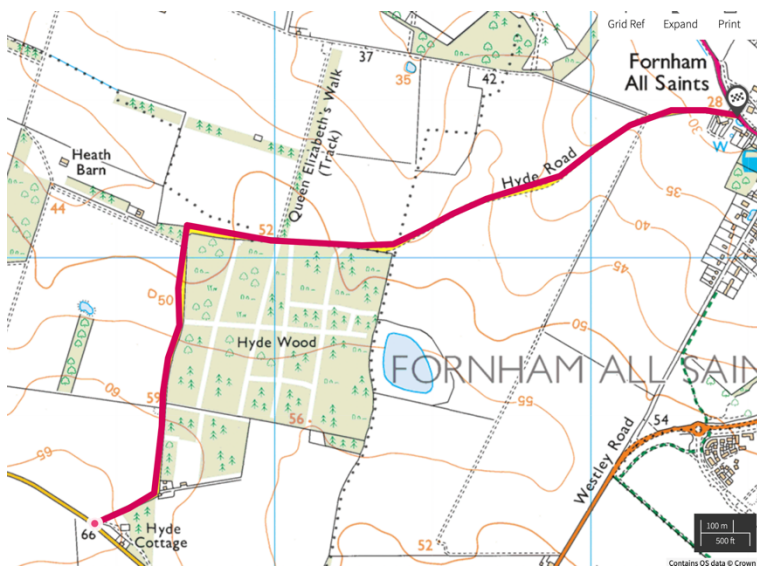


Risby Parish Council - Quiet Lanes Project

Suffolk County Council has offered its support to parish councils for a locally driven, centrally funded scheme designating certain roads as Quiet Lanes. These types of lanes do not impose any traffic restrictions but seek to inform road users of the presence of walkers, cyclists, horse riders etc and encourage more respect for vulnerable road users. Nearly 400 lanes within Suffolk have been put forward for designation, with the aim of creating a network of Quiet Lanes across the County.

The main purposes of Quiet Lanes are that they offer a safer environment for non-motorised travellers and can help to protect our rural environment. They are not intended to be used as a traffic calming measure but seek to improve road safety and encourage walking and cycling, bringing benefits to well-being. Advisory signs are placed at either end of Quiet Lanes to show motorised users clearly that the road is a shared space.

Risby Parish Council has identified Mere Lane as being suitable for designation – see route marked in green on the map below.



General criteria for Quiet Lanes are that they are single track lanes (i.e. with passing places, no line markings) typically carrying less than 1,000 vehicle trips per day in either direction. The selected lanes are already popular with walkers, cyclists and horse riders, and the intention is to encourage that use.

We feel that this would be of real benefit to the village and those who visit.

The process of designation requires public awareness and consultation. With the current limited nature of parish council public meetings this letter seeks to inform and consult on your views about these proposals.

We would welcome these by email to risbyparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

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