

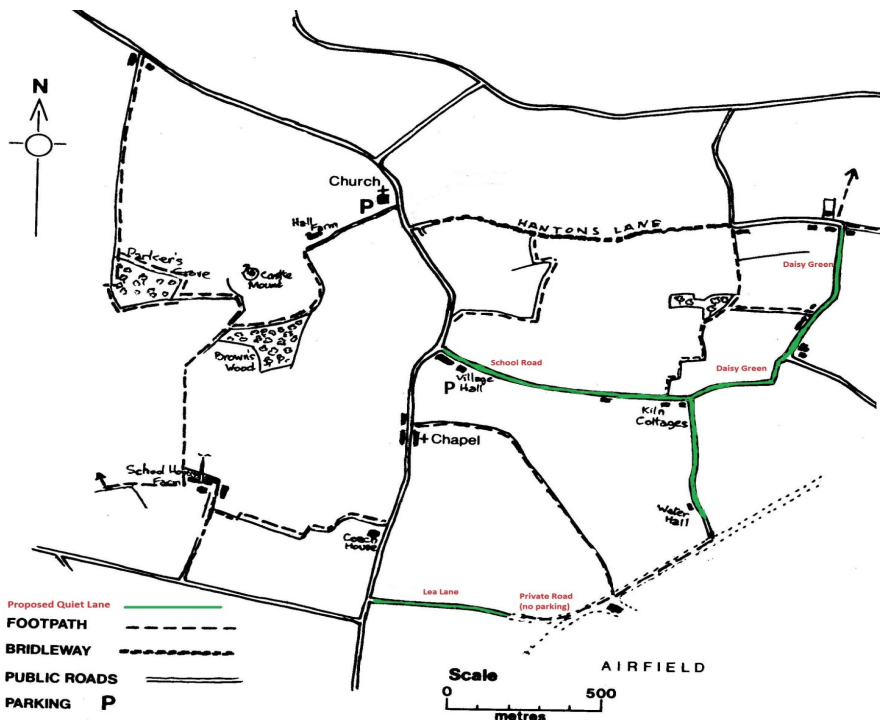
Quiet Lanes Project in Great Ashfield

Dear Resident,

Great Ashfield Parish Council is exploring the opportunities to designate certain roads as “Quiet Lanes”. Quiet Lanes are intended for shared use by walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other road users to enjoy country lanes in greater safety and encourage drivers to ‘**Expect and Respect**’ more vulnerable road users. Quiet Lanes can offer the opportunity for increased levels of walking and cycling which will contribute to Suffolk County Council’s (SCC) Public Health aims and its Green Access Strategy.

These types of lanes do not impose traffic restrictions and are not enforced. Advisory signs are placed on Quiet Lanes to show motorised users clearly that the road is a shared space.

To qualify the lanes have to be unclassified without lane centre white lines. Within Great Ashfield we have identified School Road, Daisy Green (continuing School Road up to Long Thurlow), Wheelers Lane and Hough/Lea Lane as being suitable for designation – see lanes highlighted in **green** on the map below.



These lanes are already popular with walkers, cyclists and horse riders and the intention is to encourage that use. This is a county wide project supported by Suffolk County Council’s Suffolk 2020 Fund, the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum and the East Suffolk Community Partnerships. The aim is to create a network of Quiet Lanes across the County.

We feel that this would be of real benefit to the village and those who visit. The lanes being considered in Great Ashfield will link with our existing footpaths and bridleways and will help to ensure that walkers, cyclists and horse riders can use these Quiet Lanes more safely.

The process of Designation requires public awareness and consultation. We plan to be in the second wave of implementation and that will take from now until mid-June to complete. Village consultation has to be agreed by the end of April **so please provide feedback before then**.

As a result of the current limitations on public meetings this letter seeks to inform and consult on your views about these proposals.

We welcome your feedback, either by email to Great Ashfield PC at ‘greatashfieldpc@outlook.com’ or by post to the Parish Clerk at Meadow Farm, Elmwell Road, IP31 3HQ.

Alternatively you can contact Arthur Peake (408728 or email ‘arthur_peake@hotmail.com’) who is liaising with the QLS project.

Also it is hoped that at a future date, once restrictions on open public meetings are lifted, there may be a public meeting in the Village Hall to discuss these proposals.

Issued on behalf of Great Ashfield Parish Council
March 2021



For more information on this project see www.quietlanessuffolk.co.uk