



Report for Snape Annual Parish meeting 27th May 2025 covering the 12 months to 31st March 2025

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

We cover the parish of Snape and Dunningworth (in/by Snape Maltings)

The **committee** consists of:

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

Two new **volunteers** have stepped forward during the last year, one has resigned as moved away from Snape

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 Norman – 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 15-25 attendees each week, though the mix varies – some are regulars, others are occasional

Good Neighbour Tasking – Derek Malyn continues to operate the Duty Phone. We offer lifts to medical appointments regularly, and other tasks on an ad hoc basis. 88 tasks were recorded during the year. Duty phone is 07541-754426

It's worth mentioning that we often provide information and advice, particularly for those living alone. These tasks aren't recorded

David McKenna, SGNS Secretary

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st March, 2025

Income for the year was just £204, including a kind donation of £50.00 from The Grumpies at Christmas. Expenditure was £681, of which £358 financed our Meet-Up-Mondays coffee and cake, a popular contribution to the wellbeing of around 20 Snape residents almost every week of the year. Our year-end funds were £1303.

The year's deficit of £477 is not cause for concern, as in January 2024 we had received grants totalling £1330. We only apply (always successfully) when funds drop below six months' expenditure. More meaningfully, the last two years ran a combined surplus of £223. Although we work closely with the Parish Council — indeed we share Paul Richards as our Chair — they needed to contribute only our £500 seed-funding in 2019.

Steve Stocks, SGNS Treasurer

Call for Volunteers

Meet Up Monday Hosts – to provide cakes and host the event on a rota, typically every 6-8 weeks. Costs are reimbursed. Usually, other hosts are there on the day so the workload is light

Task Volunteers – mainly to drive village residents to medical appointments and similar locally. Car expenses are fully reimbursed at HMRC authorised rates

Safeguarding Deputy Lead – it would be useful to have a deputy lead to provide cover

If you are interested, please speak to any of the committee members