



**Report for Snape Parish Council annual general meeting 28th May 2024
covering the 12 months to 31st March 2024**

SGNS is a voluntary group of local residents who help people in our community to enjoy a better quality of life by offering appropriate support. We operate within the guidelines of Community Action Suffolk (CAS) and appreciate their continuing support

The **committee** consists of four members, which works well

- Paul Richards – Chair
- Steve Stocks – Treasurer
- David McKenna – Secretary
- Derek Malyn – Duty Phoneholder/Task Manager

Three new **volunteers** have stepped forward during the last year

We continue to participate in CAS events and benefit from their low-cost training. **Safeguarding** is an area where we maintain up to date skills, though the risks in Snape are more of isolation of the elderly and infirm, due to demographics

- Maria Noman –Safeguarding Lead

Main activities

Meet up Monday – every Monday at the Golden Key at 10:30am – everyone is welcome for free coffee/tea and cakes and biscuits. This is aimed at all age groups and is a great way to make friends in the village. It is also a venue for various charitable and social events throughout the year. Rural Coffee Caravan visit occasionally offering handy services such as walking stick ferrule replacement, advice on fall alarms, and related topics. Attendance continues with around 15-20 attendees each week, though the mix varies – some are regulars, others are occasional

Good Neighbour Tasking – Derek Malyn continues to operate the Duty Phone giving a very responsive service. We offer lifts to medical appointments regularly, and other tasks such as minor DIY and gardening on an ad hoc basis (for example, if someone is unwell). Nearly 100 tasks were completed during the year

Funding

We haven't received any funding since 2020/21 apart from a kind 'windfall' donation from the closing balances of the Snape Goodfellowship in December 2021 of £610.00. However, to replenish our shrinking funds, a few months ago we received the following grants — plus the generous recent promise from Snape Parish Council within their 2024/25 budget of £260.00 per annum, to cover our fixed costs of insurance and phone rental:

- East Suffolk District Council Enabling Communities Fund, jointly from our three District Councillors - £900
- Communities Together East Suffolk - £400
- The Snape “Grumpies” club - £50
- Community Action Suffolk - £30 (Co-op vouchers)

As usual, a big “thank you” to our volunteers

David McKenna

SGNS Secretary