

Trimley St Martin Chairman's Annual Parish report April 2025

Felixstowe Peninsular Community Partnership (FPCP)

Next meeting 30th April when emerging themes from previous meeting will be considered for 2025/26. - Themes include Home education plus Community facilities within housing developments

Suffolk Coastal Disability Forum(SCDF)

Current issues recently raised included -

- Concern of future bin collection scheme - additional bins creating increased pavement clutter for people with impaired vision, wheelchair/mobility scooters users and other members of the public will have to deal with.
- Simon Daws, guide dog owner, raised concern regarding being able to distinguish different bins
- Street furniture in Hamilton Road, Felixstowe continues to be an issue, especially for people with little or no sight.
- Healthwatch Suffolk - issues regarding access to medication, dentist, transport. Patients letters added to App by NHS were jpeg which cannot be read by screen readers as image format not textual. This issue now gone national
- Public transport issues remain ongoing
- Disability Pride march in July along Felixstowe sea front ending at Leisure Centre. Date to be confirmed.

SCDF to consider an information day linked to event

-Next meeting of Forum Tuesday 15th April 2.00-4.00pm via Zoom

Meeting includes Update from Healthwatch Suffolk plus Cultural Strategy in East Suffolk

Public Rights of Way (PROW)

During the year various issues raised by members of the public including -

cyclist proceeding along footpath at Loompit Lake through to Levington Marina without regard for walkers. Path clearly signed at Marina end, No Cycling Footpath Only. The sign much larger than previous one so no excuse not to see. Request for similar sign at 'our' end.

Memory Lane

Fortnightly meetings take place Friday mornings at Memorial Hall, Trimley St Martin for those with dementia and their carers. Activities include music, dance singing, crafts and more.

Goslings Farm Shop

Closure took place quite some time ago. Speculation abounds as to the future of this site.

Trimley St Martin School

On going parking issues during drop off in the morning and collection in afternoon. At times this causes gridlock.

Concern raised regarding idling engines causing pollution in the area

Future proposed site for school within Kingsfleet development - main concerns -

Safety due to Howlet Way being a very busy junction with potential becoming a hazard for those cycling/walking to school. Air quality will be compromised due to increase in vehicle movement plus idling of trains at rail bridge

Speeding of vehicles

Sadly this remains an ongoing issue including motor bike riders adding to the mix

Public transport

On going lack of information regarding bus stop suspension/diversions cascading down to First Bus and Parish Councils. This was particularly apparent when total road closure occurred in High Road outside Kingsfleet site. Thanks to Carly, Councillor Parker, D'arville, myself, Felixstowe Travel Watch, First Bus, a shuttle bus was organised for users to at least have access to most of High Road from Great Eastern Square, Felixstowe. Notices at relevant bus stops also organised.

All unnecessary time/effort due to poor communication to First Bus Company and Parish Councils

Representative from Felixstowe Travel Watch emailed local MP about this issue. Outcome of response awaited.

With road closures, diversion of buses, lack of communication, residents feel slightly battered and bruised by it all.

Thankfully not all doom and gloom

Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall

Ongoing progress with extension to create additional smaller hall. With the current hall virtually running at capacity with many clubs/organisations not able to be accommodated this new project is welcome indeed. And especially relevant with increase of residents within the parish and beyond to future proof the need for community meeting places within the parish

Summer Fete, 5th July at Trimley Sports and Social Centre

Joint event between Trimley St Martin PC and Trimley Sports and Social Centre.

Preparations continue. Thanks to Cllr Bird for financial contribution toward this community event

Concluding this overview, Thanks to PC Clerk, Carly, who continues to work hard at giving the best service to the PC, plus thanks in equal measures to PC, District and County colleagues.