

Trimley St Mary Parish Council



Welcome to the Trimley St Mary Parish Council news July 2024

Congratulations to the [Trimley](#) Red Devil's senior team, who recently played against Leiston and won the Suffolk Senior FA Cup, an outstanding and memorable achievement for Trimley Red Devils. The score was 2 NIL. The Macron SIL Senior Division side met higher-league Leiston U23s at Portman Road.

Christmas Tree light switch on fundraising quiz: Alongside the Trimley St Mary Neighbourhood watch group we are holding a quiz to raise money to pay for the Tree light up event, the quiz will be on Saturday October 26th 7pm at the Welcome Hall, more details to be announced soon.

Trimley station is attracting more passengers!

It is very encouraging to see the recent figures for the number of passengers using Trimley station, which amounted to 41,164 in the year to March 2023, an increase of 16% over the previous year and the highest since 2008. Clearly the new bi-mode trains operated by Greater Anglia, which provide a reliable and comfortable service, are attracting more passengers to the line, offering a journey time of just over 20 minutes to Ipswich. More good news is that the 0750 morning commuter train from Trimley has been speeded up to make good connections with the

Cambridge train at 0819, and with a fast train to London, enabling arrival at Stratford by 0930. There is now a wide range of onward connections available from Stratford, (including to Heathrow), which is now one of the busiest stations in the UK.

The recent success of Ipswich Town FC on the football field has undoubtedly contributed to this increase, as the football ground is very conveniently situated for Ipswich Station and using the train to attend matches removes parking and traffic congestion worries. There are now regular hourly trains to both Felixstowe and Ipswich from around 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. (reduced hours on Sundays) so the service is comprehensive throughout the day.

Biodiversity in our village: Following recent changes in the Environment Act there is a requirement for Parish Councils to help “conserve and enhance” the biodiversity value of their local green spaces. Species in England have decreased in abundance by one third over the last 50 years so focus on our natural surroundings is vitally important.

Our Council are keen to play their part ensuring existing habitats are not only maintained but enriched and we will work towards a biodiversity audit that will become part of our Parish Plan.

We will investigate the use of Swift Boxes, Hedgehogs Highways, Bat boxes, Bug Hotels and other means of encouraging wildlife into our environment. We have already planted bee friendly plants and flowers around the village and small steps such as this are vitally important towards the bigger picture.

Climate Awareness: A public meeting will be held soon, more details to follow

Meetings are held in the Welcome Hall first Monday of the month at 7.30pm

Monday 1st July 2024 No meeting August 2024

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