



Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan

Services & Facilities Audit

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Audit of existing services and facilities as at March 2016

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Audit of Existing Services and Facilities

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Purpose of the Service and Facilities Audit

The Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan Vision and Aims recognises that Stanwick has a number of good recreational and leisure facilities.

The Neighbourhood Plan objectives include the need to sustain and improve local recreational and leisure facilities.

In view of the Aims and Objectives it was decided to undertake an audit of the facilities available to provide a base line point for the Neighbourhood Plan and to extend this audit to include public services and facilities so that the Steering Group had a good understanding of the current situation to enable the Steering Group to make decisions on an informed basis.

The Stanwick Parish Plan 2013-2018 gave residents the opportunities to identify amenities and recreational opportunities that they felt were missing from the village. In the interests of providing a complete report, these findings have been included in this document.

This report documents what there is and well as providing an indication of how far residents must travel to access those services not provided within Stanwick.

Relevant Planning Policy

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) establishes the requirement for sustainable development and within policy 28 the requirement to “promote the retention and development of local services and community facilities in villages, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.”

The North Northamptonshire Core Spatial Strategy (CSS) policy 13 requires that a general principle of sustainable development is that it should not lead to the loss of community facilities nor the loss of open space or recreational facilities unless certain criteria are met.

The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) is an emerging plan that will replace the CSS. The JCS is in its final stages of preparation and it is expected that it will be adopted early in 2016.

JCS Policy 7 specifies that development should support and enhance community facilities and sets out a number of clauses.

Summary of services and facilities available in Stanwick as at March 2016

Retail		Public Services		Education		Entertainment		Outdoor facilities	
Convenience store	✓	Post Office	✓	Primary School	✓	Restaurant	✓	Public Garden	✓
Petrol filling station	✗	Bank	✗	Secondary School	✗	Cinema	✗	Allotments	✓
Butcher	✓	Doctors surgery	✗	Nursery/child care	✓	Public House	✓	Children's play area	✓
Supermarket	✗	Dentist	✗	Pre-school	✓	Social Club	✓	Sports ground	✓
		Veterinary Services	✗	Adult education	✓			Bowling green	✓
		Hair dresser	✓					Wildlife area	✓
		Bus Service	✓					Football Club	✓
		Hotel Accommodation	✓						
		Community Hall	✓						
		Cemetery	✓						
		Church	✓						

Retail

Convenience store

The Shop@stanwick offers a wide range of food goods, fresh bread and newspapers.

Winner of the Countryside Alliance Regional Award Enterprise Category in 2013

It is open Monday to Friday 07.00 to 19.00, Saturdays 07.00 to 17.00 and Sundays 08.00 to 11.30

Butchers

CR Potters, Winners of the Countryside Alliance Village Butcher of the Year 2010 award. Potters offers a wide range of meats.

Petrol filling station

Stanwick does not have a petrol filling station. The closest petrol fillings station are located at
Titty Ho Garage Raunds 1.5 miles
BP Garage Raunds 3.1 miles

Supermarkets

Stanwick does not have a supermarket. The following supermarkets are nearby:

Co-operative supermarket (Raunds) 1.5 miles
Waitrose (Rushden) 3.9 miles
Tesco (Wellingborough) 7.4 miles
ASDA (Rushden) 4 miles

Public Services

Post Office

Stanwick Post office is located within the shop@stanwick on High Street. It offers a range of services including banking services for some other high street banks.

The Post office is open 09.00 to 17.30 Monday to Friday and 09.00 to 12.30 on Saturdays

Banks

There are no banks or building societies in Stanwick. The closest banking services are located in:

Rushden (4.2 miles), Nat West, TSB, Barclays, HSBC, Nationwide Building Society, Lloyds
Wellingborough (7.5 miles) Barclays, Lloyds, HBOS, Santander, Nationwide Building Society, HSBC
Thrapston (6.7 miles) Nat West, Barclays

Doctors Surgery

There are no doctor's surgeries in Stanwick. Stanwick residents generally register with GPs in Raunds, either at the Cottons

Medical Centre, Meadow Lane
Marshalls Road Surgery

Dentistry

There are no dental surgeries in Stanwick. The NHS Choices website lists eight dental practises covering Raunds, Higham Ferrers and Rushden. However there is limited availability for new patients.

Veterinary Services

There are no Veterinary Services in Stanwick. There are a range of veterinary options in nearby towns of Raunds, Higham Ferrers, Irtlingborough, Wellingborough and Thrapston.

Hairdresser

The Hair Studio salon is located in High Street providing a unisex service. It is open on various days

Alternative salons are available in Raunds, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, and Irtlingborough.

Bus Services

Stanwick is covered by the Stagecoach services X46/X47 which operates between Raunds and Northampton Monday to Saturday. The service does not operate on a Sunday.

The service does operate on a half hourly basis between 06.00 and 19.00 when the service ceases in Stanwick.

It should also be noted that the timetabled journey time to reach Northampton Bus Station during the morning rush hour is 1 hour 15 minutes making it an unattractive option for commuters.

Train services

The closest train station is Wellingborough, with alternative stations at Kettering, Bedford and Northampton.

Hotel Accommodation

The Courtyard Luxury Lodge, West Street, is a boutique hotel, restaurant and wedding venue, with 20 bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms. They have a purpose built events suite, Reflections, which can accommodate up to 250 guests, plus the conservatory restaurant for smaller parties. They are licensed for civil ceremonies.

Community Hall

Stanwick Village Hall was opened in 2011 and is managed by Stanwick Village Hall Trust. It is comprised of a main hall and two smaller rooms plus a lobby and a kitchen. The village hall is the venue for a variety of Clubs & Societies. Further information can be found on the Village Hall website <http://www.stanwickvillagehall.org>

Burial provision

The Churchyard of St Laurence Church is closed to new burials.

Stanwick Cemetery, located on Chelveston Road, is owned and managed by Stanwick Parish Council. It was first used 1928 and has limited unused grave space.

Church

St Laurence Church dates from 1224. As part of the Church of England it offers regular services.

There are no other religious buildings within Stanwick.

Education

Primary education

The Stanwick Primary School is situated on Church Street and offers seven classes, from Reception through to year 6.

The school generally has a full intake each year.

Secondary education

Secondary education is not offered in Stanwick. Students are required to travel to Raunds, Higham Ferrers or Irthlingborough. Some students select schools further afield such as Kettering, Wellingborough and Northampton.

The County Council withdrew the school bus service for state schools a few years ago requiring all students to walk or use public transport. This has resulted in more students being driven to school by their parents.

Nursery/childcare

Acorn Day Nursery (previously A Touch of Eden Day Nursery) is situated on Church Street and offers child care facilities care and education for children aged four months to four years. It is privately owned and operates Monday to Friday 08.00 to 18.00. It has places for 56 children.

Stanwick Pre-school

Stanwick Preschool is a committee run, non-for-profit charity for children aged 2 to 5 years that has been established for more than 45 years. The Pre-school is based in Stanwick Village Hall, Spencer Parade.

It operates Monday to Friday mornings with some additional sessions.

It accepts child care vouchers.

Adult education

Stanwick Village Hall hosts a number of adult education classes. Adult education classes are also available in towns nearby.

Entertainment

Restaurants & dining out

Stanwick benefits from the café and Bistro based at Old School Dining on High Street.

The Courtyard Hotel offers a restaurant that is open to the public at certain times, generally lunch times and evenings.

The Duke of Wellington Public House, Church Street, has recently re-opened following refurbishment and offers dining.

V & V Chinese takeaway is located on Church Street.

Cinema

Stanwick does not have a cinema. The closest venue is Kettering (10 miles) or further afield in Northampton.

Theatres

Stanwick does not have a theatre.

The closest venues are Kettering Wellingborough, Northampton, Corby and Milton Keynes.

Public House

The Duke of Wellington has been a fixture of Stanwick since at least 1817. Under new management since late 2014 has been re-furbished.

Social Club

Stanwick Club (formerly Stanwick Working Mens Club) has been located on High Street since 1903. It is a private members club involved in a host of recreational activities and music at weekends. It offers a bar service but not food.

Outdoor facilities

Public Garden

The Memorial Gardens are located on Spencer Parade and offers 678 sq. metres of public open space. Located next to the village hall, it is on occasions used in conjunction with village hall functions.

Allotments

In 2014, the parish council secured £50,000.00 from the Big Lottery to create an allotment and community garden facility. These will be the first council owned allotments and located on council owned land adjacent to Raunds Road.

Children's Play area

There is a small dedicated children's play area within Stanwick Recreation Ground (located between Needham Road and Arris Lane) The area was designed in the late 1960s/early 1970s at a time when the population of Stanwick was approximately half the number it is now.

Sports Field

Stanwick Recreation Ground is located between Needham Road and Arris Lane. It is 13865 sq. metres. It is predominately laid to grass, covering one football pitch and a training pitch. It includes a basketball court. Stanwick Rovers Football Club has a changing room and Stanwick Bowls Club has a sectioned fenced off for their sole use.

There is an area within parish fields that is described as a playing field. However it is not suitable for formal team games or training.

Bowling green

Stanwick Bowls Club is a private members club based at Stanwick Recreation Ground. It has an outdoor bowling green together with a club house that permits indoor bowls during the winter season.

Wildlife area/Pocket Park

Parish Fields was purchased by Stanwick Parish Council in 2009. It is a 10 acre site of previously derelict land. Within the site a 6 acre pocket park has been created by a dedicated pocket park group. This offers local impact recreational activities for residents.

The allotments facility will be created within the remaining 4 acres.

Stanwick Rovers Football Club

Stanwick Rovers Football Club was established in 1952 and is based at Stanwick recreation ground. Further information can be found at <http://www.stanwickrovers.co.uk>

Assets of Community Value

Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 provides for a scheme called 'assets of community value'. This requires district and unitary councils to maintain a list of 'community assets'. It has also become known as the 'community right to bid'.

Community assets can be nominated by parish councils or by groups with a connection with the community. Individuals cannot nominate community assets. If the nomination is accepted, local groups will be given time to come up with a bid for the asset when it is sold.

The right to bid only applies when an asset's owner decides to dispose of it. There is no compulsion on the owner to sell it. The scheme does not give first refusal to the community group; and it is not a community right to buy the asset, just to bid. This means that the local community bid may not be the successful one.

Certain types of land, most notably residential property, are exempt from being placed on the register. Owners of property placed on the register may appeal against its listing and can claim compensation if they can demonstrate its value has been reduced. Also, certain types of transfer of land or assets do not count as disposal for the purposes of the legislation.

The asset must be a building or land, as defined in section 88 of the 2011 Act. The contents of a building, or related services or business assets, are not covered by the Act. In order to be listed, the land or building must further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, or have been used to do so in the recent past.

Details on the Regulations are provided within Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012, which came into force on 21 September 2012.

Stanwick Parish Council utilised this piece of legislation in 2013 to register and subsequently purchase the public open spaces at the Mallows Grange housing estate.

Amenities and recreational opportunities identified by the Parish Plan 2013-18

The following were identified in the Parish Plan 2013-2018 as desirable services or facilities that were absent at the time the Parish plan consultation was undertaken

10 people said 'car park'

- 4 people said Doctors/GP
- 2 people said 'more dog bins'
- Bakery
- Small row of unique shops
- Youth clubs
- Toilets
- More things to play on and larger play equipment at the park
- Facilities for older children
- Cash point at street level
- Tennis club would be good
- Fish 'n' chip shop would be nice

Conclusions

This audit of services and facilities demonstrates that whilst there are some local facilities, residents are dependent on the surrounding towns for key services.

There are services that are absent from Stanwick that would be desirable such as a doctors surgery and a dental practise. However the present population level does not make it feasible for the Neighbourhood Plan to promote the provision of such services.

The issue of identifying assets of community value for placing on the community asset register has been considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. It was determined that such a process would not form part of the Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan.