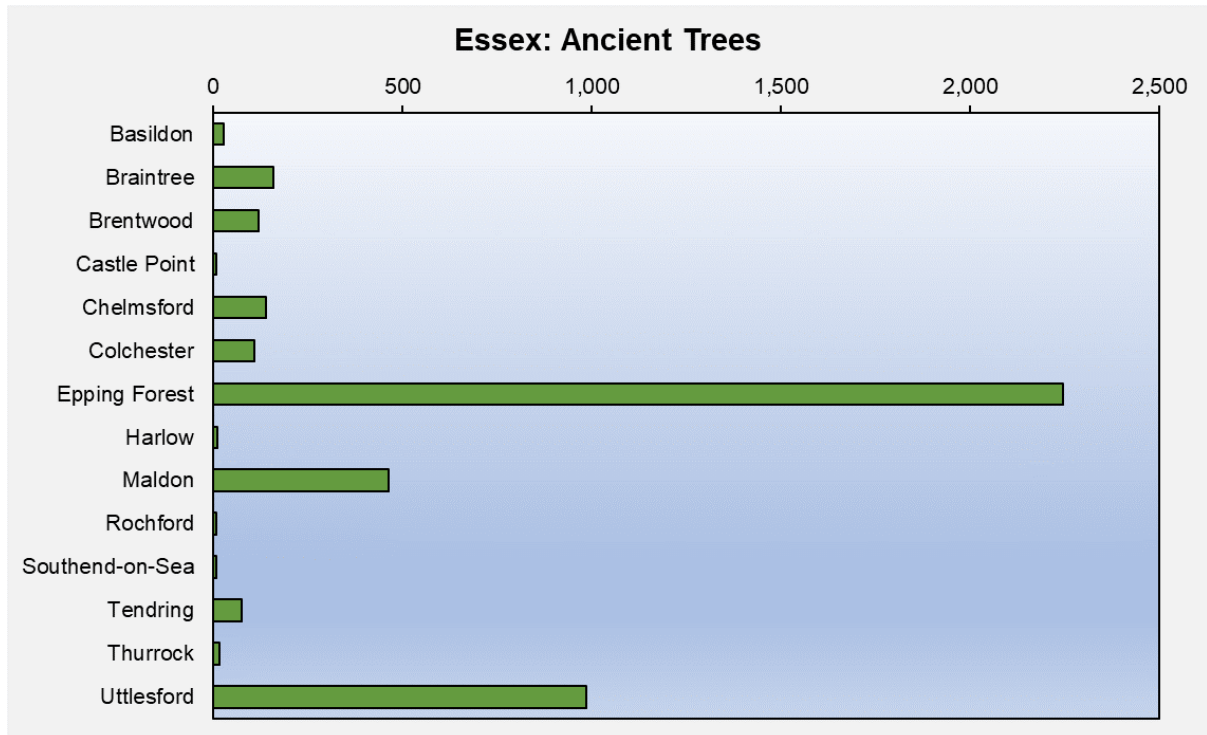
There are some 13,000 km of hedgerows in Essex.



Ancient Trees

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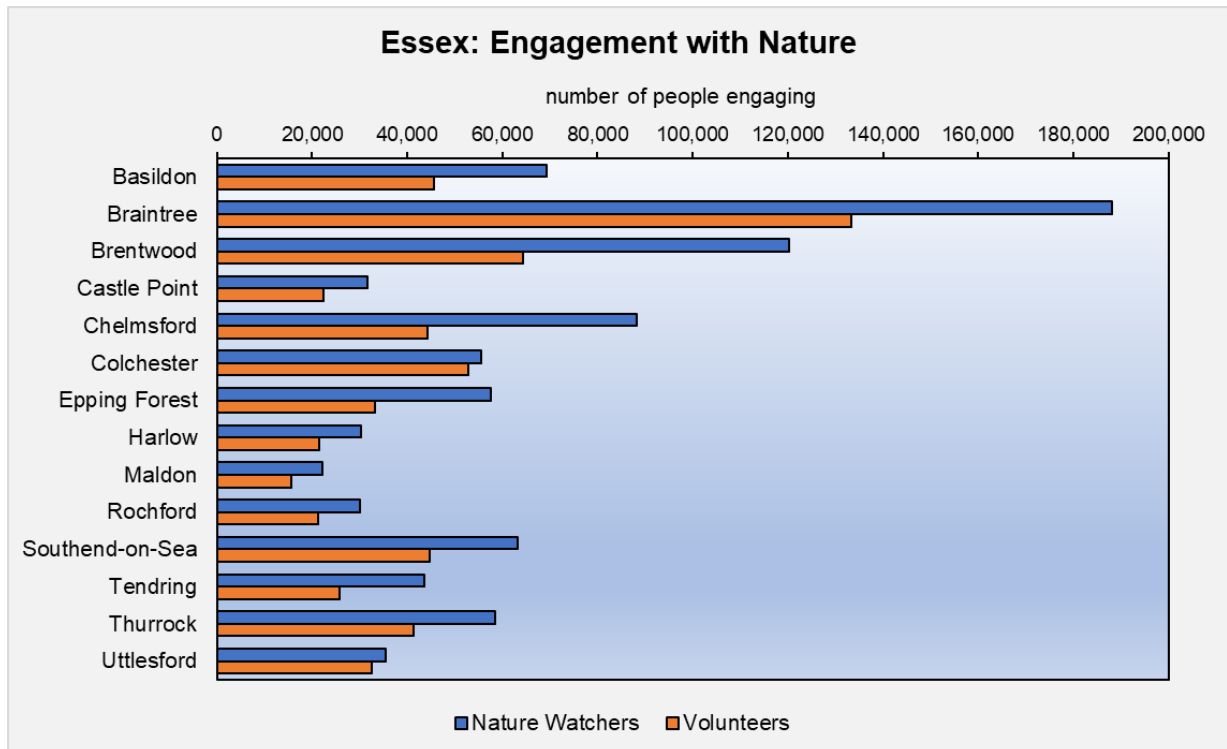
There are over 4,000 ancient trees recorded for Essex, largely in Epping Forest and Uttlesford.



Engagement with Nature

The data are derived from Natural England's Monitor of Engagement with the Natural Environment (MENE) survey.

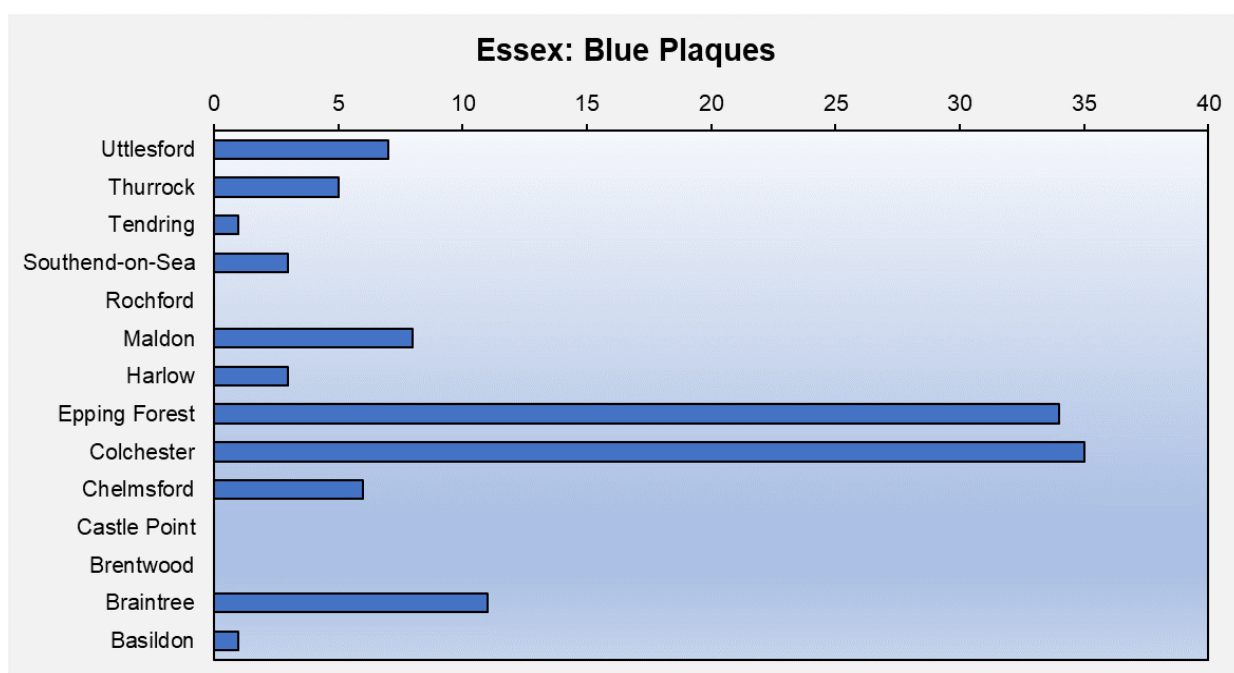
There are just under 894,000 nature watchers, and 600,000 nature volunteers in Essex.

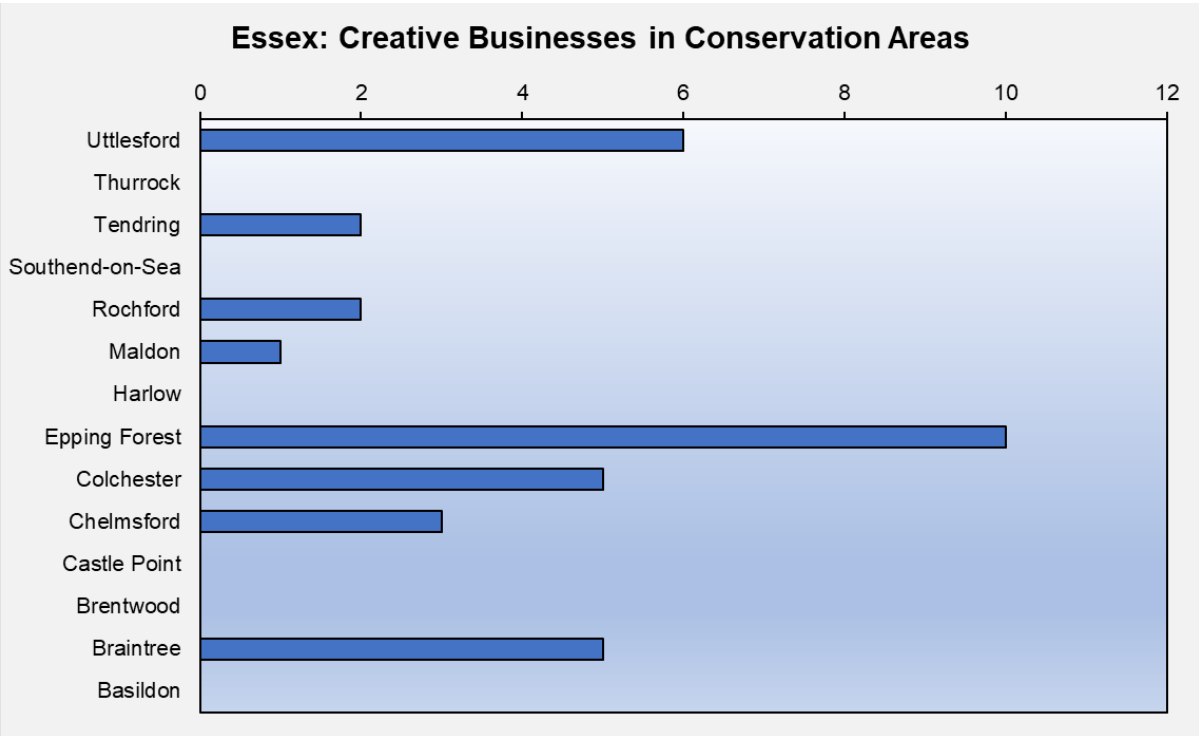


Culture and Memories

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 | Change |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------|
| Epping Forest | 115 | 104 | ↓ -11 |
| Colchester | 131 | 199 | ↑ 68 |
| Chelmsford | 142 | 249 | ↑ 107 |
| Uttlesford | 149 | 227 | ↑ 78 |
| Maldon | 173 | 82 | ↓ -91 |
| Braintree | 228 | 282 | ↑ 54 |
| Brentwood | 235 | 309 | ↑ 74 |
| Southend-on-Sea | 260 | 276 | ↑ 16 |
| Tendring | 263 | 256 | ↓ -7 |
| Thurrock | 294 | 281 | ↓ -13 |
| Rochford | 302 | 325 | ↑ 23 |
| Harlow | 310 | 312 | ↔ 2 |
| Castle Point | 313 | 317 | ↑ 4 |
| Basildon | 314 | 319 | ↑ 5 |

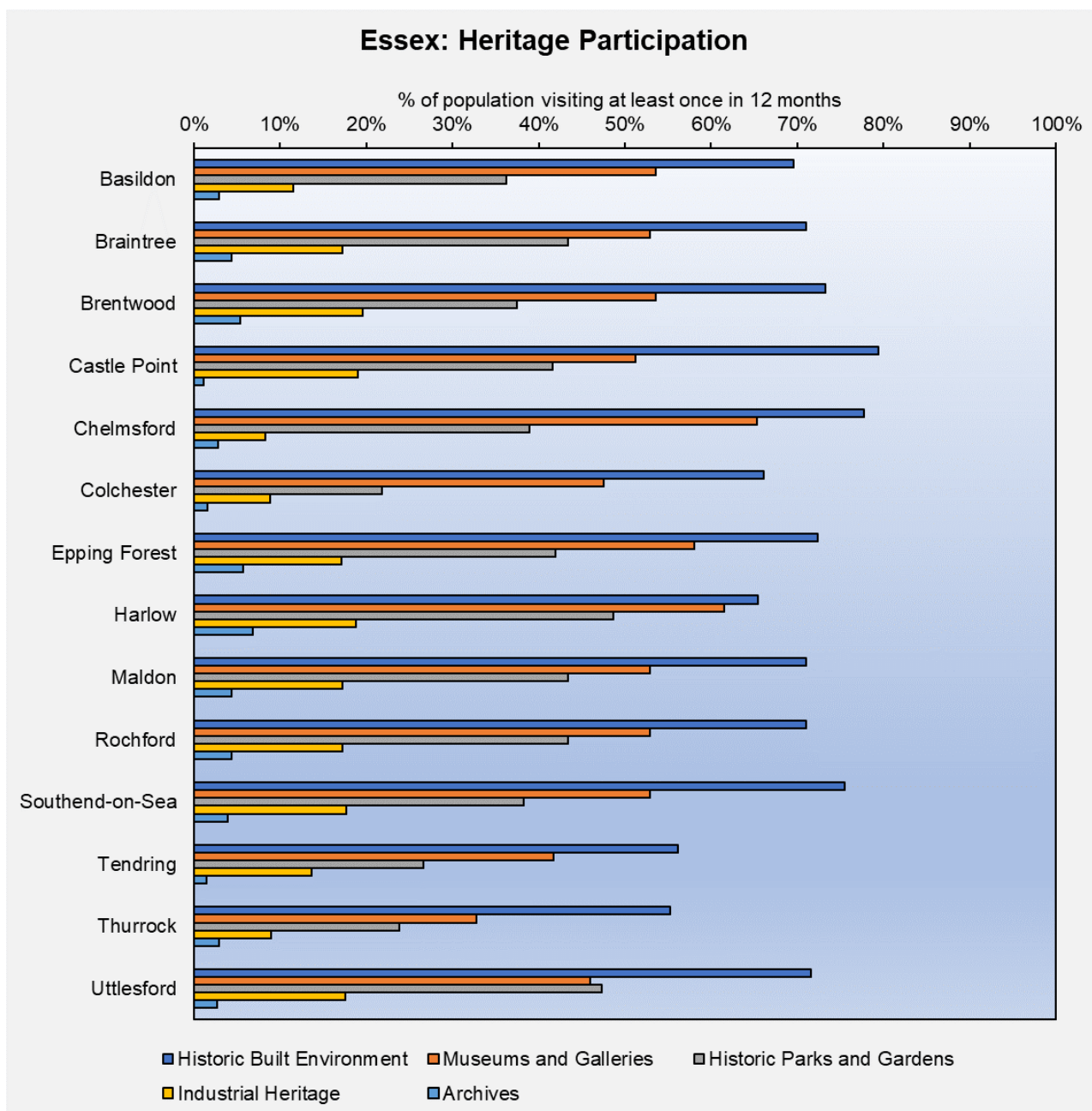




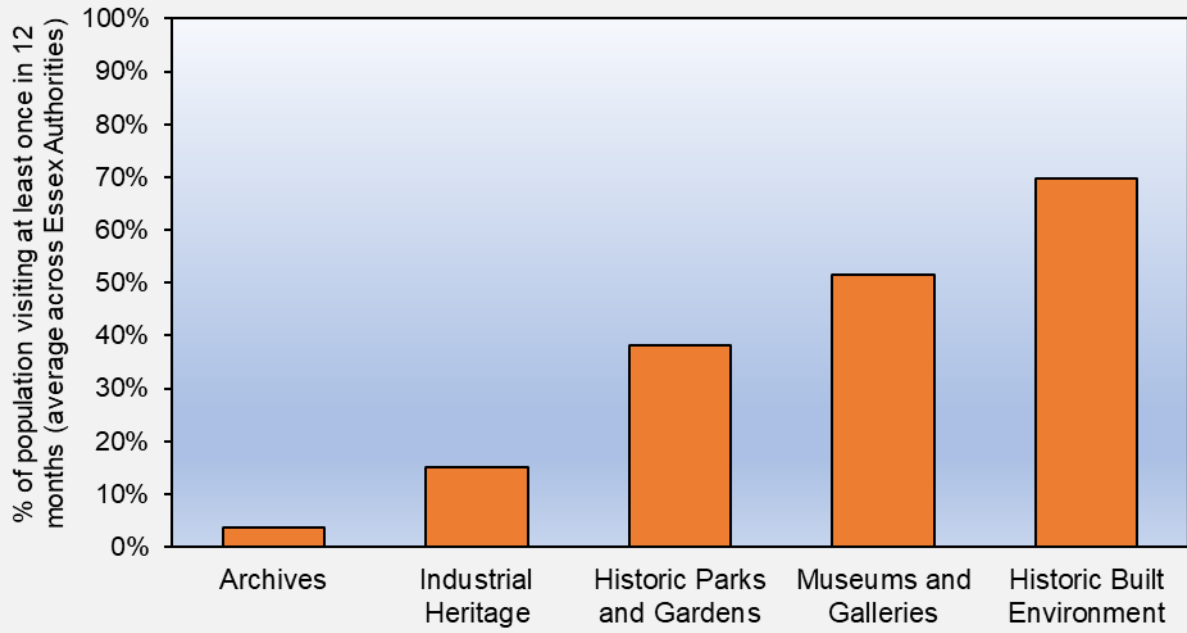
Civic Societies

There are two civic societies in Southend-on-Sea, and one each in Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow, and Thurrock.

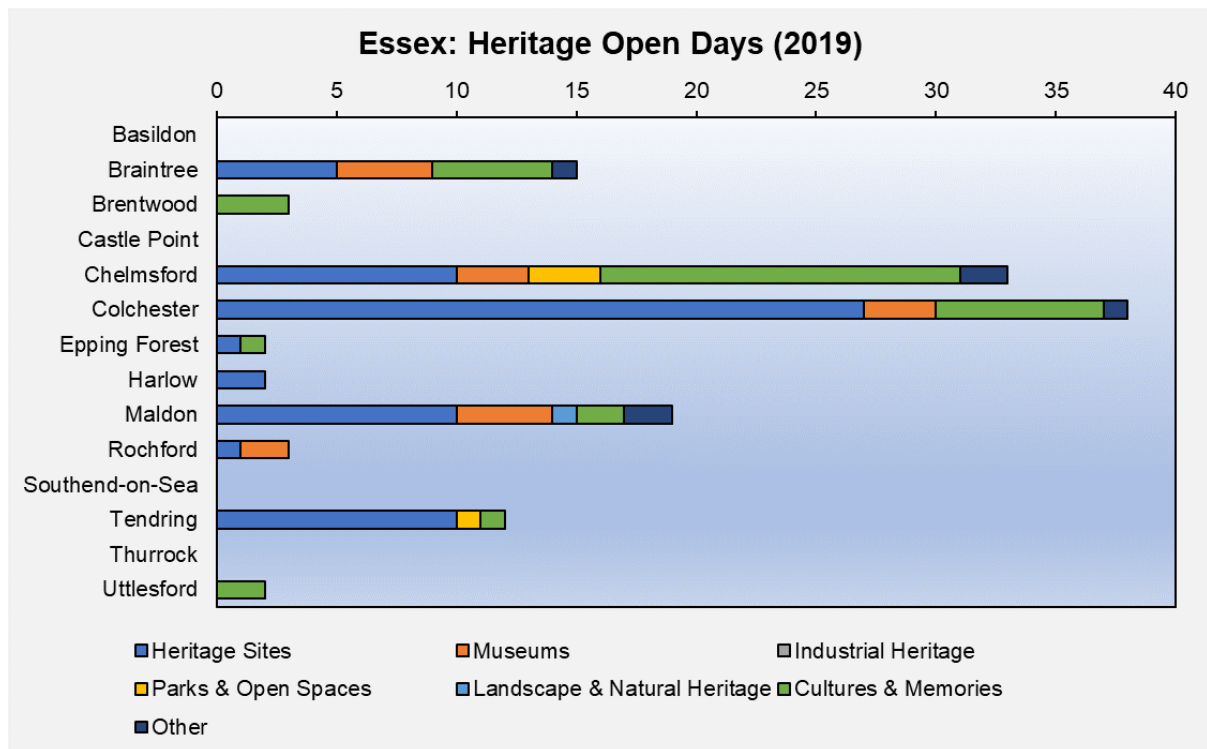
Participation in Heritage



Average Heritage Participation Rates in Essex

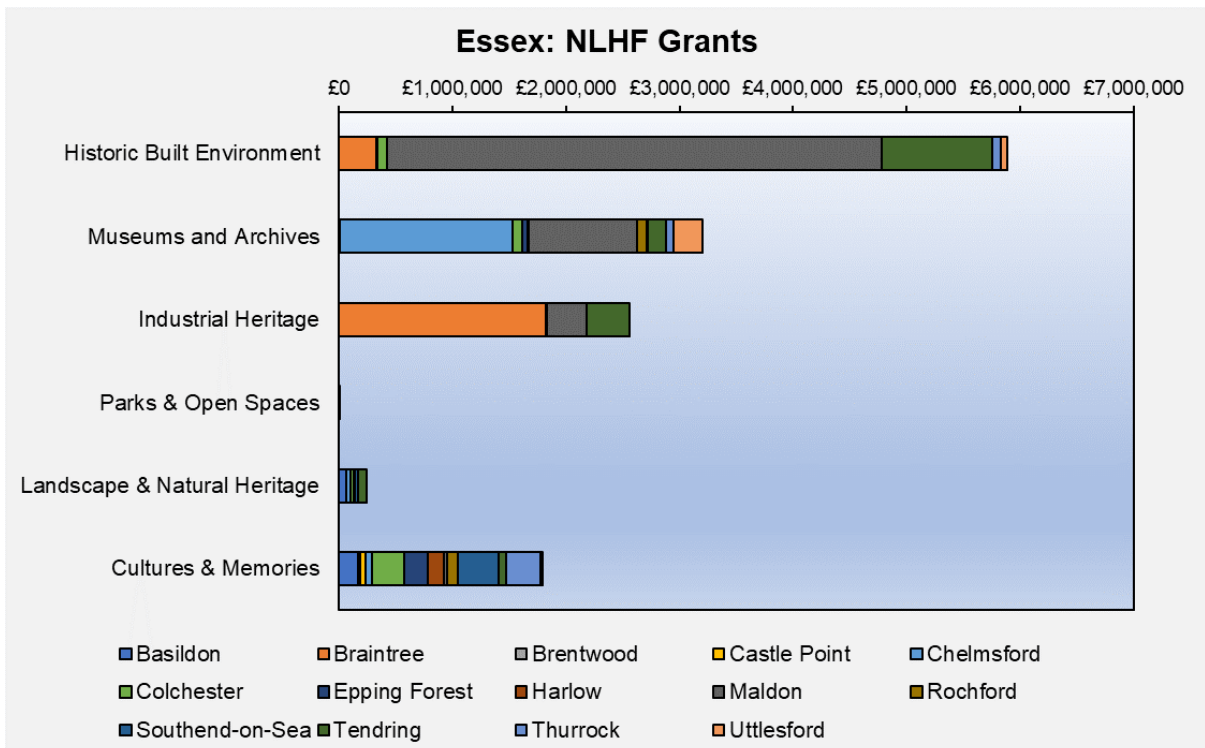
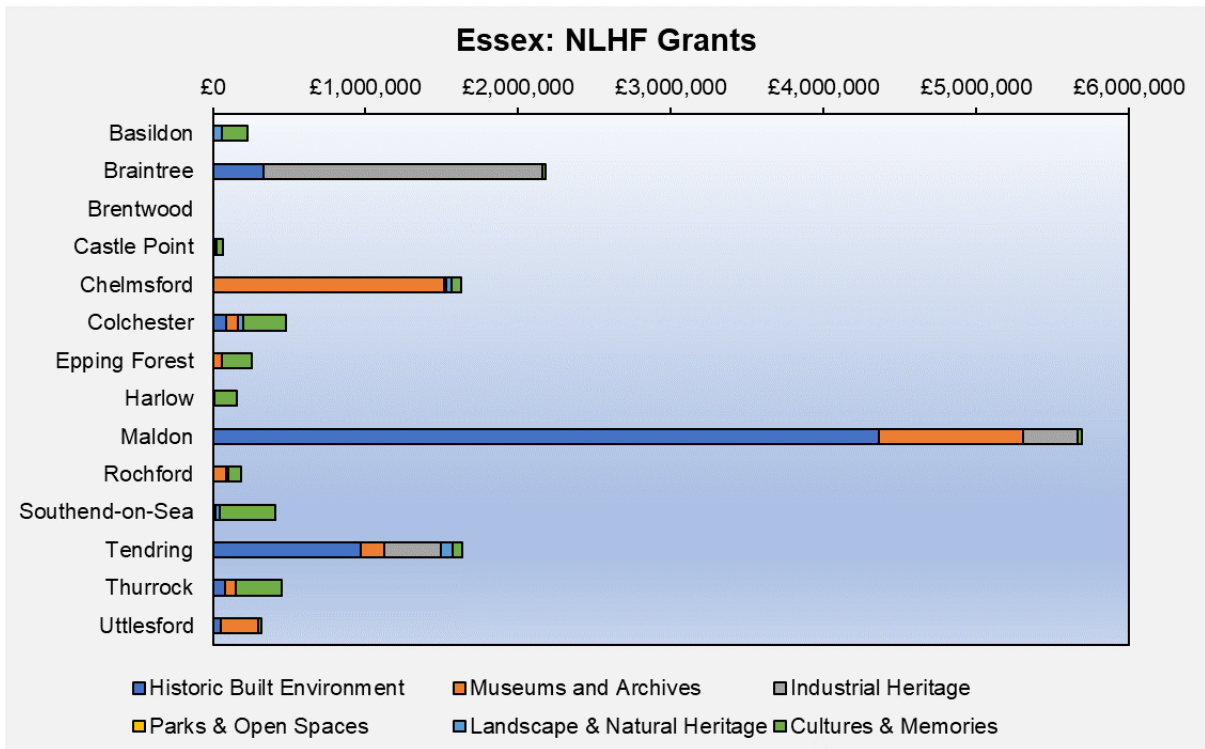


Heritage Open Days



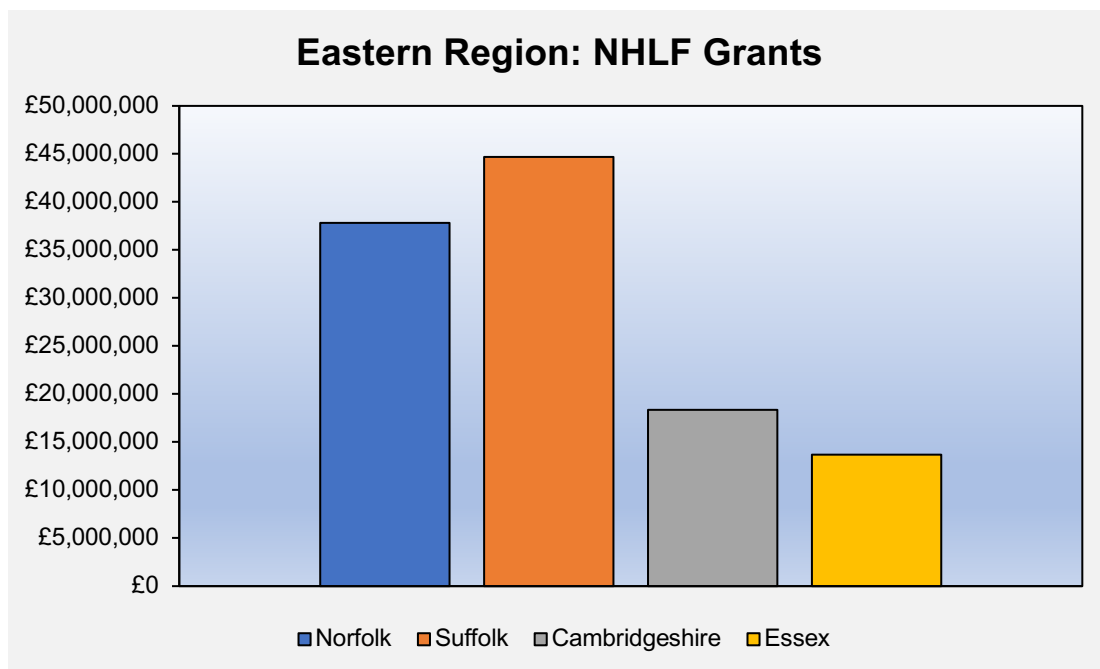
There was uneven support for the Heritage Open Days across Essex. The focal points for activity were in Colchester, Chelmsford, and Maldon.

National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Grants

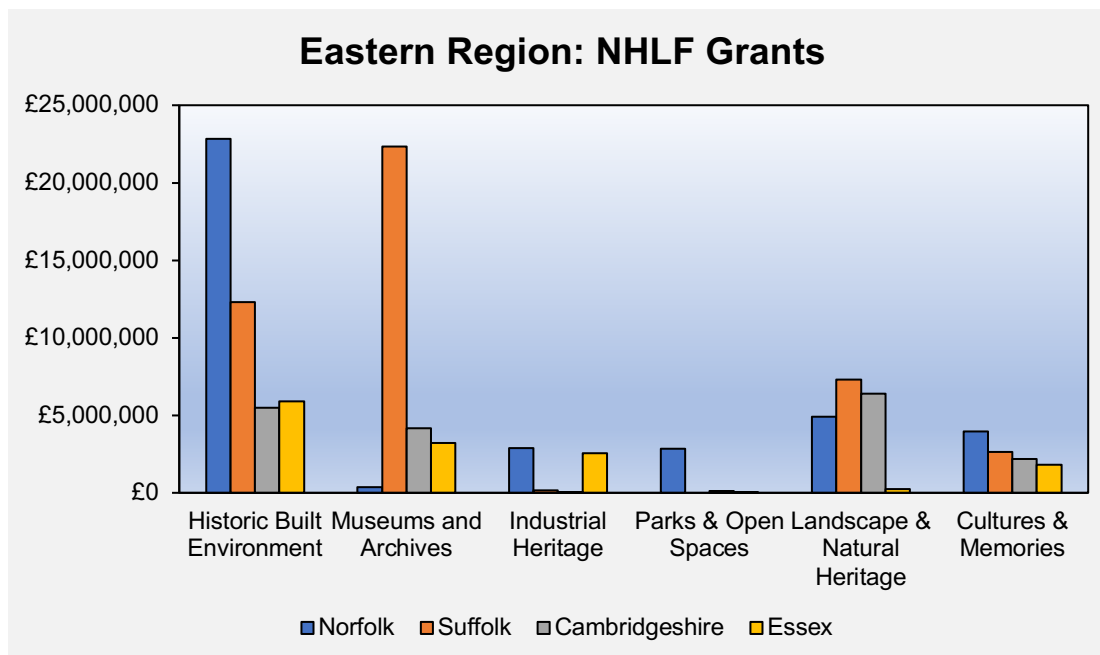


Eastern Region

The four counties have received over £114 million worth of NLHF Grants, with Suffolk leading with £44,717,200.

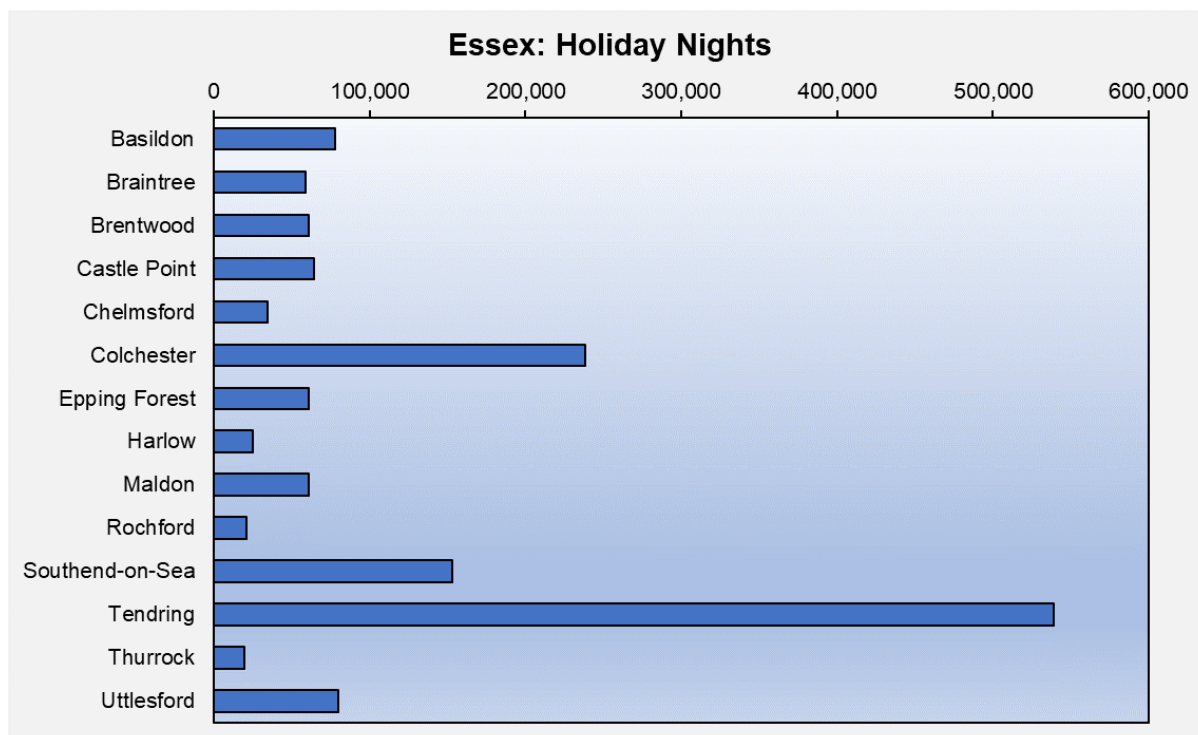


There are clearly differences in the types of project supported in each county: Historic Built Environment in Norfolk; Museums and Archives in Suffolk; and Landscape and Natural Heritage for Cambridgeshire.

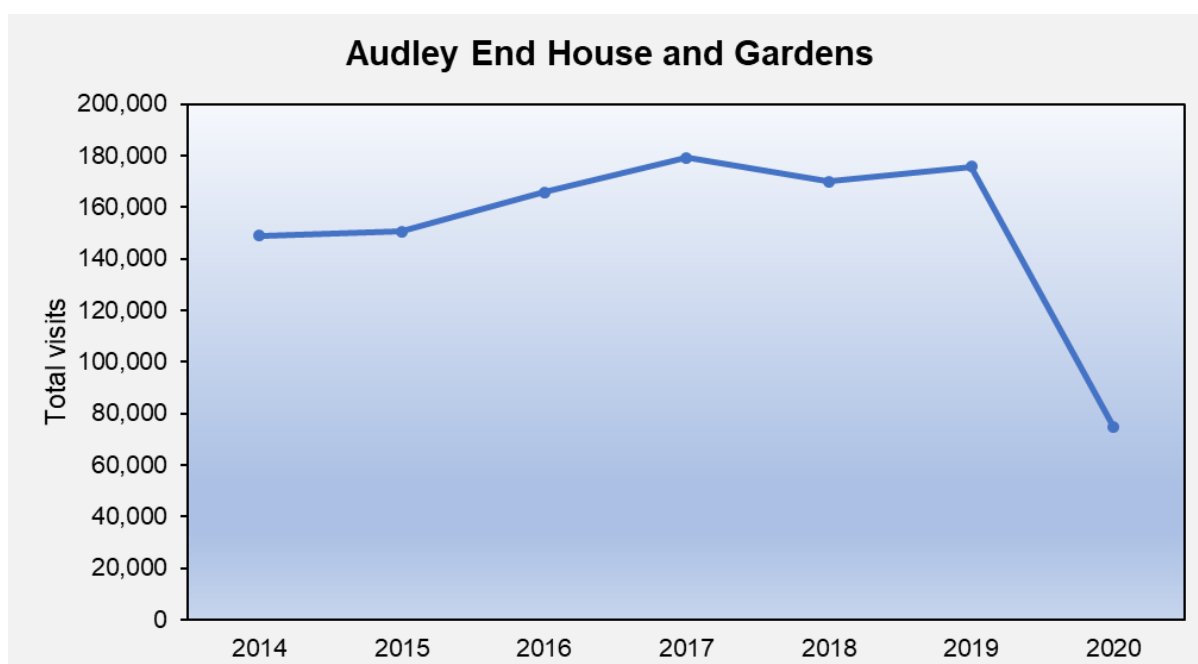


Heritage and the Tourism Economy

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



Audley End House and Gardens (English Heritage) report their numbers through ALVA.



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