



Faversham Monopoly Walk



Whilst you wait for the much anticipated and one of a kind Faversham Monopoly board game, why not make the board come to life by hopping from street to street, place to place, and learn a little about each sponsor as you go along?

You can 'Walk The Board' with our own bespoke 'Faversham Monopoly Board Walk'.

Explore our beautiful medieval market town, learn our rich and steep history and get to know the people who help to make it thrive.

The main walk is a circular walk around 8km (approx 5 miles). You should be able to complete it within two hours. There are optional extra walks (downloadable from www.shorewaymarketing.co.uk). You can complete these as you go around or save them for another day.*

In addition, if you'd like to discover more of Faversham, there are several other routes you can explore along the way. We will highlight these where relevant, although they are not part of the Monopoly walks included in these pages.

Remember, you can do lots of smaller walks rather than the entire route all at once!

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Start at the beginning, start in the middle, or walk it in reverse - there are no rules! Just make sure you have fun and try not to land in jail!

What are you waiting for?

'Go!' (Do not collect £200)

*The main walk is wheelchair assessable, some of the optional extra walks are not. Please check the notes on accessibility before starting out.

Car parking: The main circular walk starts and ends at the Anchor Inn in Abbey Street. Please note, there is no car parking here. If you are reliant on parking, please use one of the town car parks and adapt the route to suit.



Scan QR code for on-line link to car parks

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Monopoly Board Walk: main circular walk

Start:

Abbey Street

Sponsored by Sheldon Spa

'An award-winning day space awaits tired feet,
A deserving location for rest and retreat.'



Starting from The Anchor Inn at the northern end of Abbey Street, walk along Abbey Street towards Faversham, taking in all its rich and colourful history. The street was originally laid out in the 12th century as the grand approach to Faversham's Abbey.

After the Abbey was dissolved by Henry VIII, the street survived. You can still see the old Abbey Gate House, now known as Arden's House, home to Thomas Arden, former Mayor of Faversham who was famously murdered here in 1551.

Having fallen into disrepair in late 19th/early 20th century, Abbey Street was earmarked for demolition. Thankfully, The Faversham Society saved it from this fate and the properties were gradually restored. Today, Abbey Street is considered one of the finest medieval streets in England and probably one of the most photographed!

As you come to the end of the street, you will see number one (on the right) is occupied by one of our sponsors, Creek Creative. Pop in to see their latest exhibition, visit their artisan shop or grab some refreshments from the wonderful café.

Creek Creative

'A place to make art and somewhere to rent space,
Exhibitions, events, and café to embrace.'

Next, cross over Quay Lane to land in...

Court Street

Sponsored by Shepherd Neame

'Britain's Oldest Brewer - we hold it so dear,
Held in the same way that we hold their fine beer.'



Another beautiful and ancient street, some of the foundations here date back to the Romans!

Many buildings on the right are occupied by Shepherd Neame, England's oldest brewer and Monopoly sponsor. Opposite is The Umbrella Centre, a much loved community hub, supporting many Faversham residents and home to the Quick Quizzers, who have helped to raise funds to create a Faversham version of Monopoly. The Umbrella Centre is also one of our supported charities.



As you go into the street's cobbled area, you will find a plethora of inviting businesses await, including Barley Mow who are celebrating 40 years on Faversham High Street and hairdressers Steven James who have been located in Court Street since 1985.

Keep a lookout on market days, for the Faversham Spire, a satirical take of Faversham Life.

Onwards to:

Market Place

Sponsored by Comptons Furniture

'Kent's finest for kitchens, you won't be let down, Comptons cater to all, from the centre of town.'



Market Place is home to our famous Guildhall, and our charter market is found here every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and has been for over 900 years, making it the oldest market in Kent!

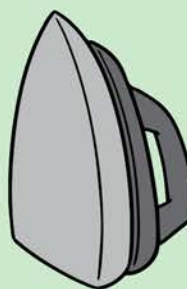
If you are a Sunday stroller, you can peruse Faversham's Antique Market on the first Sunday of each month.

Next, hunt high and low for the elusive...

Hugh Place

Sponsored by Womble Services Ltd

'Whatever you need to add ease to your day, Womble Services help in a plethora of ways.'



Blink and you'll miss it, squeezed between two buildings, Presentimes and Tamil's Premier Store, you can get a glimpse of this small but beautifully formed row of historic buildings. What this place lacks in size, it makes up for in punch. Hugh Place was one of the highest voted road names to go on the board, it's also where the location where the plot to murder Thomas Arden was hatched.

It's definitely worth missing a turn to stop and admire this place.

Next turn left, and take the first alley way on your right, to the right of the town hall opposite the Guildhall, through to the car park, where you will find our fantastic...

Faversham Pools

'A staple in town for fitness and fun,
Or a swim alongside the calm setting sun.'



Faversham Pools is very special, like Faversham Monopoly, the original pool was built by money raised by and for the residents of Faversham. It was then extended to include the indoor pool, 30 years ago. Faversham Pools is also one of our supported charities.

Next door to the pools is another of our fantastic sponsors, the Arden Theatre, home to Faversham Musical Theatre Choir, who will also feature in our game.

Cross the car park with the pools on you right, then walk along Bank Street and wave to our fabulously hard working and dedicated health professionals at Faversham Medical Practice. They offer GP services and provide urgent care treatment to residents across Faversham.

You will then reach...

Stone Street

Sponsored by Role Play Rascals

'Place for the young to explore growing minds,
What awaits is adventure they surely will find.'



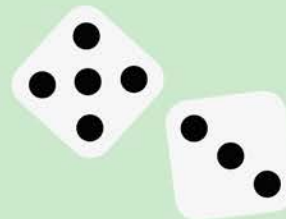
Turn left at the end of Bank Street and walk past our sponsors Role Play Rascals, a must visit for those with young children.

Interestingly, Stone Street is one of Faversham's original commuter roads, built in the Victorian era to accommodate travellers, who came with the new railway network and built on Faversham's old brickfields.

Preston Street

Sponsored by The Hobby Shop

'Planes, trains and automobiles, all under one roof,
The Hobby Shop's grand, and comes with the proof.'



Preston Street is home to a variety of businesses, including sponsor The Alexander Centre, where you can pop in for a coffee, pick up some local info or simply pause to admire this impressive Victorian building. It was the former home to the well-respected Mayor of Faversham, Sir Sidney Alexander.

Turn left, you'll pass another of our sponsors, Compton's Faversham, which coincidentally is located exactly where Knowles for Fruit were located from the 1880's until the 1970's. The shop still looks very similar today.

The Knowles for Fruit square features on Faversham Monopoly because the grandson of the owner organised a crowdfunder in order to be included.



When you reach the bottom of Preston Street, turn right into East Street. You will pass the fabulous East Street Deli on your left, which is owned by the lovely Nicky - who helped create the Faversham Monopoly project.

Turn right past the Post Office and the Post Box that is often topped with a knitted topper made by the Faversham Gunpowder Women's Institute and onto...

Newton Road

Sponsored by Hogben and Partis

'A Family-run business, with your loved ones in heart,
Accompany a dignified, reflective depart.'



Newton Road is another of Faversham's impressive Victorian "commuter" roads, with a wealth of period properties. It was built from the 1860's and was part of a large housing development called "Gate Field Development" to accommodate families moving into the area.

Walk up towards the top of the road, and turn left into Solomon's Lane. Walk past Hogben and Partis, cross St Mary's Road followed by St John's Road and continue down Chapel Street until you reach...

Park Road

Sponsored by Willow Farm

'An Equestrian Centre, the biggest by far,
With holiday chalets, they're raising the bar.'



Park Road, aptly named due to its views across Faversham Recreation Ground, was built at the same time as Newton Road as part of the Gate Field Development. The 'Rec' was also created during this time.

Walk down Park Road, until you see the entrance to the 'Rec' on the junction with William Street.

This is where you can join one of our optional extra walks

Monopoly Walk Optional Extra Stroll 1: The Apple Walk



Please note, this walk is not wheelchair accessible over the railway bridge.

Continue main circular walk



To continue with the circular walk, advance down Park Road and turn right onto...

Whitstable Road

Sponsored by IJ Plumbing and Heating

'Serving Faversham, and its neighbouring towns,
They'll ensure their service is the best around.'



Whitstable Road is one of the main roads into town, it's also the main route to Faversham Cemetery. Its location, close to the town centre and Faversham Creek, means it would have been a busy thoroughfare in days gone by, as it still is today.

Cross Whitstable Road at the pedestrian crossing, and continue until you see a turning into Millfield Road.

A square on our Faversham Monopoly board is named Millfield, as residents came together from the whole Millfield estate to raise the money to be included in the game.

The Millfield estate was built in the late 1940's by Faversham Borough Council as part of the post WWII mass building of social housing. Today Millfield is a lovely community, popular with families. Enjoy a walk around the estate or take a moment to relax in the park before retracing your steps back to Whitstable Road.

Staying on the same side of Whitstable Road, walk down to the junction with Abbey Fields.

At this point you can join the second of our optional extra walks

Monopoly Walk Optional Extra Stroll 2: The Water Walk



Please note this walk takes you across rough ground and footpaths. If you do not wish to continue with the circular walk, you can take this route to bring you back to Abbey Street.

Continue main circular walk

To carry on with the circular walk, continue along Whitstable Road until you meet the junction for...

Westgate Road

Sponsored by Alexander Centre

'In the centre of town known well as 'The Hub,'
An event hall much loved that you won't want to snub!'



Westgate Road is part of another big Victorian housing development built to accommodate Faversham's working class families that worked in the town's various industries.

To continue with the walk, head back along Whitstable Road and cross over onto East Street and back into the centre of town.

Bear right onto Market Street and through Market Place, passing the Guildhall on your right. Start walking down.....

West Street

Sponsored by Barley Mow

'Delicate trinkets of soap, gifts or home, Barley Mow is a whimsical shop people happily roam.'



Another of our beautiful and historic streets, with more architectural gems. At the bottom of the cobbled street, cross the road via the pedestrian crossing into lower West Street, with even more interesting buildings. Go past Tywmans Mill on your right then all the way to Stonebridge Pond.

CONGRATULATIONS - YOU'VE MADE IT HALFWAY ROUND THE BOARD!

Stonebridge Pond was once the mill pond that powered the Home Works, one of the world's oldest Gunpowder Works. We will be exploring more of this later in our walk. Today, it's a local beauty spot and a great place to relax for a while.

Monopoly Walk Optional Extra Stroll 3: The Oare Walk



Please note, The Oare Walk is a 12km plus walk (7.4 miles). There is the opportunity to explore Oare Marshes Nature Reserve by joining other walks around the area. There is also a section of this walk that will take you along country lanes that do not have footpaths. Please ensure you have adequate provisions and suitable footwear. This walk is not wheelchair friendly.

Continue main circular walk

To carry on with the circular walk, turn your back to the pond and cross the road, turn left, over Stonebridge Way and follow the road round to the right into Tanners Street.

This street is one of the oldest parts of Faversham. It's the location of the original Guildhall (the current Guildhall is our third), and the original site of Faversham's famous charter market.



There is evidence of shoemaking taking place in this area from the medieval period until 1910.

Walk up towards the Gospel Mission Hall on your left, current home to The Faversham Foodbank. Continue until you come across a large imposing building on the right, number 35 or Whitefriars, otherwise known as Our Lady Mount Carmel Catholic Church which is home to...

Shrine of St. Jude

'A place of reflection - the Apostle of Hope
Let's those come together to pray and invoke.'



The National Shrine of St Jude was founded by Carmelite friar, Fr. Elias Lynch, in 1955 in response to the needs of the post-war generation who were looking for hope. He felt it fitting that there was a place dedicated to Saint Jude - the Apostle of Hope. Today it is still a place of pilgrimage for both Anglicans and Catholics to visit, pray and hope. The Shrine is open to all, and worth a visit, as are the peaceful gardens.

The church itself is also quite an interesting building. Originally built as a Quaker school in 1861 for the children of the local gunpowder industry. Having closed in 1907, it was converted to a cinema in 1910, which in turn closed in 1936 when it became a church. Walking to the end of Tanners Street, turn right onto South Road and walk a short distance until you see a set of gates on your right. Walk through these, through the path into Nobel Court, cross the cul-de-sac and you will see a stream. Keeping the stream on your left, walk along the footpath. You will quickly pop out at Chart Mills.

Faversham has been producing gunpowder continually from c1550 to 1934. The town was home to six different sites producing gunpowder and explosives, Home Works was the oldest and Chart Mills is all that remains of this site.

Chart Mills was the likely supplier of powder for both the Battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo. Chart Mills Centre is worth a visit and is open to the public 2-5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

After your jaunt around the Mills, head up the crooked steps and onto Chart Close, walk to the junction with Stonebridge Way turn left onto.....

Sponsored by Belmont House

'With it's neoclassical style, and gardens of green,
Why not stop for a tour of Belmont history.'

Keep walking until you reach...



Beech Close

Sponsored by Harley Bears Cocoa Bites

'Dog treats of organic, to ensure health comes first,
Harley Bears know your loyal friend's worth.'



At the junction with Lower Road, turn right, continue up until you see a turning on the left called Wallers Road, progress along this road until you will see on your right...

St Nicholas Road

Sponsored by Arden Theatre

'Sing dance or act, there's something for all,
Make sure that you're there for the cast's curtain call.'



St Nicholas Road was also built in the late 1940's/early 1950's by Faversham Town Council as part of its post-World War II social housing provision which went up around the town. Explore the area some more, or turn around and cross over Waller Road, turning left until you see the entrance to Lionfield. Follow Lionfield, it snakes around in a semi circle, finally leading back onto Lower Road, where you will turn right and head back onto South Road.

Monopoly Walk Optional Extra Stroll 4: The Ospringle Walk

Continue main circular walk



Turn left and walk along South Road, taking time to admire The Almshouses. This impressive building was built in 1863 and is the largest and arguably the most impressive of its type in Kent.

Continue along South Road until you meet the junction with Napleton Road. Here cross South Road and head down the alleyway (Cross Lane) which will bring you back into the Central Car Park, next to Faversham Pools.

From here it's a case of retracing your earlier steps, through to the Market Place, along Court Street and back along Abbey Street.

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