

Ready Steady Census

The census is almost here.

Households across Trimley St Martin will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your area.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21. For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

The Parish Council

Meetings

At the moment the Parish Council holds its regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, remotely via Zoom. As always, each meeting includes a public session when residents are warmly invited to give their views and to question the Parish Council on issues on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may stay to observe, but may not take part in the Parish Council meeting that follows.

If you have internet access it is very easy to join a Zoom meeting. A few days before each meeting the link you will need is published on the Parish Council website along with a copy of the agenda:

<http://trimleystmartin.onesuffolk.net/home/agenda/>

Contact Us

To contact the Clerk email: parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk or telephone 01394 448844,

To contact the Chairwoman, Yvonne Smart, email: tsmcpc.ysmart841@gmail.com

The Parish Pump is also available online at:

<http://trimleystmartin.onesuffolk.net/home/the-parish-pump/>

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Highways and Byways

The Quiet Lanes Project in our Village—A Consultation

The Parish Council would like to designate three rural lanes in the village as “Quiet Lanes” as part of a county wide project.

Quiet Lanes are a nationally recognised designation for narrow, rural roads which are shared by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other road users. They encourage drivers to ‘**Expect and Respect**’ more vulnerable road users and so allow non-motorised users to enjoy rural lanes in greater safety.

Lanes of this type are not subject to formal traffic restrictions and they are not enforced. Advisory signs like these are placed at either end of Quiet Lanes to show motorised users clearly that the road is a shared space.

We think that this would be of real benefit to the village. The lanes being considered are already used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and link with existing footpaths and bridleways in the village. We have identified Grimston Lane, Thorpe Lane and Capel Hall Lane/Brook Lane as being suitable for designation. This project is being funded by the Suffolk County Council Suffolk 2020 Fund and the East Suffolk Community Partnerships and Greenprint Forum. For more information see the Quiet Lanes Suffolk website - www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk

We would like to hear your views so if you wish to make any comments about these proposals at this initial stage, please email



the Parish Clerk parishclerk@trimley-st-martin.org.uk or write to:
Trimley St Martin Parish Council, 37 Meadowlands, Kirton, IP10 0PP

The results of this consultation will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting to be held via Zoom at 7.30 on 6 April. Joining instructions for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website closer to the time.

Pedestrian Refuge for the High Road

The pedestrian refuge near to the Memorial Hall is now in place. Unfortunately weather conditions meant that the installation took a little longer than expected, but now that the work is complete the crossing is already being well used.

Planning Matters

The Lilacs

The compound fencing is now in place and it will not be long before building work begins. The build is expected to last for up to two years and all near neighbours have been provided with a contact number so that they can raise any problems which might arise over that time.

Concerns about parking and the unloading of materials are in the minds of many, but Flagship and the builders, Aspen Construction, have made it clear that construction parking will be on the site itself and not on the High Road or in Mill Close. The pedestrian gate into the area from Mill Close is there solely to meet health and safety requirements and when work starts a “no access for site traffic” signs will be positioned at the top of Mill Lane.

The site will be served by ground facing floodlights and a modern movement sensor system linked to a security centre will be used to protect the site from intruders.

The Poor's Allotment Trust has made arrangements with Flagship to ensure that allotment holders will still be able to access their plots from a point near the boundary with the new development. The hours of work on the site will be from 8am to 6pm; there may be some occasional Saturday working but there are no plans for Sunday working.

Out and About

Local Footpaths

County Councillor Stuart Bird and District Councillor Melissa Allen have generously contributed from their respective budgets to make it possible for the Parish Council to commission and display a hand drawn map of footpaths in the village. These maps will soon be displayed on boards at three locations: outside the Memorial Hall; at the picnic site and on the Kirton Road side of the footbridge.

Local Walks

Looking for some new ideas for local walks? Two local residents have produced a series of downloadable leaflets covering a range of walks, each of which is described in detail and supported by an easy to follow map. This became a team effort when Liz Rastrick, the Village Recorder, contributed a gazetteer full of fascinating information on places of interest, and local expert Robin Biddle prepared a set of nature notes to tell us what to look out for along the way.

The walks, gazetteer and nature notes are all available on the Parish Council website: <http://trimleystmartin.onesuffolk.net/home/footpath-map-and-walking-routes/> but do not despair if you do not have internet access as it is planned that the whole package will be made available in a printed booklet.

Community Woodland for Trimley

Local resident Moira Oliver is looking for a suitable piece of land on which to create a community woodland. What follows is a request from Moira who is now looking for volunteers to drive this community project forward:

Calling for Volunteers!

There are exciting plans afoot to develop a piece of local land into an accessible community woodland, so we will need lots of volunteers to plant those trees and maintain them. It's early days in the planning stage but I wanted to give you advance notice so we can get a group of interested people together to help with the setting up & planning to make it a reality. I will be contacting schools, pre-schools, and local groups of all ages to help, so if you run, or are part of a group that you think might want to be involved, please get in touch. If you are interested, or have any comments, advice, expertise to share, or want to be part of the steering group, please email me your contact details so we can get started just as soon as Covid restrictions allow. Moira Oliver - email: oliver-m7@sky.com