

# SWINTON PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE 2014

## HOUSEHOLD:

1. How long have you lived in Swinton?

Under 1 year	2
1 to 5 years	7
5 to 10 years	8
10 to 20 years	9
20 to 30 years	4
Over 30 years	18

2. Please enter the number people who live in your household:

Age	Male	Female
Under 5	4	3
5 - 11	2	4
12 - 18	1	3
19 - 30	4	
31 - 65	17	18
Over 65	23	24

3. If you work, do you work within the parish of Swinton?

Yes	No
3	26

4. If not, how far do you have to travel to work?  
Please tick one box for each person in the household.

Under 5 miles	6
5 to 10 miles	4
10 to 20 miles	4
20 to 30 miles	9
30 to 40 miles	3
40 to 50 miles	0
50 + miles	2

## TRANSPORT:

5. Do you have the use of a motor vehicle? Please tick one box.

Always	44
Sometimes	2
Never	2

6. Do you have any difficulties in getting to shops, GP, work, leisure etc

Yes	No
4	43

7. What are your main reasons for travelling to & from the village? (Tick all that apply)

Work	19
Leisure	41
Shopping	48
Appointments	46
To visit Family	44
Other - please specify Social/religious,charitable/educational	

8. Do you use the public bus service? (Tick one box)

Daily	3
Weekly	3
Occasionally	27
Never	17

9. Do you feel that this is a reliable service?

Yes	No
28	5

10. Do you think that this service could be improved?

Yes	No
19	13

11. Do you cycle on any route out of the village?

Yes	No
14	31

12. If a Cycle track were to be installed between Appleton & Malton would you use it?

Yes	No
18	22

**TRAFFIC & ROAD SAFETY:**

13. With regard to the B1257 Malton Road, are any of the following of concern to you?

	Major problem	Problem	Slight Problem	Not a problem	Don't know/ no opinion
Speeding Traffic	20	19	4	1	4
Heavy Goods vehicles	11	11	12	17	3
Agricultural vehicles	1	5	14	17	3
Traffic accidents	1	1	6	11	14
On street parking	7	6	10	15	7
Parking on pavements	8	7	15	8	5
Cyclists safety	9	13	9	3	7
Pedestrian Safety	12	8	9	9	9
Inconsiderate drivers	12	14	8	3	7
Noise from traffic	6	5	11	12	4
Traffic fumes	3	3	15	13	4
Traffic congestion at peak times	4	5	12	14	5

14. With regard to Main St/High St, are any of the following of concern to you?

	Major problem	Problem	Slight Problem	Not a problem	Don't know/ no opinion
Speeding Traffic	17	15	4	1	6
Heavy Goods vehicles	8	9	9	4	6
Agricultural vehicles	1	3	12	12	6
Traffic accidents	1	0	5	13	13
On street parking	1	8	9	9	10
Parking on pavements	4	6	11	7	10
Cyclists safety	6	8	7	5	8
Pedestrian Safety	13	6	10	2	5
Inconsiderate drivers	9	9	7	4	6
Noise from traffic	4	4	7	8	9
Traffic fumes	2	5	6	10	8
Traffic congestion at peak times	3	2	7	9	9

**PAVEMENTS & FOOTPATHS:**

15. Do you use the pavements in Swinton & between other villages?

Yes	No
38	9

16. Are you happy with the condition of the pavements in Swinton & between other villages?

Yes	No
11	29

**HOUSING & FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:**

17. Would any member of your household directly benefit from the availability of local affordable housing, now or within the next 5 years?

Yes	No
4	42

18. Would you be in favour of a small development of affordable homes for local people within the parish if there was a proven need?

Yes	No
30	15

19. Would you be interested in the local authority undertaking a Housing Needs survey in Swinton?

Yes	No
25	17

20. Do you own or rent your house?

Own	Rent
44	4

21. If rented is this on a short or long term basis?

Short	Long
1	3

22. Would you buy in Swinton if possible?

Yes	No
6	3

23. What stops you?

No suitable houses	2
Cost of houses	1
Other-please specify Lack of facilities	

***Despite protests by the Parish Council Amotherby and Swinton jointly have been designated a Service Village in the new Local Development Framework. This means we are likely to have to accommodate some additional housing development within the next 10 years.***

24. How many new houses would be acceptable to you?

Please tick one box

None	12
1 – 5	22
6 – 10	10
11 – 15	5
over 15	4

25. Should any development be phased over several years?

Yes	No
20	19

26. If we have to have houses built what size should they be?

If a mixture please tick all that you would agree with.

2 bedroom starter	31
3 bedrooms	31
4 bedrooms	14
Bigger	5
Bungalows	27
Other-please specify 1 Bedroomed What is appropriate at the time	

27. Are there any extra comments you would like to make regarding housing & future developments within the parish?

Consider sewerage, access, transport, shops etc  
 The drains are already overloaded  
 Pressure on , local services drains not managing current housing  
 Any future development must be taken into account the existing strains on drainage & surface water dispersal  
 Drainage/sewerage needs to be addressed along with width of East/West St  
 Infrastructure, Bus service infrequent, Waste water & sewage at capacity & regularly overflow, designated floodplain end of Low Lane so flooding will ne an issue  
 Before further development the Taylor Wimpey dev. should be completed to assess need for more  
 More frequent bus services, last bus form Hovingham to Malton at 4.30pm is ridiculous  
 No development in field at top of West St, any should be as un-intrusive as possible, along top of village on B1257 next to Swinton Grange Lane should be least problematic for current residents  
 Consideration of narrow, residential streets in village turn off from very busy B road – speeding & inconsiderate driving is common. limited facilities in village  
 Any development should be in proportion to existing housing ie retain sense of village not dormitory suburb  
 I don't think housing should be allowed on the agricultural fields, as this is what makes a village....a village  
 I think we have had our fair share of new properties over recent years. Pearson's Yard development caused many problems with congestion in East St. Sewerage needs upgrading as do roads and footpaths before any further developments are allowed to go ahead. We lack support from Yorkshire Water & NYCC Highways  
 There is a lack of affordable housing in Ryedale and another small development in Swinton would not be detrimental to the character of the village  
 Only zero carbon buildings  
 Need new Sewerage & storm water drains  
 New access roads  
 The utilities & highway services need to be improved before further development.  
 Any new development needs to be limited  
 Feel village has reached capacity and don't need it any bigger

Am not sure how families in affordable housing in Swinton will manage as there is no bus to or from school

Any new houses to have off road parking

Would depend on where it's put, Sports Hall area – great, but Mr Armatage's field on West St a massive NO

If required should be top side of village due to narrow East & West St

## VILLAGE AMENITIES & SERVICES:

28. Do you feel that the Parish Hall is important to the village of Swinton?

Yes	No
38	4

29. Do you attend any events/activities in the Reading Room?

Yes	No
20	25

30. If yes, how often have you been to the Reading Room in the last 12 months

Once	2-6 times	7 -12 times	13 – 24 times	More than 24
8	9	2	1	3

31. Would you be interested in any of these and what day/time would be best?

	Yes	No	Which day	am	pm	eve
Parent & toddler group	4		Monday		1	1
Coffee mornings	12		Weekdays	8	5	4
Lunch Club	5		Weekdays	1	2	1
Local History group	12		Weekdays/Any	2	5	10
Knit/crochet/sewing/craft group	14		Any	3	3	8

32. Are there any other events/activities in the Reading Room that you would attend? Please specify.

Meetings regarding village affairs, future building

Keep Fit/Exercise classes x 2

Yoga x 4

Gym

Pilates x 2

Horticulture

Gardening club x 2

Interesting Talks (as in Helmsley)

Craft Fairs

Art work

Book Club x 2 (monthly/ 6 wks?)

Film Night/shows x 2

Learning a language classes x 2

Events/Activities, currently not very well publicised

Kid's activities

Bingo

Quiz

Beetle Drive,

Halloween party  
 Christmas Party  
 Discos  
 Easter Hunts  
 Would be happy to assist with Youth Club  
 Not easy to cross road

33. Which services/facilities would you use that are not currently available within the parish?  
 Please specify

Better bus service  
 Bus service connecting with rail services on Sat mid am and returning from rail station at 5.15pm  
 Paper shop/newsagents x 3  
 Post Office x 2  
 Mobile Post Office Van  
 Essential Pub kept open – PC should strongly oppose re-development  
 Public internet  
 Drop in centre  
 Pub x 5 (especially if served meals on weekdays)(hopefully will soon be up & running)  
 General Store  
 Something for older children like a skate park to get more people using the sports hall and it's facilities  
 If Blacksmiths doesn't reopen up as a pub, could the Sports Hall consider opening at weekends  
 A welcoming sports hall  
 Too early to say

**COMMUNICATION:**

34. Where do you usually get information about events taking place in the village?  
 Please tick more than one box if appropriate.

Church Newsletter	18
Local paper	21
Mail drop to your home	19
E-mail	15
Notice board	28
Village pub	9
Word of mouth	29
Other (please list)	9
Swinton Newsletter	8
Jan & Malcolm	1
No Swinton section in Malton Gazette	1
Local paper no longer seems to be for us, no local correspondent	1

**CRIME & POLICING and Other EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

35. Crime & Anti-social behaviour is not a problem within Swinton parish.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	32	5	3	

If it is a problem please give examples

Anti social behaviour by various groups of teenagers  
 Sometimes barking dogs & cars with loud exhausts are a problem  
 Some damage in Sports Field  
 My personal experience with Police contact in village has been good  
 Never seen policeman on foot & Traffic Police invisible

36. If "yes", do you consider service coverage locally, to be?

	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor
Police	1	8	9	4
Ambulance	5	11	6	
Fire & Rescue Service	5	11	4	

37. Do you have any comments on crime and policing or provision of other Emergency Services?

Parking within village may cause delays  
 The Police are not the least bit interested in any crime or other incidents when reported to them, think they are all traffic police these days  
 No sign of Police or speed enforcement  
 No experience of emergency services in area  
 Would like to see more police presence

**ENVIRONMENT:**

38. Does Swinton suffer from any of the following types of disturbance?

Dog fouling	35
Light pollution	4
Litter	21
Low flying aircraft	11
Traffic Noise	13
Other Noise pollution	5
Vandalism	2
Other (please state)	
Smell from drains overflowing	
Barking dogs x 2	

If yes, please specify the problem and the location?

Dog fouling – Laundry Lane  
 My driveway  
 Most Areas x 2  
 Everywhere  
 Village  
 Cherry Ave  
 Low Lane  
 East St x 2  
 West St  
 Highfield to Swinton Grange x 2  
 Various footpaths x 2  
 On grass verges x 2  
 Litter – Swinton Lane 2  
 Low Lane  
 West St  
 East St  
 Around bus stop

After bins emptied x 2  
 Everywhere x 2  
 Vandalism - Low Lane  
 West St  
 East St  
 Regularly see children breaking fence on lane between East & Middle St  
 Light Pollution – Swinton Grange  
 Street lights should go off at night  
 Refuse collections - ie. litter & bins obstructing gates & pavements  
 Barking dogs x 2 – (don't know where they live) (Farrows when you walk past)  
 Noise  
 Traffic Noise on B1257 x 7 (every day & early evening) (weekend motor cyclists) (boy racers)  
 Speeding on B1257 (weekend motor cyclists) (boy racers) (noisy exhausts driving up & down)  
 Drivers leaving the Leisure Centre at high speeds ie after football game / practice, Soprts Centre -  
 drifvers breaking speed limit

39. Do you think surface drainage on roads/footpaths is a problem in Swinton?

Yes	No
32	10

If yes, please specify locations

Drains – lower part of village – not up to standard  
 Bottom of village x 3  
 East St x 8 (after heavy rainfall) (unable to cope, resulting in effluent coming up) (floods very quickly)  
 West St x 7 (esp. nr scrap yard) (effects on narrowest part)  
 Man hole covers down West St & where East & West St meet lifted after heavy rain  
 Main road to Broughton  
 Low Lane – with raw sewerage from manhole outside Farrows – long term problem  
 When it rains heavily the drains often overflow nr to the scrap yard  
 By Pearson's Yard to Middle St, down East St doesn't go in drains runs round them between scrap yard and Mr Stead's  
 East St & Middle St - culminating with flooding just before West St junction  
 Drain at junction of East St & West St lifts because of pressure  
 Swinton Lane – 3 areas – a) Dip in road between Laundry Lane and Close Farm Lane, Gravel washing down from Castle Howard Rd, b) 30 yds north of Laundry Lane entrance, c) another dip in lane near to location of the newly erected farm  
 Water stands on B1257 on opposite side of road to West St junction and up Swinton Lane  
 When it rains heavily on certain parts of the main road & footpaths, loose chippings on footpaths  
 Blocked drains, grit on pavements, lack of division (ie grass verge) between road & paths  
 Gravel washing down Grange Lane making traffic skid, surface water stands on road when drains are not cleared on Main St & Malton Rd  
 Tarmac blocking drains on Main Rd

40. Can you think of anything that needs doing? Please say below.

Removal of three flower tubs, junction of Swinton Lane  
 Few more flowers etc, well done for what has been done so far  
 Fill in potholes x 3  
 Road repairs  
 Footpaths – pot holed, narrow, poorly lit & overgrown vegetation  
 All footpaths require curbs- for safety for pedestrians  
 It is very dark for pedestrians near to the Scrap yrad end of the village, there is no footpath where East & West St meet & the is potentially dangerous as drivers can't see the pedestrians  
 Upgrade footpath – Broughton to Malton – children could cycle/walk safely to Malton School,



needs widening for pushchairs & is very dangerous in dark  
 Pavement from Atkins to Broughton Rd needs opening out to full width- at present grassy hump between pavement by boundary fence prevents walking safely 2 abreast and pedestrians are only inches from 40 mph HGV's, add bikes & children & it's dangerous!  
 Pavements very narrow in parts & dangerous from heavy traffic  
 With the increase of through traffic caused by GPS speed limit needs to be lowered to 30mph  
 Widen pavements  
 In places vegetation, turf and soil are creeping over pavements, if not removed pavements will get even narrower  
 Several short flight steps that run from pavement to road need cleaning, they have become overgrown and someone may trip ( B1257 – both sides)  
 Better drainage x 7 (enlarged)  
 New drains & Sewers  
 Re-do drains to ease congestion, overflowing & smell  
 The 6inch foul drain from outside Farrows should be replaced by a 2ft main to the sewerage system (frequent overflow) – health considerations  
 Pipes need enlarging or keeping clean, find source of fat & vegetable deposits  
 Maybe a Mobile Post Office to visit regularly  
 Pub – reopen  
 Alter road layout as entering village to slow traffic(system on Beverley Rd in Norton works well)  
 Restricting any housing developments which lead to more & more traffic using East St – having lived in village for 40 yrs am concerned about increasing dangers of more traffic using a street which is single track/very narrow in parts  
 Drainage - Yorkshire Water need to rectify and find the root of the problem. Many villagers know the problem, YW know our views but getting them to take them up is a different matter  
 The Playground near the Sports Centre needs improving & updating, Sports Centre needs better promoting & a wider range of activities  
 Clean out road drains a little more frequently  
 Dig out gulleys properly, ie. dig so the water falls back to the hedge side – presently the gulleys run uphill so the floodwater has no where to go. Dig out new gulleys for the floodwater to disperse  
 Council should sweep the pavements as they are dangerous when covered in loose chippings  
 Law has changed we could have 20 mph limits below the main rd, warning signs ' Children Playing'  
 The 'Giveaway' sign at the bottom of West/East St opposite Farrow's can't be seen until a vehicle is almost on top of it. The sign should be moved further back. Moreover the white line across the road has virtually vanished, and should be reinstated as a matter of urgency. There are several movements a day going down West St into Farrows, and needs for a clearly visible sign & white line imperative  
 No more houses until drains & services are improved with housing already existing, when services suitably addressed then any developments must be severely limited  
 New road surface in West St  
 Re-surfacing of roads – potholes being patched many times  
 Roads repaired - not patched  
 Traffic needs slowing down, speed limit extending through longer stretch & reducing  
 More local activities  
 Flashing signs & 30 mph speed limit on Main St & Malton Rd  
 Speed restrictions enforced

41. What do you most like about living in Swinton ?

The people that live here  
 Friendly Neighbours x 4 (good)  
 Friendly village x 6  
 Friendly people x 2  
 Ambience x 2  
 Safety  
 Like a large family we look after each other  
 Living in a small community  
 Accessible to Malton x 7 (and facilities)  
 Location in relation to Malton & York

Reasonable bus service  
 People generally keep their properties & gardens well maintained  
 Infill houses built over the years – generally fit in with existing buildings  
 Sense of community  
 Nice community  
 Community spirit, but would like to see more involvement from other people in village  
 Peace & Quiet x 8 (of Swinton Grange) (don't live alongside B1257)  
 Quiet village/countryside x 2  
 Rural Location x 2  
 Pleasant surroundings  
 Country feel  
 Access to countryside  
 Surrounded by fields  
 Rural character with easy access to main rd  
 Rural & not overdeveloped  
 Proximity to countryside  
 Active events group  
 Local events  
 Having a Pub & Shop within walking distance  
 The community when pub opens will be great  
 Peaceful & all the kid's get on great  
 Access to major road & rail networks x 3  
 Village in it's own right (must stop urban sprawl)  
 Village location  
 Village boundaries - nice views  
 Views x 3  
 Local walks x 2  
 Good walking/ cycling areas  
 Listening to Swinton Band x 2  
 Village Shop x 4  
 My garden & house  
 That there is a working farm  
 It is a village away from the problems of town living  
 Play Park/Play area x 2 (for visiting grandchildren)  
 Village mentality  
 Not quite has good as previously

42. Is there anything that you dislike?

No x 4  
 Can't think of anything except don't want to see building of too many new houses and too quickly  
 Shortage of amenities  
 Traffic on East Street – 1 way loop on West/East St, 2 way traffic not possible & should be taken into account if new development allowed  
 Motor bikes ( it's like Brands Hatch at weekends)  
 Speeding vehicles, particularly from Sports Hall  
 Through traffic at excessive speeds  
 Amount of traffic  
 Too much traffic on Main Rd with no crossing of any sort  
 No bus service on Sundays or Evenings  
 Lack of focal point (no Village Green)  
 Too many street lights especially around Pearson's Yard area  
 Too many lights why can't go off 11.30pm – 6am. Security lights coming on when walk down street  
 The centre of the village is a total mismatch due to any type of housing goes. The planning committee seem to have said & still say yes to any application that is submitted, it's an eyesore  
 The flooding on Swinton Lane  
 Lack of gritting on Swinton Lane  
 Fly tipping on Swinton Lane

Dog fouling

Too much development

Children playing on road near East St / Middle St

Crossing the main road to the park with children

The way people don't use the sports hall, if we were given more opportunities to use with a welcome attitude it would get used more

Inevitable decline in local services eg. pub has closed, appreciate the one shop, but suggest this trend is not reversible

43. What things do you **not** want to be changed?

Everything

None

Do not want overdevelopment x 2

No more houses x 2

Limited new housing

Do not build past village boundaries

Do not want any dwellings constructed in the fields towards Broughton

Keep our green fields for farming not housing

Open fields & relative quiet of countryside

Making into a suburb, rather than village

All is OK we not want more housing

Community/ people x 2

Neighbourhood Watch & 'No cold calling scheme

Leave us as we are, (but upgrade roads, pavements & sewerage)

Hope that Blacksmiths Arms remain a pub and does not ever become houses

Keep village pub and not have it's use changed

Public House facilities

Essential that village does not use Public House

Hope there will always be a shop

Any reduction in the present Malton to Hovingham/Helmsley bus service

Bus service availability

Bus service through village

Overdevelopment which would lose the village atmosphere

The size, no development

Footpaths to be repaired outside 39-41 West Street (*Is this in wrong section?*)

Shop

Amenities

Reading Room

Too much building of houses & no more provision of sewerage etc (?)

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