



SNAPE RECORDER'S REPORT FOR 2021

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[To place the first few items in context, it had only been on 8th December 2020 that a UK grandmother became the first person in the world to be given the Pfizer Covid-19 jab as part of a mass vaccination programme.]

Posted on 06 Jan, 2021 by Maria Norman, Good Neighbours' Chair

The Committee of Snape Good Neighbour Scheme held a Zoom meeting today, where we were joined by Tim Beach (the Parish Council Chair) and Sarah Gallagher (the Headteacher of Snape Primary School), to discuss our plans to support the community during this third lockdown. Amongst other matters, we discussed providing resources to keep all Villagers safe, the ongoing "buddy" scheme, and the reopening of the Village Larder (previously open from May until August).

Beyond our existing support during the pandemic, we will now offer lifts to anyone in the Village or in/by the Maltings who is called in for their Covid-19 vaccinations, once I am confident that both our volunteers and the resident are Covid-free, and we are following our Safeguarding Policy. It is best that members of the household or any "support bubble" do this, but we can cover when that is impractical for some reason.

The "buddy" network has continued right through since April. Anyone who is isolated can be paired with one of our Volunteers for regular phone chats — maybe for some practical support too, such as shopping and prescription collection (though that is usually done as distinct tasks).

The Village Larder will be operating again as a food-bank — but now each Wednesday from 10 to 11. It is primarily for those who are having to self-isolate or find themselves in need. Donations of any food, other necessities, children's treats/games or even cash are most welcome at the School Office at any time that the School is open — but fresh food just on Wednesday mornings, please, as only packaged and tinned goods can be stored during the rest of the week.

Posted on 06 Jan, 2021 by Steve Stocks, Webmaster

Beware! A fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people they're eligible to apply for the Covid-19 vaccine. Thank you to Saxmundham's IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme, who kindly passed this warning on to us.

To prevent "queue-jumping", NOBODY can APPLY for the vaccine — you will be invited when your particular Priority Group is reached. Just now they are vaccinating the top two priorities, "residents in a care home for older adults and their carers", plus "all those 80 years of age and over, and front-line health and social care workers". ...

The vaccination advice on the Government website states that "You will ... need to be registered with a GP surgery in England, [and] you can register with a GP if you do not have one". The invitation is based initially on your GP's records — and if your GP doesn't know your mobile number, obviously a genuine invitation won't arrive by text. Remember that the NHS know who you are, from information supplied by your GP. They also know which of the (currently) nine Priority Groups you fall into — or indeed if you fall outside the groups for now. That's why THEY WILL CONTACT YOU sooner, or will contact you later. Beyond the normal confirmation that you are "the right person", there is no reason for them to ask you searching questions about your address or especially your financial information — as the vaccination is free, WHEREVER IT IS GIVEN. The fake NHS website above is asking for a card number.

The genuine invitation for your vaccination will only want you to confirm your current state of health, and whether you have been in contact with the virus — so that you don't endanger the vaccination staff, or others attending at the same time (or later) for their jabs.

Posted on 07 Jan, 2021 by Chief Superintendent Kim Warner, Suffolk Police

It may be a new year, but the current Covid-19 pandemic and its associated challenges remain, and continue to face us all. The Government announcement of a third national lockdown is a bitter pill to swallow, but it is a necessary one. The message is simple — please stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

Posted on 13 Jan, 2021 by Leiston Citizens' Advice Bureau & IP17GNS

We have become aware that some families are struggling to provide all the children in their households with laptops to enable them to work remotely, now

that schools have been closed. Schools are providing some support, but have limited supplies. In order to boost supplies, the IP17 Good Neighbour Scheme [IP17GNS] is collecting secondhand, unwanted laptops which they are having checked by a tech expert at Alde Valley to check they are suitable before being distributed.

Posted on 14 Jan, 2021 by Brian Boulton, Churchwarden ©EADT

A pair of burglars who targetted community facilities and village sports clubs in a crime spree across Suffolk, Norfolk and other parts of the country have been jailed. ... [One] was also responsible for a break-in at St John the Baptist Church in Snape between August 19th and August 20th last year when seven petrol lawnmowers were stolen from an outbuilding.

Posted on 01 Feb, 2021 by Suffolk County Council

If you are on a low income and are unable to work because you have been told by "NHS Test and Trace" that you have to self-isolate, you may be eligible for a LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF £500 as part of the Government's "Test and Trace Support Payment" scheme. ...

Posted on 16 Feb, 2021 by EIFCA

The Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (EIFCA) have been made aware that strong winds have led to several mass strandings of marine fauna along the Norfolk and Suffolk coasts recently. It is important to know that some stranded species, in particular types of starfish, may contain Paralytic shellfish toxins (PST) — toxins that could be harmful to humans and dogs if consumed.

Posted on 04 March, 2021 by Suffolk Police

March 8 sees the first tentative step on the roadmap to unlocking the restrictions we are all still facing. Among them, schools and colleges will be reopening to all pupils and students, and care-home residents will also be allowed one regular visitor. ...

Remember the basics — only essential journeys, work from home where it is possible to do so, exercise locally, and no travelling outside your local area unless absolutely necessary for work or in emergencies. ...

Posted on 08 Mar, 2021 by Snape Good Neighbours

We have today taken delivery of a lightweight wheelchair, identified as a need by our experience during the nearly two years of our existence. You should know that, in normal times, we run a well-attended weekly "Meet Up Mondays" session in the village. We also would like to be able to take out older residents, with some mobility but a limited range, who could then visit friends or enjoy our beautiful scenery.

We thank our District Councillors, "TJ" Howarth-Culf and Jocelyn Bond, who have kindly financed the wheelchair's purchase out of their own Enabling Community Budget.

Posted on 09 Mar, 2021 by ©www.bbc.co.uk/news

The most-vaccinated area of England lies in a small corner of Suffolk. How and why has Saxmundham & Coldfair Green ended up topping the list?

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Of the roughly 8,000 people living in the area — referred to as "Saxmundham & Coldfair Green" in the NHS England data-tables — 66% have been vaccinated, nearly twice the 38% national average.

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The man frequently named by those in Saxmundham as being responsible for the town's vaccination success takes no personal credit. "It's so much more than the doctors and nurses", says Dr John Havard, a partner at Saxmundham Health. ...

"It's the administration team", he says. "They've been working from home to organise everything, and the volunteers have been absolutely amazing. People have been phoning up to say, 'Can we help?'. It's been a real community effort to make it work.

"Our demographic is quite old", said Dr Havard. "Those are the people who really want [the vaccine]. When I think back to the first snowy day, I'm sure a lot of these over-80s looked out of the window and thought 'First snow of the season, I'm not going in for that' — but yet they didn't, they said, 'Where are my wellies?'. Not one [person] failed to turn up. Just stunning." ...

[The full BBC News article is at
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-suffolk-56320986>]

Posted on 17 Mar 2020 by Tim Beach, Parish Chair

Since yesterday, Priory Road, Gromford Lane, Hulver Lane and Wadd Lane are formally designated by Suffolk County Council as Quiet Lanes. Signage is now in place.

Snape is one of the very first villages to receive that designation, as part of a joint project with East Suffolk Council, run by volunteers, that will create around 300 miles of Quiet Lanes in Suffolk.

"In Quiet Lanes ... objectives for improving and maintaining the quality of life for local residents take precedence over general objectives to ease traffic movements. [They] are places where prescribed local activities may be carried out, as well as being public thoroughfares. ... Pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians should feel able to use Quiet Lanes safely from the time of designation. Uses might include recreation, social interaction and education, and could include uses that do not involve passing along the lane."

Posted on 27 Mar, 2021 by Suffolk Libraries

Apart locally from Saxmundham [being under major reconstruction], all libraries will be available for ... browsing from the week beginning 12th April, when mobile library services will be also reintroduced.

Posted on 14 Apr, 2021 by H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk

To: Snape Good Neighbour Scheme

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As Her Majesty The Queen's personal representative in Suffolk, I would like to thank you for the outstanding contribution you have all made to the County during the extraordinary and difficult circumstances caused by the Covid-19 crisis. ... The High Sheriff of Suffolk and I feel privileged to award you today the Lord Lieutenant's special Certificate of Merit for your remarkable contribution. You are a shining example of all that is best in this county.

With very great gratitude, Yours ever, Clare Euston

Clare, Countess of Euston
H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk

Posted on 30 Apr, 2021 by Police T/Supt Simon Mills

The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter, and more and more of us are having the vaccine, but we need to remain on our guard as we aren't out of the woods yet. ... Thoughts will now begin to turn to May 17 when hopefully, although not definitely agreed as of yet, we will see most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors lifted. ...

Posted on 14 May, 2021 by Police T/Supt Simon Mills

[Monday saw] us as a community take another step towards normality and out of lockdown. This penultimate step in the Government's road map out of the pandemic sees us able to meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors, six people or two households able to meet indoors. ...

Posted on 30 May, 2021 by StopSizewellC.org

Tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday, "Stop Sizewell C" will launch a new advertising campaign with the core message "It's Not too Late to Stop Sizewell C". Along with many other initiatives, including an advertisement in today's EADT, the campaign will include a touring digital "Advan" visiting tourism and leisure hotspots on the Suffolk coast.

[Sizewell C is a long-envisaged third nuclear power-station.]

Posted on 21 May by ©EADT

Two Councillors representing Aldeburgh & Leiston have resigned from their elected positions at East Suffolk Council — with one citing the authority's energy policy stance. Conservative Councillors Jocelyn Bond and T-J Haworth-Culf formally gave notice to East Suffolk Council on 7th May for their resignations, which will trigger a by-election for those seats in the near future.

Posted on 13 Jun, 2021 by Snape Good Neighbours

Some 350 riders took part this morning in the Suffolk 100 cycle event, almost all of whom would have passed through Snape over a couple of hours from just before 9 o'clock. Most dropped in for a refreshment and comfort stop, and we were politely thanked by so many. Thank you, riders, for the donation to our Good Neighbours' funds!

Posted on 19 Jun, 2021 by Village Hall Committee

A most welcome sign is the resumption of several regular sessions — and some new — marked by re-publication today of our «Regular-bookings calendar». One-off events will pick up again too, especially once Covid restrictions are finally lifted.

Posted on 19 Jun, 2021 by Girls about Snape (GAS)

The sun has been shining and, with the arrival of Summer, many of us are enjoying meeting up with family and friends. The Walking Women of Snape are out walking together again (and eating cake!). We are continuing to plan for a celebratory return to meetings on Thursday 9th September.

Posted on 21 Jun, 2021 by Caroline Meffan

Dear Ladies of Snape, I hope you are all well. I am hoping to start up the Snape Ladies' Lunches again, so would need to know who would be interested, once a month on a Monday. I am talking with Alex at the Golden Key about menus etc. ...

Posted on 26 Jun, 2021 by Georgina Lock

Many thanks to all who took part in the Litter Pick this morning. Pickings may have been slimmer than usual (thanks to several who pick up on a daily basis), but every can or tissue or bit of plastic reduces damage to wild life and the village aesthetic! Now — at least for a few hours — we must be in the running for the cleanest village in Suffolk. It was lovely to have coffee with the volunteers afterwards too!

Posted on 05 Jul, 2021 by Victoria Hambley/Stop Sizewell C

On Tuesday 6th July at 6pm, Stop Sizewell C are hosting the candidates for the Aldeburgh & Leiston by-election, at Theberton Church. Bill Turnbull has kindly agreed to chair.

Whoever is elected to these two seats has a crucial role to play in representing the communities who would be most impacted if Sizewell C, and indeed the Friston projects, were to go ahead.

Posted on 07 Jul, 2021 by www.gov.uk

The NHS COVID Pass lets you share your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination results in a secure way. It allows you to show others that you've had a full course of the COVID-19 vaccine when travelling abroad to some countries or territories.

Posted on 11 Jul, 2021 by Village Hall Committee

Don't forget that the monthly Coffee Mornings restart this week! Initially they'll take place outside — Thursday's weather forecast looks wonderful too!

Posted on 20 Jul, 2021 by Brian Boulton, Churchwarden

I'm pleased to say that BCP Holy Communion resumes at Snape on Sunday 25th July at 8.30am. All are most welcome!

Posted on 25 Jul, 2021 by Rev. Rachel Cornish

From last Monday, 19th July, all Covid restrictions were lifted — but how does that affect us in the Alde River Benefice? I would like people to continue to feel safe as we make some changes.

We will have plenty of fresh air in our churches, as we will leave the door open in the Summer. The buildings have high roofs and there is plenty of air flow.

Briefly, face coverings are now optional, though hand-sanitising on entry is still recommended. We no longer need to socially distance, and we can sing now. Tea, coffee and CAKE are now permitted too!

We can review how things go in a few weeks. — Rev Rachel

Posted on 15 Aug, 2021 by Alde Valley Classics
[a normally annual car show for Church funds]

What a wonderfully successful day we had last Sunday! The rain god was much more kind than we expected and we were delighted with the number of classic cars, and of visitors who had a really good day out.

Thanks must go to all who volunteered on the day: the stall holders, the food and drink providers, and those who put the site together beforehand and cleared

it all up again on Monday morning, as well as those who saw people and cars safely in, and safely out again. Thanks too go to the person who organised the Red Arrows flight overhead (even though I missed it)!

Early figures suggest we made in excess of £6,000 which is a splendid result. Without this community effort we would be much the worse off — not just financially, but as a group of people who think and care about each other, it was a wonderful example of how we should live.

Rev Rachel

Posted on 14 Oct, 2021 by Snape Parish Council

As you may have heard, a consultation is currently being undertaken by National Grid Ventures (NGV) for the siting of both a substation and converter station over a range of potential sites in East Suffolk. One of the potential sites falls within the parish. Each household should have recently received a booklet direct from NGV outlining general information and the sites being considered.

NGV held a number of drop in events locally, such as in Saxmundham, but that did not include Snape, despite our direct request. Therefore, it is intended to hold our own drop-in in the Village Hall on Monday, 25th October, to try to explain the potential impact of the project, its potential cumulative impact with other power projects being planned, and listen to the views of local people.

Posted on 20 Oct, 2021 by Brian Boulton, Churchwarden

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride – Snape results

This year the team of riders and supporters for Snape raised the superb total of £1,055 — the largest since 2010. We are most grateful to our riders, sponsors, donors and all who supported this important event to raise funds for the maintenance of our historic church. I also wish to express appreciation to our team of receptionist/recorders in St John the Baptist Church between 9am and 5pm to welcome visitors who were cycling for the same cause.

Half of the £1,055 will be returned promptly to Snape Church to assist in the cost of maintaining the building. I should stress we have been awarded £5,000 by Suffolk Historic Churches Trust towards our toilet project which we hope will start later this year or early in 2022.

Posted on 16th Nov, 2021 by Sarah Gallagher, Headteacher

Eleanor, who is in our oldest Year group (Year 6), wrote these thoughtful words at home last week. She then brought her idea back in, and her class agreed they should be the words to go on Snape School's Remembrance Sunday wreath this year. She then wrote our card, so her classmates could lay the wreath on Sunday. I'm sure you agree that her words are very fitting too.

"Remember those who volunteered,
fought and died for us to have freedom.
We will remember you because, if you didn't sacrifice your life,
we wouldn't have a today or a tomorrow,
so we thank you very much and
we will all remember you."

Posted on 21 Nov, 2021 by Paul Richards, Parish Chair

The Parish Council Meeting will go ahead on Tuesday, 23rd November at the Village Hall. One of the items on the Agenda is our 2022/23 Budget.

However, we are concerned about the continued prevalence of COVID-19 in our area, and so we will be taking the following precautions:

- We ask members of the public not attend if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 or, without symptoms, they believe that they may have contracted the virus.
- We ask everyone to wear a face covering while in the Village Hall.
- We ask everyone to maintain social distancing and not to move seating.
- The windows and doors will be open to maximise ventilation — so please wrap-up warm!!

Posted on 02 Dec, 2021 by GreenSnape Committee

Dear Snape Resident (whether you're a GreenSnape member or not),

Some of you have already written in response to National Grid Ventures' initial proposals for its Nautilus Interconnector project. These include a proposal to build the onshore converter station opposite Snape church.

Time is running out. Kwasi Kwarteng, Secretary of State for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy has until 6th January to make his decision on the applications made by Scottish Power for its EA1N & EA2 windfarms. These applications include a new National Grid hub which would result in at least 6 other projects connecting in this area, all requiring converter stations. The first of these would

be National Grid's Nautilus followed by its Eurolink interconnector project. If the Scottish Power projects were to be approved, it would be almost impossible to stop the major industrialisation of our area that would follow.

Before the decision is made, we are asking you to write to Kwasi Kwarteng as soon as possible before the Christmas recess on 16th December.

We are asking the Secretary of State to recommend a 'split decision'. This would mean the offshore elements could be consented so offshore turbine installation can commence without delay, while the proposed onshore infrastructure proposals would be rejected so full consideration can be given to finding a less damaging grid connection solution.

Posted on 31 Dec, 2021 by Chris Scott (Leader, Snape Carol Singers)

SNAPE CAROL SINGING 2021

This was my last year organising the carol singing, and what a successful event it was! We collected £1043, an excellent result, the most we have ever collected! £543 will go to the St Elizabeth's Hospice and the other £500 will go to the village Royal Jubilee Fund.

I had relatively good support from singers and collectors, between six and eight each night. Well done and thank you to you all! We had lovely harmonies with the carols, which really enhanced the event. It was great to see so many children come to the door with their parents and enjoy the singing, it really added to the Christmas atmosphere.

Well done to the residents of Snape, you excelled yourselves! Thank you for being so generous and for supporting this event.

BUT! Will it continue? This one was my last year. I have enjoyed doing it for 15 years, collecting over £10,000 in that time. This is a village tradition that has been going on for 45+ years, maybe much longer. For it to carry on we need someone to take over, to arrange and run the event in this or similar way... I sometimes get asked, "Why don't you do this?... " or "Why not do that?... ". Well, now is the time for those to come forward and put their ideas into practice! There are carol sheets and red scarves already available.

So, thank you to my regular singers, collectors and lamp-carriers who came out most years and most days in all weathers, but mainly thank you to the residents of Snape who have contributed so much over the years.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and have a healthy New Year.
[The annual Carol Singing had not taken place in 2020, because of Covid.]

[The entries above have been copied, largely verbatim, from blogs posted at <https://snapevillage.info/news-blog/>, from where any fuller text can be read, hopefully indefinitely. Most retain the date indicated, but a few (being ongoing "threads" on a particular subject) have been redated to accommodate later updates: these can be relocated by using the "Search within blogs" facility for any unusual word within the text.]

Steve Stocks

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