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# Faversham Town Council is fighting the closure but needs your support

## How YOU Can Make a Difference . . .

**SIGN THE PETITION:** Show your support by signing the petition to save the Faversham Household Waste Recycling Centre from closure - <https://www.change.org/p/save-faversham-tip-from-closure>



*Faversham Town Councillors campaigning at County Hall, Maidstone  
Photography courtesy of Simon Finlay (The KM Group)*

**STAY INFORMED:** Keep up to date with the campaign's progress regarding KCC's consultation on our dedicated webpage - <https://favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk/.../faversham-waste.../>

**PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATION:** Be sure to respond to the forthcoming public consultation hosted by KCC. Register in advance at <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk> to receive notifications when the consultation becomes available.

Faversham Town Council Members are committed to supporting the public during the consultation process. Once KCC releases the consultation details, a **PUBLIC MEETING DATE WILL BE CONFIRMED** please check social media or our website for details. Members will provide guidance for residents to effectively respond to the questions asked by KCC. If requested, they will also offer assistance to individuals seeking guidance through the consultation process.

# Help us maintain public access to the Creek

*Cllr Julian Saunders*

**Maintaining access to footpaths and walkways in the town and local countryside, which have been regularly used by the public for many years, is a key priority for the Town Council.**

Legislation allows local communities to get existing footpaths and walkways, which are not registered as public rights of way currently, added to Kent County Council's Definitive Map of Rights of Way, ensuring they are protected for public use in the future.

The risk of losing public access to a key community asset like Faversham Creek, have been graphically illustrated by recent uncertainty about the future of the Morrisons site after the company announced that they were closing. When the site opened as a Cooperative supermarket thirty years ago a creekside walkway was included which has allowed the public to walk from Flood Lane by the side of the creek to North Lane since then.

Recognising the potential problem, at its September meeting the Town Council moved quickly to agree that a Definitive Map Modification Order should be applied for, so that this walking route becomes a public right of way, protected for the public regardless of what plans future owners of the site have for its development.

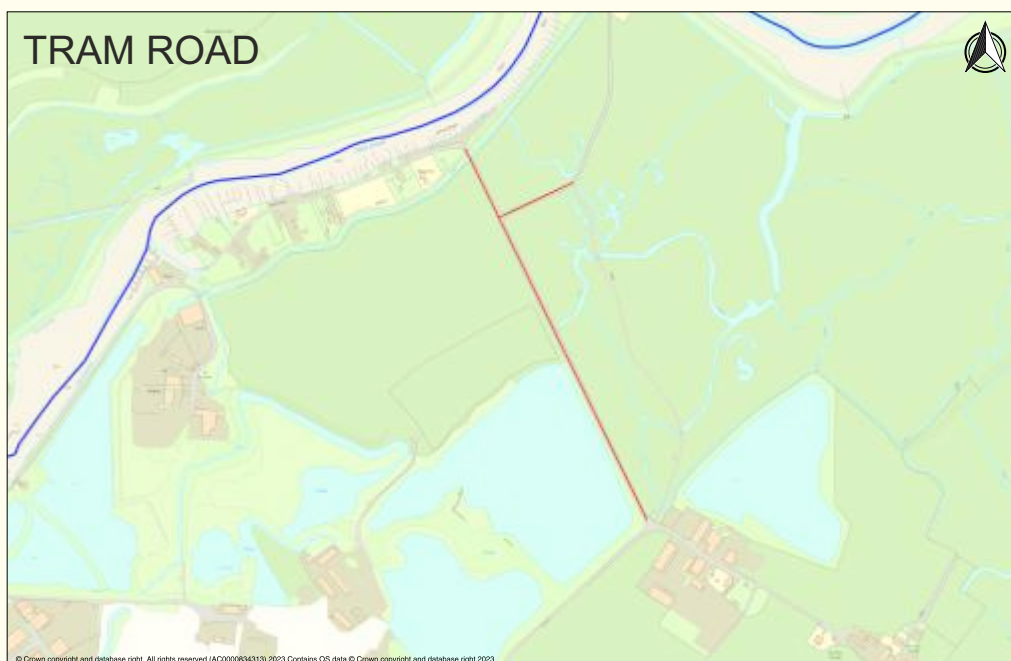


The application process for getting a Definitive Map Modification Order agreed by the County Council requires members of the public to write in to confirm that have used this walking route for over thirty years. It is therefore quite onerous, and we are appealing for your help in ensuring that we are successful in obtaining an order.

If you can help by providing a statement please email Adrienne Begent, the Deputy Town Clerk at **[Adrienne.begent@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Adrienne.begent@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk)** who can make the County Council's standard evidence statement form available.

There are two other Definitive Map Modification Orders that the Town Council are pursuing currently – one to protect unregistered pathways at Abbeyfields which might be at risk of future development and the other the 'Tram Road' which provides a good walking route to Oare Creek and the Shipwright Arms. If you can evidence your regular use of these you should also contact Adrienne Begent.

In conclusion, having a continuous walkway around Faversham Creek is central to the positive vision that the Town's developing Neighbourhood Plan puts forward for regenerating the Creek area. Please help us by filling out a form to protect a piece of walkway that already exists.



# Faversham Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16

*Cllr Hannah Perkin (Chair of the Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)*

## **Faversham's Neighbourhood Plan has reached a crucial stage in it's development.**

At 'Regulation 16', the Town Council has formally submitted its plan to Swale Borough Council as the planning authority. The six week consultation took place from the 4th of September until the 16th of October and was open to anyone to comment on whether the plan meets the 'basic conditions' before it is sent to an inspector for examination.

The basic conditions are that the plan:

- Must have appropriate regard to National Policy determined by the Government
- Must contribute to achieving sustainable development
- Must be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan of the local area (in our case the Swale Borough Council previous and emerging local plans)
- Must be compatible with the EU obligations
- Must be compatible with human rights requirements.
- Must not breach the requirements of chapter 8 of Part 6 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

This is one of the final stages of the Neighbourhood plan process, there will be an opportunity for the Town Council to respond to any points picked up in the consultation and then the plan will be sent to the inspector for examination. If found to be compliant the plan will then progress to a referendum where the residents of Faversham will be asked whether or not they would like to adopt the Faversham Neighbourhood plan.

It is an exciting stage of development for the Neighbourhood Plan steering group and the resident volunteers that have worked hard to get the plan to the stage that it is, a community built plan to preserve the character of our special town whilst sustainably planning for its future.



# Faversham's new Town Ranger

The Town Council's maintenance apprentice, Joseph Hannah, has successfully completed his Level 2 City and Guilds and has been promoted to the position of Town Ranger.



One of Joe's responsibilities will be to engage with the community through gardening projects and litter picks.

If you would like details of events to join please email for further details:

[joseph.hannah@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:joseph.hannah@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk)

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## A Win for Faversham Folk Music and Pilgrims Hospice

Folk musicians based in Faversham have raised **£12,583** busking in support of the Pilgrims Hospice and other Kent based centres.



Various busking events have proved popular with the public, the lively music and song, has offered an easy way for the public to make small cash donations.

The Hospice Session Band started, when 6 people were permitted to meet outside, as the Covid restrictions were eased. The Hospice session band can be seen and heard several times a year in Faversham Market.

# Public display of Faversham's Cross Town Walking Path at the Town Hall from Saturday 18th November until Sunday 26th November

*Cllr Eddie Thomas (Chair of the Active Travel Committee)*

**A public display of the route, including the drawings of the highway improvements, which have been designed to both encourage slower traffic whilst making walking and crossing streets along the route much safer.**

The cross town walking path is funded by Active Travel England at the Department for Transport and is a pedestrian only path.

It starts at the junction of Wallers Road with Lower Road, via South Road, Cross Lane and Gatefield Lane to Faversham Recreation Ground, with potential to extend through to Love Lane. The project is owned and managed by Kent County Council Highways with Faversham Town Council as a key consultee to the project.

Proposals for the cross town path originated from ideas and suggestions made by the public during the Commonplace public engagement for the 20mph scheme and assisted in putting together the proposal that won £995k in funding.

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, during Visitor Information Centre opening times.

# Armed Forces Covenant



**Faversham Town Council is proud to have pledged its support to the Armed Forces Covenant, and in doing so has joined over 10,000 organisations across the country.**

The Armed Forces Covenant is a commitment to acknowledge and understand the needs of the Armed Forces Community. Whether it be those who serve, have served or their families, the Covenant sets out to ensure that they are all treated with fairness and respect in every aspect of their life.

Cllr Josh Rowlands, Deputy Mayor of Faversham, said "Recognising the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces personnel and their families by proposing the motion that Faversham Town Council signs the Armed Forces Covenant, shows we are dedicated to providing them with the support they deserve. Our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant is a reflection of our gratitude and respect for their service. Signing the covenant was particularly important to me, having family and friends that are both active or who have previously served in the Armed Forces."

The Armed Forces Covenant was created to remove disadvantages and to help military personnel obtain the same access to services as the civilian community has. Services such as applying for a mortgage, meeting the criteria for

social/affordable housing and purchasing motor insurance, can present barriers owing to their time as part of HM Armed Forces.

Cllr Julian Saunders said "The covenant is an important signal that we will do what we can to ensure that both regular and volunteers in the forces and their families don't face disadvantages as a result of their service. The Town Council is part of the democratic framework of the country and its right that we express our support to those who have made sacrifices to protect us."

By signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant, Faversham Town Council recognises the value serving personnel, both regular and reservists, veterans and military families contribute to the country. See our pledge at the link below, signed by the Mayor of Faversham Cllr Trevor Martin.

**<https://favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk/faversham-town-council-signs-the-armed-forces-covenant/>**



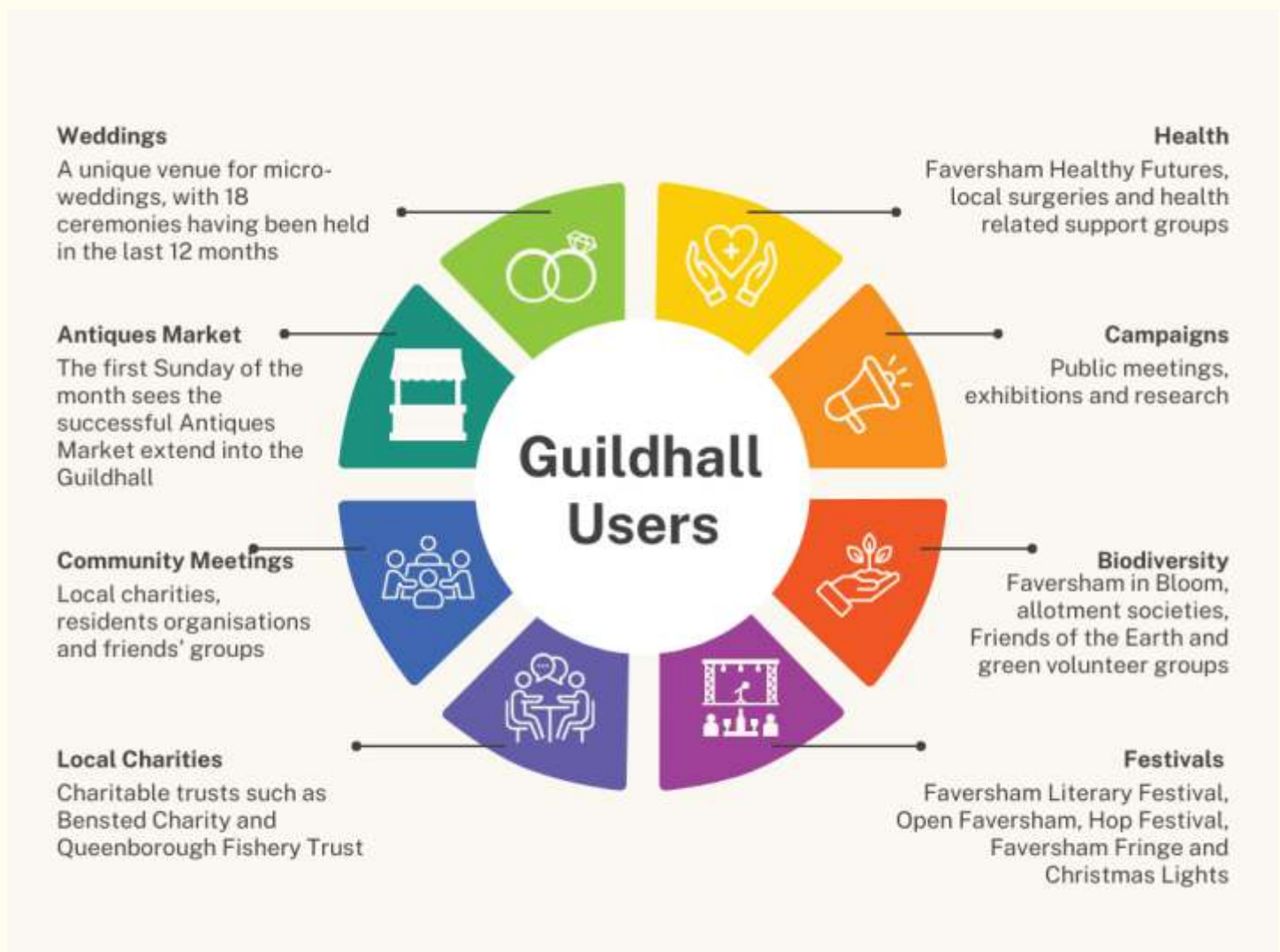
# Faversham's Guildhall

The iconic Guildhall sits in the very heart of Faversham and its historic Market Place.

Originally built as a market hall in 1574, it was converted into a guildhall in 1603. Fire severely damaged the upper part of the building and the present enlarged structure was erected in 1814 on the existing oak columns and colonnade.

You probably walk past the Guildhall and barely give it a thought, but its discreet green door houses a variety of groups and organisations, the chart is just a snapshot of what goes on above those stilts.

The Guildhall is primarily used by Faversham Town Council for meetings and has become a unique venue for micro-weddings. If you would like more details on venue hire, whether it's a wedding or meeting, please contact Rob Gibbs at [rob.gibbs@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:rob.gibbs@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk) or telephone 01795 503286.







# The wheels are rolling for a Faversham Community Bus Service

## Faversham Town Council undertook a Transport Needs Survey during December 2022 and January 2023.

The survey highlighted a need for transport within Faversham and its immediate locality for access to vital services. It also found a need from some outlying villages, which had no bus service and where residents identified Faversham as their service centre.

The results of the survey led the Town Council to successfully bid for £60,000 of funding from Kent County Council to set up a community bus service. Faversham Community Transport will be a not-for-profit service run by Faversham Town Council with a strong social ethos to benefit the local community and will use volunteer drivers.

Whilst fares will be charged to ensure that the scheme is financially sustainable, the good news is that the service will accept concessionary bus passes.

Faversham Community Transport will provide a service in response to local needs on a fixed timetabled route using a minibus with 17 seats, with optional wheelchair accessibility,

under a Section 22 permit. Areas already identified include Lower Road, Broomfield Road, Love Lane and ALDI. With the support of local parish councils, it aims to help residents in rural communities to access facilities within Faversham where traditional bus services have been reduced or cut. These areas have been identified as Oare, Newnham, Doddington and Lynsted.

The Town Council will initially organise, administer and promote the scheme, recruit and ensure volunteer drivers are trained. We are currently seeking volunteer drivers and would also like to speak to any local businesses interested in sponsoring the service. We hope to take to the road early in the new year!

Please contact Louise Bareham, Town Clerk on 01795 503286 or email:

[louise.bareham@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:louise.bareham@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk)

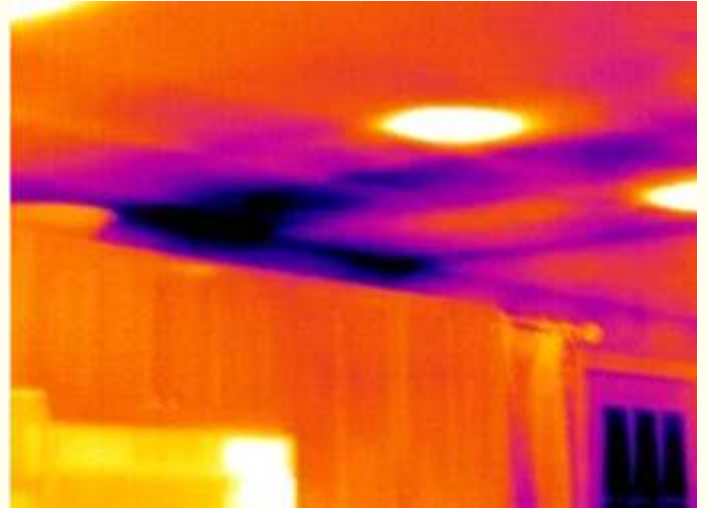
# Thermal Imaging Scheme

**With Autumn now upon us, we are offering Thermal Imaging appointments again, from the beginning of October.**

Thermal imaging can help to identify possible cold and damp spots within the home, and where heat may be escaping, particularly around doors, windows, and roof spaces. We launched our Thermal Imaging Scheme in January 2023 with over 40 visits carried out between January-April.

Following each visit, the householder was sent the thermal images and a standard photo of the same area, which helped identify the area of the property they were looking at. In the majority of cases, the issues tended to draughts around doors and windows, which could be rectified with cost effective measures such as draught excluding tape, thicker curtains etc.

Reducing heat loss from your home will save you money on your heating bills, keep you warmer, and reduce condensation, and mould. The best time for taking thermal images is on a cold, dry, and dull day, when the heating has been on for a few hours. The greater the temperature difference between the inside and outside of the house, the better. Rain and sun can give distorted readings and it would not be possible to carry out external thermal imaging of a property in such conditions.



*The purple and black areas show a potential issue in the ceiling, in this case likely to be a leak*

A thermal imaging session typically takes around 30 minutes, depending on the size of the home, and particular areas identified.

The appointments are free of charge and Council employee(s) will attend, who will show ID when they arrive. Following the visit, residents will receive all the photos taken by email. The photos will then be deleted and will not be disclosed to any third parties. To book a Thermal Imaging appointment, please visit:

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faversham-town-council-thermal-imaging-scheme-tickets-710989628117>**

or scan the QR code:



**If you have any queries on Thermal Imaging, please contact Rob Gibbs via email: [rob.gibbs@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:rob.gibbs@favershamtowncouncil.gov.uk) or on 01795 503286**



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# REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2023

Faversham War Memorial Garden, Stone Street, 10.45am  
Parade and Service of Remembrance

St Mary of Charity Church, 11.30am  
Full Service of Remembrance

EVERYONE WELCOME



Available on podcast at  
<https://www.mixcloud.com/radiofaresham/>

## Night Food Market

25 November 6-9pm

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### MARKET PLACE, FAVERSHAM

25 NOVEMBER 6-9PM AFTER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON ENTERTAINMENT FROM PHIL MACE

## Faversham Christmas Markets Weekend

9-10th December 2023  
Faversham Market Place

Shop for Christmas in beautiful Faversham  
Browse stalls from across Faversham's Charter Market, Best of Faversham Artisan Market and Faversham Antiques Market.  
Meet the donkeys.  
Enjoy Faversham's independent shops and cafés.

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# TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR 2023 - 2024



	Start Time	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 2024
<b>Full Council</b>					
Town Council (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon)	7pm	9	13	11	8
Annual Finance Meeting	7pm				15
Planning Committee (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon)	6pm	9 23	13 27	11	8 22
<b>Committees</b>					
Active Travel Committee (1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs)	7.30pm	5			4
Community Committee (3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon)	7.30pm		20		
Environment Committee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed)	7.30pm	11			10
Policy & Resources Committee (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon)	7.30pm	2	6	4	
<b>Sub-Committees/Working Groups Reporting to Town Council</b>					
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Working Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon)	6pm	16			
Heritage and Buildings Working Group (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)	7.30pm	4			3
Neighbourhood Plan Steering group (4 <sup>th</sup> Mon)	7.30pm	23	27		
Faversham Creek Working Group (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)	7.30pm		1		

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