

## Area Profile: Swanwick



### Key Characteristics

- **Population:** 5,084
- **Population Density:** 10.4 people/hectare
- **Area:** 488 hectares
- **Number Households:** 2223

Source: 2011 Census

### Spatial Outline

Swanwick is an old mining village located midway between the towns of Alfreton and Ripley in Amber Valley Borough. It is approximately 14miles north of Derby and 18miles northwest of Nottingham.The village is linked to a few transport corridors including the A38, which joins the M1 motorway about 2 miles away giving easy access to the larger towns and cities that surround it. Coal mining, framework knitting and manufacturing used to be the mainstay of its local economy but with their decline light industries have emerged employing fewer people and as a result economic activity in the area is restricted and below Amber Valley average.

## Improving Places and Meeting Community Needs

**Local Area:** Swanwick covers 488 hectares of land to the north of the Borough.

**Population Density:** The population density of the area is 10.4 people / hectare, higher than the Borough average of 4.6 people / hectare.

**Age:** 44% of the population is aged between 30 and 59 years of age, which is higher than the Amber Valley average. There are lower percentages of children and young adults in Swanwick than in the Borough overall and a higher percentage of people who are 60+.

**Figure 1: Age Groups**

	<i>Swanwick</i>		<i>Amber Valley</i>	
<b>Age</b>				
<i>0 – 17 years</i>	864	17%	24,360	20.1%
<i>18 – 29 years</i>	555	10.9%	15,340	12.6%
<i>30 – 59 years</i>	2227	43.8%	50,381	41.2%
<i>60 – 74 years</i>	992	19.5%	21,675	17.7%
<i>75 + years</i>	446	8.8%	10,263	8.4%

Source: 2011 Census

**Religion:** The majority of residents (66.6%) are of Christian belief followed by 24.4% who stated *No Religion* at the 2011 Census.

**Nationality:** At 2011 the majority of people were born in England (96.5%) followed by those born elsewhere in the UK (1.6%).

**Ethnicity:** The people living in Swanwick are predominantly White (98.9%) with a small but diverse proportion of ethnic minorities residing in the area.

**Household Composition:** The largest household group consists of *Married with No Children* (20.7%) which is significantly higher than the Borough average. Although this is the largest defined group, one person households account for 26.3% of all households (an increase from 22% in 2001).

**Figure 2: Household Type**

Household Type (Percentage)	Swanwick	Amber Valley
<b>Household (total)</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>52,596</b>
1 person age 65+	13.2	12.8
1 person under 65	13.1	15.1
Family, all 65+	10	9.6
Family, married/civil no children	20.7	15.4
Family, married/civil dependent children	17.7	15.4
Family, married/civil all children non-dep.	7.4	6.3
Family, co-habiting no children	4.9	6.4
Family, co-habiting dependent children	3.3	4.7
Family, co-habiting all children non-dep.	0.7	0.6
Family, lone parent dependent children	3.1	5.8
Family, lone parent all children non-dep.	2.6	3.4
Other households with dep. children	0.9	1.7
Other - all students	0	0
Other - all age 65+	0	0.3
Other	2.4	2.8

Source: 2011 Census

### Service Provision

**Major Food Store: 0**

**Market: 0**

**Town Centre:** There is a moderate retail provision with a moderate no. of local shops for convenience and comparison shopping.

**Post Offices: 1**

28A High Street, Swanwick, Alfreton

**Pharmacy: 1**

Tambers Pharmacy, 45 Derby Road, Swanwick, Derbys

**Dentists: 1**

Amber Valley Dental Practice, 28a Pentrich Road Swanwick Alfreton DE55 1BQ

**GP Surgeries: 0**

Nearest 27 Swanwick Road Leabrooks Alfreton Derbyshire DE551LJ

**Community Clinics: 0**

**A&E Hospital: 0**

Nearest Kings Mill Hospital

**Hospital:** 0

Nearest Ripley Hospital, Sandham Lane

**Opticians:** 0

Nearest Baker & Bee 125 Nottingham Road, Somercotes

**Infant School:** 0

**Junior School:** 0

**Primary School:** 1

Swanwick Primary School

**Secondary School:** 1

Swanwick Hall School

**Colleges:** 0

**University in Locality:** 0

Nottingham University, Nottingham Trent University

**Adult Education:** 0

Nearest Alfreton

**Places of Worship:** 3

St Andrews Church Lane, Derby Road; Swanwick Baptist Church; Swanwick Methodist Church

**Leisure Centres:** 0

Nearest Alfreton Leisure Centre

**Child Care:**

Child Minders: 12

Pre- School: 1

Toddler Group: 1

**Sure Start:** 0

Nearest Somercotes Children's Centre

**Job Centre: 0**

Nearest Alfreton

### Safer Communities

**Crime Rates:** The level of crime in Swanwick is generally significantly below the Borough average and Swanwick is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> overall (1<sup>st</sup> =worst). However, for Criminal Damage/Arson, the rate is higher and the ward is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> worst in the Borough.

**Figure 3: Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime Rates**

<i>(Rate / 1000 people)</i>	<i>Swanwick</i>	<i>Amber Valley</i>	<i>Rank (1=worst)</i>
<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	24.6	41.3	16th
<b>Criminal damage / arson</b>	10.6	8.3	6th
<b>Theft / burglary</b>	13.8	24.1	17th
<b>Violence with injury</b>	1.2	3.8	18th
<b>Violence without injury</b>	1.2	2.9	19th
<b>Public disorder</b>	0.2	0.6	13th
<b>Drug offences</b>	0.4	2.5	22nd
<b>Shoplifting</b>	0.4	4.2	13th

**Source:** Safer Derbyshire Research & Information Team, Derbyshire County Council Jan – Dec 2013

### Housing

**House Prices and Affordability:**

**Figure 4: Housing Affordability**

<b>Borrowing ratio 95% house price to average income</b>	
Swanwick	3.9
Amber Valley	4.2

**Source:** CACI Paycheck 2013 and Zoopla 2014

The average house price in Swanwick is slightly higher than the Borough average, yet affordability is somewhat better due to higher average incomes. There are significantly more detached houses in Swanwick than in the Borough overall, which explains why the average house price is higher, even though the average value for each dwelling type is lower than for the Borough.

**Figure 5: Average House Prices**

<i>Area</i>	<i>Detached</i>	<i>Semi-Detached</i>	<i>Terraced</i>	<i>Flat / Maisonette</i>	<i>Average</i>
<b>Swanwick</b>	£191,688	£123,402	£95,152	£75,131	£152,221
<b>Amber Valley</b>	£223,995	£124,930	£96,841	£122,389	£151,011

Source: Amber Valley figures – <http://news.bbc.co.uk/> based on April-June 2013 sales

Source: for Wards <http://www.zoopla.co.uk> based on Feb 2014 current values

**Homelessness:** In the financial year 2011/12 there was one priority need applicant from the Swanwick area, and a further 14 applicants approached the service for advice. (Source: Amber Valley Borough Council Housing section data.)

**Affordable Housing Rates:** There have been 48 affordable houses built from 2008 – 2013 in Swanwick.

**Housing Stock Condition:** The Amber Valley Stock Condition Survey 2010 states that the housing in Swanwick is significantly better than the stock condition for the rest of the Borough. For example 5% of dwellings are in total disrepair compared to 15% of the total dwelling stock for the Borough.

**Figure 6: Housing Stock Condition Survey Results 2010**

<i>Area</i>	<i>% of non-decent homes</i>	<i>% of households lacking modern facilities</i>	<i>% of households lacking thermal comfort</i>	<i>% of households vulnerable households in non-decent homes</i>	<i>% of total dwellings in disrepair</i>
<b>Swanwick</b>	21%	0.4%	13%	5%	5%
<b>Amber Valley</b>	37%	1%	15%	31%	15%

**Type:** The majority of dwellings are detached (53.1%) which is significantly higher than the Borough average of 35.8%. This is followed by semi-detached and terraced housing, both of which show lower percentages than the Borough.

**Figure 7: Dwelling Type**

<i>(percentage)</i>	<i>Swanwick</i>	<i>Amber Valley</i>
<b>Detached</b>	53.1	35.8
<b>Semi-detached</b>	33.1	36.5
<b>Terraced</b>	12.2	20.9
<b>Flat/maisonette/apartment</b>	1.6	6.6
<b>Caravan/Temporary</b>	0	0.1

Source: 2011 Census

**Tenure:** There is a significantly higher level of property ownership in Swanwick (87%) compared to the Borough average of 74%. Consequently the rental sector is

much smaller than that for the Borough, with a markedly lower level of dwellings rented from the Council.

**Figure 8: Tenure**

<b>Type of Tenure</b>	<b>Swanwick</b>	<b>Amber Valley</b>
<b>All</b>	100%	100%
<b>Owned (outright)</b>	45.9%	38.2%
<b>Owned (mortgage/loan)</b>	40.7%	35.9%
<b>Shared ownership</b>	0.3%	0.4%
<b>Social rented (LA)</b>	1.3%	5.1%
<b>Social rented (other)</b>	2.5%	7.2%
<b>Private rent</b>	8%	11.8%
<b>Living rent free</b>	1.3%	1.4%

Source: 2011 Census

**Communal Establishments:** 3 establishments with 38 Swanwick residents residing in them.

**Vacant Properties:** At October 2013 there were 18 vacant private properties.

**Ward Building Rates:** There have been a total of 49 dwellings built in Swanwick between 2008 and 2013 which comprises 4% of all dwellings built in the Borough.

**Figure 9: Ward Building Rates**

<b>FIVE YEAR HOUSING LAND SUPPLY WARD BUILDING RATES</b>						
<b>Area</b>	<b>2008 – 2009</b>	<b>2009 – 2010</b>	<b>2010 – 2011</b>	<b>2011 – 2012</b>	<b>2012 – 2013</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Swanwick</b>	2	-17	39	3	22	49
<b>Amber Valley</b>	334	214	256	206	219	1229

Source: Amber Valley Borough Council house building records

### **Local Plan Part 1 – The Core Strategy:**

No dwellings are proposed for allocation in the Swanwick area in Local Plan Part 1 – The Core Strategy.

Five potential sites have been identified in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for Amber Valley.

### **Health:**

**General Health:** The proportion of people who consider their health to be good or very good (81%) is close to the Borough average of 79%. 4.7% are in bad or very bad health which is lower than that for the Borough (6.1%). 7.9% of residents consider that their day-to-day activities are limited a lot by a health problem or disability, which again is lower than the Borough average of 9.4%.

**Figure 10: General Health**

Percentages	Swanwick	Amber Valley	East Midlands	England
<b>All People</b>	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Very Good Health</b>	44.5	44.0	45.3	47.2
<b>Good Health</b>	36.5	35.0	35.1	34.2
<b>Fair Health</b>	14.3	15.0	14.0	13.1
<b>Bad Health</b>	3.9	4.8	4.3	4.2
<b>Very Bad Health</b>	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.2

Source: 2011 Census

**Multiple deprivation:** The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) published by the Government in 2010 indicates that neighbourhoods in Swanwick are amongst the least deprived in Amber Valley, with one Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) ranked amongst the 10% least deprived in the country. However, one LSOA is ranked in the 50% most deprived for health and disability in the country.

**Life Expectancy:** Local people in the Swanwick area have a life expectancy which is equal to that of the Borough average.

**Figure 11: Life Expectancy**

Life Expectancy at Birth: 2005-09	Males	Females
<b>Swanwick</b>	78.4	82.5
<b>Amber Valley</b>	78.8	82.8
<b>East Midlands</b>	80.2	81.8

Source: Public Health England ([www.empho.org.uk](http://www.empho.org.uk))

**Figure 12: Physical Activity and Obesity**

25% of adults and 18% of Year 6 schoolchildren are obese in Amber Valley and only 57% of adults undertake 150 minutes of physical activity per week. These figures reflect the national average.

%	Amber Valley	England Average	England Worst	England Best
<b>Physically Active Adults<sup>1</sup></b>	57.4	56	43.8	68.5
<b>Obese Adults<sup>2</sup></b>	25.1	24.2	30.7	13.9
<b>Obese Children<sup>3</sup></b>	17.5	19.2	28.5	10.3

Source: Public Health England – Health Profile 2013 Amber Valley

1 % adults achieving at least 150 mins physical activity per week, 2012

2 % adults, modelled estimate using Health Survey for England 2006-2008

3 % school children in Year 6 (age 10-11), 2011/12



## Children and Young People

### School Capacity and Educational Provision:

#### Figure 13: School Admissions Figures

##### Admissions numbers for 2013/14

Swanwick Primary	60
Swanwick Hall School	213

(source: Derbyshire County Council admissions book 2013/14)

#### Attainment:

78% of students in Swanwick attained Level 4 or above in Maths and English in 2013, which is equal to the Local Authority average. This is an improvement from 2012, when 74% of students attained this level.

#### Figure 14: Literacy And Numeracy Skills - Key Stage 2 Achieving Level 4 Or Above in English and Maths

	2012	2013
Swanwick Primary	74%	78%
LA (Derbyshire)	83%	78%
England	79%	75%

Source: Department for Education 2014

As can be seen from the table below, 58% of students at Swanwick Hall School achieved 5+ GCSE A\*-C including Maths and English. This is slightly lower than the Local Authority (Derbyshire) and national averages, yet is a significant improvement on 2010 when only 47% of students achieved 5+ A\*-C.

#### Figure 15: GCSE Attainment Figures

GCSE Attainment 2013	Swanwick Hall	LA (Derbyshire)	England
<i>Pupils Achieving 5+ GCSE (or equivalent) A*-C including Maths &amp; English</i>	58%	59%	59.2%
<i>Pupils Achieving GCSE 5+ A*-G grades</i>	95%	96.4%	94.3%

Source: Department for Education 2014

## Economic Prosperity

#### Figure 16: Average Household Income

2013

MEAN	MODE
£36,735	10-15K

Source: Paycheck CACI 2013

**2013**

0-5k	5-10k	10-15k	15-20k	20-25k	25-30k	30-35K
1.8%	8.8%	11.9%	10.8%	9.1%	8.3%	7.5%

Sourced from Paycheck CACI 2013

**2008**

<b>MEAN</b>	<b>MODE</b>
£35,710	20-25K

Source: Paycheck CACI 2008

**2008**

0-5k	5-10k	10-15k	15-20k	20-25k	25-30K	30-35K
1.9%	4.9%	8.4%	10.7%	11.4%	11%	9.8%

Source: Paycheck CACI 2008

There are two calculations above identifying the average annual income for the households of Swanwick.

Mean Income- The mean is the most common measure of average.

Mode- The mode is the number, which occurs most often in a set of data. There can be more than one mode.

It can be seen that average household incomes rose slightly between 2008 and 2103. However, the modal income band has reduced, which means that more households are earning less than they were.

**Economic Activity:** The 2011 census showed that the percentage of economically active persons in the area was 72.4%, which is higher than the Borough and regional averages. Swanwick has a significantly lower percentage of people who are long-term unemployed (not been in employment for 2 years or longer) compared to the Borough overall.

**Figure 17: Economic Activity**

Economic Activity	Swanwick	Amber Valley	East Midlands	England
<b>Economically Active</b> (including unemployed and full-time students)	72.4%	69.9	69.4	69.9
<b>Economically Inactive</b> (including retired, Long term sick/disabled)	27.6%	30.2	30.8	30.1
<b>Long Term Unemployed</b>	0.7%	1.6	1.6	1.7

Source: 2011 Census

**Occupation:** The largest occupational group is Administrative and Secretarial, which at 14.4% is significantly higher than the percentage for Amber Valley and England. Professional also makes up virtually the same proportion of the working population (14.3%) which is on a par with the Borough average, but significantly less than the national average. There is a lower proportion of unskilled workers in Swanwick than in the Borough overall.

**Figure 18: Occupation**

<i>(Percentages)</i>	<i>Swanwick</i>	<i>Amber Valley</i>	<i>England</i>
<b>1 Managers, Directors, Senior officials</b>	11	10.8	10.9
<b>2 Professional</b>	14.3	14.8	17.5
<b>3 Associate professional &amp; technical</b>	12.3	11.0	12.8
<b>4 Administrative &amp; secretarial</b>	14.4	10.7	11.5
<b>5 Skilled trades</b>	12.6	13.8	11.4
<b>6 Personal services</b>	8.2	9.0	9.3
<b>7 Sales and customer services</b>	7.4	7.4	8.4
<b>8 Process plant and machine operatives</b>	10.2	11.0	7.2
<b>9 Elementary occupations</b>	9.7	11.6	11.1

Source: 2011 Census

**Unemployment:** In December 2013, the rate of unemployment in Swanwick was 0.7% which was lower than the rate for Amber Valley of 1.8%. This rate has reduced significantly from 2009, when unemployment stood at 2.4% in Swanwick and 3.7% in Amber Valley. (Source: Derbyshire County Council 2014).

**Benefits:**

At August 2013 a significantly lower percentage of Swanwick residents were claiming benefits compared to the Borough and national averages. Of those on benefits, around half are claiming ESA and incapacity benefits.

**Figure 19: Benefit Claimants**

<i>(Percentages)</i>	<i>Swanwick</i>	<i>Amber Valley</i>	<i>Great Britain</i>
<b>Total claimants</b>	7.9	12.1	13.6
<b>Job seekers</b>	1	2.1	3.2
<b>ESA and incapacity benefits</b>	3.8	5.7	6.1
<b>Lone parents</b>	0.4	1.1	1.3
<b>Carers</b>	1	1.5	1.3
<b>Others on income related benefits</b>	0.3	0.4	0.4
<b>Disabled</b>	1	1.3	1.2
<b>Bereaved</b>	0.3	0.2	0.2

Source – Nomis August 2013

**Qualifications:** Levels of qualifications amongst Swanwick residents are generally on a par with the Borough averages. However, a significantly lower proportion of residents have no qualifications.

**Figure 20: Qualifications**

(Percentages)	Swanwick	Amber Valley	England
<b>Usual Residents Aged 16 and over (Persons)</b>	4,354	100,841	42,989,620
<b>No Qualifications</b>	22.7	27.0	22.5
<b>Level 1 Qualifications</b>	13.5	13.9	13.3
<b>Level 2 Qualifications</b>	17	15.5	15.2
<b>Apprenticeships</b>	5.2	4.6	3.6
<b>Level 3 Qualifications</b>	13.5	12.0	12.4
<b>Level 4 &amp; above Qualifications</b>	24.2	23.2	27.4
<b>Other Qualification</b>	4	3.9	5.7

Source: 2011 Census

**Employment Areas:** There is one designated employment area in Swanwick covering 32.04 hectares of land.

**Local Industries:** The Manufacturing industry is the biggest employer in this area, accounting for over 19% of persons which is equal to the Borough average. The Retail industry is the second most important employer in the area accounting for over 16% of persons employed, and both industries are also the highest employers in the Borough and the East Midlands. (Source: 2011 Census)

## Transport

**Transport Infrastructure:** Swanwick is served by two A classed roads, the A38 and A61, both of which provide links to the M1 and the A610 and provide useful connections to other parts of the Borough and the region. Other important roads in its network include B6179 to Ripley and B6016 to Nottingham and Pentrich. Several other minor roads also serve the area but it is not currently within any existing railway network.

**Cycle Routes:** The infrastructure to support sustainable modes of transport such as cycling, walking and other non-motorised transport has not been extensively developed in Swanwick. However, a section of the Derbyshire Greenway network of multi-user routes runs to the east of Swanwick and connects to Alfreton in the north. It is proposed that this route will also connect to Ripley in the south.

**Car Availability:** 88.5% of households in Swanwick own one car/van or more which is higher than the Borough average of 80.8%. Swanwick is a fairly rural area and it may be assumed that there is insufficient sustainable transport infrastructure to discourage car usage. (Source: 2011 Census)

**Method of Travel to Work:** The majority of people living in Swanwick travel to work by car or van. At 78% this is significantly higher than the Borough average of 71% and likely reflects the fact that there are fewer employment opportunities within

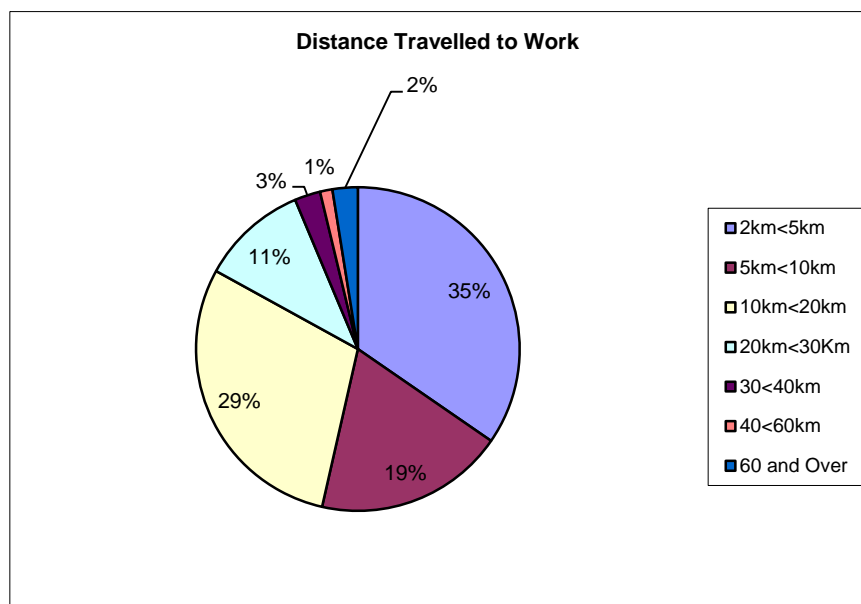
walking distance of Swanwick and a less well developed public transport system compared to the Borough overall.

**Figure 21: Method of Travel to Work**

(Percentages)	Swanwick	Amber Valley	England
<b>Usual Residents Aged 16 – 74 in employment (Persons)</b>	2,706	59,381	25,162,721
<b>Work mainly at home</b>	4.6	5.1	5.4
<b>Underground, metro, tram</b>	0	0.1	4.1
<b>Train</b>	0.8	1.2	5.3
<b>Bus, minibus, coach</b>	2.1	4.1	7.5
<b>Taxi</b>	0.5	0.3	0.5
<b>Motorcycle, scooter, moped</b>	0.5	1.0	0.8
<b>Driving car/van</b>	77.8	71.0	57.0
<b>Passenger in car/van</b>	5.2	5.6	5.0
<b>Bicycle</b>	1.5	1.4	3.0
<b>On foot</b>	6.6	9.7	10.7
<b>Other method</b>	0.3	0.4	0.6

Source: 2011 Census

**Distance Travelled to Work:** According to the 2001 census, only 28.5% of people that work in Swanwick travel more than 10km to and within the area to work.



**Rail Service:** Swanwick is in close proximity to Alfreton, which provides good access to the rest of the country. There are hourly services to Leeds, Liverpool and Norwich and every half an hour to Nottingham. However, only 0.8% of the working population use the train to travel to work, reflecting the fact that the vast majority of people do not work in the commuter locations the rail network serves.

**Bus service:** Bus services in the Swanwick area are good with services every 15 minutes to Derby, Ripley and Mansfield. There are also hourly services to other settlements within the Borough and Nottinghamshire.

**Figure 22: Bus Timetable for Swanwick**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
<b>9.1</b>	Derby • Ripley • Alfreton • Mansfield	Every 15 mins. Daily
<b>9.2</b>	Derby • Ripley • Alfreton • Mansfield	
<b>9.3</b>	Derby • Ripley • Alfreton • Mansfield	
<b>90</b>	Ripley • Leabrooks • Selston • Kirkby • Sutton	Hourly. No Sunday service.
<b>148</b>	Alfreton • Pentrich • Ripley • Codnor	Hourly. No Sunday service.

Source: Derbyshire County Council 2014

**Community Transport:** Swanwick is a Primary Service Area for community transport. Amber Valley Community Transport is now working with Chesterfield Community Transport under the name CT4TC, Community Transport for Town and County. They provide essential transport for people with disabilities, elderly people and community groups. There are 18 buses plus a single wheelchair vehicle. A Community Car Scheme is also operated where volunteers use their own cars to provide transport. A mileage charge is applicable on all journeys to cover running costs.

Derbyshire County Council’s Dial a Bus service can be pre-booked and charges fares in line with public transport service. (Derbyshire County Council 2014)

**Accessibility:** A collection of six essential service destination types have been identified to reflect those discussed in the Social Exclusion Unit Report (2003)- Making the Connections. The DfT Accessibility Indicators Report (2007) sets out the core indicators thresholds for each destination type.

Identified in the table below are the journey times to key services.

**Figure 23: DfT Accessibility Indicators (2007)**

<b>Key Destination</b>	<b>Journey Time Thresholds (mins)*</b>	
	Lower	Upper
<b>GP Surgery</b>	15	30
<b>Pharmacy</b>	15	30
<b>Post Office</b>	15	30
<b>Primary School</b>	15	30
<b>Secondary School</b>	20	40
<b>Supermarket/ Convenience Store</b>	15	30

\*DfT Accessibility Indicators Report 2007- Core Indicator Threshold

## Significant Home to Work Destinations for Selected Amber Valley Communities

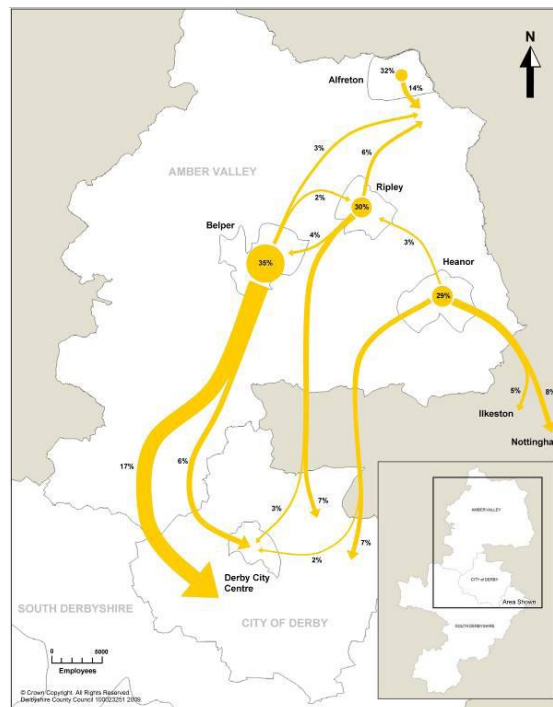


Figure 24: Travel times to Key Destinations for the Ward

	Doctors Surgery	Pharmacy	Post Office	Primary School	Secondary School	Supermarket
Travel Time Access by Cycle mins (16kph)	3.5	3	7.5	5	2.5	2.5
Travel Time by Foot mins (4.8kph)	11.5	10	12	17	9	9.5
Travel Time Access by Public Transport mins (weekday 0700-0900)	9.95	6.7	9.85	10.45	6.65	4.95

Average travel times Swanwick (Measurement of Existing Accessibility – Amber Valley SHLAA Sites) August 2009

The residents of Swanwick have good access to key destinations all within the lower travel time thresholds set out by the Department for Transport 2007.

## Environment

**Landscape Character Areas:** The Swanwick area falls within the Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire Coalfields Landscape Character area and consists of one character type namely, Coalfield Estatelands, with the built-up area classed as Urban.

**Green Belt / Designated Sites:** Approximately 26% of the area lies in the Amber Valley Borough Green Belt and there are 2 wildlife sites in the area both of which are of significant local importance. There is also a designated 'Protected Open Area' between Somercotes and Swanwick.

**Water and Flood Risk:** There is no major river in Swanwick, only a few ordinary watercourses. According to the Amber Valley Level 1 SFRA, all of the Swanwick area lies within the flood zone 1 (low risk zone).

## Culture Arts and Tourism

Swanwick was a budding industrial town in 18th and 19th century, elements of its industrial legacy are still present, these include the Swanwick Hayes, now the Hayes Conference Centre that was built in the 1850s, it has architectural significance and captures some interesting WWII history connected to Swanwick. Others include Swanwick Hall (now a secondary school) and the Church of St Andrew built in 1860.

## Leisure and Recreation

**Libraries:** There is no local library in Swanwick but the area is served by one mobile library visit.

**Leisure Centre:** 0

The Leisure centre and other facilities in Alfreton town are also easily accessible to residents of the Swanwick area.

**Recreation:** There are several facilities and places in Swanwick that cater for local recreation and leisure, these include Bullock Wood, Thornton's Woods, public open spaces in Harewood Avenue and Ashton Close and several other play areas for children.

**Figure 25: Recreational Areas within the ward**

<i>Parks &amp; Gardens</i>	<i>Natural and Semi natural green spaces</i>	<i>Green Corridors</i>	<i>Outdoor Sports Facilities</i>	<i>Amenity Greenspace</i>	<i>Children/ Young People</i>	<i>Cemeteries, closed churchyards</i>
0	3	0	0	2	6	2

**Green Flag Awards:** 0



**Community Centers: 1**

The Old School House, 22 The Green, Swanwick

**Recycling Facilities: 1**

The Green Car Park Swanwick

## The Summary

- **Housing:** The average house price in Swanwick is on a par with the Borough average, yet affordability is somewhat better due to higher average incomes. 48 affordable houses have been built between 2008 and 2013.
- **Retail:** There is a moderate retail offer in Swanwick. There are no superstores but local people have easy access to the Tesco superstore in Alfreton. There are also a moderate number of local shops that provide convenience and comparison-shopping opportunities for the area.
- **Facilities:** The residents of Swanwick have good access to key destinations within the lower travel time thresholds set out by the Department for Transport 2007.
- **Education:** Educational attainment is on a par with the Derbyshire average, and is higher than the national average.
- **Health:** The proportion of people who consider their health to be good or very good (81%) is on a par with the Borough average. The proportion of people who suffer with bad health or who are limited by a long-term condition is lower than that for the Borough.
- **School Capacity:** Primary 60; Secondary 213
- **Population:** At 2011 Swanwick had a population of 5084 people and 2223 households with 26% of households being single person households.
- **Deprivation:** The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2010 indicates that neighbourhoods in Swanwick are amongst the least deprived in Amber Valley, with one LSOA ranked amongst the 10% least deprived in the country. However, one LSOA is ranked in the 50% most deprived for health and disability in the country.
- **Transport:** Swanwick is served by two A classed roads, the A38 and A61, both of which provide links to the M1 and the A610 and useful connections to other parts of the Borough and the region. Other important roads in its network include B6179 to Ripley and B6016 to Nottingham and Pentrich.
- **Crime:** Swanwick generally has low crime rates and it is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the Borough overall (1<sup>st</sup> = worst). However for Criminal Damage/Arson the rate is higher than the Borough average.
- **Unemployment:** In December 2013, the rate of unemployment in Swanwick was 0.7% which is less than half the Borough rate.
- **Built Environment:** Approximately 26% of the area lies in the Green Belt. There are two wildlife sites both of which are of significant local importance. There is also a designated 'Protected Open Area' between Somercotes and Swanwick. The Swanwick area falls within the Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire Coalfields Landscape Character area and consists of one character type namely, Coalfield Estatelands, with the built-up area classed as Urban.