

FAVERSHAM HERITAGE TOWN MAP

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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



An Historic Welcome Awaits

There are approximately 350 listed buildings in the port and medieval market town of Faversham, recording its extraordinary industrial past. Today you can browse the range of independent shops, galleries (Creek Creative), inns and tea rooms in the town's historic market place or quay side at Standard Quay.

Main Events/Festivals During the Year

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| Faversham Literary Festival | February |
| Faversham Festival of Transport | May |
| Hop Festival | September |
| Faversham Carnival | October |
| Christmas Lights Switch On | November |
| Christmas Markets | December |

Visit www.visitfaversham.org for festival dates and details of other events taking place during your visit.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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

www.visitfaversham.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-elfarlon
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 St Catherine's 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.swsia.gov.uk/faversham-recreation-ground
Created in 1880, 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 cafe.



7 St Mary of Charity Parish Church

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

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.



37 Doddington Place Gardens

www.doddingtonplacegardens.co.uk

Doddington Place is surrounded by wooded countryside in an area of outstanding natural beauty on the North Downs. The lovely landscaped gardens, recognised of being of historical importance by English Heritage, are set in the grounds of an imposing Victorian mansion and cover ten acres.



38 Mount Ephraim Gardens

www.mountephrimgardens.co.uk

Mount Ephraim is a beautiful family-owned estate in the heart of the Kent countryside. For over 300 years the Dawes family have lovingly cared for the house and gardens and today they present one of the breathtaking spots in the south-east of England. Ten acres of classical gardens lie within an 800-acre farm with stunning views of the surrounding countryside.



39 Brogdale Collections

www.brogdalecollections.org

Brogdale Collections is the home of the National Fruit Collection and works to provide access and education about the National Fruit Collection. Set in over 150 acres of farmland, we have over 4000 varieties of fruit trees here from apples, pears, quinces and plums to cherries and more. The Collections orchards are a living history & heritage of fruit.



40 Abbey Farm Barns & Fields

Barns at Abbey Farm - these important barns, seen from the footpath that runs alongside the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School playing fields, are among the few surviving buildings of Faversham Abbey, founded by King Stephen and Queen Matilda in 1147 and dissolved by Henry VIII in 1538.



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, situated in the Town Hall at 12 Market Place, Faversham giving more information about the historic buildings and town-scape 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

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 Town Hall at 12 Market Place - Adults £5 Children £3.

Every Saturday from Easter until the end of September at 10.30am. Visits for groups (minimum of 10 or £50) can be arranged for any day or time.

For further details:

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www.favershamtownwalks.org

HERITAGE TOWN MAP



FAVERSHAM MUSEUMS TOGETHER

FOUNDED 1962

FLEUR DE LIS HERITAGE CENTRE

ESTABLISHED 1977



www.favershamsociety.org



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 alms houses in Kent, built in the mid-19th with a legacy from Henry Wreight, the alms house 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

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.

Faversham Charters & Magna Carta Exhibition

www.favershamcharters.org

Faversham possesses a unique collection of historic charters and other documents. Among them you will see the Town's example of Magna Carta, perhaps the most celebrated document in British history, together with exceptional examples of medieval illumination and calligraphy.

Town Hall

www.favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk

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 in 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.

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 and archives, the heritage centre provides an excellent starting point to explore the town and its villages.

32 Kent Police Museum

www.kent.police.uk/police-forces/kent-police/areas/kent-police/about-us/about-us/kent-police-museum/

The Kent Police Museum is a free educational and fun experience for the whole family, which looks at the history and development of one of the UK's largest police forces.

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.

