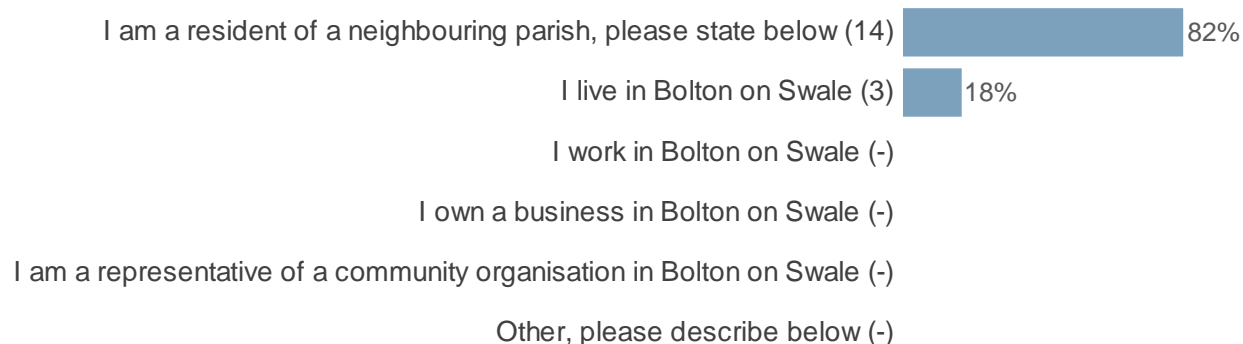


2025-26 CGR - Bolton on Swale, Scorton, Ellerton

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The following charts are restricted to the top 12 codes. Lists are restricted to the most recent 100 rows.

Please tick which best describes you:



I live in Scorton. Please note there is a mistake in the CGR as it talks about Scotton and not Scorton.

Scorton

Scorton

I live in Scorton parish on the border of the Bolton Parish council

I'm currently within the boundary of Ellerton parish, living near forest manor. It makes geographical sense to extend Bolton on Swale Parish to encompass Forest Manor and surrounding area of Forest.

We live in Ellerton On Swale.

I live in Ellerton upon Swale

Ellerton on Swale

Scorton

Scorton

I live in Ellerton on Swale

Please state the first part of your postcode:
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There has been a request to merge Bolton on Swale parish meeting with another neighbouring parish. What is your opinion?


Yes, I support this idea (17)  94%

I am unsure (1)  6%

No, I do not support this idea (-)

If 'Yes', there are a number of potential options. Which do you feel would serve your parish better?

Merge with Scorton which has a parish council (11)  69%

Merge with Ellerton on Swale which has a parish council (5)  31%

Merge with Catterick which has a parish council (-)

Other suggestion, please describe below (-)

Why do you feel this is the most appropriate solution?

Bolton on Swale sits so close to Scorton, the houses, roads, school, all fit closely together. The graveyard in Bolton serves Scorton and the CofE church in Bolton serves Scorton.

Scorton is the largest village closest to Bolton on Swale and it has a very active parish council who we feel would provide the most positive solution for Bolton on Swale residents. The villages are closely connected with the Bolton on Swale primary school situated between the two villages. To merge with the parish council of Scorton would be the most sensible outcome for the future.

Scorton is in the centre of the map area

Bolton is virtually joined onto Scorton

Either Scorton or Ellerton looked a best match, but felt Ellerton had a more similar match to sparsely populated, little facilities, main and minor roads, rural issues and needs that would marry up well if parishes merged together

I would like to know who instructed the review and why was it residents or was it Scorton Parish Council. What are the benefits for those in Bolton Parish if a merger goes ahead? It's impossible to comment without more info.

Merge with Scorton.

Why do you feel this is the most appropriate solution?

As residents of Ellerton-On-Swale we would be happy to merge with Bolton-on-Swale. A larger parish council will hopefully provide an unbiased review of the villages and awareness of key issues and requirements for the villages. Currently there is no transparent feedback from our own parish council. It is becoming apparent we need litter bins, a new notice board and perhaps a roadside pavement. We would also be interested in feedback about what issues are being discussed at meetings and where funding is being allocated. Relevant feedback could be displayed on a notice board..... if we had one! A proactive parish council may also consider if a speed limit within the village would be advisable. There are many issues which a larger unbiased council could consider for both villages.

Scorton has large existing parish council

Not enough people in Bolton on Swale .A merger between Scorton,Bolton,Ellerton,would be mutually beneficial .We have been residents of Ellerton on Swale since 1978,and have never been informed of any meetings,and unaware of any actions taken

Seems a practical resolution to the defunct parish meeting in Bolton.

Seems sensible

Neighbouring areas and share a lot of things in common. Issues often transverse both parishes

Scorton is nearest to where I live.

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Response from Scorton Parish Council. Councillors support the merge, and would like to see the name remain as Scorton PC should this merge go ahead. We currently support Bolton on Swale by providing consumables for their defib.

The two parishes are adjacent to each other and are of a similar small size and so could probably have equal influence which perhaps would not happen if they merged with Scorton which would probably take over the council, especially as it is becoming much larger due to excessive house building.

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to governance in Bolton on Swale parish?

No

No

No, not really

More info needed as to why & if this is what residents want or just for the current parish council in Scorton to have more say on planning applications within Bolton parish given their negative comments on recent planning applications for proposals in Bolton.

None.

If Bolton on Swale merged with Ellerton, there would need to be new appointments of council members so that both villages had equal say in decisions being made.

I would like to be informed of any meetings

Would be sensible to include ellerton as well

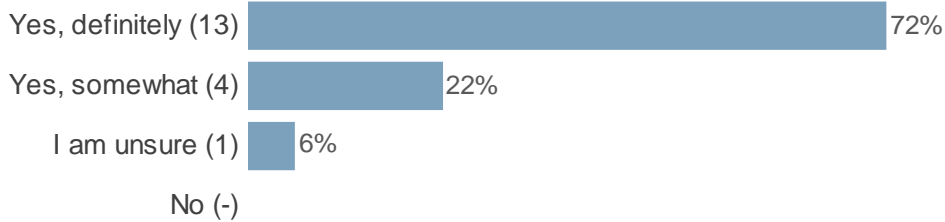
No

No

Councillors felt that the letter sent to residents was unclear and didn't mention the potential merge with Bolton on Swale within the letter, we had some queries about this, as some residents didn't understand the letter.

If Bolton and Ellerton were to merge they could have a more effective parish council. I have lived in Ellerton for 12 years and only recently discovered that we had a parish council. There is no communication between community and council. The council is run by the farming families. It would be good to have a more representative group of councillors who could make changes for the benefit of the whole community and not just the landowners.

Do you think the proposed model will meet the needs of its community?



Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

Yes. There is an error in the original question, this is for SCORTON and Bolton on Swale and not SCOTTON.

No

I think the views of Bolton parish should be considered mostly.

Lack of info to make an informed decision

No.

There needs to be more transparency within the parish council to allow residence to understand what issues are being discussed and how funding is being allocated.

When we do pay money via council tax to Ellerton on Swale, and nothing usefull has ever been done, what is the point of having a parish council ?

No