

Snape Village Hall Trust and Management Committee Annual Report 2026

The last few months has been a period of transition for the Village Hall Management Committee and this report is therefore a record of thanks due to retiring Trustees and to those who have kept the Village Hall going as a centrepiece for activities in Snape.

Caroline Salisbury stood down as Chair of the Trustees and Management Committee in the autumn. Caroline's hard work has ensured that the team of volunteers who keep the Village Hall alive have kept together and that the never ending project to keep the hall operational has been maintained.

Tina Talbot, who had been acting as secretary to the Committee also stood down at the end of 2025. We are very grateful to her for keeping us in order.

Margaret McKenna joined the Trustees. Her financial and operational experience is a welcome addition to the capacity of the Committee. Eddie Gillett has also become a Trustee. Eddie has been able to oversee a number of maintenance projects in and around the Hall and he will enable us to move forward with greater confidence in future.

We have a new caretaker and cleaner, Phil and Lisa, who have ensured that the Hall is always ready for use. Many thanks to them.

Special thanks are due to Mary Wylie who has put an enormous effort into maintaining the Village Hall monthly coffee morning. It goes from strength to strength and not only is it a well established part of the Snape social calendar but it is an important source of income for the care and maintenance of the Village Hall itself. Thanks also to Mel Thurston for running the 'shop' so effectively.

The efforts of volunteers and participants ensure that Village Hall finances remain strong. Our income is healthy at £18,200 for the year and we have built a positive balance of £32,600 which will enable us to support the investment required for the future of the Village Hall. We will continue to look for financial support from grant giving bodies where appropriate.

The highpoint of last year was the celebration of the Village Hall centenary. The fantastic afternoon tea party drew a large crowd from across the village. It demonstrated that the Village Hall continues to be a vital part of the lives of Snape people, newcomers and longstanding residents alike. Birthday parties to zumba classes, Bring and Buy sales to casting votes and many club and society meetings have brought people together for a hundred years.

The Trustees are now looking to the future. Plans are in hand for some improvements in the Hall's facilities which will enable a wider range of uses and at the same time the Committee is looking ahead to the long term future of the building and the sorts of investment which might be made to ensure that as it enters its second hundred years it continues to meet the needs of Snape residents and visitors as a flexible social space at the heart of the community.

Finally thank you to all our users and hirers, birthday party organisers, meeting planners, community groups, tea and coffee makers and drinkers and friends and volunteers who bring the Village Hall to life throughout the year.

Chair
Snape Village Hall Trustees

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