Proposal to amend Faversham Hopper Timetable

The Faversham Hopper timetable was amended effective from September 2025 which resulted in improved timings, more direct return journeys from Oare and the other villages served on the route. This has seen our passenger numbers increase, as an example, throughout October 2025 the average passenger count per day was 20.42. On 2nd December we carried 36 passengers.

The new timetable has made the Hopper more popular, however some of our volunteers are reporting the timings, particularly on the first run out to the villages on the FH2, too tight to be able to keep to time. Additionally, there has been an increase in passengers with limited mobility which has meant more time is needed at certain popular stops to allow them to access or leave the bus at their own speed – this has further impacted the timetable, but it is desirable to accommodate them.

In order to lessen the burden on the volunteers, but also to maintain the improvements for passengers, a new timetable with minor timing changes is proposed. This has been developed with the assistance of our longer-serving volunteers.

Summary of changes proposed:

FH2 (Tuesday, Thursday, Fridays)

- 1st trip retimed to start 09:30 instead of 09:35 with more time between stops as far as Oare
- Less dwell time at Court Street after Davington to allow more running time between stops for rest of trips without losing the 8 min break at Court Street before going to Oare.
- Oare stops enroute to villages made "set down only". Only drop off there don't pick up
- Last stop on last trip now railway station to match Wednesday service

FH1 (Wednesdays)

- Minor timing changes to match FH2

Recommendation:

To approve the new timetable to lessen pressure on volunteers and to retain the improvements achieved with the previous revision.

Next steps:

If approved by the Council, RG to complete new/revised timetable process with Kent County Council and the Office of the Traffic Commissioner.

See Appendix One for the new timetable proposal.

RG 03.12.25

		FH1 WO	FH1 WO	FH1 WO	FH1 WO	FH1 WO	FH1 WO	
Oare, The Three Mariners		09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	
Oare, Colgates Close		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Davington, Ham Road		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Davington, Primary School		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, West Street		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, North Lane		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Davington, Broomfield Road		09:37	10:37	11:37	12:37	13:37	14:37	
Faversham Court Street (Stop B)	Arr	09:39	10:39	11:39	12:39	13:39	14:39	
	Dep	09:41	10:41	11:43	12:43	13:43	14:43	
Faversham East Street (Stop D)		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Recreation Ground		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Millfield Road		r		r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Windermere		09:45	10:45	11:47	12:47	13:47	14:47	
Preston, Makenade Avenue		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Preston Park (opp)		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, o/s Aldi		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham Tettenhall Way		09:51	10:51	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	
Ospringe The Street		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Beech Close		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Lionfield		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Wallers Road		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Willow Avenue		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Kiln Court		10:02	11:02	12:04	13:04	14:04	15:04	
Faversham, Willow Avenue		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Wallers Road		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Lionfield		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Beech Close		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, North Lane		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham Court Street (Stop B)	Arr	10:06	11:06	12:08	13:08	14:08	15:08	
	Dep	10:14	11:14	12:16	13:16	14:16	15:16	
Faversham, Newton Road		r	r	r	r	r	r	
Faversham, Railway Station		10:16	11:16	12:18	13:18	14:18	15:18	
Faversham, Preston Street		r	r	r	r	r	s	
Faversham, Saxon Road		r	r	r	r	r	s	
Faversham, The Three Tuns		r	r	r	r	r	s	
Davington, Stonebridge Pond		r	r	r	r	r	s	
Bysing Wood, Priory Road		r	r	r	r	r	s	
Bysing Wood, The Leas		r	r	r	r	r	s	
Bysing Wood, Sainsbury's		10:21	11:21	12:23	13:23	14:23	s	
Oare, The Three Mariners		10:23	11:23	12:25	13:25	14:25	s	

Dead run 09:15 Perry Court - Oare, Three Mariners

Dead run back to Perry Court

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Stop	FH2 TTHFO	FH2 TTHFO	FH2 TTHFO	FH2 TTHFO	FH2 TTHFO	FH2 TTHFO
Oare, The Three Mariners		10:00	11:00	12:30	13:30	15:00
Oare, Colgates Close		r	r	r	r	r
Davington, Ham Road		r	r	r	r	r
Davington, Primary School		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, West Street		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, North Lane		r	r	r	r	r
Davington, Broomfield Road		10:07	11:07	12:37	13:37	15:07
Faversham Court Street (Stop B) Arr		10:09	11:09	12:39	13:39	15:09
Faversham Court Street (Stop B) Dep		10:11	11:11	12:41	13:41	15:11
Faversham East Street (Stop D)		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Recreation Ground		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Millfield Road		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Windermere		10:15	11:15	12:45	13:45	15:15
Preston, Makenade Avenue		r	r	r	r	r
Preston Park (opp)		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, o/s Aldi		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham Tettenhall Way		10:21	11:21	12:51	13:51	15:21
Ospringe The Street		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Beech Close		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Lionfield		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Wallers Road		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Willow Avenue		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Kiln Court		10:32	11:32	13:02	14:02	15:32
Faversham, Willow Avenue		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Wallers Road		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Lionfield		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Beech Close		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, North Lane		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham Court Street (Stop B) Arr		10:36	11:36	13:06	14:06	15:36
Faversham Court Street (Stop B) Dep		10:44	11:44	13:14	14:14	15:44
Faversham, Newton Road		r	r	r	r	r
Faversham, Railway Station		10:46	11:46	13:16	14:16	15:46
Faversham, Preston Street		r	r	r	r	s
Faversham, Saxon Road		r	r	r	r	s
Faversham, The Three Tuns		r	r	r	r	s
Davington, Stonebridge Pond		r	r	r	r	s
Bysing Wood, Priory Road		r	r	r	r	s
Bysing Wood, The Leas		r	r	r	r	s
Bysing Wood, Sainsbury's		10:51	11:51	13:21	14:21	s
Oare, The Three Mariners		10:53	s	13:23	s	s
Newnham, George Inn	09:30		12:05		14:35	s
Doddington, Chequers Inn	09:34		12:08		14:38	s
Lynsted, Church	09:40		12:14		14:44	s
Lynsted, St Pauls Court	r		r		r	s
Lynsted, Batteries Close	r		r		r	s
Teynham, Frognal Gardens	r		r		r	s
Teynham Railway Station	09:49		12:20		15:50	s
Norton Crossroads	r		r		r	s
Oare, The Three Mariners	10:00		12:30		15:00	s

Dead run 09:10 Perry Court - Newnham Church

Dead run back to Perry Court

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