



Report for Snape Annual Parish meeting 26th May 2026 covering the 12 months to 31st March 2026

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

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. Our primary role is to alert the relevant authorities

- David McKenna – Safeguarding Lead

Main activities

Meet up Monday – temporarily at the Village Hall on Tuesdays at 10:45am – 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 10-20 attendees each week, though the mix varies – some are regulars, others are occasional. Numbers are slightly down on last year, mainly due to people moving away or becoming infirm

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 — 97 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, 2026

Income for the year was just £449, including yet again a kind donation of £50.00 from **The Grumpies** at Christmas, as well as a **Snape Parish Council** allocation of £260. Expenditure was £910, resulting in the year's deficit of £461, similar to the previous year's £477. Our year-end funds were £692.

Expenditure was up from £681 (in 2024/25) to £910. **Meet-Up-Mondays** (MUM) coffee and cake, a popular contribution to the wellbeing of around 20 Snape residents almost every week of the year, was slightly down from £358 to £337. The main increases resulted from a clutch of Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) vetting of new Volunteer drivers; gratuities to our Auditor of our 2024/25 Accounts and to staff at The Golden Key (our normal MUM venue), when it closed; and a doubling of mobile phone charging. This last was caused by a changing phone usage pattern, so we have now switched from pay-as-you-go to what now works out as a cheaper monthly contract.

Funding: The ongoing annual deficits are becoming a cause for concern, as public funding of ongoing expenditure has dried up in favour of grants only for new initiatives, or the extension of existing ones. We provide exactly the same Good Neighbour and MUM services as in May 2019 when we first started, so funding is potentially a problem. Although SPC have budgeted an allocation for us for some years now, the grant above was the first such that we've drawn upon since our initial seed funding of £500. The allocation is specifically to cover our ongoing third-party/etc insurance and our phone charges.

We usually only apply when funds drop below six months' expenditure, and we are approaching that point now. Also, DBS renewals of our longer-established Volunteers to move them onto the new, more reactive vetting service, will generate a one-time total charge in the current year, 2026/27, of around £150.

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. NB Currently on a Tuesday!

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