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Following the successful bid for Grant funding from SCC, we (Quiet Lanes Suffolk) are now in a position to help Parishes and Towns throughout Suffolk to designate Quiet Lanes.

The main purposes of Quiet Lanes are that they offer a safer environment for non-motorised travellers and can help to protect our rural environment. They are not intended to be used as a traffic calming measure.

General criteria for Quiet Lanes is that they are single track lanes (i.e. with passing places, no line markings) typically carrying less than 1,000 vehicle trips per day (either direction) with average speeds of less than 35 mph, and ideally below 30 mph.

In order to qualify for help through the SCC grant, the council must have a 'champion' who will lead and co-ordinate volunteers through the local process.

Further details are available from our website: www.QuietLanesSuffolk.co.uk.

It is suggested that Councillors view the parish presentation first for more details and then complete the registration form if it is of interest.

Parishes in East Suffolk have additional grant funding available to cover any related costs for traffic surveys and additional signage if necessary - this is to encourage greater take-up as part of the Greenprint Forum Active Travel Campaign, with support from East Suffolk Community Partnerships.

Initial Registration of Expression of Interest must be received by the 30 November 2020, with specific lanes identified by the end of 30 December 2020. There is no up-front cost nor obligation to proceed at this stage but registration will help us to manage the expected high demand.

Initial validation will take place by the end of December for those lanes to go forward with any required traffic surveys and public consultation. All work leading up to a successful designation needs to be completed within 12 months from now.

Those parishes who have already registered interest will be contacted separately with further details on the process.

