

Trimley St Martin Chairman's Annual Parish report April 2026

Felixstowe Peninsular Community Partnership (FPCP)

Current priorities -

Giving every child best start in life, concentrating on dental care (primary aged school children)

post 16 opportunities - jobs, education etc

Road safety around schools within the peninsula

Alleviating social isolation for working people, new parents and residents in new developments

Supporting community adult health with focus on prevention measures and detection.

I will continue to attend meetings and cascade information to PC

Suffolk Coastal Disability Forum(SCDF)

Although I am unable to attend the quarterly meetings I do receive minutes which are then cascaded to PC.

Access to various locations is one of the many current concerns for those living with a disability, especially when a hidden disability such as deafness/poor hearing/ reduced sight

Public Rights of Way (PROW)

Cyclist continue to raise cause for concern regarding riding along footpath at Loompit Lake through to Levington Marina without regard to walkers by a number of cyclists. Not only does this cause safety issues to walkers but also causes deep ruts and general poor condition of footpath. 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.

Waterworks Lane continues to cause concern due to erosion from poor maintenance and nature doing its bit with increased rainfall in the winter months.

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. Meetings are very well attended. As with many groups that rely on volunteers, both Felixstowe group and Trimley would certainly welcome additional help.

Goslings Farm Shop

Closure took place quite some time ago. Speculation continues to abound 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.

Speeding of vehicles

Sadly this remains an ongoing issue including motor bike riders adding to the mix, seems especially so during bank holidays etc

Public transport

On going lack of information regarding bus stop suspension/diversions cascading down to First Bus and Parish Councils.

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

On a positive note, solar real time information boards installed at several bus stops within our parish.

Thanks to Cllr D'arville for her help on this and general keeping on top of various issues that arise.

Cllr D'arville and myself will continue to attend Felixstowe Travel Watch meetings

Trimley St Martin Memorial Hall

Hall open afternoon, Saturday 28th April - well attended in response to invitations sent out by Memorial Hall Management Secretary.

I gave a short presentation which included thanks to Management Committee and PC for their hard work in making the much needed additional hall happen and Liz Rastrick, Parish Recorder, for kindly providing a historical display of photos which was of great interest to visitors.

It has been an interesting journey for all concerned.

Summer Fete, 4th July at Trimley Sports and Social Centre

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

Preparations continue.

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.

Unfortunately, Cllr Long had to stand down as a councillor due to change in work commitments.

Cllr Smart

Chairman Trimley St Martin PC

