

Martyn's Law (Mistley Parish Council)

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 commonly known as Martyn's Law received Royal Assent on the 3rd April 2025. The legislation introduces new duties for those responsible for public venues and events. During this implementation period, guidance will be released from the Home Office and the Security Industry Authority (SIA) regarding the legal requirements.

Steps Mistley Parish Council is looking into:

Even though Martyn's Law is still in the early stages of implementation, the Parish Council has started to prepare by:

- **Reviewing venues and events** – The Council has identified which spaces may be covered by the law.
- **Raising awareness** – The Council ensures that Council staff, Councillors, community stakeholders, event organisers, and volunteers understand basic security considerations.
- **Engaging with Local Authorities** – The Council will continue to seek advice from the police and security professionals as required. The Council already works closely with Lawford Parish Council, Manningtree Town Council, Tendring District Council and Essex County Council.
- **Developing contingency plans** – The Council is creating clear procedures for handling security-related situations.
- **Staying informed** – The Council continues to keep up to date with official guidance to ensure compliance when the law is fully enacted. This is via Essex Association of Local Councils, the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks. (EALC, NALC, and SLCC).

*The Council has had **Emergency Plan/Resilience Plan Representatives** for some time. The Council plays a key role in supporting and coordinating local efforts with emergency planning and community safety. The aim of our Plan is to enhance community resilience by ensuring that if an emergency occurs the Parish Council will be able to perform its functions so far as necessary or desirable for the purposes of providing local assistance and information in support of the emergency services.*

Mistley Parish Council October 2025.