

Quiet Lanes Project in our Village

Bures St Mary Parish Council , is exploring opportunities to designate certain rural lanes in the village as “Quiet Lanes” as part of a county-wide project.

According to responses to the Joint Parish survey, residents considered **Road Safety to be one of the top priorities for the village in the future.** Quiet Lanes are a nationally recognised designation for narrow, rural roads which are shared by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other road users. They encourage drivers to **‘Expect and Respect’** more vulnerable road users and so allow non-motorised users to enjoy rural lanes in greater safety.

These types of lanes do not impose traffic restrictions and are not enforced. Advisory signs (like the one opposite) are placed at either end of Quiet Lanes to remind motorised users that the road is a shared space, using existing Highway poles where available.

We feel that this would be of real benefit to the village and to those who visit. The lanes being considered are already used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and some link with existing footpaths and bridleways in the area.



We have already identified, in conjunction with Suffolk County Council (Highways), St Edmunds Lane and Hollow Lane. as being suitable for designation. These applications are now being formally considered by SCC.

The Parish Council would now like to put forward **Smallbridge Entry** for QLS status as part of the final fourth Wave of the initiative. This notice is just part of a full public consultation process. It will also be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday 20th January 2022 at 7.30pm.

If you wish to make any comments about these proposals at this initial stage, we would welcome these in writing either by email to the Parish Council Clerk buresparishcouncils@gmail.com or by post to Mrs Jenny Wright, 38, The Paddocks, Bures, Suffolk CO8 5DF.

The Parish Council must confirm Smallbridge Entry for consideration by 22nd January 2022. A formal public consultation process will then be carried out by Suffolk County Council later in the New Year.

Jan Aries December 2021 (Vice Chair Bures St Mary Parish Council)