

SNAP PLAYScheme REPORT 2025

Trustees Annual Report Year ending 31st October 2025.

The trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's Report for the year ending 31st October 2025

Charity Name – Special Needs Adventure Playground (Known as SNAP and hereafter referred to as this)

Charity Number – SC006890

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Constitution

The Charity is an unincorporated association. It is governed by a constitution which was drawn up on 13th December 1989 and amended on 23rd March 2016. Reviewed January 2025

Appointment of Trustees

Three of the trustees are also part of the Committee of Management. The Committee of Management meet on the last Wednesday of each month. The period from March to March was all Face-to-Face Meetings.

Membership of the Committee of Management is open to all parents and guardians of children in the club, Playworkers and volunteers and also to those who are in the educational, caring and medical professions.

Management

The trustees are responsible for the direction and governance of the charity. The playscheme Manager and the playscheme Coordinators are responsible for the day to day running of the playscheme and the training of all staff.

The Trustees ensure that the Health and Safety procedures are adhered to and that all staff and volunteers have a PVG for SNAP and have received Safeguarding Training. In addition, all workers who have worked with SNAP for uninterrupted three seasons must hold a registration with a professional body e.g. SSSC or GTC

Objectives

SNAP provides a stimulating playscheme for young people aged 5-16 all of whom have Additional Support Needs. It takes place in a safe and caring environment. We used Blacklaw Primary School again this year. The Primary School aged Children attended this premises. The Secondary School aged young people attended SNAP at the Kirktonholme Football Pavilion. The EKYFC had a major refurbishment in 2023. It is much more modern and really suits the needs of the young people. The fact that the Disabled changing has tracking made it so much easier for those who need full personal care. We also purchased a new adjustable changing plinth which made personal care more efficient We were able to have 30 young people at each site again in 2025.

Medical Staff

SNAP employs a nurse each day to attend to the medical needs of the young people. We also have physiotherapists working with us and also have an advisory pharmacist.

Activities

The Kirktonholme Pavilion lends itself very well to the preferred activities of the young people. Also, the fact that it is centrally located means that we could use the facilities in the Town Centre – The cinema, the mini golf and the table tennis. In addition, we could use the shops and cafes. The proximity to the Village meant that we could use those facilities as well. We also found that the businesses in the Village once again were very generous and helped us with our fund raising by giving us gifts for the raffle.

Blacklaw Primary School is easy to set up as it had been done so many times before. The Council let provided cleaning at the end of each day. We were very well supported by the staff from SLLC and SLC when we encountered some problems with the current headteacher of Blacklaw Primary. All the activities were carried out still with enhanced hygiene procedures which is very important for the wellbeing of the staff and young people.

Once again, we put out online applications as this is the way forward. Most parents coped well with this system.

The Activities at SNAP are designed to meet the needs of each individual young person and include Health and Wellbeing activities, sensory, art, dance, music, indoor games and visits from external professionals to continue to develop our communication strategies introduced in earlier years and we purchased new communication equipment. Two of our Senior Playworkers created a timetable app which was set up each morning and updated itself throughout the day.

Heather came back this year for weekly dance sessions. A Beautician visited Kirktonholme and painted all the girl's nails. Fiona did weekly story telling sessions at both sites. We also had a workshop from a musician. We ran Sports Days at each site. We had special parties during the last week. Kirktonholme had a pyjama party and Blacklaw had a bouncy castle. On the last day we had a lovely lunch courtesy of Dominos.

South Lanarkshire Council very generously gave us a bus every day and two buses on a Wednesday. We had day outings to The Science Centre, The Transport museum, Strathaven Park and Calderglen. We still looked at independence skills and healthy eating we were able to allow a group to shop for these items. We continued again this year with a fruit and vegetable delivery from a firm based in Strathaven.

Our Art and Health and Wellbeing Specialists provided lots of fun and valuable experiences and activities. We were able once again to do more group activities because of more funding that we received in 2025.

The much greater amount of money that was donated to us by other organisations helped us with our staffing ratios which is our most expensive resource. We spent over £6000 this year on large items of equipment which hitherto due to lack of extra funding we were unable to do. We were once again donated new pieces of equipment and play resources for which we were very grateful. We did a lot on communication work which allowed the young people to make choices and access toys through the use of Boardmaker and switch toys. With the needs of the young people becoming more complex both physically, behaviourally and medically. The ever-increasing amount of communication equipment allows equal opportunities for all that attend the playscheme.

We extended our use of gym equipment this year and it was used exclusively for the Blacklaw children, and it was very successful. We also ran an Outdoor learning programme at both sites.

Achievements

SNAP is registered with the Care Inspectorate to take 60 children aged 5-14 each day which includes a variation for SNAP Steps Up. We had an inspection by the Care Inspectorate in 2019 and both sites were inspected. We got Very Good for all areas inspected. We were delighted with this achievement.

There is also a small group of playscheme graduate volunteers who did very well with their cleaning duties. This year we had over 150 applications for the playscheme which meant that all of the young people in the Playscheme got only part time placements. We also ran double half day placements -am and pm which enabled more 5-8-year-olds to attend.

We once again had a Sensory Sponsored Walk at Blacklaw which proved very successful and a Sponsored Walk around the football pitches. We also had a hamper raffle, an outdoor bric a brac sale and a cake sale. These activities also raised a tidy sum of money at the playscheme again this year over £1000 We also had Just Giving again which raised about £500.

Staffing

We found staffing much easier this year and a lot of people were keen to join us. We had about 12 volunteers most of whom will step up to the mark as Playworkers in 2026

This year we had to provide all our own hygiene equipment, and this will be the way forward now. We are supplied by Holm Pharmacy.

Admission to the playscheme

There is a lengthy waiting list for places at SNAP which are generally allocated on a first come first served basis. Places are now usually allocated on a part time basis to allow a greater number of young people to attend throughout the summer. There were over 150 applications for 60 daily places in 2025.

An increasing number of referrals are coming from Social Work and Education.



Sheila Halford

Trustee

8 July 2026