

Quiet Lanes Project in our Village

Dear Resident/Business Owner

Acton and Long Melford parish councils are exploring opportunities to designate certain rural lanes in the village as “Quiet Lanes” as part of a county wide project.

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 show motorised users clearly that the road is a shared space.



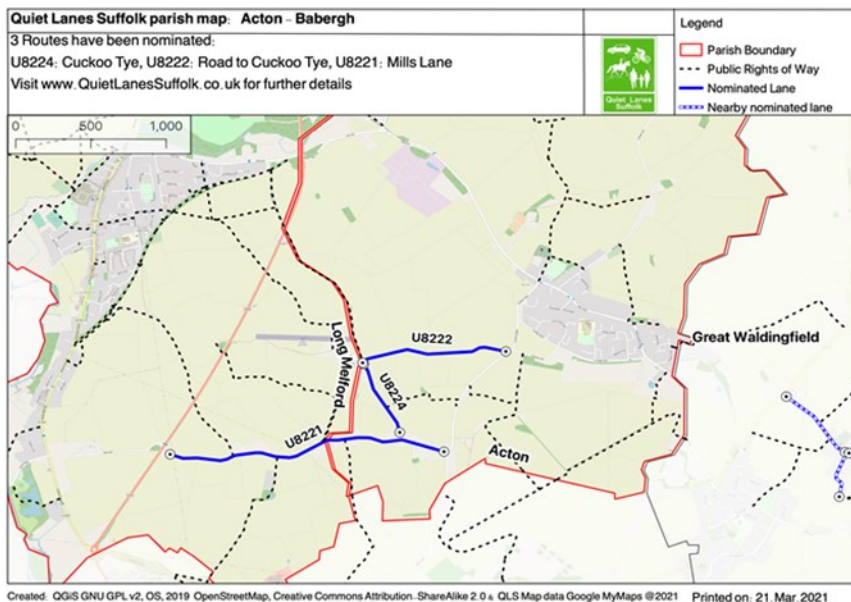
We feel that this would be of real benefit to the villages and those who visit. The lanes being considered are already used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and link with existing footpaths and bridleways in the village.

We have identified, in conjunction with Suffolk County Council (Highways), Mills Lane from Acton Lane to the A134, the lane from Newmans Green to Cuckoo Tye and Cuckoo Tye Lane as being suitable for designation – see lanes marked in blue on the map overleaf.

With the current limited nature of parish council public meetings this letter seeks to inform you as the first stage of a full public consultation process. 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 Acton Parish Council Clerk actonparishcouncil@gmail.com or by post to Acton Parish Council, Old Hall, Rectory Hill, East Bergholt, CO7 6TG by Friday 2nd July 2021.

As part of the formal public consultation process there will be a Joint Parish public consultation meeting on 21st June 2021 at 6:30pm to discuss these proposals, to be held via zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81693125800>. The link will be posted on Facebook @actonparishcouncil and on the parish council website <http://acton.onesuffolk.net/>

Proposed Quiet Lanes in Acton and Long Melford (in blue)



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For more information about this project see the Quiet Lanes Suffolk website - www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk

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