Population	Child Poverty	Unemployed	Older People in Poverty	Older People Living Alone	Can not Speak English	IMD Ward Rank (/25)	IMD Score
10823	689	4.1%	32.1%	39.9%	0.4%	3	48.50

Income Deprivation	Ave. Download Speed	% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s		
30.0%	77.39	0.20	**Digital Inclusion Scoreboard**	**Southwick**

Existing Digital Provision

A Community Digital Health Hub has been developed at Thompson Park Community Centre which has improved connectivity, provided access to digital devices and Tech Mate volunteers to support people Go Online for the first time, and provide valuable one to one support.

Foundation of Light, Grace House, Salvation Army, Southwick Community Centre, and Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions. Southwick Neighbourhood Community Project, also provide a Data Bank service.

Free Wi-Fi available in Thompson Park, along with interactive play. Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub supporting social prescribing to raise awareness of support.

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind.

SNYP main youth provider in the Southwick Ward in addition SARA project works in partnership with Salvation Army to offer out of school provision.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness, unemployment and income deprivation.

Many active VCS orgs in Southwick, risk of silo intervention. Consideration needs to be given to co-ordinating digital intervention across the road to reduce competition and duplication.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Grange Park, Southwick Primary and Beacon of Light

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners