



Report for Snape Parish Council annual general meeting 23rd May 2023

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

Since the pandemic ended, our activities have stabilised and our **committee** now consists of four members, which works well

- Paul Richards – Chair
- Steve Stocks – Treasurer
- David McKenna – Secretary
- Anita Grant - Member

The number of active **volunteers** is relatively stable, but if more people could volunteer to help with driving tasks, that would give us extra capacity and share the workload more evenly

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

- Tim Beach – Safeguarding Lead
- Maria Noman – Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Main activities

Village Welcome pack – we continue to produce and circulate this pack of useful information, and aim to greet all newcomers to the village personally

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

Good Neighbour Tasking – Derek Malyn has kindly taken on the Duty Phone which is resulting in 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)

Mobility aids – we have a small stock including wheelchairs, for short term loan

Funding

We benefitted in our first few years from various grants and a generous village trust legacy. Moving forward, we hope to have our (modest) fixed costs covered by Snape PC, with variable costs covered by our own fund raising. This will be a challenge given the cost-of-living pressures and any support would be greatly appreciated

CALL FOR SUPPORT

- 1) We need a few more volunteers able to drive people to medical appointments. Typically Saxmundham, Aldeburgh and Leiston; occasionally Ipswich hospitals and clinics
- 2) Sponsorship and/or donations are needed, please let us know if you can help

***Finally, a big “thank you” to our volunteers
who can always be relied on when called upon!***

David McKenna

SGNS Secretary