

Swilland SLHC Report March 2023

Since my first report in September 2021 Swilland has basically remained the same. In February 2022 we started a Swilland WhatsApp group .. purely for those living in Swilland..but did include a few living in High Road Winesham. and across to Berghersh... they didn't know where they belonged. We currently have 68 participants. WhatsApp is currently the way people communicate via their mobile phones. The group is ideal for keeping local people in touch with their neighbours and if animals etc are lost or found and other local events. Unwanted callers etc I went around the village last year and photographed all the houses or driveways in Swilland but am not sure how to add them to this report.

The temporary campsite at Low Farm Barn 2 in Kirby's Lane has closed and the owners are now living there with a number of sheep.

Kirby Lane and Newton Hall Lane are still waiting to be given Quiet Lane status..which encourages drivers to slow down as pedestrians, cyclists, Mums and children and mobility scooterists dog walkers etc can enjoy the lovely countryside. During the last year Swilland has been cut in half on two occasions. The main road between Church Lane and the Water Tower was closed for at least a week whilst a badger run was dug..prior to this work asphalt had been a very temporary fix as reported previously.

The other recent time was for a water pipe to be put across the road near Half Moon Cottages ..this has now been completed

Swilland Church is part of the Carlford Benefice which includes Ashbocking Otley Clopton Burgh Boulge Culpho Grundisburgh and Hasketon. There is a monthly SIGNPOST magazine which covers these churches and very interesting facts and figures. This used to be delivered by hand to those who paid a subscription, but is now delivered by email.

In years gone by Swilland was part of Winesham Ashbocking Swilland Community Council.

I am looking for someone to take over this role as I have other more pressing matters to consider.

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