

Swanland Village Association **NEWSLETTER**

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From the Chair of the Swanland Village Association

As I write this, the unseasonably warm weather and no recent rain means once again the gardens are dry and in need of water. The flowers are blooming early and summer is well on its way. On a walk round the pond, I saw the moorhen chicks swimming in the reeds but so far, no ducklings.

The Pond Partnership held its 'Spring Maintenance Day' in March to ensure the pond is at its best for the summer months. A fantastic number of volunteers gave up their Saturday morning to help. The Parish Council have arranged for contractors to paint the fence around the pond. The hayracks should be back round the pond by the time you receive this newsletter and the barrels, tubs and flower beds will have been planted out.

The gardening group have purchased two new barrels which have been placed round the pond to further enhance this area. The litter pickers have continued to collect the discarded litter in and around the village. Thanks to the dedicated members of the Pond Partnership, Gardening Group and Litter Pickers for all your time and effort.

A new footpath has been installed along West Leys Road; this will allow everyone to walk safely down this busy road. Many thanks to Councillor Paul Hopton for all his hard work. Following public consultation, the playing fields are to get some much-needed re-development. The village is very lucky to have many other unsung heroes who quietly help keep Swanland such a wonderful place to live. These people do numerous tasks from washing the benches of pigeon droppings so that people can sit and admire the pond, making up bags of duck grain to sell in the flower shop, painting/cleaning the village signs, putting the lifebelt back when it has been thrown into the pond and so much more. **If you are an unsung hero, then your efforts are appreciated.**

Swanland Village Association needs you!

In particular, we need a new Membership Secretary and we also have another vacancy on the committee.

If anyone is interested, please contact any one of the Committee.

The Gardening Group are busy planning for **Open Gardens** which will take place on **Saturday 5th July from 11am**. A lot of work has gone into this event which raises money towards the upkeep of the flower beds, hayracks and planters in the village centre.

PLEASE SUPORT YOUR LOCAL OPEN GARDENS

KNOW YOUR SWANLAND! – Saturday 10th October 2.30pm to 5pm in the Village Hall. Find out about activities in Swanland for all ages. Refreshments available.

Please visit Swanland Village Association website at www.swanlandvillageassociation.info or scan the QR code on the back page of this newsletter or visit our Facebook page.

**For further information, please contact Christine: - telephone 637085
Email: - cw@swanlandvillageassociation.info**

Litter picking

The first whole village litter picking session of 2026 took place on a beautiful Spring day in March and was a well supported event. Everyone helped to ensure the main roads into the village and most of the minor roads were litter picked before the grass verges got overgrown, making it easier to see the discarded cans, bottles and other litter. **Many thanks to the 28 willing**



volunteers who helped - without you this wouldn't have been possible.

The next two whole village litter picking sessions are on Saturday 27th June and Saturday 19th September from 10am to 12 noon.

We meet next to the pond outside Christ Church. Equipment is provided and all volunteers receive a free hot or cold drink afterwards.

The passing places on Dale Road and Occupation Lane once again continue to be 'hot spots' for litter and are regularly litter picked. Naila sent me an article about the Japanese sport of Competitive Litter Picking - 'SpoGomi', which involves teams of three competing against the clock to collect as much litter as possible from a predefined public area. Something for another day perhaps!

Did you know that there are three ways you can support Swanland Village Association's litter picking team? You can –

- **join the litter picking rota and litter pick the centre of the village, once, every seven to eight months.**
- **join in a whole village litter pick.**
- **join the litter picking loan scheme - equipment is loaned out free of charge and villagers can litter pick in their locality independently or litter pick an area where they see litter building up.**

Did you know that if you already use your own litter picking equipment, I can provide you with pink sacks, which are provided free by the local authority? These can be left next to street litter bins and will be collected promptly. All litter pickers are covered by the Village Association public liability insurance. **Many thanks to all the litter pickers of**

Swanland, you really make a difference. For further information, please contact Christine at cw@swanlandvillageassociation.info or on 637085

Swanland Screen



Swanland Screen continues to grow its audience and although numbers are variable, The Ballad of Wallis Island, showed a small profit.

I am getting requests for a children's cinema. If anyone is interested in showing children's films during school holidays or on Saturday afternoons, please get in touch. We will be delighted to hear from you.

Full details of each film can be found on the events page of Swanland Village Association website at www.swanlandvillageassociation.info

Saturday 11th July The Greatest Showman (2017) PG is a vibrant, fictionalised musical inspired by P.T. Barnum's rise from humble origins to creating a groundbreaking spectacle that celebrates uniqueness. With Hugh Jackman leading a charismatic cast, the film blends dazzling choreography, catchy songs, and a heartfelt message about inclusion and ambition. Staring Hugh Jackman this film is a family favourite.

Saturday 19th September What we did on our Holiday (2014) 12 Is a hilarious journey through an unforgettable family holiday as a couple attempt to keep their impending divorce secret from their extended family.

No film night will be taking place in October

Saturday 7th November I Swear (2025) 15 This award-winning film, starring local boy Robert Aramayo, is a critically acclaimed British drama and is the true life story of John Davidson. Diagnosed with Tourette's at 15, targeted as 'insane' by his peers, he struggled with a condition few had witnessed. Campaigning for better understanding and acceptance of the condition of Tourette's as an adult, he finds his life's purpose and accepted his MBE from the Queen in 2019.

All films start at 7.30pm and door open at 7pm.

They are cash or card on the door.

Adults £5.

Refreshments are served at the interval for a donation.

Many thanks to all who support Swanland Screen.

Swanland Live



Swanland Live has continued to hold monthly live events in the village hall. These are all very well supported as its reputation continues to grow. In April, the **Arkut Bros**, Sam and Ben, one of the best local country singers duos performed at the village hall. The quiz, also in April, was a sell-out. These quizzes by **Rob and Rod** have grown in popularity. May saw Stikkyfingers, a Rolling Stones Cover Band, perform and the audience 'rocked and rolled' the evening away.

I have received requests to expand the programme of events to include events such as a race night, bingo and craft fairs. If you are able to help organise events on behalf of Swanland Live, please get in touch.

Saturday 20th June at 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm) Flossie Malavialle *Flossie Malavialle is a French born singer-guitarist. She spent many years living in the Northeast of England. She performed at the Village Hall, annually, until her return to her native France. From well-established folk songs to jazz standards, from blues numbers to Edith Piaf and Jacques Brel's classics, her wide repertoire appeals to all. "Flossie is one of those artists about whom you think, 'she is so good that she surely can't possibly get any better.' Yet, once again, we were proved wrong. She really engages warmly with a folk audience."* **Tickets are £8 Licensed bar.**

I have had people booking from as far as Lockington and Howden.

Saturday 4th July at 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm) Keith Newby music presents "*Fleet of Macish*", a beautifully crafted acoustic and vocal tribute to the timeless music of Fleetwood Mac – spanning several decades of their greatest hits! This show is performed by one of the region's top acoustic fingerstyle guitarists, delivering an intimate, soul experience that consistently resonates with audiences. **Tickets are £8 Licensed bar.**

Saturday 18th July at 7.30pm Summer quiz with Rob and Rod, Finger buffet. Teams maximum of 6. A bottle of wine for each member of the winning team. **Tickets are £7 Licensed bar.**

Saturday 5th September at 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm) Manic Mondays are a local band with 80s classic songs for reminiscing and feeling nostalgic. **Tickets are £8 Licensed bar.**

Saturday 3rd October at 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm) Tim Chu and Ian Bailey perform A Celebration of Simon and Garfunkel. **Tickets are £15 Licensed bar.** Tickets and further information from Christine: 637085 or email - cw@swanlandvillageassociation.info

Swanland Village Hall



The hall remains busy and a great place to use for a wide variety of interests. Many thanks to all the hirers as well as the staff and trustees for their time and effort in running the hall.

You can find out what is happening at the hall from our website, the notice board as well as the TV monitor at the hall.

www.swanlandvillagehall.co.uk

Please take a look and join in one of the sessions or events.

The 100+club is our main means to improve the hall so please look to join and you also have a chance to win monthly prizes and special Christmas prizes. Please look at our website or email svh.100club@outlook.com for joining details.

We have also refurbished our collection boxes and they are now back in some village shops and at the pub.

In the last newsletter, we highlighted a high concern that we have as Trustees with parents/carers using the Village Hall car park to drop off and pick up children. From our CCTV coverage, we can see this is a small minority who persistently ignore the very clear signs and increase the risk of a collision with people who are walking in the car park for access to and from the school. This issue, and our likely next step which would stop the car park being used as a pedestrian throughfare, was highlighted in a recent school communication.

Please help us and only park in the Village Hall when you are a user.

We are looking for volunteers with areas of expertise to join our team and allow the hall to continue to excel. Please see details on the following page. We would love to hear from you so that we can keep the Village Hall thriving.

Andy Page - Chair of Trustees
Tel. 07889658397 or
chair@swanlandvillagehall.co.uk



Swanland Village Hall

Can your expertise help us?



We are looking for volunteers to join a committed team of trustees.
Use your expertise in the following roles so the Village Hall can continue to excel.

Administration and people skills for our bookings.
Marketing and computer skills for our monthly raffle (100+ club).
Maintenance experience to oversee equipment compliance and routine maintenance.

Interested ? Please contact Andy Page for further information

Email chair@swanlandvillagehall.co.uk
Phone 07889 658397

Swanland Village Hall

100+ Club



Application Forms are available
in the foyer or by emailing

svh.100club@outlook.com

Payments by Annual Standing Order

Please support the 100+ Club Lottery as
half of your subscriptions go towards
improvements and new equipment in
the hall and the other half are awarded
in the monthly prizes

Next month the winner could be you!!

Thank you to all our members

Lottery

Monthly Prizes

1st £60

2nd £25

3rd £15

£200+ Christmas Draw

Registered Charity No. 1180273

**Annual
Membership
£24**

**Entry into
13 prize draws**

Swanland Show



After the success of last year's show, we will be staging our third show at Swanland Village Hall on Sunday 13th September, which will be open to the public from 1-3.30pm.

The schedules containing all the information you need regarding the show such as classes, information/tips for entering, entry forms and contact details, will be available at various outlets in Swanland, from mid-late June, and on our Facebook page.

This year, we will be accepting email entries which will hopefully make things a bit easier for some exhibitors. The WI will kindly help by running the cafe area, selling a variety of cakes and hot drinks. We will be having a raffle which will be drawn after the trophy cards/prize money awards.

Please try and support this long-standing village event, by either entering, or coming along for some cake and to browse the exhibits.

The committee held a plant sale on Saturday 25th April, in the carpark of St Barnabas Church. Thanks to all those that came along and bought plants/goods – all profits go towards the running of the show. Thanks also to St Barnabas for allowing us to use their carpark. It was a lovely day and we raised a good amount of funds for the show.

Sarah Hayden

Swanland Village Clothing Bank



The clothing bank is situated at the top of the Swanland Village Hall car park.

It will take clothing, handbags, belts and shoes.

All donations of these items help to support the running of the Village Hall.

The Tastiest Catch

Finest Fresh Fish 5* A grade quality from the top suppliers that morning direct to your door from Grimsby.

Buy as little as you want straight from the van.

House calls only, at no extra cost!

Delivering to Swanland from

12pm to 2pm on:

- Thursday 2nd July 2026
- Thursday 6th August 2026
- Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Thursday 8th October 2026
- Thursday 5th November 2026



Please visit my Facebook Page - The Tastiest Catch

For all enquiries, please text/call 07545 085845

Swanland Bowling Club

Swanland Bowling Club is located next to the pond in Swanland. We are an extremely happy, friendly club with members ranging from social members who come along for a cup of tea and a chat, social bowlers who want to bowl for fun and not play in the very competitive leagues and full members who play against other clubs in the leagues. At the recent open day, the club gained several new members, which is fantastic!



In one of the leagues, we travel to play teams from Bridlington, Withernsea, Driffild, Pocklington etc. whilst some of the leagues stay local around Hull.

It does not matter if you have never played before, the club runs coaching sessions on Tuesday mornings for anyone with little experience. **Why not come along and meet us and see if you like the game, there are plenty of spare bowls for you to play with and a limited amount of spare bowling shoes.**

Ian Staff, Club Secretary

Swanland Community Forum



Swanland Village is one of those places that quietly grows on you. Whether a peaceful walk around the pond or the friendly nod from passers-by there is a strong sense of community offering a lifestyle that feels both calm and connected.

What many people don't always see though, is how that community spirit is maintained. Regular meetings between the village groups may seem small but they play a much bigger role.

What's the Forum For?

- **Encouraging Volunteering:** By sharing what's going on and where help is needed, the forum hopes to inspire people to get involved and use their skills for good causes in the area.
- **Bringing People Together:** Regular get-togethers help everyone feel welcome and encourage people from all voluntary groups to support each other.
- **Swapping Ideas and Resources:** Groups can share their know-how, lend equipment, and come up with fresh ideas to help everyone out.
- **Shouting About Local Events:** The forum helps spread the word about upcoming events, so everyone knows what's happening and can join in.

The goal is not to change what already works but to build on it. By staying open, inclusive and forward thinking, Swanland can continue to grow while keeping Swanland's uniqueness. That is how we keep the village not just running well but moving forward together.

The next Community Forum event Is “**Know Your Swanland**” co-ordinated by the Parish Council on **Saturday 10th October from 2.30pm to 5pm in the Village Hall.**

For more information, please contact Cllr Kyaing at miemieuk@yahoo.co.uk

Swanland WI



Swanland W.I. continues to meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at Swanland Village Hall in the Cygnet room at 7.30pm.

We offer a stimulating programme of events, ranging from the light hearted to educational. So far this year, we have had the ‘History of New Year Resolutions’, ‘The Story of Coco Chanel’ and the helpful ‘My Favourite Gadget’.

Outings and festivities are being arranged for the Summer including a trip to the John Bull rock factory with Sewerby gardens and looking even further ahead to Autumn and Christmas.

As part of the W.I. movement, our Institute took part in the W.I. Resolution debate and voted for greater access to public toilet facilities. This vote will then go forward in June, hopefully to be chosen by the National Federation for their new campaign.

Following April’s talk by a member of the Humber Rescue team Swanland members have adopted that as our charity for 2026.

Besides being members of the East Riding Federation of W.I.s supporting their many varied activities, our Institute continues to be busily involved with Swanland Village events. We have taken on the time-honoured W.I. role of baking, (or in some cases, purchasing, just don’t tell anybody!) cakes for the many village activities including providing and supervising children games for the Swanland Festival.

Many historic photos of Swanland members and their activities have been archived so that any interested Swanland villagers will be able to view them.

Since our AGM, we have had some small changes in the Committee. People have taken on different roles and we have welcomed one new member to our Committee.

Swanland W.I. continues to thrive, with a healthy waiting list, so much so a new afternoon institute, Swanland Pens, has been formed.

Kathryn Barker

Swanland Pens WI



A second Women's Institute group the "Swanland Pens WI" opened in the village in April.

It meets on the **third Monday of each month from 1:30 – 3:30pm at St Barnabas Church.**

Throughout the year, guest speakers and/or other activities are planned for each monthly meeting. In July, we will welcome Julia Lee MBE to share her experience of being a Professional Rugby League Referee in the men's game. This event will be opened wider to include men and women visitors and we would hope all visitors make a small donation to the WI on attendance. The following month will be a members' garden party. Other events are planned throughout the year including Tickton Tarts.

Members are not only based in Swanland. We have members from Hull and from many of the other West Hull villages.

If you are interested in joining the Swanland Pens WI then you're welcome to come along for one session without obligation or contact us on Swanlandpenswi@eastyorkshirewi.org.uk for more information.

Sue Thompson - Swanland Pens WI President

Swanland Logos © SVA

You will be familiar with the Swanland Street signs on roads entering the village.

These were instigated in 2009 by Jan Rogerson (then Chairperson of the SVA) who commissioned a design then raised finance to eventually produce 7 signs costing over £2000 each.



Subsequently, the design has been adapted as a **customised logo** for various non-commercial Village Organisations as you will see throughout this newsletter.

Non-commercial village organisations are welcome to have a suitable sign designed for them.

Just e-mail Graham Latter at - swanlogos@swanland.info

Healing Rooms

Would you like someone to pray for you? Or perhaps you would just like to join us for coffee, to chat and find out more?

Since 2022, Swanland Healing Rooms have been offering free, confidential prayer for anyone in need of comfort and healing. Our team of trained volunteers, are Christians from local churches and we love to pray with people from all walks of life.

Whether you're facing physical challenges, emotional struggles, or spiritual questions, we would love to welcome you to our peaceful and supportive environment.

If you don't want prayer but would just like an opportunity to meet new people in the community, we will be providing refreshments in our comfortable church lounge and you are very welcome to come along.

We meet at *St Barnabas Church, Swanland*, on the **2nd Monday of every month from 2pm – 4pm**.

No appointment needed, no faith required—just come as you are.

Find out more at <https://healingrooms.org.uk>
or email Lucy on lucy.swain@healingrooms.org.uk



St. Barnabas Church



Come and join us at our new coffee morning.

Have a chat.

Meet new people and make new friends.

Learn something new.....

join in with a craft activity (optional).

**The Lounge at St Barnabas Church,
Main Street in Swanland.**

Every Thursday 10 am - noon.

Just drop in!



Swanland Pond Partnership (SPP)



At the time of writing, the water levels remain high despite the dry spell, the yellow flag irises are coming into flower, and our first brood of moorhen chicks has arrived.

We completed our Spring maintenance on 18th April, and we want to say a big **THANK YOU** to the eighteen volunteers who gave up their time to help.



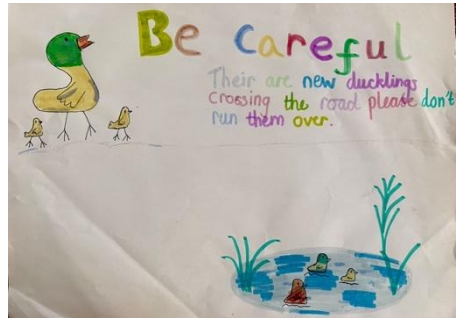
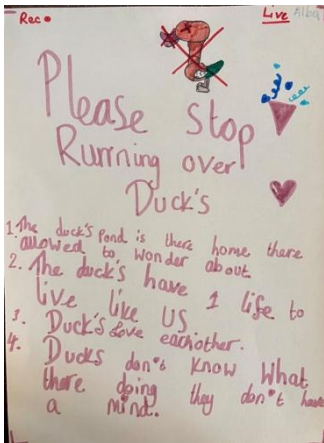
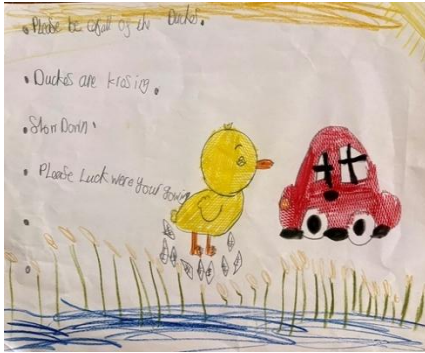
It was great to have enough people to tidy up the rear landscaping AND clean the pond fencing, sign boards, paving and seating areas. We value the contribution **ALL** our volunteers make in looking after the pond and I know the village community feel the same way. Our next maintenance day will be in September/October 2026. If you would like to help, then please contact **Alyson on 634168** or ae@swanlandvillageassociation.info. No previous experience is required - **THANK YOU!**

In April, Mel, from the Swanland Village Out of School Club, invited Councillor Paul Hopton and the SPP to judge a poster competition. The out of school club is located alongside the pond and the children love watching the wildlife and the seasonal changes at the pond. They are particularly passionate about the ducks and are understandably upset when they hear of, or see, ducks at the pond being injured or killed by cars.

Mel suggested a poster competition to the children to alert drivers to the ducks and their response was amazing. It was not easy choosing a winner, as all the contributions were very good with clear messaging.

George's poster was chosen as our winner with his large, eye-catching picture of a duck and clear "Mind the Ducks" message.





We appreciate that ducks are very unpredictable during the breeding season, and they sometimes fly or run on to the surrounding roads without warning. Electric cars are much quieter than petrol/diesel engines too so they may not hear you moving. The children's messages to everyone who drives around the pond is clear and worth repeating in their own words:

- Mind the ducks.
- Ducks are crossing.
- Please stop running over ducks.
- Slow down.
- Please look where you are going.
- New ducklings are crossing the road.
- The duck pond is their home; they are allowed to wander about.
- The ducks have one life to live, like us.

Thank you – Alyson (SPP)



Changing children's lives through reading

Ready Steady Read is a small non-profit Hull charity providing voluntary one to one literacy support to children who struggle with their reading ability and confidence.

We change lives through reading - helping children who are falling behind to develop the essential literacy skills, confidence and love for reading they need to succeed at school and in life.

To achieve this, our charity works with local primary schools to allocate volunteers as reading mentors providing one to one support to help improve outcomes for children.

We need you!

Do incredible things by volunteering with us.

Help make a difference to a child's reading ability and confidence.

Volunteer with Ready Steady Read to read with local primary children for as little as a couple of hours a week.

Make a lasting difference and help children develop the reading skills they need to Succeed!



Read to Succeed!



www.readysteadyread.org



hello@readysteadyread.org



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Swanland Village Association Membership

Support for the Swanland Village Association (SVA) continues to grow steadily, which is really encouraging to see. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their support this year. It's wonderful to see so many new supporters too.

As the association continues to evolve, we are gradually moving towards using the term “supporters” rather than “members”, as it better reflects the community spirit of the SVA and the many different ways people help and support what we do.

Support for the association still costs **just £2 per person per year**, and every contribution really does help us to continue all the practical work carried out around the village throughout the year.

We have made the decision that from next year onwards, we will be doing away with paper membership cards. Although they have served us well over the years, they no longer really serve a practical purpose and create a surprising amount of ongoing administration. We hope this change will help simplify things in the future. If anyone would particularly like an acknowledgement of their payment, we would of course be very happy to email or text one on request.

As some of you may already know, I will also be stepping down from the Membership Secretary role at the end of August, so the SVA will be looking for somebody to take over the role going forward.

It has genuinely been a lovely way to get to know more people within the village and to see first-hand just how much goodwill and community spirit there is in Swanland.

Full handover support will, of course, be given, and I'm always happy to answer any questions from anyone who might be interested in taking the role on.

Finally, thank you again to everyone who continues to support the SVA, whether through subscriptions, volunteering, events, litter picks, gardening groups, pond work or simply helping to keep Swanland such a lovely place to live.

Kate Nicoll – Membership Secretary

Changes to Business Membership

Are you a local business in Swanland that would like to support the village and become a “Friend of Swanland Village Association”?

In the past, we have visited local businesses who have kindly donated a minimum of £5, received one of our famous SVA stickers and been mentioned in the newsletter.

We are now moving to a simpler system. Rather than visiting businesses individually, we would kindly ask supporters to make payments directly into the SVA bank account:

Swanland Village Association

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We will, of course, continue to mention and thank our business supporters in the newsletter and we're always very grateful for the support local businesses give to the village community.

Your support helps us continue all the work that goes into keeping Swanland looking its best, from maintaining the planters and watering flowers to regular litter picks and all the many other jobs carried out by the association throughout the year.

Once payment has been made, and perhaps a standing order set up, please send a quick email to our Membership Secretary at kn@swanlandvillageassociation.info so we can keep our records up to date.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Kate Nicoll

An Amazing Achievement

This is Logan and he is 9 years old. He was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 4 and autism at the age of 5. He has lived in Swanland all his life and is a very friendly little boy who just loves life.



Logan enjoys being active and he likes to help out in the community and is known by many residents. In his spare time, he enjoys litter collecting.

He does a lot of walking so when we heard of National Autism Month, we decided to support Logan in doing 10,000 steps a day for the whole of April.

We bought him a watch so he could count his own steps and his challenge began! Not once did Logan refuse to do his steps, even when he was tired, or had been at school all day, or when it was wet and windy.

Logan has always been brought up to try his best and his dreams will come true and that is all that we hoped for, for him to try.

He smashed it by doing his 10,000 steps a day, and 324,217 steps over the whole month. Along his journey, he has managed to raise £600 for his school and the money he has raised will go towards resources, activities and opportunities for his fellow students with autism and additional needs.

If anyone would like to still donate, they can contact me on 07900 400426 and I am more than happy to pass details as to where donations can be made.

It goes without saying just how proud we are of Logan and his commitment to achieving his goal.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated towards Logan's challenge!

Gillian Dalby – Swanland resident

Swanland Neighbourhood Watch



Summer often sees a rise in burglaries and theft by opportunistic thieves taking advantage of open/unlocked doors and windows.

Houses: check ‘out of sight’ windows and doors are secure when gardening or socialising outside and each evening before going to bed. **Always keep cars locked** (even on driveways).

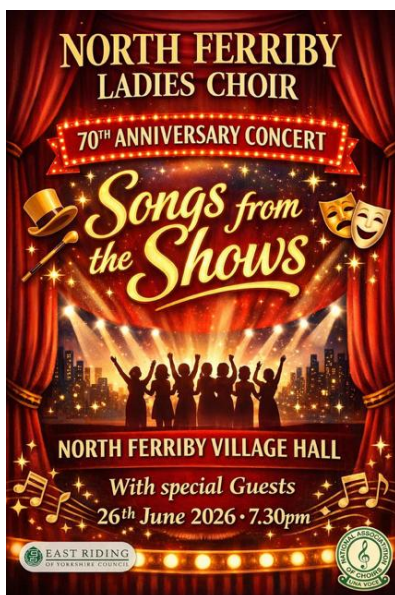
For crime prevention advice see www.humberside.police.uk

Gardens, sheds, garages and driveways: don’t leave tools, gardening equipment, toys, bikes, barbeques etc unattended in front gardens and accessible back gardens, on drives or in open garages. Items are regularly taken as ‘scrap’ by people driving round the area in vans.

Please report any suspicious activity to Humberside Police by calling 999 (emergencies/crime in progress) **or 101** (non-emergency, including anti-social behaviour).

Regular Police Surgeries are also held at various places in the village. For information about **South Hunsley Police Team** and current priorities, see: www.humberside.police.uk/area/your-area/ and **enter your postcode.**

For a free **No Cold Calling window sticker** or for more information about Swanland NHW, contact **Deborah Parry: 632576** or dparry@inbox.com



The Heritage Centre



With the Centre having such a small room, our policy is mostly to accept documents, books and photo donations and not objects.

But we just couldn't say no to these and hope to find a way to display them – any ideas?

The cudgel (truncheon) of the Parish Constable for Swanland is of a standard pattern and is painted black. A crown and the legend 'VR Swanland 1838' have been added in red and gold.

Before 1856, Swanland relied on its Parish Constable to keep the peace, and this baton (as well as having a practical purpose) was his insignia of office. The constable was elected annually and when elected, he could not refuse to serve. He was authorised to summon other local men to come to his assistance in keeping the peace as required.



Finally, a reminder that the closing date for the photographic competition for the 2027 Heritage Centre Calendars is 30 June 2026.

People can submit up to 3 photographs each, featuring areas in Swanland. For further information, and to submit entries, please contact:
Deborah Parry (dparry@inbox.com)

**The Heritage Centre is open Saturdays 10am – 12noon
or by appointment by contacting
Janet Barnes tel: 633286 email: janetbarnes24@gmail.com**

The Gardening Group



Our gardeners are back in action now that the weather has warmed up.

There's been a lovely display of tulips and daffodils in the large flower bed but unfortunately ducks have taken to trampling on them.

This hasn't been a problem before now, but we planted more tulip bulbs than usual this year and the ducks clearly like nibbling the leaves!

The plants have died back but ducks and birds are now in the habit of settling on the flower bed.

Hopefully this won't be a problem when the summer bedding plants go in.

In the past, the presence of marigolds has deterred the ducks.

The village centre hayracks have been planted up by **Deepdale Garden Centre in Barton** and will be delivered to us in early June.



Open Gardens is nearly upon us! Sunday 5th July, 11am – 5pm

There will be around 14 gardens open. It's always a popular event and visitors come from near and far.

At the time of writing there will be a barbecue, hot and cold refreshments, children's activities, cream teas at the Bowling Club, a flower display at Christ Church and a plant stall.

The cost is just £4 per adult and accompanied children go free.

Please put the date on your calendar. It will be a fantastic day!

Janice Baldwin - Gardening Group



Sunday July 5th 2026
11 am - 5 pm

Swanland Open Gardens

**Come along and view some beautiful
gardens in our picturesque village**

Refreshments - Craft Stalls - Plant Sales

Barbecue - Cream Tea - Floral Displays

Maps on sale by the pond on the day

£4 per adult **Children - FREE**

**Dogs on leads normally
welcome with Owner's permission**

**All profits from map sales go to buy plants and
equipment that keep the village looking beautiful**

Swanland u3a – Celebrating 30 years!



Learning, Laughing, Living

This year Swanland u3a celebrates its 30th Anniversary - a wonderful milestone for what began as a small village initiative.

Back in May 1996, 85 people attended the very first meeting - an impressive start by any measure. Within just two years, membership had grown to 225, reflecting the strong local interest and enthusiasm. As numbers continued to rise, our founding members went on to help establish additional u3a groups in Beverley and Cottingham.

Collaboration has always been at the heart of what we do. In 1998, Hessle u3a joined Swanland in sharing access to interest groups and by 2001 this had expanded to include Beverley and Cottingham, forming what became known as the North Humberside ACCORD. Today, now known as the East Yorkshire ACCORD, this thriving partnership includes ten local u3a groups.

Swanland u3a continues to go from strength to strength with over 440 members, 40 different interest groups and bi-monthly talks at a local venue by a variety of guest speakers.

We are always delighted to welcome new members.

If you are retired or semi-retired and would like to find out more, please visit our website: www.swanlandu3a.org.uk where you can download a simple application form.

No computer or printer?

No problem — just telephone our Membership Secretary on (01482) 631497, who will be happy to help.

**Mark Sutcliffe
Chair of the Swanland u3a.**

Christ Church (by the Pond)

In the centre of Swanland stands Christ Church: the pretty little brick church with the big heart. It has been part of village life for generations as Swanland grew from an agricultural hamlet into the thriving community it is today.



In the 18th century it became home to the first ‘Sunday school’ in the East Riding – teaching children, who worked through the week on farms or in factories, how to read and write.

Hospitality, as well as service, has always been key to the life of the church.

During the terrors of the second world war, the church hosted Jewish evacuee children – offering them a warm welcome away from the violence.

That ethic of hospitality continues today. Besides our regular services, **weekly Saturday coffee mornings** welcome a range of village residents, and visitors from nearby villages.

We also act as a **food bank collection point**, helping villagers to support struggling families.

We have recently employed a part time **youth, children and families worker** to help us ensure that we’re doing what we can to support the young people of Swanland too.

The regular rhythm of church life : worship, prayer, hospitality and service, continues as the world changes around us.

Christ Church Food Bank Donation Point

The Food Bank is open during Saturday Coffee Mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon.



Urgently needed: Tinned Soup; Beans/Spaghetti; UHT Milk; Tinned Fruit; Coffee; Biscuits; Tinned Tomatoes.

The demand for food is much higher than donations so please continue to help those who are struggling in difficult times in Hull and the surrounding areas. For further information contact: **Mike Burman 631131**



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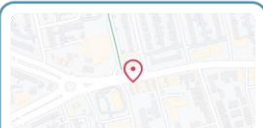
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JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER SPEED WATCH TEAM

Have you got an hour a week or a month to volunteer to help tackle speeding in your local community of Swanland? Join our Community Speed Watch Team and help make our roads safer.

If you are interested contact
Swanland Parish Council's Clerk on
01482 630846 or email
clerk@swanlandparishcouncil.gov.uk



Your next edition of the SVA Newsletter!

We love to receive any articles, adverts and notice of forthcoming events. Please send them to Rebecca Feetam, Newsletter Editor, at – svanewsletter@hotmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for articles and adverts for the **Autumn/Winter 2026 edition** of the newsletter will be **Monday October 12th**. We cannot guarantee to publish articles (between 150-200 words) and reserve the right to edit them. We welcome photographs to print, where appropriate.

Print costs are met by the SVA and the local advertisements.

The Swanland Village Association newsletter is published and distributed free to ALL houses in Swanland.

Details of Swanland Village Association's activities and events can be found at:

www.swanlandvillageassociation.info or scanning the QR code.



[Swanland Village Association Personal/Business Membership Form](#)

To become a member, it's just £2 per person, per year or £5 per business

Name (first applicant): _____

Name (second applicant): _____

Address (incl. postcode): _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

You can pay your membership by cash/cheque or BACS transfer to –

Swanland Village Association (Santander Business Account)

Sort Code – 09-01-28

Account number - 97128743

Please return this form (with cash/cheque if you are not making a Standing Order/BACS payment) to: **Kate Nicoll, 1 Humberdale Close, Swanland, HU14 3NS** or
David & Christine Walker, 3 Holgate Place, Swanland, HU14 3QX

If you are happy to be contacted, please tick the box below:

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I/We agree to be contacted by the SVA to renew our membership.