

## **Gaps in the cliffs**

Birchington has 7 gaps in the cliffs, initially cut by farmers to harvest the seaweed they needed for fertilising their land. One of the gaps goes back to at least 1350 as the land registry or 'Terrier' of that date shows, and two others are listed in the 1526 Terrier.

They made excellent routes for the smugglers, when they landed their booty and needed a quick exit from the beaches!