

In 1933, Trinity College bought 1,536 ha (3,795 acres) in the parishes of Trimley St. Mary, Trimley St. Martin, Kirton and Walton, which formed part of the Orwell Park Estate owned by Mr. Prettyman and which was sold to meet death duty liabilities. The purchase was made as an investment in the land's potential for farming and residential development. At that time only a small, poorly served dock basin existed nearby and no one could have foreseen that the most valuable land purchased by the College would be that which was later developed for cargo handling.

Today the Trimley Estate extends to approximately 1,375 ha (3,400 acres), comprising 1 in-hand and 3 let farms extending to about 1,133 ha (2,800 acres), 17 residential tenancies, about 212 ha (525 acres) of commercial estate and dock, an 81 ha (200 acre) nature reserve and about 48 ha (120 acres) of woodland. In addition there are a wide variety of other enterprises such as riding stables, fishing lakes, a rifle range and the Trimley branch line railway.

Trinity College and the Port of Felixstowe have always worked closely together, and growth of the port over recent years has been considerable, with the latest 270 metre quay extension under construction during 2003. This has been matched by the steady expansion of the College's successful Trinity Distribution Park and the provision of local housing, shopping and community facilities

This development activity does not detract from the role which the College plays in the community. A substantial part of the Estate is within an area of outstanding natural beauty, and over recent years some quarter of a million trees and shrubs have been planted as landscaping to ameliorate the effects of the dock expansion. This has been coupled with improvements to the already extensive public footpath network, the implementation of a detailed management plan to rejuvenate the Estate's existing mature woodlands, and the establishment of the 81 ha (200 acre) nature reserve in 1998 and new intertidal bird feeding areas in 2000.

Following a community planning exercise carried out by The Town and Country Planning Association in 2001, Trinity College have recently published their long term vision for the Felixstowe Peninsula in order to provide a considered framework for changes and improvements to the settlements and countryside in the area. The plans have resulted from a wide ranging study by leading consultants and seek a continuation of open dialogue with the community in general and the exchange of ideas and comments.