

SNAPE PLAYING FIELD REPORT 2026

The playing field in Snape is owned by Snape Parish Council who lease it to Snape Playing Field Charity. The current members of the Snape Playing Field Charity management committee are:

Martin Whitworth – Chairperson

Tim Beach – Secretary

Eddie Gillett – Treasurer

Rick Berry

Peter Bunn

Sue Partington

Lesley Swann

Mel Thurston

Mark Wells

The past year has seen a significant addition to the play equipment at the playing field. Planning and finance (from Snape Parish Council, East Suffolk and donations) for the new zip wire were put in place in early 2025. The new zip wire from Sovereign Design Play Systems Limited was installed and inaugurated in June. It has proved very popular with the children (and some adults). Thank you to everyone that made this possible.

Sovereign now carry out twice yearly inspections of the play equipment at the playing field and provide a report. The most recent inspection was carried out on 13 March 2026. The equipment was rated “low risk”.

The main income for the charity is now the tennis court as there is no longer any organised football taking place on the playing field. The Benhall Badgerettes girls football team has ceased using the football pitch and portacabin facilities. In addition to a resulting fall in income this will lead to a small increase in expenditure as the charity will now have to pay the electricity standing charge and electricity usage for the portacabin.

Steps are being taken to increase the use of the tennis court by advertising its availability and also the possibility of it being used for Pickleball. Details of how to book the tennis court are on the village website.

Repairs to the portacabin are being planned. Once carried out its use in conjunction with the use of the tennis court or playing field will also be advertised.

We are very grateful for a donation of about £400 in memory of Pauline Kerridge. The playing field is a great asset to the village, and it is widely used. This donation and an earlier donation in memory of Jimmy Bloomfield will help to keep the playing field well

maintained. Also, with the aid of donations and grants we will be able to improve the experience of those using the playing field. We are very grateful to have a dedicated team of committee members and volunteers who carry out various maintenance tasks. However additional support would be very welcome. If anyone is interested in becoming involved or even resurrecting the village fun day please contact any of the management committee.