

Trimley St Mary



Parish Action Plan 2020 - 2025

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Purpose, Priorities and aims

Purpose

Due to the nature of Local Government, and the requirement to engage with approved suppliers, Parish Council activities can take many years to come into being and must be planned for well in advance. The purpose of this plan is to identify the areas of priority, identify any shortage of facilities within the Parish and plan ahead for upcoming developments. This allows the Parish Council to plan for significant investments and manage Parish finances effectively.

Priorities

Environment

- Protect and enhance the natural environment within the Parish
- Reduce the impact of noise pollution from both the A14 and the Railway
- Monitor air pollution and work with Highways and the Port Authority to reduce any impact
- Improve road safety within the Parish

Leisure and recreational space

- Improve, increase and protect recreational and green space
- Enhance and develop existing Recreational and Leisure Facilities
- Support and develop our charitable trusts

Social Care

- Support the social needs of all age groups within the Parish

Council Effectiveness

- Develop and improve the knowledge of Councillors
- Improve communication with residents and other stake holders
- Ensure the Parish Plan remains relevant to the needs of the Parish

Aims

We aim to:

- Be realistic in our goals
- Be lobbyists rather than Bankers
- Maximise external funding opportunities

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Environment	Activity	Rationale	Process	Time scale	Who	Cost
Protect and enhance natural environments within the Parish	Plant trees to make the environment greener.	Areas such as Faulkener’s Way and the High Road would be greatly enhanced by sensitive planting.	Seek advice and funding from Woodland Trust and Local Authorities. Identify areas for tree planting taking account of planned developments.	As soon as possible	To Be Decided	Max £1000
	Enhance ‘Old Trimley’ in the vicinity of the church and Welcome Hall.	The centre of ‘Old Trimley’ around the village church, pub and Parish Hall is untidy and congested, and yet offers great opportunity as a village centre.	Consult community, seek advice, draw up plans.	By Summer 2023	To Be Decided	Expenses
Reduce the impact of noise pollution from both the A14 and the Railway	Develop a noise mitigation strategy	Increasing levels of traffic have greatly increased noise pollution	Liaise with Highways England the port authority and Suffolk CC			
	Develop a noise mitigation strategy	Addition of the passing loop and increase in rail traffic has increased noise pollution	Liaise with Network Rail and the Port Authority			

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Reduce Pollution	Assess and monitor air pollution	Increased traffic has had an unknown effect on air quality	Work with the Air Quality Commission, Highways and the Port Authority to improve air quality			
Improve Road Safety	Provide further Pedestrian Crossing in the vicinity of the church/pub.	Additional housing has increased the number of pedestrians. The road here is very busy and a crossing will improve residents safety.	Liaise with planning and highways departments. Seek this as a condition for planning on Howlett Way. Seek to work in partnership with Trimley St Martin. Seek CIL funding.	By July 2023	Clerk, Chair	£20,000
	Reduce traffic speeds	Parts of the village suffer from excess traffic speeds	Buy another Speed Indicator Device Add further mini roundabouts		Colin	

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Environment	Activity	Rationale	Process	Time scale	Who	Cost
	Improve existing footpaths/bridle ways	Many footpaths are overgrown with uneven and unstable footing	Work with SCC Highways - Footpaths and Bridle ways			
	Renew and improve road markings	Many are worn out, and there are few double yellow lines to restrict parking in key bottlenecks	Liaise with SCC Highways, introduce No Parking By Laws, press ESC to enforce parking restrictions			
	Designate footpath parking zones	Often cars are parked too close to walls/hedges/fencing for wheelchairs/prams/pedestrians to pass safely.	Introduce dotted white lines on pavements to indicate acceptable parking zones			
	Seek to provide car parking in key places including the vicinities of the church and the school.	Car parking is an issue around the school and in the vicinity of church, shop and pub. Parking would be easier and traffic would flow better if parking was provided.	Identify potential areas for a car park. Identify how land can be acquired. Buy the land and build the car park(s)	Liaise with ESC by summer 2023	Traffic working	£15,000

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Recreation	Activity	Rationale	Process	Time scale	Who	Cost
Improve, increase and protect recreational and green space	Protect assets of community value from development	Prevent inappropriate development of village assets	Identify and register Assets of Community Value		Bryan	
	Acquire new land for recreational use	The area of recreational space per capita is below national standards	Contact District Council and local landowners to identify such areas and make proposals for taking over ownership.			
	Update the play equipment on St Mary's Green	The play equipment is now very old and should be brought up to modern standards		Colin		
	Support and protect both our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Nature Reserve	In addition to protecting wildlife and their environment, these are nationally important recreational space	Seek to engage more frequently with the management of these valuable environmental assets			

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Enhance and develop existing Recreational and Leisure Facilities	Develop additional sporting facilities at Stennets Field.	We have a good resource which is well used for football but has scope for other uses	Identify sporting requirements in conjunction with East Suffolk and their plans for a new leisure facility		Chair, Clerk	£15,000
	Support the arts through the Arts Centre or through supporting other arts initiatives.	The Arts make use of village amenities that would otherwise fall into disrepair	Consider individual requests for funding as and when they arise		Chair, Clerk	£2,000
Support and develop our charitable trusts	Improve the Welcome Hall	The facility is in need to updating and could become a far more popular and effective asset for the village	Consult with management committee		Tristan	

Social Care	Activity	Rationale	Process	Time scale	Who	Cost
Support the social needs of all age groups within the Parish	Support the Trimley Station Trust	Trimley Station is a unique historical resource which can be saved for the village.	Liaise with the Trimley Station Trust.	Offer support in 2019 for stage 1 of the development.	Chair, Clerk	£5,000

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	Support Rosebury Cottage	The Café provides meals for the under privileged and vulnerable	Seek to provide funding to allow for further activities at the Cafe			
	Encourage third party support organisations to set up within the village	While facilities such as Citizens Advice and Age Concern can be found in Felixstowe, there is no local facility within the village.	Make accommodation available for drop-in centres			

Council Effectiveness	Activity	Rationale	Process	Time scale	Who	Cost
Develop and improve the knowledge of Councillors	Provide funding for Councillor Training	We wish our councillors to be as highly trained as possible so they can make full use of local knowledge.	Offer high quality training to councillors through Suffolk Association of Local Councils and other sources, circulate training information.	Ongoing	All councillors and clerk.	£500 p.a.

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	Develop a welcome pack and induction for new councillors.	Some new councillors find it difficult to understand procedures, protocols and practices.	Identify key issues and prepare documentation as needed.		New councillor s working with Parish Clerk	Expenses
Improve communication with residents and other stake holders	Make best use of the website and Face Book page	Many residents use the internet and Social Media to keep up to date with local developments	Increase in volume, and more timely publication of information	By October 2020		
	Use the Parish Magazine as a means on informing and engaging with residents.	Not all residents are active on line, we need an additional means of communicating developments	Aim to produce and distribute the magazine to all residents 3 times a year.	March 2020	LK with others	Expenses
	Seek feedback from residents	Ensure the activities of the Parish Council reflect the needs of residents	Develop consultation events to engage residents though, for example, parish meetings, drop in sessions or the APM	Annually	Chair, Clerk.	£1000 per annum

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	Support local events	Parish funds should be spent on Parish activities	Identify ways in which we can support activities within the parish, such as Christmas celebrations, Carnival, Football tournament etc	Ongoing	Chair Clerk	Expenses
	Encourage Village cohesion	Trimley St Mary is a ribbon village with clusters of housing that do not always work together	Identify activities that bring the entire village together, make use of the Community Partnership Funding.			
Ensure the Parish Plan remains relevant	Monitor the changing demographics of the Parish	Changing populations have different needs	Obtain detailed demographic information and identify areas of future need	Annually		