

## Snape Playing Field Report 2025



The Playing Field Management Committee is a charitable body which presently has eight trustees. The full number of trustees would be nine.

Current Trustees:

Tim Beach – Joint chairperson and secretary

Eddie Gillett – Joint chairperson and treasurer

Mel Thurston

Rick Berry

Lesley Swann

Peter Bunn

Martin Whitworth

Mark Wells

The Playing Field is well maintained with valuable and essential financial support from the Parish Council for Grass and hedge cutting. Committee members undertake various tasks from checking and maintaining play equipment on a regular basis to repairing fencing etc. Some of the branches on the oak trees at the east end of the field have been sympathetically cut back to reduce shading of the tennis court. The tennis court was professionally cleaned in March by Suffolk Tennis Courts, the company that originally constructed the court. This was funded, in the main, by a grant from the Sizewell C Community Fund. The Benhall Badgerettes girls football teams have been making good use of the football pitch and portacabin facilities.

Finance and planning for the new zip wire is now all in place. This has been made possible by funding from Snape Parish Council, local District Council funds and

donations made to the Playing Field Committee. It has been some time since the project to replace the old zip wire was first instigated, but with a new 25 metre one way zip wire from Sovereign Play it should be worth the wait! The installation of the new zip wire is scheduled for early June.

The field is a great asset to the village and in addition to the sporting and children's play activities, supports a range of users, from kite flying to walkers with dogs or people who just want to keep fit doing circuits of the field. The children's play area is well used particularly after school. The school itself makes use of the field for organized sports, which is ideal with access from the back of the school adjacent to the field. The tennis court has regular use, but there is lots of capacity for more users. Details of how to access the court by annual membership or pay and play are on the court fence or the Village website.

Anyone interested in being involved with the management and maintenance of the Playing field would be very welcome. This may be as a trustee, as and when vacancies arise, or simply being available to help with general maintenance. Contact can be made via Eddie (07710137619) or Tim (07507491219).