



VILLAGE MATTERS

SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2025

Swanwick Parish Council Presents:

Swanwick Scarecrow Festival

SUNDAY 22nd JUNE 2025



2pm



The Steampacket

An afternoon to celebrate the Swanwick community.

There will be competitions, food and fun!

Everyone welcome.

Best Scarecrow Competition



Display your scarecrows outside your property during the month of June to decorate the village. To enter the competition, bring your scarecrow to the party at The Steam Packet on the 22nd June for 2pm to be judged, and to decorate the arena.

Bake Off Competition

Professional baker, Cllr Holling, will be hosting and judging a bake off. Bring along your prize winning bakes on the day to be judged in the competition, for your chance to be crowned the star baker of Swanwick.



For queries, email:
parish.clerk@swanwick-pc.gov.uk

Swanwick Well Dressing July 2024 celebrating Swanwick Scouts 75th Anniversary

The Churches United, Swanwick Scouts Group and Swanwick School and Sports College all made well dressing tributes for the Swanwick Scouts 75th Anniversary Celebrations which was on display at the Scout Hut on the day and in the village for the celebration weekend.

The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to all participants for such a wonderful contribution and all their hard work.



Well Dressing 2025 will take place 21st June to coincide with the Scarecrow Festival. If your organisation would like to take part, please contact the Clerk.

Swanwick Civic Service, 9th December, 2024

Swanwick Parish Council and St Andrew's Church were once again delighted to hold our Civic Service in the village on 9th December, 2024.

We were pleased to welcome neighbouring Dignitaries as our honoured guests who were greeted by the Parish Council Chair Amy Trewick and Vice Chair Amanda Tremain.

The Christmas Service was led by Ralph Lawrence with joyful and reflective contributions from Swanwick Primary School Choir, Amber Valley Voices, Crich Brass Band and several readers of the lessons. The children sang beautifully, expressing the excitement Christmas brings and both Amber Valley Voices and Crich Brass Band added music and song that evoked the Christmas message and celebration.

The congregation filled the church, joining in with enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment. Refreshments were served after the service at The Steampacket. Thanks are due to Amanda and staff for an excellent buffet and warm hospitality.

The Parish Council would like say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the service. It is very much appreciated.



Village Community Building

Following our appeal last year for interested volunteers to come forward, we are pleased to report that a number of enthusiastic and knowledgeable people have offered their services and so a Village Working Group is now up and running.

The group is fortunate to include several members who bring with them considerable experience of the construction sector, from the drawing up of designs to costing materials and the setting out business plans.

After an initial meeting to agree the aims and objectives of the group, it has been busy gathering information, investigating alternative options and making local contacts with regard to general advice and how to secure grants and funding. Members have reached out to local organisations such as Amber Valley CVS and are intending to enlist the help of their specialist staff with regard to ongoing information gathering and their practical know how.

In light of the 2024 whole village survey to gauge support for a community hall achieving only a 7.2% return, a skewed age range response and an almost 50:50 split vote, further canvassing was deemed necessary to elicit a more definitive and reliable result. You may have been asked recently to give your opinions on a range of questions; group members are conducting around 500 face to face surveys across the village. It is hoped this will prove useful in informing future decision making and identifying priority needs.

From the written comments on the 2024 surveys and recent price inquiries, it is clear that should the community hall project be pursued, the original plans are not viable. There is simply not enough funding available to cover these costs. However, plans are being drawn up for a smaller building but certainly one that will try to accommodate the needs expressed by villagers.

All of this work is very much in the early, exploratory stages. No decisions have been made. Plenty of preparatory tasks to do yet!

Secure fencing to the rear of the plot has been erected and the Council has received permission to extend the temporary car park as an interim measure.

Spotlight on your Parish Councillors

We thought you'd like to know a little bit about your village Councillors and why they have chosen to put themselves forward for this role:

Introducing two of our newest Council Members Steve Bailey and Michael Holling:

Steve Bailey says;

About me: I'm married with a young family and have lived in Swanwick for the last 14 years, and before that I was just down the road! I joined the Parish Council as I wanted to help the community and ensure that Swanwick remains a safe and clean place to live. We have so many positive features, including the parks, pubs, butchers, and shops. We have a fantastic primary school with so many amazing little minds, and then a thriving secondary school again with many talented individuals. These young minds and young adults are our future, and we need to ensure they remain safe and inspired by the environment and people around them. My focus is to provide a safe and friendly community, especially road speed awareness.

Michael Holling says;

I became a resident of Swanwick in 1994 and have always had an interest in the community aspect of village life. I was fortunate to be a founder member of the Friends of Crays Hill group that through a partnership with Amber Valley created the development of Crays Hill Park facilities which are used by many of the Swanwick residents on a daily basis. This also became the home of Swanwick Hall Cricket Club; the Park was granted Queen Elizabeth 2nd Park status in 2012 and was awarded their 2nd Green Flag in 2024. Having lived in the village for over thirty years, I wanted to contribute in an active way to make Swanwick a village to be proud of and also help to enhance the community spirit. In August 2024 I became a Swanwick Parish Councillor to assist my fellow councillors in making Swanwick a better and safer village.

Swanwick Parish Council Grants For 2024/25

Swanwick Parish Council under Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 was able to support the following voluntary groups in 2024/25:

Amber Friendship Club, Amber Valley CVS, Amber Valley Voices Community Choir,
St. Andrews Church, Swanwick Men's Shed, Swanwick Preschool and
The Gate Inn Defibrillator Fund.

The application form for S137 grants 2025/26 is available on the Parish website under the Governance tab,
Grant awarding policy or by contacting the Clerk.

Deadline for applications this year is 9th June 2025.

Your Parish Councillors

Amy Trewick (Chair), Amanda Trenear (Vice Chair), Stephen Bailey, Wayne Bates, Rob Beavan,
Cathryn Goodier, Mike Holling, Rod Grant and Jonty Powis

Clerk/RFO to the Parish Council: Cheryl Miles

To Contact your Parish Council:

Either Contact the Clerk or Councillors through the website at <https://swanwick-pc.gov.uk/>

Or Email: parish.clerk@swanwick-pc.gov.uk

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Swanwick Parish Council Meetings

(Meeting Rooms at rear of the Baptist Church in Derby Road)

7.00pm Thursday 20th March 2025

7.00pm Thursday 17th April 2025 is the Annual Parish Meeting

7.00pm Thursday 15th May 2025 is the Annual Parish Council Meeting

7.00pm Thursday 19th June 2025