

Welcome to Faversham

This map has been produced by the Faversham Society to help you find your way around our town, rich in history and with many hidden gems. At the heart of Faversham is a relatively unspoilt market town with a tidal creek waiting for you to discover. Dating from pre-Roman Times and mentioned in the Domesday Book, Faversham has over 500 listed buildings – a heritage to be proud of and to share with visitors. Faversham is not twee; it is a working town with a population which cares passionately for our heritage and for our future prosperity.

Various guides are available from the Visitor Information Centre, 10/11 Preston Street, Faversham giving more information about the historic buildings and townscape in the town centre. You will find a wealth of information there and people keen to share their knowledge of Faversham and Swale. Make time to explore our Parish Church, St Mary of Charity, and the path which leads you past the Tudor Grammar School and the Abbey Community Physic Garden – hidden gems often missed by first-time visitors. Faversham is a proud member of the historic Cinque Ports. The tidal creek, the reason for the settlement which grew to be the town it is today, is important to the history and residents of the town – seek it out.

The Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre and Museum provides an ideal introduction to the history of the town. You will find a wide variety of independent shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants throughout the town. Enjoy your visit and remember that you are welcome to return for one of our festivals ... and don't miss the Best of Faversham Market Days.

Walking with History Tours 2020

Historic Buildings, Kings and Queens, Bigwigs and Benefactors, Saints and Sinners, Murder most Foul, and much, much more.

Explore Faversham with one of the Faversham Society's knowledgeable local guides.

90 minute Walking with History Tours start at the Fleur in Preston Street - Adults £5 Children £3.

1st Saturday of the month April to October at 2pm, other Saturdays April to October 10.30am.

Every Saturday in July and August at 10.30am and 2pm, May and August Bank Holiday Mondays at 10.30am.

For further details or for group visits:

Tel: 01795 483289

Email: favershamtownwalks@gmail.com

www.favershamtownwalks.org

Open Faversham Weekends

T: 01795 534542

Open: Weekends of 11th-12th July & 18th-19th July 2020

www.favershamsociety.org/open-faversham

Each year Open Faversham invites residents and visitors to share in a celebration of our heritage through guided walks, visits, music, drama, talks, displays and exhibitions.

11th July the Coming of the Railway to Faversham - for railway buffs and social historians. The Railway Station, the Railway Inn, Water Tower, the Engine Sheds, and a walk down to Standard Quay along the line of the railway line.

12th July Victorian Faversham - houses, streets, public buildings and the Recreation Ground.

An Open House style opportunity to visit and see the interiors of Victorian buildings, industrial buildings, places of worship, schools, The Assembly Rooms, the Recreation Ground and the new housing in Faversham before and after the coming of the railway; the Cottage Hospital and the Cemetery.

18th July - 19th July Gunpowder in the Town – the industrial archaeology, the housing for the workers, the owners and the managers. Gunpowder works on the marsh and the great explosion, the cemetery, Uplees, Davington Light Railway, Uplees, the Davington Light Railway.

These weekends were still being planned as we went to press, full details will be posted as they are confirmed on <https://favershamsociety.org/open-faversham/>.

Faversham Open Gardens & Garden Market Day

T: 01795 534542

Open: Sunday 28th June 2020

www.favershamsociety.org/open-gardens

One of the biggest 'open gardens' events in the South East, the 2020 Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market will be held on Sunday 28th June. Gardens all over the market town of Faversham, both private and public, will be opening their gates with a detailed map and brochure providing the entry ticket to all the gardens.

The event attracts visitors from Kent, London and further afield. Come and enjoy discovering gardens behind both historic and newer houses, all within walking distance of the centre of the town. Many of the gardens do teas, or there are plenty of pubs and cafes around the town for refreshments.

The Garden Market has specialist plant stalls along with garden related crafts, vintage gardenalia and other artefacts. Brochures are available to purchase from mid May 2020 from The Faversham Society, 10-13 Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8NS.

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the present and create the future*



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FAVERSHAM SOCIETY HERITAGE TOWN MAP

PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park & Visitor Centre
- 2 Stone Chapel
- 3 Maison Dieu
- 4 Preston Church
- 5 Recreation Ground
- 6 Hot Church
- 7 St Mary of Charity Parish Church
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- 9 Queen Elizabeth Tudor Grammar School
- 10 Abbey Street
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- 12 Standard Quay
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- 37 Doddington Place Gardens
- 38 Mount Ephraim Gardens
- 39 Brogdale Collections

Oare Gunpowder Works & Country Park

Directions: located to the North of Bysing Wood Road, just off the Western Link road to Oare in Faversham.

Map not to scale
Semi-pedestrianised area
Footpaths
Number of Cycle Racks



The Faversham Society Archaeological Research Group (FSARG)

www.community-archaeology.org.uk
This is an active group of archaeologists digging in Faversham. Find out more at the above website.



Main Events/Festivals 2020

Faversham Literary Festival	19th-23rd February
Spring Showcase Market	23rd February
Easter Hat Parade	11th April
Faversham Festival of Transport	16th - 17th May
Doggy Day	31st May
A Midsummer Night's Feast	27th June
Open Gardens	28th June
Open Faversham Weekends	11th & 12th, 18th & 19th July
Faversham Safari	2nd August
Hop Festival	5th-6th September
Food Festival	25th-27th September
Faversham Carnival	17th October
Christmas Lights Switch On	28th November
Christmas Markets	29th November, 13th & 20th December

Visit www.faversham.org for details of other events taking place during your visit

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Visitor Information Centre ☎ 01795 534542
Faversham Town Council ☎ 01795 503286

www.favershamsociety.org

1 Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park and Visitor Centre

www.gunpowderworks.co.uk
A fantastic place to relax, enjoy wildlife and discover history.



2 Stone Chapel

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/faversham-stone-chapel-our-lady-of-elverton

Ruins of a small Anglo-Saxon and medieval chapel - the only Christian building in England to incorporate within its fabric the remains of a 4th century Romano-British pagan mausoleum.



3 Maison Dieu

www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/maison-dieu

Originating as a 13th century wayside hospital, this flint and timber-framed building was also a monastery, hostel, retirement home and royal lodge commissioned by Henry III in 1234. Now displays Roman objects from nearby sites.



4 Preston Church

www.stcatherineschurch.co.uk

Accessible over the newly restored footbridge across the railway line, the Church of St Catherine, built of flint with stone dressings, has pre-Conquest origins.



5 Recreation Ground

www.swale.gov.uk/faversham-recreation-ground

Created in 1860, with a Victorian keeper's lodge and a summer house loggia, there is a heritage-led regeneration project underway.



6 Hot Tin

www.the-hot-tin.co.uk

A Grade II listed flat pack tin church built in 1885, formerly St Saviour's and deconsecrated in 1952, the Hot Tin is now an arts venue and café.



7 St Mary of Charity Parish Church

www.http://www.stmaryofcharity.org

The size of the church is an indication of the town's importance in the Middle Ages - the landmark 'crown spire' was built in 1794-7. One of the greatest treasures in the church is the 13th century painted column - one of very few to survive in Britain.



8 Abbey Physic Community Garden

www.abbeyphysic.org

This community garden is a place of beauty and well-being with a host of events and activities throughout the year. See the website for opening hours.



9 Queen Elizabeth Tudor Grammar School

Originally founded in 1527 it was confiscated by Henry VIII and restored to the town by Elizabeth 1st in 1576, the building re-opened as a school in 1587 and is one of few surviving purpose-built Elizabethan school buildings in Britain.



10 Abbey Street

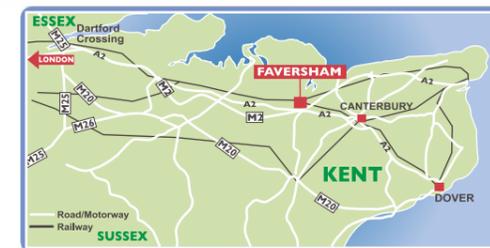
www.creek-creative.org

Often described as one of the finest medieval streets in Britain, take your time and feast your eyes on the architectural details. Laid out in the 12th century as a grand approach to the Abbey, the street survived Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries to become a residential area popular with anyone who owed their livelihood to the Creek and local industries. Don't miss Creek Creative at Number 1.



Weekly & Monthly Market Days

Every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
Faversham's Charter Market takes place in the Market Square selling a wide range of local produce
1st & 3rd Saturday every month
Best of Faversham Arts, Crafts and Food Market
3rd Sunday every month
Faversham Antiques and Vintage Market



11 Arden's House

Listed Grade II the guest house of Faversham Abbey. The murder there in 1551 of Thomas Arden by his wife inspired the first English domestic drama, 'Arden of Faversham'.

12 Standard Quay

www.standardquay.co.uk

A run of quayside buildings from the Monk's Granary, one of Britain's oldest warehouses, to the mid-19th century Standard House. Formerly industrial the quay now offers eclectic retail, cafes and traditional boat moorings.

13 Oare Marshes Nature Reserve

www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/oare-marshes

An important wetland reserve for birdwatching, highland cattle and Konik horses. With wheelchair access, the reserve consists of grazing marsh (one of a few left in Kent) with freshwater dykes, open water scrapes, reedbed, saltmarsh and seawall.

14 Thames Sailing Barges

These majestic barges plied along the coast and up the Thames to London, playing a fundamental role in Faversham's prosperity. Often moored in the creek, several can be chartered from Faversham or Whitstable Harbour.

15 Faversham Creek Footpath

One of the delights of Faversham is the ease with which you can wander along either side of the creek to enjoy the marsh and the views back to Faversham – walk out to the Shipwrights Arms or to Conyer or Whitstable.

16 TS Hazard

Originally the 15th century Town Warehouse, TS Hazard is a testament to the town's importance as a port and limb of the Cinque Ports. It is named after the ship that Faversham supplied to fight the Spanish Armada in 1588.

17 Faversham Creek Trust

www.favershamcreektrust.com

Their Purifier building functions as a training centre, a workshop, and a focus for community activities relating to the town's maritime heritage as a Cinque Port Limb.

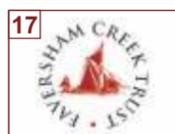
18 Davington Church

www.dochurch.org.uk

The 12th century aisled nave of the Priory church survives in the Grade I listed Church of St Mary Magdalene. There are two exceptional 17th century brasses in the south wall.

19 Stonebridge Pond

Today a place to enjoy the view and feed the ducks (following the advice on the information board) the pond originated as the heart of the gunpowder industry in Faversham at the head of the tidal creek.



20 Chart Gunpowder Mills

Chart Mills are the best surviving part of Faversham Home Works, which originally comprised four groups of gunpowder mills located along the formerly wooded Westbrook valley. Chart Mills survive as a standing building with intact milling machinery, associated structures and buried remains. Open April to October, 2pm to 5pm, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

21 National Shrine of St Jude & Whitefriars

www.stjudeshrine.org.uk

Built in 1955 the shrine has become a popular place of pilgrimage. Served by the Carmelite friars from Aylesford, the shrine adjoins the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Open 8-5 most days.

22 Almshouses

The largest almshouses in Kent, built in the mid-C19th with a legacy from Henry Wreight, the almshouses were designed by Benjamin Ferrey, a Gothic Revival architect.

23 West Street

Upper West Street is pedestrianised from the Market Place, bustling with independent shops, cafés, restaurants and the Sun Inn which dates back to 14th century. The Bear Inn on the Market Place is Faversham's earliest surviving pub.

24 Arden Theatre

www.ardentheatre.co.uk

A lively modern studio theatre named after Thomas Arden, a prominent Faversham resident who was the victim of a notorious murder plot in 1551.

25 Faversham Pools

www.favershampools.com

Nearly a quarter of a million swimmers visit every year, making the Pools Faversham's most visited attraction. The iconic open-air pool opened in 1964, funded by public subscription. The indoor pool was added in 1993.

26 Cottage Hospital

Faversham Cottage Hospital and Dispensary opened in 1887 and became part of the NHS in 1948. Generously supported by Faversham people, there are 25 in-patient beds and a minor injuries unit.

27 War Memorial Garden

The granite Celtic cross War Memorial was unveiled in November 1922 to commemorate those from Faversham who fell in WW1, and was subsequently used to commemorate the dead from WWII. Recently remodelled the memorial garden has occasioned some controversy.

28 The Alexander Centre

www.thealexandercentre.com

Built in the 1860s as Gatefield House, for Henry Barnes, who made his fortune as a brickmaker. Later, it became the residence of the celebrated doctor, Sir Sidney Alexander, who was Faversham's longest-serving Mayor.



29 Visitor Information Centre

T: 01795 534542

Open: Mon-Sat 10-4pm; Sun 10-1pm

www.favershamsociety.org

Your first point of call for information about Faversham. Faversham Society's friendly volunteers have a wealth of knowledge to share with visitors and residents.

30 The Faversham Society's Heritage Centre and Museum

T: 01795 534542

www.favershamsociety.org/heritage

The name is taken from a centuries-old inn. As well as a heritage centre with museum quality displays there are archives, bookshops and a gallery. The heritage centre provides an excellent starting point to explore the town and its villages.

32 Town Hall

12 Market Place was originally part of Hatch's House and was later the Queen's Arms Inn, to which James II was brought when apprehended on the Swale on his first attempt to escape in 1688. Listed Grade II it now provides office accommodation for the Town Council and an exhibition and meeting space for the town.

33 Royal Cinema

www.royalcinema.co.uk

Faversham had four cinemas and when the last was threatened with closure a community campaign saved it. Designed in the art deco style by Andrew Mather, it first opened in 1933 re-opening in 1994 and offers a heritage experience with a full programme of films as they are released.

34 The Guildhall

At the heart of the town it was originally built as a market hall in 1574. Converted into the Guildhall in 1605, it was enlarged and rebuilt in 1815 with the council chamber over a market arcade, with a clock tower. Listed Grade II.

35 Shepherd Neame Visitor Centre

www.shepherdneame.co.uk

Britain's oldest brewery in the heart of Faversham. Approximately two hour guided tours available with tutored tasting, see website for full details.

36 Belmont House

www.belmont-house.org

An elegant 18th century house designed by Samuel Wyatt and built for Edward Wilks, store-keeper at the Faversham Powder Mill, Belmont has major collections of clocks, armoury and Cazabon paintings. In 1878, Lord Harris captained the England cricket team and took them to Australia for a test match that instigated the Ashes test series.

