

BROOKSEND

Birchington was a member of the Cinque Ports Confederation during the Middle Ages, as a 'Limb' of the Cinque Port of Dover. The oldest place name in the village is the manor of "**BROOKSEND**", which is mentioned in the Court Roll records of 1148 AD.

There are still two farms in the manor – Great and Little Brooksend Farms – and in the days of the Wantsum Channel's importance as a 'highway' round the west and south sides of the Isle of Thanet, it was a small port of call for shipping. In the disastrous floods of 1953, the sea broke through the sea wall and came right up to this area once more, causing immense damage to crops and livestock for the farmers.



Old Cottage, Little Brooks End, Birchington - on - Sea.

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