

Cllr Josh Rowlands

**“We want a McDonalds or KFC”**



**How Faversham Town Council changed its approach to youth work**

# Who am I?

Cllr Josh Rowlands, Deputy Mayor Faversham Town Council

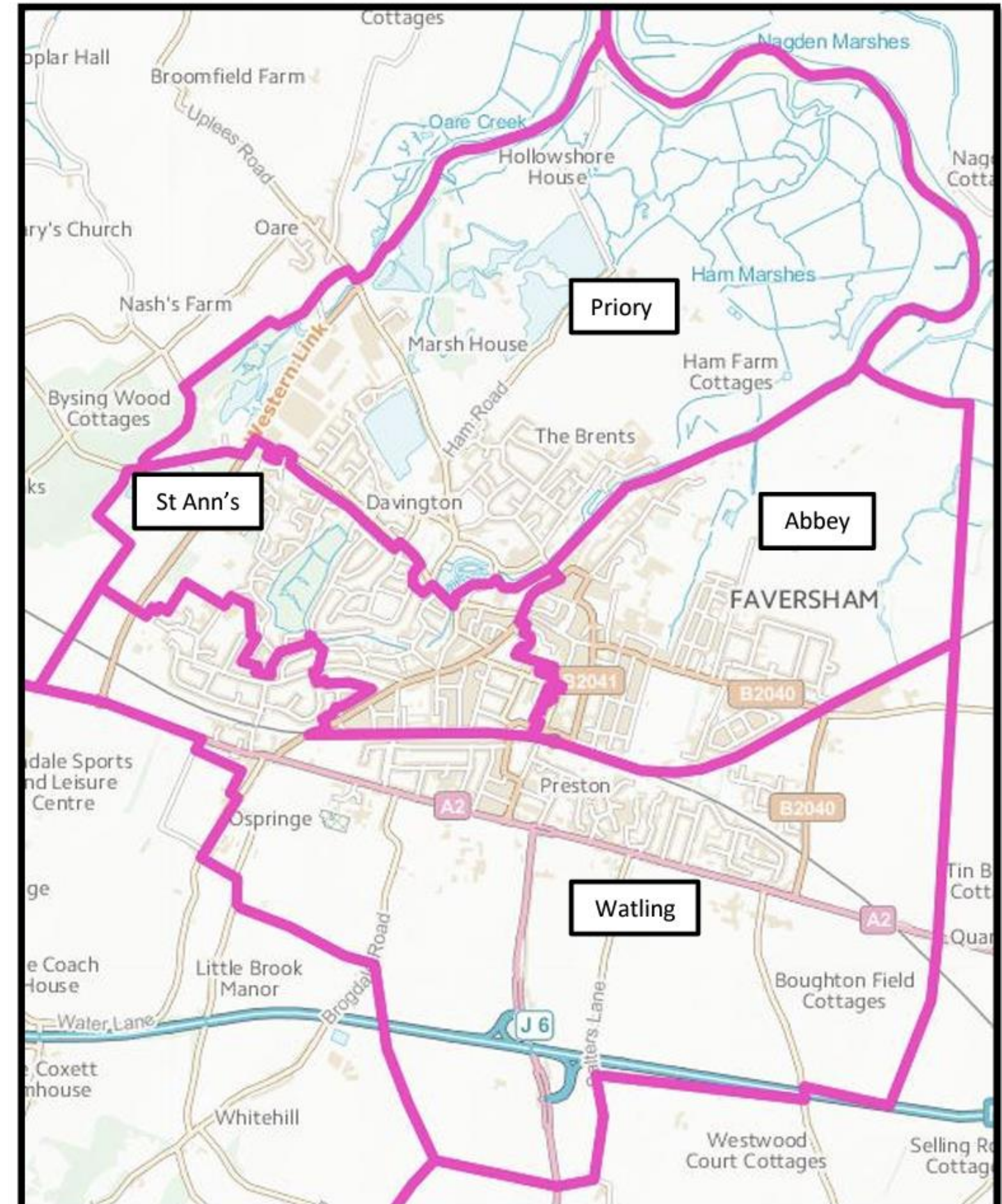
- First elected in 2021
- Youngest ever Deputy mayor of Faversham
- Runner Up NALC young councillor of the year



# Faversham

## The Town

- Market town in Kent
- 22,000 residents
- 10,500 houses
- Continuously growing
- Split over 4 very different wards



# Where have we come from?

- Engaged group of young people
- Youth council set up in 2019
- Sports clubs plentiful throughout town
- Youth provision spread across Faversham run by different providers with council support



**WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY**  
**6 PM-9 PM**  
The Old Brewery Store

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**

Ages 13 - 19

Free Entry

**Acts Wanted**  
Singing - Comedy - Poetry  
Theatrical

**GET YOUR TICKET NOW**

Use your mobile to scan the QR code



**HALLOWEEN**

**TOWN TRAIL**

**FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019**

**WE ARE TAKING PART - ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

*Please come in if you dare to take part and pick up your Halloween Town Trail Map.*

*Children to be accompanied by a responsible adult - thank you.*

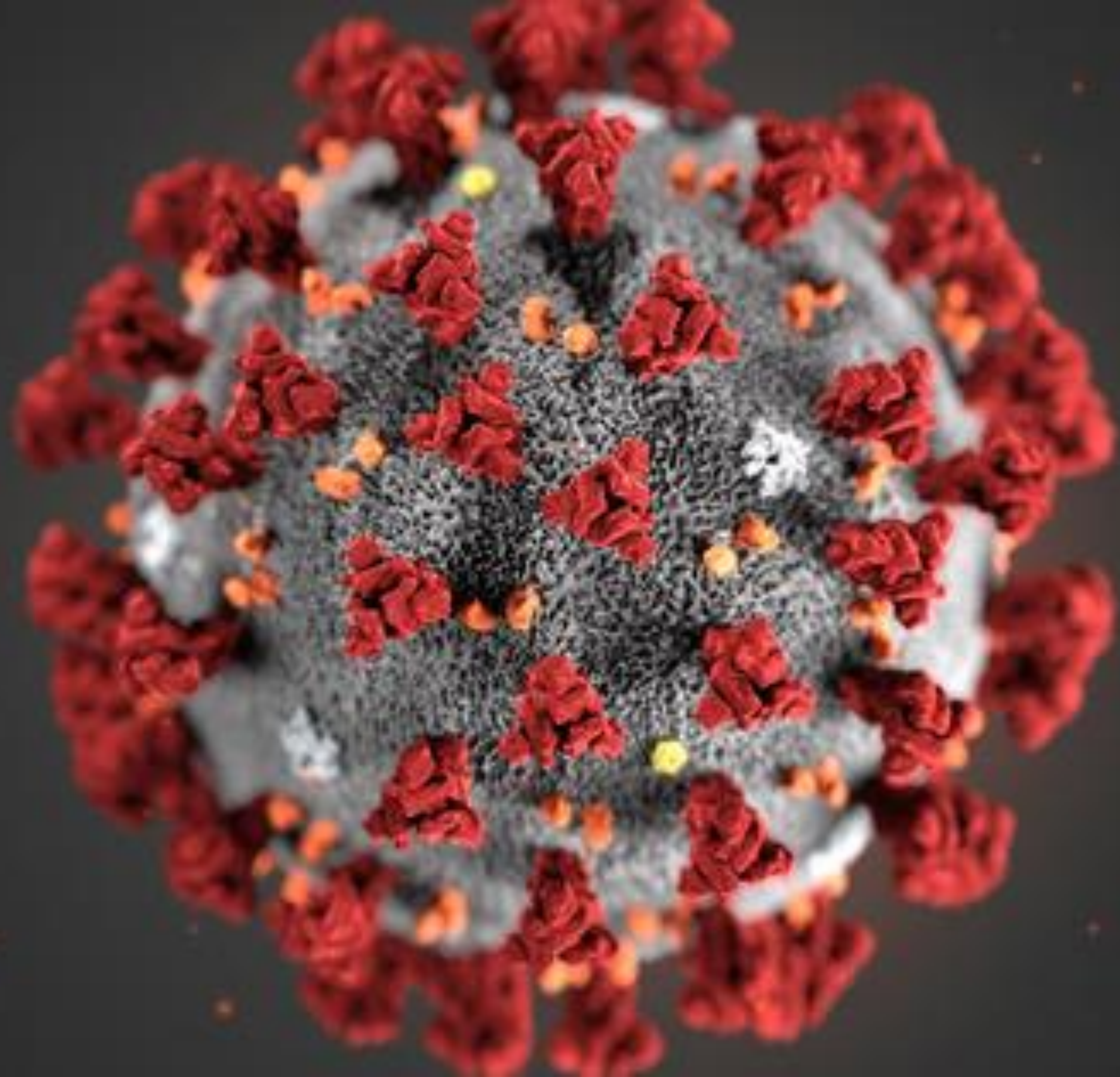
PLASTIC FREE FAVERSHAM SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

FAVERSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

DOWNLOAD TOWN TRAIL MAP HERE



**So what  
happened?**



# Covid 19!

## Time to change

- Online sessions
- Health and well-being at the forefront
- What do young people need?
- How can we keep them engaged?



**VIRTUAL**  
**OPEN MIC** Tik Tok  
**NIGHT**

HA HA

**LAUNCHING:**  
**FRIDAY 15TH MAY-AT 7:30PM**

Faversham Youth Council, we will be hosting a Virtual Open Mic Night, for The Youth of Faversham (ages 6-18.)

Our Open Mic Night will be launched on both Faversham Youth Council's Facebook Page and Website.



A collage of four small images at the bottom of the poster: a close-up of a hand playing a guitar, a stage with red lighting, a microphone on a stand, and a person performing on stage under spotlights.

# So how did we end up where we are now?

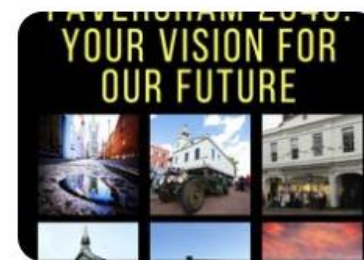
- Had the needs of young people changed?
- Will young people still come to events?



WED, 29 APR 2020  
**Faversham 2040: Your Vision f**  
Faversham Youth Council ·  
Faversham...



TUES, 28 APR 2020  
**Faversham 2040: Your Vision f**  
Faversham Youth Council ·  
Faversham...



MON, 27 APR 2020  
**Faversham 2040: Your Vision f**  
Faversham Youth Council ·  
Faversham...



SUN, 26 APR 2020  
**Faversham 2040: Your Vision f**  
Faversham Youth Council ·  
Faversham...



SAT, 25 APR 2020  
**Faversham 2040: Your Vision f**  
Faversham Youth Council ·  
Faversham...



FRI, 24 APR 2020  
**Faversham 2040: Your Vision f**  
Faversham Youth Council ·  
Faversham...



**Would young people  
engage with us like they  
did pre lock down?**

No...

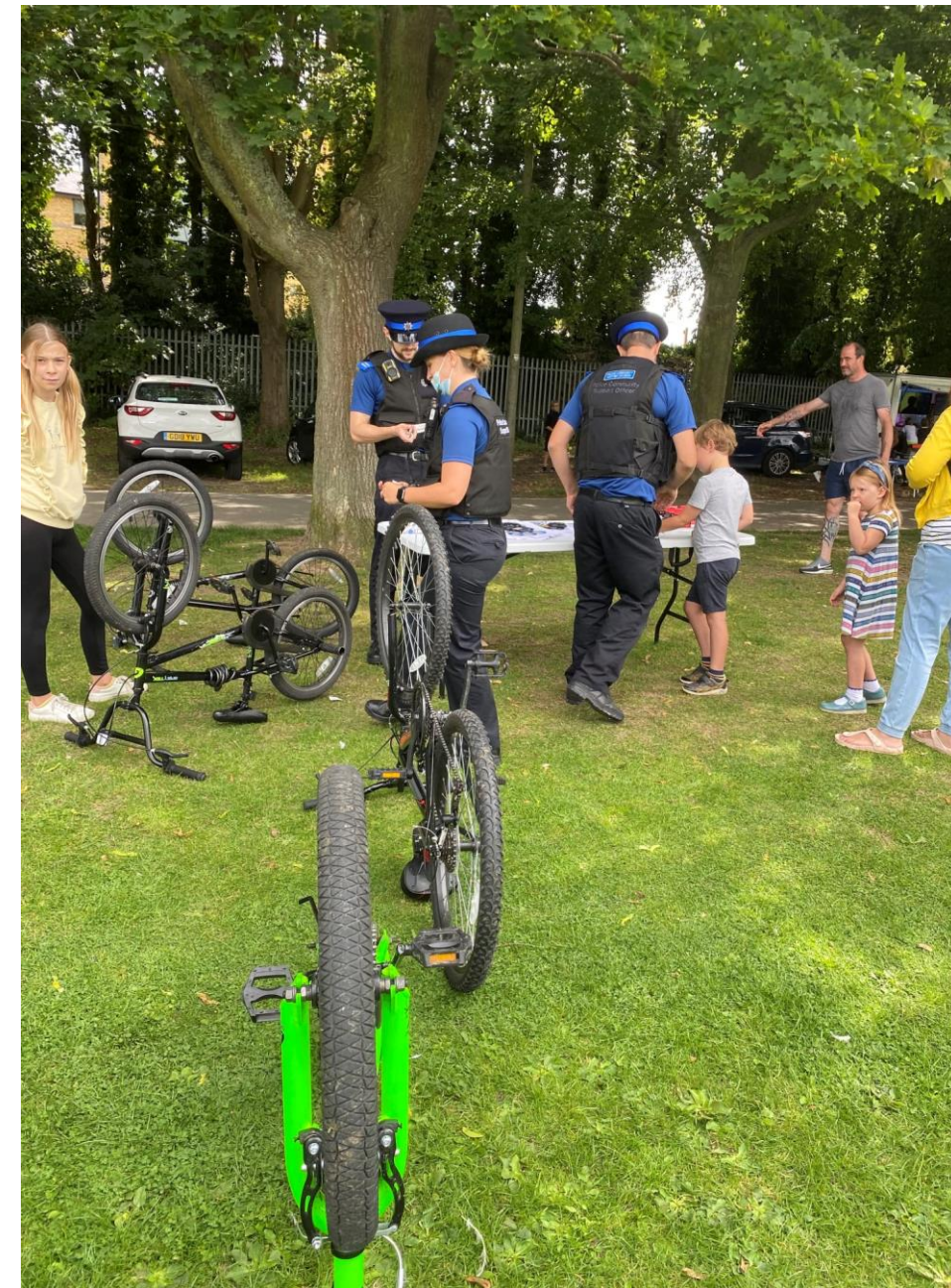
**Time to change up  
again**  
**If they wont come to us then  
we will go to them**



# What did we do?

## Held 2 youth summer days

- Targeted areas we knew young people would be
- Asked what they wanted faversham to look like
- Collected results
- Didn't take the answers on face value



**FREE YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION**

FAVERSHAM YOUTH COUNCIL

## FAVERSHAM YOUTH SUMMER DAY

<b>WEDNESDAY 18TH AUGUST</b> <b>10AM - 3:30PM</b> <b>WEST FAVERSHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST</b> <b>10AM - 3:30PM</b> <b>FAVERSHAM RECREATION GROUND</b>
◆ FAVERSHAM YOUTH INFORMATION ◆ BUNGEE RUN & CLIMBING WALL ◆ STREET DANCE CLASSES ◆ FLIGHT SIMULATOR ◆ NO 72 YOUTH BUS ◆ ARTS AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES ◆ SOFT ARCHERY ◆ RETRO STYLE VIDEO GAMES ◆ TABLE TENNIS & AIR HOCKEY ◆ BIKE MARKING ◆ FREEBIES & GIVEAWAYS ◆ AND MUCH MORE	◆ FAVERSHAM YOUTH INFORMATION ◆ FRISBEE GOLF ◆ FAVERSHAM YOUTH TRAILER ◆ FLIGHT SIMULATOR ◆ QUIZ GAMES & PRIZES ◆ ARTS AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES ◆ SOFT ARCHERY ◆ RETRO STYLE VIDEO GAMES ◆ TABLE TENNIS & AIR HOCKEY ◆ YOUTH CLIMATE PANEL ◆ FREEBIES & GIVEAWAYS ◆ AND MUCH MORE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH FUN DAY, HEAD TO THE FAVERSHAM YOUTH COUNCIL WEBSITE. [HTTPS://WWW.FAVERSHAMYOUTHCOUNCIL.ORG](https://www.favershamyouthcouncil.org)



**But there was a problem**



**We under estimated the need for youth engagement and got swamped**

**Time for reinforcements**

&  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

  
**FAVERSHAM  
TOWN COUNCIL**

  
**SWALE  
YOUTH**

  
**Kent  
County  
Council**



**VIBE**  
PART OF THE BROGDALE CIC GROUP



**JULY 27TH  
KIDS FUN DAY 12-6  
FAVERSHAM RECREATIONAL GROUND**

**AUGUST 24TH  
KIDS FUN DAY 12-6  
FAVERSHAM RECREATIONAL GROUND**

**FAVERSHAM REC SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

25TH JULY: 3-6PM  
27TH JULY: 4-6PM  
2ND AUG: 2-5PM  
10TH AUG: 12-4PM  
18TH AUG: 12-4PM  
19TH AUG: 2-6PM  
22ND AUG: 4-6PM

(SUITABLE FOR AGES 9-12)

**FAVERSHAM REC SUPERVISED  
HANGOUT/CHILL & SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

2ND AUG: 6-8PM  
3RD AUG: 5-7PM  
5TH AUG: 7-9PM  
9TH AUG: 5-8PM  
10TH AUG: 5-8PM  
18TH AUG: 5-8PM  
22ND AUG 4-6PM

(SUITABLE FOR AGES 11+)

**ORGANISED DAYS OUT: ZOO & FLIP OUT  
(LIMITED AVAILABILITY)**

**FAVERSHAM'S NEW YOUTH COUNCIL  
AGED 8-14? WANT TO HAVE A SAY  
ABOUT YOUR TOWN?**



CONTACT:  
VIBE@BROGDALECIC.CO.UK  
07916285310






*Youth  
Cafe*

**FREE**

**Tuesdays 3:30 - 5:30pm**  
Chill with friends  
Snack & Drinks  
Music  
Board Games  
@Umbrella Centre

**AGES 11-13**





# **Time for change again?**

**Due to cuts to local authorities youth services have been drastically reduced**



Thanks for listening, any  
questions?