



Quiet Lanes Suffolk

A county wide project supported by
Suffolk County Council's Suffolk 2020 Fund,
East Suffolk Community Partnerships & Greenprint Forum

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What is a Quiet Lane?

Nationally recognised designation for rural single track roads

- With no road markings or footpaths
- With low traffic flows/speeds
- Shared by -
 - Walkers
 - Cyclists
 - Horse riders
 - Motorised users

Why have a Quiet Lane?

- Motorised users to *'Expect and Respect'* more vulnerable road users
- Walkers, horse riders and cyclists can enjoy rural lanes in greater safety
- Help to retain the rural nature & tranquility of country lanes

Other benefits

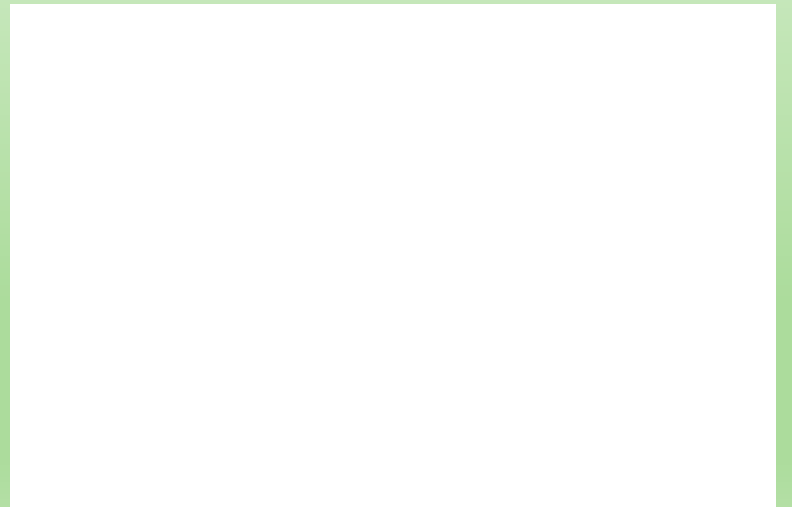
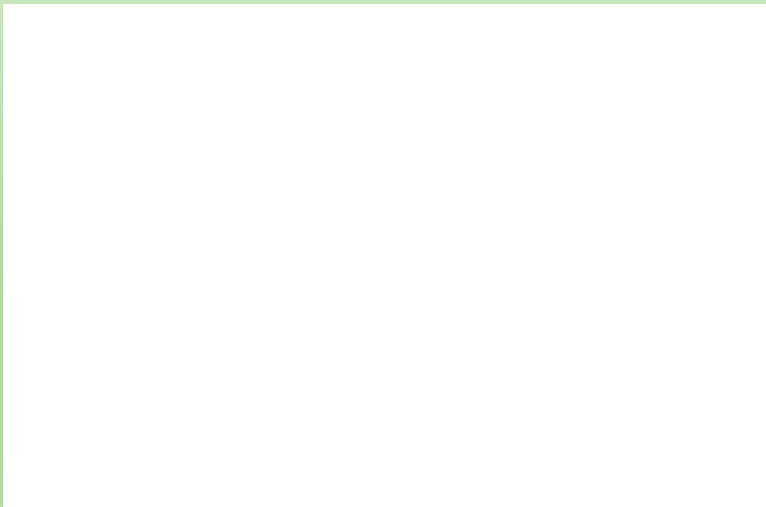
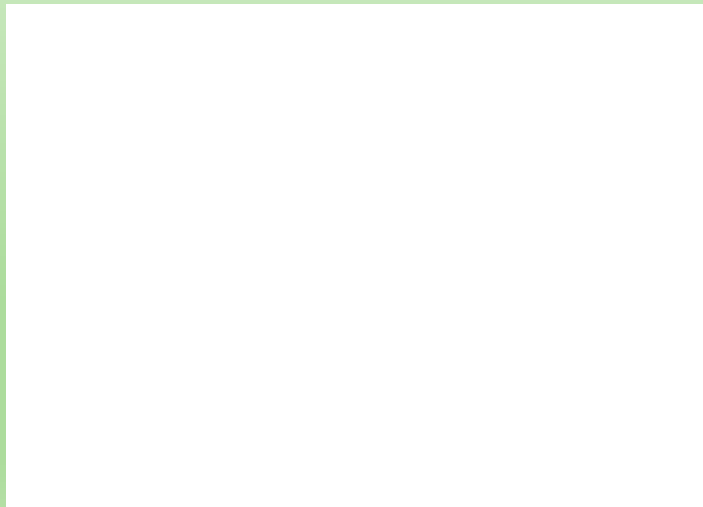
- Encourage sustainable & active travel options
- Connect to existing Public Rights of Way
- Include as a policy in your Neighbourhood Plan*
- BUT don't expect to use it for 'traffic calming'

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“Safer places and safer spaces are important...

The importance of remaining active and taking exercise outdoors has been stressed as part of the response to Covid-19”



Quiet Lanes Suffolk - 2014 Pilot

In 2013-2014 there was a pilot project in Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) that resulted in 13 lanes for 7 Parishes within the AONB being designated as a quiet lane

- Bromeswell
- Butley
- Chillesford
- Eyke
- Newbourne
- Felixstowe
- Waldringfield

Quiet Lanes Suffolk - Phases 1 & 2

- Costs for individual small parishes were prohibitive*
- Quiet Lane Suffolk (QLS) board have been working with SCC Highways to develop a community 'self-help' model which will cut costs considerably
- We have submitted a bid to the Suffolk 2020 Fund to fund costs for a Suffolk wide project using this model to designate suitable lanes across the county
- This project is also being supported by East Suffolk Council's Greenprint Forum and Community Partnerships

QLS – About us

The QLS Board currently comprises of the following volunteers from the community and supporting organisations:

- Andrew Cassy, Secretary
- Tim Beach, volunteer and Phase 1 trial for Snape Parish Council
- Marianne Munday, volunteer and Phase 1 trial for Bentley Parish Council
- Brian Stephens, volunteer and Phase 1 trial for Glemsford Parish Council
- Garry Savege, volunteer member from Butley, Project Mgr
- Susan Harvey, volunteer member from Falkenham
- Neil Winship who initiated Pilot Phase 1 acts as consultant and chairman for the board.

With support from the following organisations:

- Daniel Wareing, Environmental Sustainability Officer ESC & Secretary of Greenprint Forum
- David Chenery, SCC Highways Safety Team

Suffolk 2020 Fund bid

- The Suffolk 2020 Fund is a one-year fund of £3m earmarked for investment in emerging SCC policy priorities
- Our bid for ***Road safety – addressing issues of safety on Suffolk's roads and enhancing safe forms of travel***

SCC Community Fund 2020 Request

Phase 1

- Three villages will be developing and trialling the 'self-help' community model
 - Snape - East Suffolk: 3 lanes
 - Glemsford - Babergh: 3 lanes
 - Bentley - Babergh: 4 lanes (including 1 spanning two parishes)
- Full guidance and template documentation for the self-help process will then be available to all participating parishes

Phase 2: Steps to designating a Quiet Lane

1. Parish - Registration of interest for first validation check
2. SCC Highways -Traffic/Site survey for proposed lane
3. SCC Highways - Confirmation that the lane is suitable
4. Parish - Initial public consultation to all residents and other local interested parties via leaflet drop
5. Parish & SCC Highways- publish formal legal proposal notice in press
6. Parish - Formal notice issued to all residents & businesses directly affected by the lane & other official bodies

Steps to designating a Quiet Lane

7. Parish - Legal notices displayed in relevant area
8. Parish - Open public/virtual meeting in your parish within 21 days
9. Parish - Any written objections collated and minutes of meetings sent to SCC Highways for consideration/response
10. SCC Highways - either approve or decline each lane.
11. Approved –
 - a) SCC Highways to complete design drawings for signage after site visit
 - b) SCC Highways will install signs at entrance/exit of QL

Completion Timeline



What help will you receive?

- Funding assistance up to 2 road traffic surveys if required (£480)
- Template documents to customise for your parish
- Formal press notification informing of public consultation (£2000)
- Signage funding for up to £500 if designation is successful
- Support from QLS, Greenprint Forum & SCC Highways during the process
- County wide marketing by QLS to raise awareness
- **ALL* OTHER COSTS LEADING TO DESIGNATION OF YOUR QUIET LANES WILL BE MET BY THE PROJECT FUND**

What will the Parish(es) have to provide?

- A lead contact who will co-ordinate the local activities
 - Activate volunteers to assist you with the community engagements
 - Maintain communication with the QLS team
- Advertise and hold a public consultation
 - Printing and distribution costs to be met by your parish
- Any additional signage costs over the initial £500 SCC contribution
 - Check with your District Council and other funding sources if reqd
 - No up-front costs prior to lanes being accepted into the programme
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Mapping (optional recommendation)



Parish Online

- A simple online mapping tool available to Parishes
- Useful for producing digital maps of QLs suitable for inclusion in leaflets/notices/emails
- Also very useful for general use by PCs for planning/asset mapping
- Small annual fee (£75 excluding VAT)
- Online training sessions available by Parish Online (see [here](#) for details)
- Informal support from QLS for QL parishes

'Expect & Respect' Marketing campaign

- County-wide communications campaign to raise awareness
- Parish level - community involvement is required to encourage a change in behaviour of road users
- Further details and engagement to be advised

Interest so far (29Sept20)



Green – The 13 Pilot lanes from 2014

Red – Phase 1: self-help process trials

Blue – Phase 2: county-wide deployment



**EXTENDED DEADLINES
for initial expressions of interest**

- **30 Nov 2020** : registering interest
- **20 Dec 2020** : specific lanes confirmed

No up-front cost nor obligation at this stage

www.QuietLanesSuffolk.co.uk/interested/

FAQs

Answers to these and more on our website [FAQ page](#)

1. When is the deadline for registering our interest?
2. What if the QL('s) cross into another Parish?
3. What effect does Covid have on the process?
4. Assuming the Parish has fulfilled its obligations, how long does the process take?
5. Will the QL sign be recognized by motorists and visitors from out of County?
6. Are there any other signage options - size, image, signpost etc?

More information

- Website - www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk
- Email - quietlanessuffolk@gmail.com
- Facebook - [QLS Page](#) for general info
 - [QLS Group](#) (private) for nominated leads