

Trimley St Mary Parish Council



TRIMLEY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL 2025/2026 Chairmans Annual Report

I am indebted to the support of the Councillors, who have unstintingly given many voluntary hours to deliver a superb culmination of the projects that arrived simultaneously. We started the year with seven councillors out of 11. Undaunted by the lack of numbers they continued to deliver for the Parish and meet all obligations. We thank long serving Councillor Colin Jacobs who served the Parish with distinction from 2002 for his service to our village and we wish him an enjoyable well-earned retirement. In Mays meeting we welcomed Graham Hall to our council, and he brings a wealth of experience especially from his continued voluntary work at Stennetts Playing field and the Trimley Red Devils. Our band D rate is one of the lowest in the East Suffolk Region, generating a Precept of £58,000 and through their efforts and experience our Councillors secured funding from CIL income and matched fund Grants the village received investment, enabling us to achieve £180,000 of infrastructure

improvements. In 2025 we welcomed Carly Small who joined as the Responsible Finance Officer. In November our Clerk Nicky Dunn announced that she wished to retire, but agreed stay until a new clerk was appointed. Our grateful thanks to Nicky for her service during which time she covered both offices. Following an exhaustive search, we welcomed Letitia Martin as our new clerk. The Council is well set to meet the future with impending new Unitary Authority taking over from ESC and SCC. With 2 part time staff employees (total 23 hours), we approach the future with confidence of well organised medium size Council serving 4000 residents. During the year we worked with ESC to deliver the new Faulkeners Way Play Park Project. Culminating in a spectacular Free opening event, supported with thanks by local business, expertly organised by our events Councillor in 10 days. In addition, the Parish Council installed new picnic tables and seating on St Marys Green and Stennetts playing field , bringing the total of seating in the village to 40. New Storage facility at the Welcome Hall, Grant funded Solar Panels for the Welcome Hall, book library and engaged with the Public over road safety / parking around Station Road with yellow lines on junctions to improve safety. We match Funded a new £65.000 extension to the Children's Play area on Stennetts Memorial Playing field this was much needed as this is the only public playing field serving St Mary's and St Martin. The Council is grateful for support of outgoing SCC Councillor Stuart Bird and current ESC Councillors Lee Reeves and Mike Ninnmey. We are fortunate to have the assistance of several Volunteers in the village for many tasks, and we thank them all to make our village a place to be proud of.

David Southgate Chairman

We aim to produce a monthly report for the data recovered from the SIDs - this being the first – This will be found on the website and our facebook page. At the time of going to press:

Spriteshall Lane SID results May 2026 (01/05/26 – 29/05/26)

An average of 4,486 vehicles / day entering TS Mary from Walton

400 – 500 vehicles / hour between 1500 – 1730hrs

300 – 400 at 0830 each weekday morning during school days – 200 if no school

Busiest day of the week is Friday (23,790 vehicles average = 4,758 each Friday)

Average speeds throughout = 25 – 29mph

Highest speed recorded was 55-60mph between 2330 – 0100hrs (blue lights?)

Thurmans Lane SID results May 2026 (01/05/26 – 29/05/26)

An average of 1,319 vehicle / day entering TS Mary from TS Martin

245 – 350 vehicles / hour between noon – 1730hrs

185 vehicles at 0800-0900 each weekday morning during school days – 148 if no school

Busiest day of the week is Thursday (school day) or Friday (non-school day)

Average speed s throughout = 29mph

Highest speed recorded was 50mph (twice) (Both at 00.00hrs - blue lights?)

From historic data (no longer available), whilst the traffic flow may seem high, it is significantly lower now than before the link road from Walton to Candlet Road was opened .

Parish Council Meetings are at the Welcome Hall at 7. 30pm on the first Monday of the month. Members of the public very welcome. Next meeting is Monday 6th July

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