

Report – Website – SSL certificate

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OVERVIEW

Sandford St Martin Parish Council website does not have an SSL certificate. This can be purchased.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

“What is an SSL certificate?”

An SSL certificate is a digital certificate that authenticates a website's identity and enables an encrypted connection. SSL stands for Secure Sockets Layer, a security protocol that creates an encrypted link between a web server and a web browser.

Companies and organizations need to add SSL certificates to their websites to secure online transactions and keep customer information private and secure.

In short: SSL keeps internet connections secure and prevents criminals from reading or modifying information transferred between two systems. When you see a padlock icon next to the URL in the address bar, that means SSL protects the website you are visiting.”

Source: www.kaspersky.com

Advice from Rocketfuel, “The 'not secure' message is due to the site not having an SSL Certificate installed, which is pretty standard (but not mandatory) on all websites these days. I did suggest to someone that the site should have it a few years back but I don't think I heard back.

The cost to have the SSL Certificate installed is £49.99 + VAT per year. I can arrange this for you if you give me the go ahead.”

The Council has a “Contact Us” page which can be used to send a message to the Clerk’s mailbox.

CLERK RECOMMENDATIONS

- To purchase an SSL certificate for the website