

## ANVIL CLOSE TUNNELS

In the early 1980s excavations for the foundations of a development at Anvil Close, Birchington [TR 304 689] uncovered the roofs of two sets of chalk tunnels at a depth of 3m below the surface. Members of the Thanet Archaeological Society dated them to around the 1830s and the theories expressed as to their origin ranged from a buttery to an ice store. Looking at the plans, however, it is much more likely they were dug to extract chalk for lime burning or agriculture. [CSS Records vol. 23 p23 plan p25]

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### Anvil Close, Birchington, Kent

