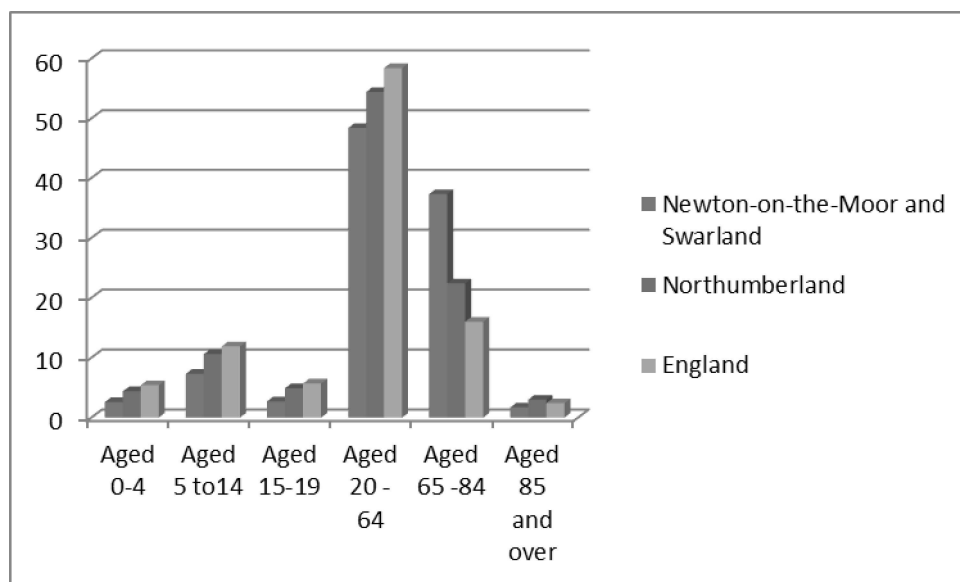


Census Information Background Paper

1. Population

- 1.1 The 2011 census illustrates that Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish had a population of 905 residents. The 2021 census illustrates that Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish had a population of 960 residents. This represents an increase of 55 people over 10 years and accounts for the recent increase in the housing stock.
- 1.2 The age structure of the Parish in 2021 reveals that although a large proportion of the population of the parish is aged 20–64, when compared with Northumberland as a whole and England (see graph below) we have an increasing population in the 65-84 age group.
- 1.3 Comparing Census 2021 to Census 2011 there are a similar number of people in the 0-15 age group, a reduction of 13.9% in the 16-64 age group and an increase of 14.2% in those aged 65+.



Age structure from Office for National Statistics - Census 2021 data

2 Households, housing and tenure

- 2.1 2021 census states that the parish had 440 households, compared to 410 households from Census 2011.
- 2.2 From the Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish Profile – updated August 2023, we can see there have been 48 net additional homes completed within the Parish since 2016 and we have outstanding commitments for another 55 dwellings.
- 2.3 Since the 2011 census an additional 30 households have been created.
- 2.4 As the table below shows there has been no major growth in the population or numbers of households between the two sets of Census data.

	Population	Households
Percentage growth Census 2011 – Census 2021	6.08%	7.32%

Percentage growth in population and households in the Parish from Census 2011 to census 2021

- 2.5 The mix of adults and children living in a household is important to help understand the size and type of housing needed in the future.
- 2.6 Census 2021 data reveals that Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish differs from both Northumberland County and England as a whole in terms of having fewer one person households and more single family households (see table below).

Household composition	NotM & Swarland Parish	N'lanc	England
One person household	20.9%	32.8%	30.1%
Single family household	76.6%	64.5%	63.0%
Other household types	2.4%	2.7%	6.9%

Household composition (Census 2021) Source ONS 2021,

2.7 Based on 2021 census data:

- a) 68.5% of households own their own homes outright – 29.9% more than in Northumberland as a whole, and 36% more than the England average;
- b) 25.2% of households own with a mortgage or loan or shared ownership which is slightly lower than both the Northumberland area as a whole and the England average;
- c) The level of renting is much lower in Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish than both the County and England average with 6.2% in the Parish, 34.3% in the County and 37.7% in England as a whole.
- d) Information on types of housing shows Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish has 96.6% of accommodation types defined as whole house or bungalow, 0.9% as flat, maisonette or apartment, and 2.5% as caravan or other mobile or temporary structure. The figures for England as a whole are 77.4%, 22.2% and 0.4% respectively.
- e) As regards the number of bedrooms, Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish has significantly fewer one, two and three bedroom properties and more than double the number of four or more bedroom properties than the Northumberland average.

3 Travel to work

- 3.1 Census 2021 shows that within Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish, 42.1% work mainly at or from home with 50.1% driving a car or van to work.
- 3.2 Newton on the Moor & Swarland Parish has 53.7% of residents economically inactive, compared to 44.7% in Northumberland and 39.1% in England as a whole.

4. Transport

- 4.1 Residents are reliant on private transport which is evidenced by the Census 2021 data. This shows that 59% of households have 2 or more cars, compared to Northumberland at 37.2% and England 35.2%.
- 4.2 Residents are concerned about the carbon footprint within the Parish.
- 4.3 There has been an expansion of housing by circa 20% over the last 10 years in Longframlington (census comparison 2011 to 2021) and in consequence an increase in volume of traffic passing through this Parish. At the same time the number of static units Percy Wood Country Retreat (caravan park) has increased. These increases in traffic passing through the Parish have increased the danger at A1 junctions nearest to the Parish as well as the roads that pass through the Parish en route to those junctions.
- 4.4 In order to avoid additional transport related challenges within the Parish, any future development needs to strictly comply with policies TRA1, TRA2 and TRA4 of the Northumberland Local Plan, with no exceptions made whatsoever, particularly those due to Swarland being classed as a service village given the almost total lack of services (public transport, shops, medical services etc.).

5. Services and Facilities

- 5.1 Within the village of Newton on the Moor there is a Village Hall that provides a warm space for a variety of events. There is also the Cook & Barker Inn which is a very well used facility for people from within the Parish and outside.
- 5.2 Swarland has a Village Club which has a bar, TV coverage for sporting events, a pool table, a room for meetings and events. There is also the Grade II listed Village Hall used by a variety of community groups. Vyner Park provides a football field, tennis courts, a multi purpose court and a bowling green. There is also a dog walking area. The Forestry Commission Woods in Swarland provides for longer walks and interest for those keen on red squirrels and deer.