

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

This has been the most challenging year in my 26 years with Council with the various Lock down restrictions due to the Corvid Pandemic. At the beginning, our excellent tech savy Councillors installed a virtual web meeting system to enable us to continue with our obligations in performing the Council Duties. I am pleased to say that we were the First in East Anglia to adopt this ,showing once again the forward planning adopted by the Trimley St Mary Council. An example of the way we run the Council is the email account by which my In box Total is over 1700 , with many other Councillors on a similar number.

Although we are still have 4 vacancies, the dedicated 7, have excelled themselves in the performance and achievements on behalf of the Parishioners. In addition to the statutory requirements we have kept the public informed by Facebook pages and the Monthly articles in Spotlight.

We use our Parish Plan to drive the projects, with regular reviews and working party meetings. Following meetings with Suffolk County Council and Highways The A14 safety fencing has been erected, with PC also reinstalling the Safety fencing adjacent to the public footpath. The footpaths in the village are regularly walked and checked.

The area around the Welcome Hall has been replanted with Shrubs and Bulbs, benches refurbished, Bus Shelters cleaned, guttering repaired with new water butts to assist in sustaining the ecology. More is planned for the village with a tree planting programme.

A Councillor regularly monitors Public Transport and Cycle lane access. We are fortunate to have both frequent Bus and Train Services, with the latter introducing much needed new rolling stock.

The 3 Trusts of which the Council are Custodian Trustees Continue to thrive. Full Allotments The Welcome Hall refurbished recently and Stennets playing Field maintaining its high Standard for all to use.

Several new Dog and litter bins have been installed, with litter picking in order to keep the village safe and clean.

The PC discussed the Cost of being a Councillor and it was unanimously agreed to continue with voluntary service. All expenses will be reimbursed and anyone that needs assistance with IT equipment would be assisted. .I am indebted to the Councillors for their generosity which enable us to invest the Precept in the Village.

The PC invited the Basic Charity who have worked tirelessly in providing Food Parcels for those less fortunate than many, with a regular Monday Slot at The Welcome Hall. Through our Poores and Kindge Trust we assisted with a Financial donation.

We are also indebted to many parishioners that invest their time such as the Trimly Red Devils Football Club, Roseberry Safe and Allotment Committee to provide the services that make Trimly St Mary a welcome place to live in.

David Southgate  
Chairman