

Quiet Lanes Project in our Village

Bentley Parish Council, in conjunction with Bentley Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, is exploring the opportunities to designate certain rural lanes in the village as “Quiet Lanes” as part of a county wide project.

According to responses to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, residents considered **Road Safety to be the top priority for the village in the future**. Quiet Lanes are a nationally recognised designation and are intended for shared use 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 village 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.

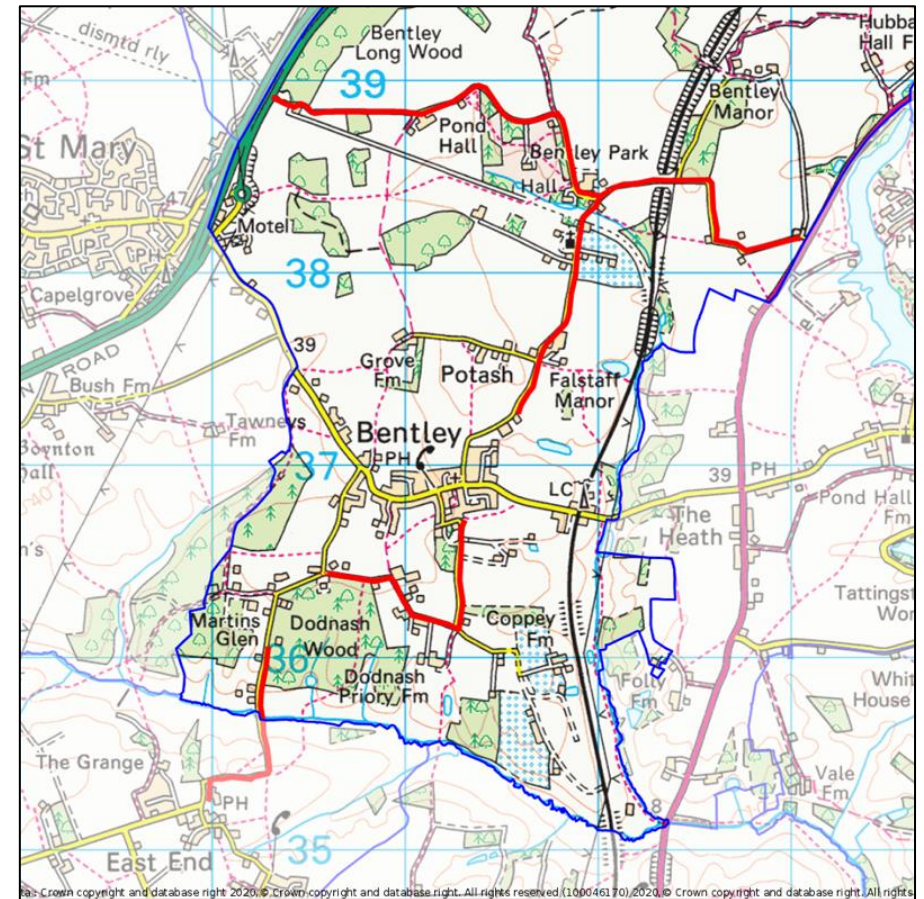
We have identified, in conjunction with Suffolk County Council (Highways), Bentley Hall Road, Church Road, Grove Road, Hazel Shrub and Bergholt Road (to East End in partnership with East Bergholt PC) as being suitable for designation – see lanes marked in red on the map overleaf.

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 Parish Council Clerk joyvscott@outlook.com or by post to Bentley Parish Council, Whites Cottage, Heath Road, East Bergholt, CO7 6RJ. There will be a public meeting (held remotely) at a future date to discuss these proposals.

This project is supported by Suffolk County Council's Suffolk 2020 Fund, the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum and the East Suffolk Community Partnerships.

Map showing proposed Quiet Lanes in Bentley (in red)



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

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