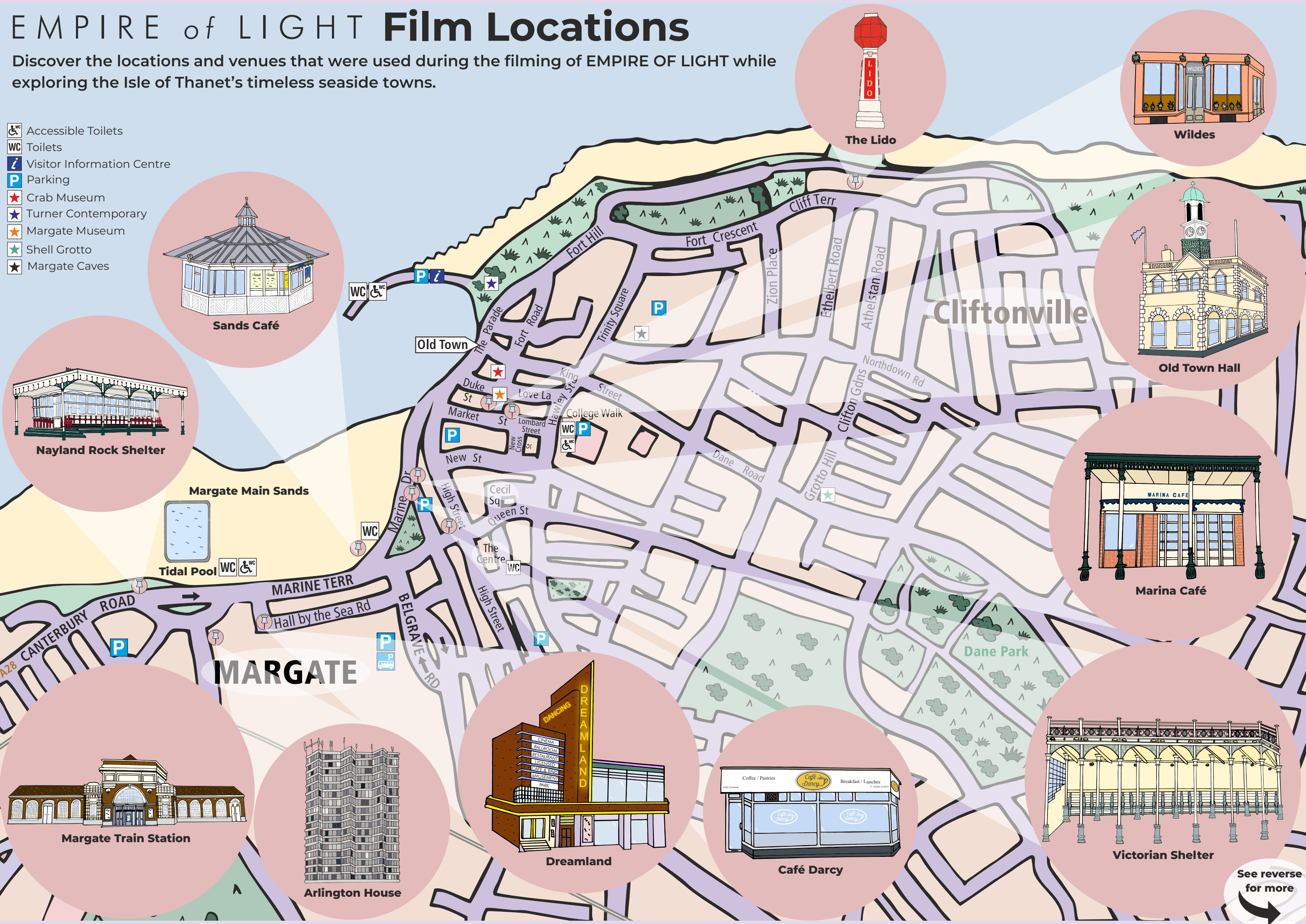
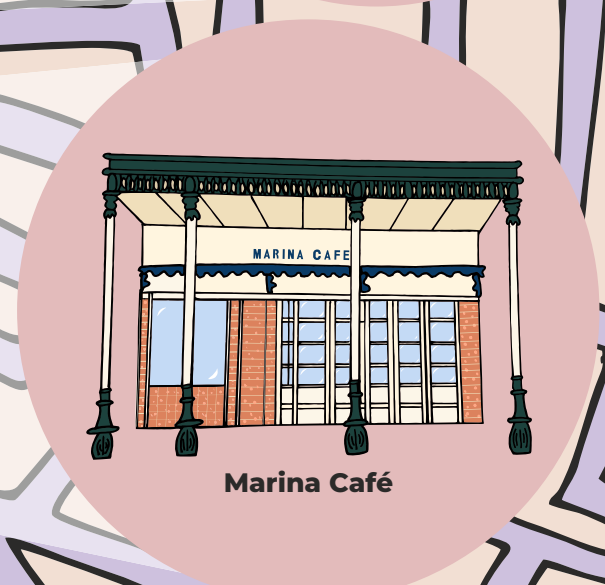
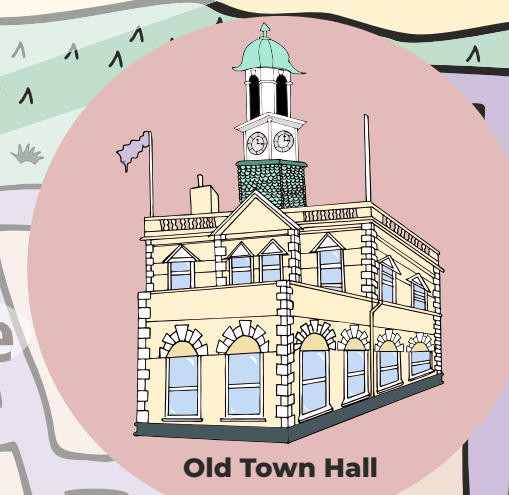
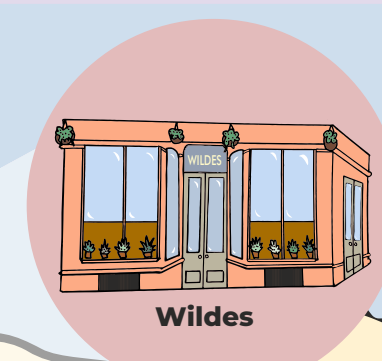
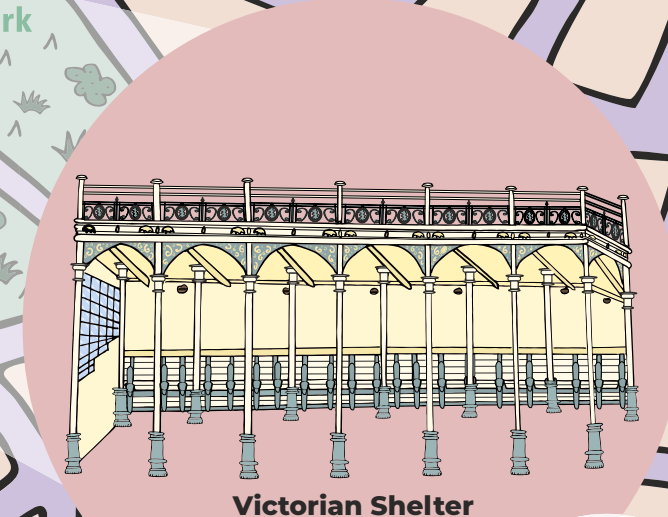
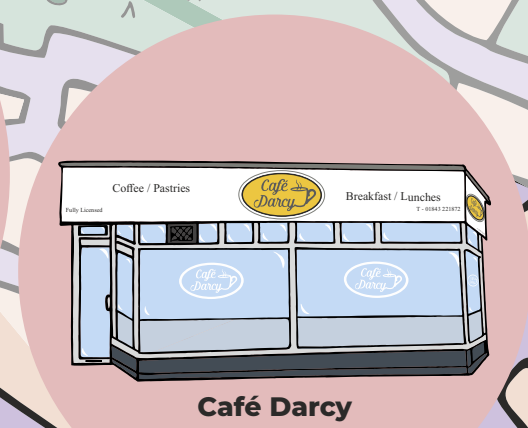
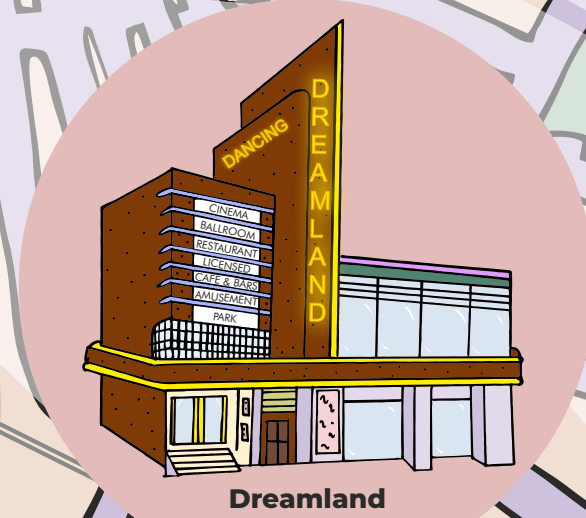
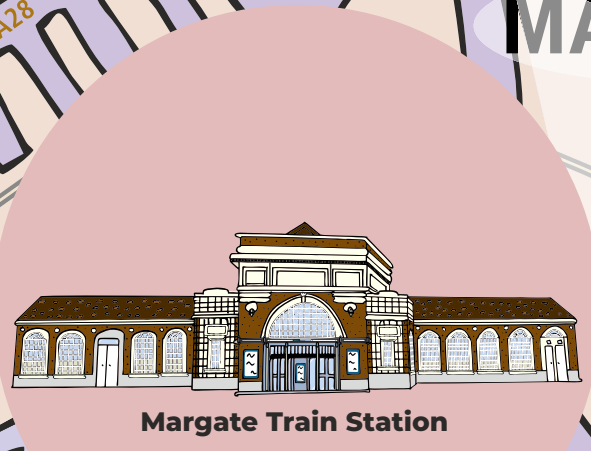
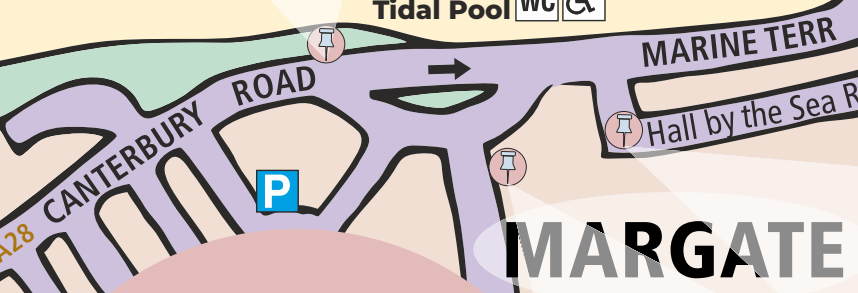
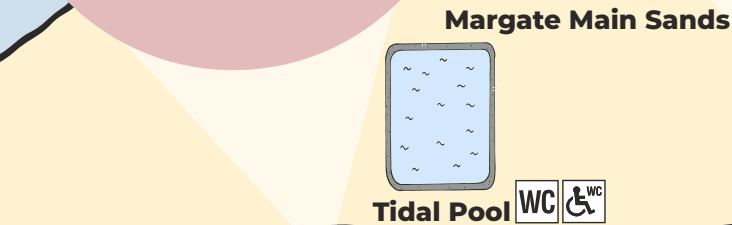
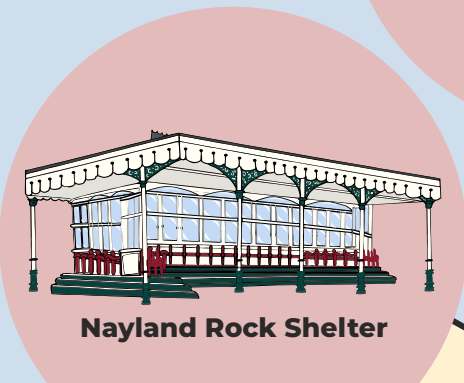
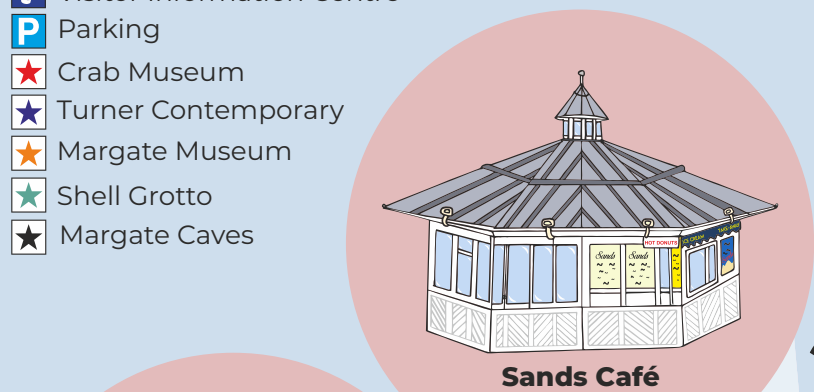


EMPIRE of LIGHT Film Locations

Discover the locations and venues that were used during the filming of EMPIRE OF LIGHT while exploring the Isle of Thanet's timeless seaside towns.

- Accessible Toilets
- Toilets
- Visitor Information Centre
- Parking
- Crab Museum
- Turner Contemporary
- Margate Museum
- Shell Grotto
- Margate Caves



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EMPIRE of LIGHT

In cinemas Monday 9 January 2023

EMPIRE OF LIGHT is about the power of human connection during turbulent times. Hilary (Olivia Colman) is a cinema manager struggling with her mental health, and Stephen (Micheal Ward) is a new employee longing to escape the provincial town where he faces daily adversity. Together they find a sense of belonging and experience the healing power of music, cinema, and community.



Dreamland

Dreamland is a world-class family attraction opposite the golden sands of Margate. It provides a stunning backdrop to Empire of Light with many scenes filmed here, including in the retro roller disco and vintage fun fair. Discover pop-up entertainment, art installations and street food, plus a packed programme of live music and events.



Margate Seafront

Margate's iconic seafront is filmed from a variety of angles and provides the sweeping backdrop to Hilary and Stephen's growing relationship. Here you will experience the best seaside traditions with a hip new twist, nestled around the stunning golden beach. Fish 'n chip shops, seafood stalls and amusement arcades sit alongside Michelin-listed restaurants, award-winning micro-pubs and Turner Contemporary, the acclaimed international art gallery.



The Centre

A short walk from Café Darcy, which was transformed into a chemist's shop for filming. Stroll around this vibrant and colourful shopping area and discover a developing creative community of small independent businesses including an indoor independent traders' market, pizzeria, bakery, music venues and bars, alongside national chains.



Margate Old Town

The Old Town Hall became the setting for a doctor's surgery and is situated very close to Wildes, a restaurant which features in the film. Both are situated in the Old Town, where you can explore cobbled streets, a vibrant and eclectic mix of retro and contemporary shops, with independent galleries, top-quality restaurants, cosy cafés and bars. Spend time uncovering the town's fascinating history at Margate Museum, or visit the fun and interactive Crab Museum.



Cliftonville

Cliftonville provides the location for Hilary's flat, whilst the iconic Lido Beacon looks glorious in the film. The town ranked 8th in Time Out's 'Coolest Neighbourhoods in the World 2022'. Cliftonville offers galleries, vintage and independent shops, conscious groceries and world food stores, with community-centred entertainment venues such as Margate Arts Club and CAMP both situated on Northdown Road. Cliftonville's richness extends beneath the surface with the intriguing Shell Grotto and Margate Caves.



Broadstairs

A timeless, family-friendly resort with seven spectacular bays, a favourite destination for Charles Dickens. Take a stroll along Victoria Gardens or test your putting skills at Lillyputt Mini Golf, following in the footsteps of Ruby and Stephen. Or rest awhile on a memorial bench overlooking Viking Bay in homage to Hilary. Then visit Dickens House or Crampton Tower Museums and enjoy an ice cream from Morrelli's or Chiappini's, retro ice cream parlours.



Scan the QR code to find out more about EMPIRE OF LIGHT filming in Margate and the venues featured throughout the film.



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