

May 2024 County Councillor Report

E. V. CHARGING

Suffolk County Council has successfully bid to the Government's LEVI Fund (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure). We have been awarded £5.9m for new provision for residents without off street parking, and also £1.4m to further develop the existing EV charging network. The £5.9 million funding is for kerbside charging points, community charging hubs, car park charging and rapid charging points. Residents can nominate their street for consideration of appropriate provision at smartsurvey.co.uk/s/requestchargepoint

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING PROJECT

I am working with Trimley St Mary Parish Council to hopefully provide a new pedestrian crossing. The preferred location is in the vicinity of the two churches. The first stage in the process is for Suffolk Highways to conduct a feasibility study. I have funded the full cost of the feasibility study (£6296) and the study started on 24 April. I will provide updates as the scheme progresses.

HOWLETT WAY FOOTPATH

I have been working for some time in trying to get this overgrown path cleared. It is a particularly important path, running from the brick bus shelter on Howlett Way into both Trimley villages. When I was informed that the work could not be funded by County Highways, I asked for a quotation, with the cost potentially being met by my remaining Local Highways Budget and any remainder potentially by Trimley St Martin Parish Council. The cost estimate was approximately £1060, which is well within my available budget, even allowing for some increase in final cost. It was considerably lower than had originally been indicated, and I have therefore authorised the work to proceed. At the High Road end of the path a 35 metre section will be cleared, and a 4 metre section where the path finishes at the other end. The footpath surface will then be repaired where necessary. The target date for completion is 30 July.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTION

This election will take place on Thursday 02 May. Anyone voting in person at the polling stations is reminded to take an acceptable form of photographic identification.

COUNCILLOR STUART BIRD B.A.(HONS)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR FELIXSTOWE NORTH AND TRIMLEY DIVISION

TOWN COUNCILLOR FOR FELIXSTOWE PORT WARD