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Village Plan

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STANWICK



VILLAGE PLAN

As the needs of the village are in a constant state of flux due to increase in population, traffic and a number of other problems it was decided to produce a Village Plan. The Village Plan is designed to ascertain the requirements of Stanwick over a period of around 15 to 20 years. To this end a Village Day was organised for Stanwick and from the comments at this event a questionnaire was produced and delivered to every household. This introduction is to explain how the Village Plan was produced.

- In September of 2005 a meeting in the school hall was arranged to which the whole population of the village were invited. This was to explain the reasons for a Village Plan and see if there was an interest in producing one for Stanwick. People were able to register their interest and volunteer their services.
- Volunteers were invited to a meeting at the beginning of November at which the direction for the Plan was discussed.
- A further meeting was arranged for the end of November at which a chairperson and vice-chair were appointed. A timetable for the production of The Plan was produced and dates set for the Village Day. Among items discussed were, which voluntary organisations should be invited to the Village Day; if businesses should also be invited.
- Funding of £2203 was received from DEFRA & £500 from the Parish Council.
- The Village Day took place in March 2006 in the school hall and enabled village organisations to make themselves known to village residents.
- The comments from the Village Day were used to produce a questionnaire, which was delivered to and collected from every household in Stanwick by a circle of volunteers. This took place through June, July and August of 2006.
- In November 2006 the data was fed into a computer to enable the information to be analysed. This Plan Document has been compiled from the data collected from the questionnaires and from the comments made at Your Village Day.

AN INTRODUCTION TO STANWICK

The Parish of Stanwick is on the eastern boundary of Northamptonshire and has an area of 1390 hectares. The village overlooks the Nene Valley SSSI. It is 19 miles from the county town of Northampton and is in close proximity to other towns including Kettering (13 miles), Wellingborough (10 miles) and Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough and Raunds, all of which are within 5 miles.

Stanwick has always been a popular place to live. There is evidence of Roman and Saxon occupation. Today Stanwick is the largest village in the East Northamptonshire District. There has been a lot of new housing and immigration since the early 1990s causing a 32% increase in the population between the 1991 and 2001 censuses. Unfortunately the infrastructure has not been developed to keep pace with the increases in population and housing.

The Parish is severed by the A45 trunk road. The A45 provides access to the A14 (7 miles away) and the A6, as well as being a direct route in to Northampton. However the trunk road has rendered the recreational facility of Stanwick Lakes inaccessible to non-motorised visitors. Local people and the Parish Council have been campaigning for a suitable bridge for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders for a number of years.

There is a limited range of local services including a post office and general store, a butchers, a hairdressers, the Duke of Wellington Public House, Stanwick Club and a takeaway. There is a playgroup and a children's nursery. The primary school takes children to the age of 11. Secondary education is not available within the village. Residents travel to Raunds, Higham Ferrers or further afield for medical and dental needs.

St Laurence Church is the oldest surviving building in the village and dominates the central area.

There are a limited number of employment units in Stanwick. The latest census showed that 120 people worked mainly at or from home. The majority of people in employment commute out of the village.

Recreation and amenity space is lacking for a village of this size. The recreation ground is 4.16 acres and includes a small children's play area and is home to Stanwick Bowls Club. Stanwick Rovers Football Club have a changing room on site and use the pitch regularly through the winter. The Old School Rooms provides limited indoor recreational space that is frequently fully booked.

'Stanwick Lakes' is a wildlife and recreational facility that has been developed on a closed quarry site. It officially opened in January 2006 and the current phase of development will continue until 2009. The Lakes are an amazing site that attracts visitors from all over the area and are a valuable asset to the village.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF STANWICK

Redlands Farm Villa Site - excavated by the Oxford Archaeological Unit in 1990. Evidence was found of prehistoric occupation, beginning in the Bronze Age (2100 BC - 750 BC) and developing throughout the Iron Age (751 BC – AD 42). During the Roman Britain period (2nd, 3rd and 4th century), a simple 2-roomed building was constructed, originally as a watermill. This became the core of a winged corridor villa, with a hypocaust and mosaic pavements.

Roman Villa Site - excavated by English Heritage between 1985 and 1991. During the Late Bronze Age (c 1000 BC) until the Late Iron Age (c AD 42) long fences were built to separate large fields, and the site was then occupied by Belgic tribesmen, with evidence of circular wattle and daub huts, and small oval defended enclosures. During the Roman Britain period (2nd, 3rd and 4th century) the earlier houses were demolished and new huts built into 6 enclosures separated by trackways. A row of 3 stone houses were then built, and a building flanked by turret-like rooms was erected. There were many other changes on the site before the Roman Villa was furnished with 3 mosaic pavements circa 350 AD.

10th C	Village name recorded as Stan Wigga.
1086	Domesday book: Referred to as Stanwige & Stanewica, part of Peterborough Abbey estate.
c. 1225	St. Laurence Church is built.
1280	Stanwick has a 2 field system, 'The field towards Raunds', and 'The Other field'.
1656	The Upper Field is enclosed to form Stanwick Pastures. The remaining land is divided into 3 parts: 'Field next to Raunds', 'Field next to Chelveston' and 'Field next to Higham'.
1714	Stanwick House is rebuilt and the solar and chapel built in 1222 is demolished.
1717	Stanwick Rectory is built on the site of an older Rectory.
1745	200 men march from Stanwick to fight against Bonnie Prince Charlie. More of them die of smallpox than are killed in the fighting at Carlisle.
1801	Population: 332
1834	3 Commissioners and 2 Surveyors are appointed to oversee the Inclosure of land in Stanwick.

- 1838** The Inclosure of Stanwick's land is completed.
- 1839-41** The first National School is built in Stanwick.
- 1840** Stanwick Baptist Church is formed.
- 1851** Population: 609
- 1874-75** The National School is closed for extension and repairs, and a School Board is formed.
- 1876** Alterations are made to the school to accommodate 138 pupils.
- 1890** The first shoe factory is built in Stanwick by Cave of Rushden.
- 1894** Thrapston Rural District Council is formed, which includes the Parish of Stanwick.
- 1895** The Wesleyan Methodist Chapel is built in West Street.
- 1899** The Infants school (current school) is built; Stanwick Working Men's Club is formed.
- 1901** Population: 901
- c. 1906** Church Rooms built by Stanwick men on land in Spencer Parade belonging to the Church.
- 1920s** The War Memorial is erected; Electricity comes to Stanwick.
- 1923** Stanwick Bowls Club is formed.
- 1931** The Infants school is remodelled. The Upper School (Old School) is closed.
- 1935** Thrapston RDC is abolished and Stanwick becomes a ward of Raunds UDC.
- 1939** The Old School is reopened to accommodate 87 evacuees and 4 teachers.
- 1953** The Church Rooms and the land on which it stands is sold to the British Legion.
- 1960s** Stanwick House is demolished following a fire.
- 1961** Population: 1036
- 1967** Land is purchased by Raunds UDC for a Recreation Ground off Aris Lane.

- 1968** Stanwick Pre-school Playgroup is formed.
- 1970s** The shoe factory in Villa Lane and Spencer Parade closes.
- 1971** Population: 1284
- 1980** A School Crossing Patrol is introduced for Spencer Parade; Public Exhibition at Raunds by the County Surveyor, showing 4 alternative routes for the Stanwick Bypass.
- 1981** Population: 1343
- 1985** English Heritage begins major archaeological excavations at the Roman Villa site.
- 1987** Stanwick Bypass is opened. Overall cost of the scheme is £3,200,000.
- 1990** Excavation of Redlands Farm Villa by the Oxford Archaeological Unit.
- 1991** Population: 1481; Roman Villa excavations by English Heritage ends.
- 1995** A Petition for Stanwick to have its own Parish Council is submitted to the East Northamptonshire Council.
- 1997** Stanwick Handbell Ringers is formed; Hilltop Stores closes after 50 years of trading.
- 1998** Stanwick MM is formed to raise money to erect a village sign to commemorate the forthcoming Millennium.
- 1999** The Royal British Legion Hall in Spencer Parade is put up for sale.
- 2000** Elections take place for the first Parish Council for Stanwick; Millennium Sign is unveiled and a time capsule buried.
- 2001** Population: 1924
- 2002** The first Stanwick 10Km Road Race and 2Km Fun Run take place.
- 2004** Quarrying ends at Stanwick Meadows.
- 2005** The Parish Plan Steering Group is formed.
- 2006** Estimated Population: 1950; The Parish Plan 'Your Village Day' takes place at Stanwick Primary School; On the completion of Stage I, Stanwick Lakes officially opens to the public.

YOUR VILLAGE DAY

An essential part of the Parish Plan process is to encourage residents to consider the main issues facing the village. Quite often this is achieved through a 'Future Needs Day'. However, the Steering Group decided to host an event that would celebrate Stanwick, and aimed to draw attention to the existing positive aspects of life in the village by highlighting the existing voluntary bodies and organisations. Mixed in with this, visitors were encouraged to identify things they would like to change, remain the same, issues of concern, etc. The information gathered would then be used in the formulation of the questionnaires that were issued in the summer.

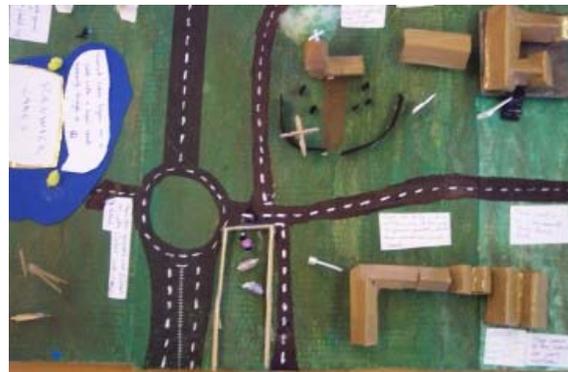


'Your Village Day' was held over two days in March 2006 in the primary school hall. Community groups and clubs were invited to have a static display to show what they do, and to encourage new membership. Groups that had a stand were:-

Stanwick Village Hall Trust
Little Treasures
Stanwick Lakes
Neighbourhood Watch/Police
Stanwick Rovers Football Club
We Care
2nd Raunds Scouts Group
Stanwick Playgroup
Parents and Toddlers

Stanwick Parish Council
Rainbow Brownies
Stanwick Races Group
Stanwick Environmental Project
Stanwick Bowls Club
Friends of Stanwick School
Stanwick Handbell Ringers
The Grapevine

All of the children at Stanwick Primary School were invited to enter a competition. They were asked to submit a drawing or piece of written work that illustrated what they liked about Stanwick or what they didn't like. There was a prize of a £5 book token for the best submission in the following categories: Reception, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6.



An incredible range of work was entered. There were posters, drawings, stories, models, photographic reports and written reports. Some entries focused on the history of Stanwick, others

on the Lakes and some on what they did or didn't like. All the work was on display during 'Your Village Day' and the judges had a very hard time choosing the winners. (See Appendix 2).

Janet Cutmore provided a stunning Stanwick timeline, showing the earliest known history to the present day. The more recent history was illustrated with old photographs. This display received many compliments.



In between these displays there were a number of flipcharts inviting residents to label their favourite spots in Stanwick and those areas they considered grotty. (See Appendix 3).

Comments were invited on topics such as:-

- What activities should there be for young people?
- Amenities in Stanwick - What's missing/What could be improved?
- Comments and suggestions for businesses in Stanwick.
- What are our housing needs?
- Environmental Improvements, comments and suggestions.
- Traffic – areas of concern.

and at the exit people had an opportunity to give their final thoughts. A selection is shown below.



“Great display – Makes you think about what we have and how we all need to make sure we don't lose it.”

“Very good & informative. Thank you.”

“Good to have an opportunity to express views.”

“Time line was fantastic! Can it be made into something permanent? A book?”

“Well organised, good opportunity to put forward ideas & see what others think too.”

“Fantastic show of work from the children of Stanwick School. Well done all of you.”

The whole event was thought to be such a success that it was agreed that a 'Your Village Day' should be held every few years!



RESULTS
QUESTIONNAIRE
AND
YOUR VILLAGE
DAY



HOUSEHOLD

- Of the questionnaires returned there was the following breakdown of numbers in households:

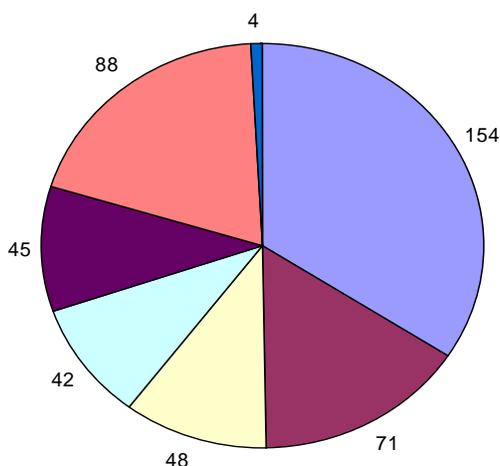
1 person households – 74
 2 person households – 187
 3 person households – 89
 4 person households – 75
 5 person households – 22
 6 person households – 8

- The numbers in the age ranges were:

Under 10 – 156
 10 to 17 – 116
 18 to 23 – 25
 Over 24 – 844

- The main type of homeownership is 'Private owner' with 396 respondents giving this answer. There were 40 questionnaires from households who rent from a Housing Association and 15 from a private landlord.
- There was a good spread of responses from across the village.

QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED FROM



■	Area 1 - Dolben/Mansfield/Alfred/ Needham/St Laurence/Rectory/John Eagle
■	Area 2 - West Street/Spencer Parade/Samuels Close/Raunds Rd/Cumberland Ave/Green Lane
■	Area 3 - Church St/The Avenue/Brookside/ Newbridge Lane/Courtwood/Manor Gdns
■	Area 4 - East St/Grange Rd/Chelveston Rd/Marks Close
■	Area 5 - High St/ /Hill House Gdns/ Higham Rd/Villa Lane/ Hillstone Ct/Woodlands/Chapel Lane
■	Area 6 - Mallovs Grange
■	Area 7 - Outlying dwelling

- The majority of households felt that the mains water supply was good or reasonable. However 118 respondents reported water supply as poor.
- Most households reported that the mains electrical supply was good or reasonable with 67 listing it as poor.
- Refuse collection received a very positive response with 403 being good or reasonable with only 44 poor results.
- Road side care and street cleaning is believed to be reasonable or good by most households (336) with 105 citing this as poor.
- Pavements are thought to be reasonable (221) or good (94) although 128 reported pavements as poor.
- The roadside verges were deemed to be reasonable or good (336) with 96 poor responses.
- 320 households reported having internet access at home of which 233 have broadband. In addition 109 households have access to the internet at work. Public internet providers are used by 12 households.
- The vast majority of respondents live in houses (389) with 64 respondents living in bungalows. The people who responded to the questionnaire reported that they lived in these types of houses:

2% are one bedroom
 20% are two bedroom
 40% are three bedroom
 33% are four bedroom
 4% are five bedroom
 1% are six bedroom



Dolben Avenue

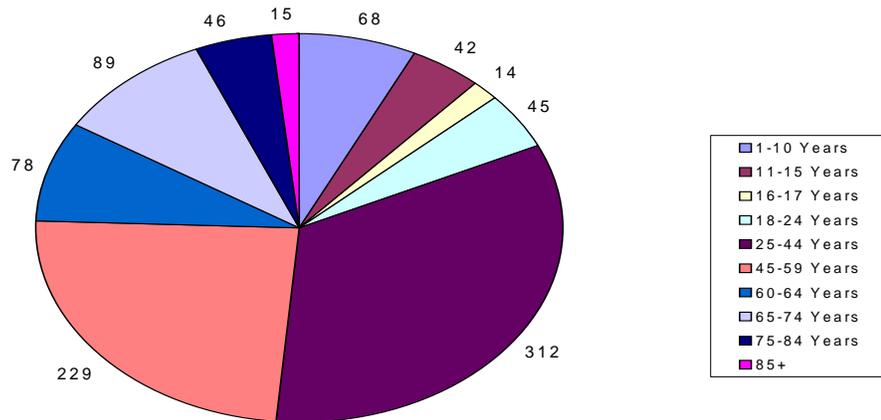


Mallows Grange

PERSONAL

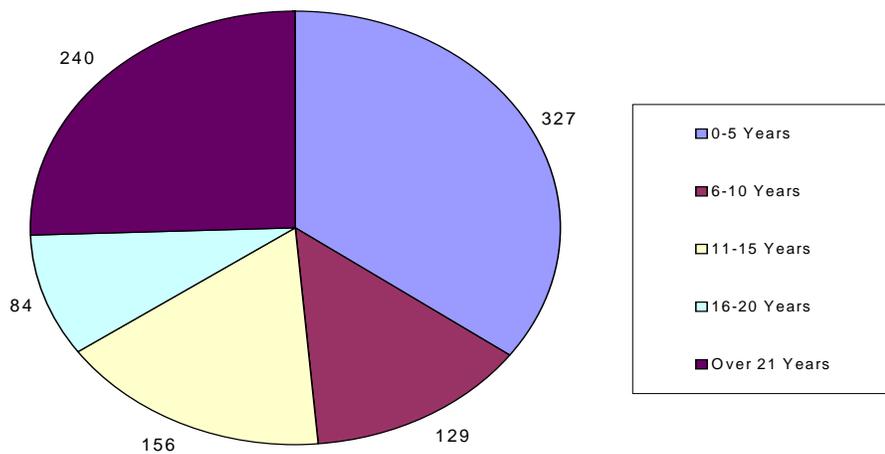
- The questionnaires returned show that there are 458 males and 486 females and of these there are 40 people who are registered disabled.
- There is a wide spread of age groups but the majority fall into the 24 to 64 category.

AGE GROUPS



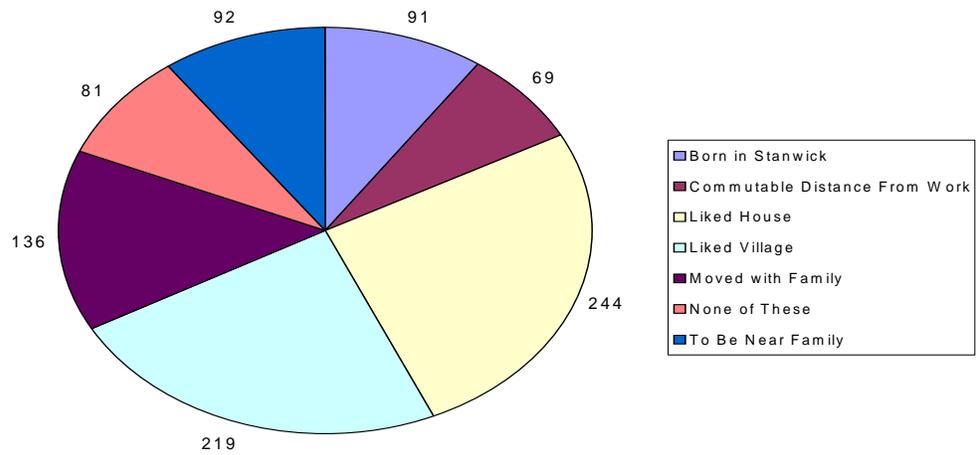
- The majority of respondents have lived in Stanwick for more than five years.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN STANWICK



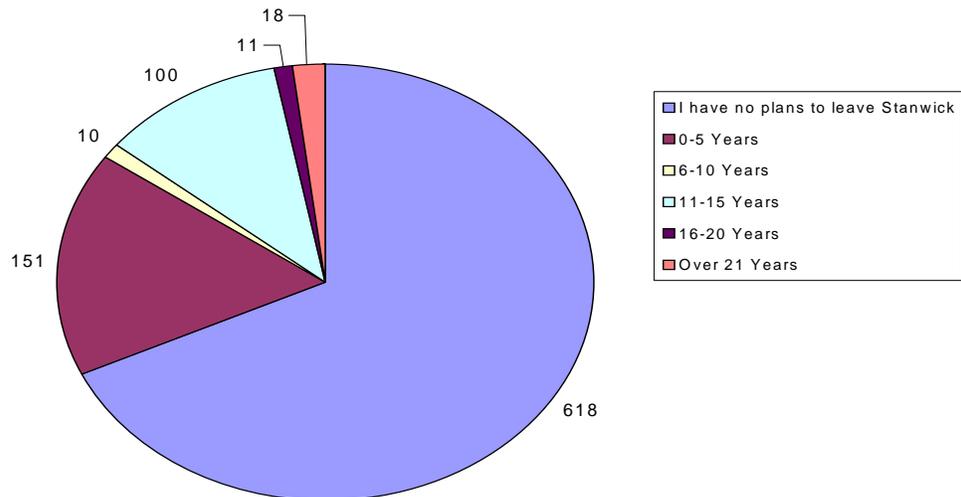
- There is a mixture of reasons as to why people live here.

HOW DID YOU COME TO LIVE HERE



- 618 respondents indicated that they have no plans to leave Stanwick.

HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN TO STAY



TRAFFIC

- The vast majority of respondents state that the car is their main means of transport. Only 4% of people said that the bus is their main means of transport. An even smaller percentage use bicycles and motorbikes.



There were only four people that use the bus daily for work with 22 using it daily for school or college. There is also low usage for medical visits, social and leisure activities and other purposes although the frequency of use does rise in the monthly category.

There was a larger response on suggested improvements to the bus service, particularly for a free countywide senior citizen bus pass. Cost, route and timetables are also shown to be an issue. There are 101 responses indicating that there is a need for more public transport.



The voluntary/concessionary travel schemes (Raunds Rover Bus service, TACT Dial a Ride and the Serve car service) are used by a small consistent number of residents. The District Council Concessionary Travel Tokens are used by 68 respondents.

- Speeding traffic and nuisance caused by the volume of traffic is seen as an issue by the vast majority of respondents.
- 'Your Village Day' comments highlighted speeding problems particularly on the main route through the village: West Street, Spencer Parade and Raunds Road. (See Appendix 3).



- Over half of the respondents oppose a 20mph speed limit within a quarter mile of the school; with the same percentage indicating that they would not want further vehicle activated signs as on West Street.
- A lack of parking spaces and general congestion is also seen as a problem within the village. School traffic is considered to be a significant contributor to the overall traffic problems in Stanwick.



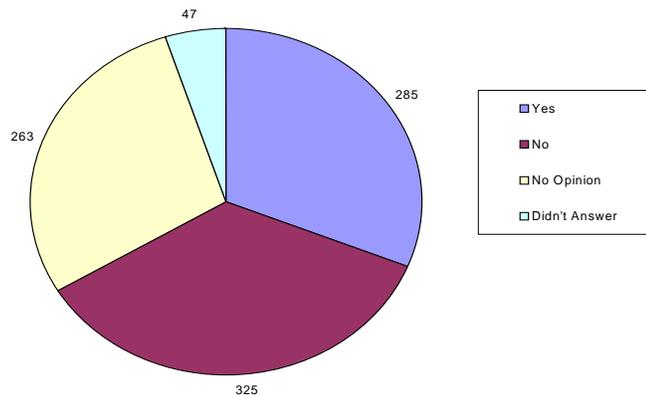
- Parked vehicles causing a visual obstruction are considered to be a definite problem by 325 people with a further 237 rating this as an occasional or sometime problem.

- During 'Your Village Day', parking problems were identified on High Street and Church Street. In the questionnaire residents were asked if they were in favour of double yellow lines on these roads. Of those who answered the question 393 are in favour of double yellow lines and 538 against.

HOUSING NEEDS

- Over the past couple of years there has been much talk about whether or not there is a need for more housing in Stanwick. Two Housing Associations have expressed an interest in building on a greenfield site. Residents responded with a 698 signature petition against new housing on the field. The steering group thought it would be appropriate to ask questions about housing needs.
- The majority of respondents were homeowners either with or without a mortgage with a further 15% living with parents.
- 53 households said they had known someone who had left the village due to lack of affordable housing in the past five years.
- The responses on whether there is support for a scheme for affordable housing are mixed.

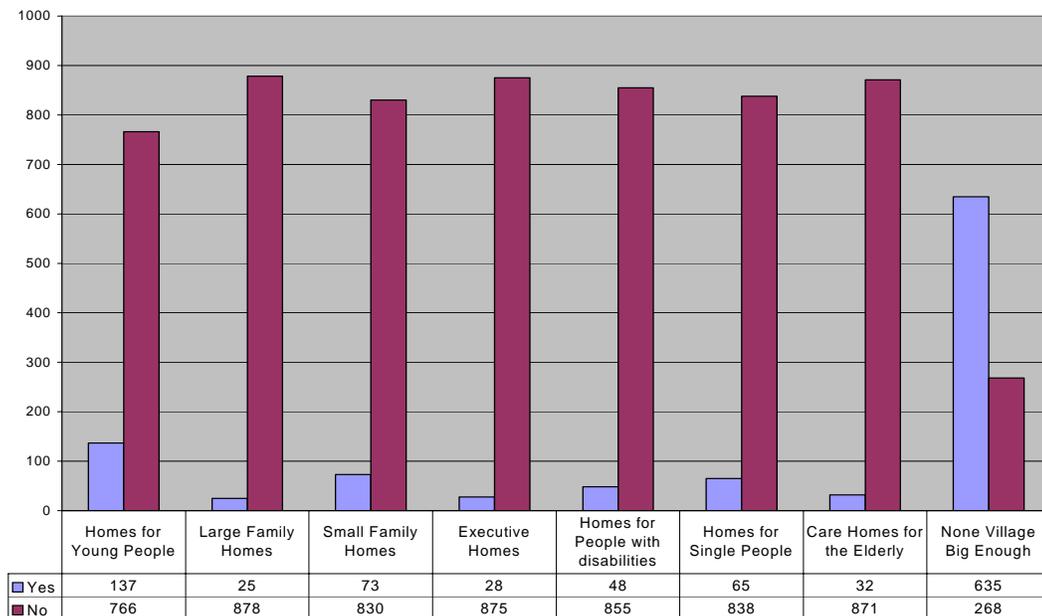
Would you favour a scheme of affordable homes for rent and shared ownership for people in the parish?



FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

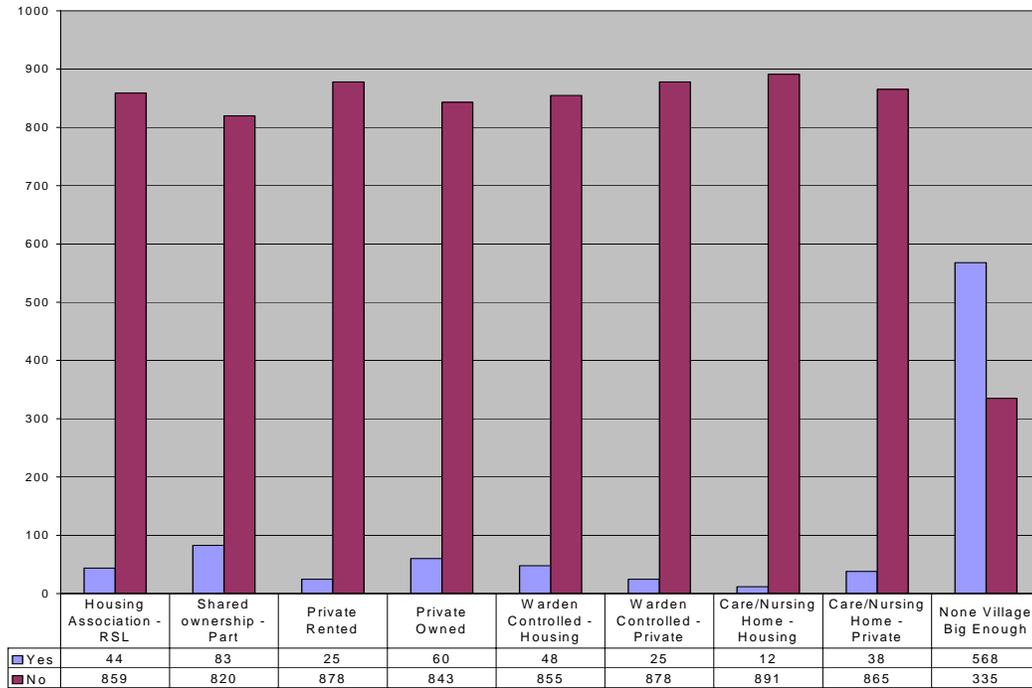
- Stanwick has had a significant amount of new housing over the past 15 years. The number of dwellings recorded in the 1991 census was 575. This figure rose to 733 in the 2001 census.
- The village has a wide variety of building styles. Stanwick was traditionally a stone village. However in the twentieth century there was a significant amount of building with brick. Consequently the village does not have a uniform appearance and certain streets are a real mix of building materials and styles.
- During ‘Your Village Day’, comments were made that further housing should be in keeping with a stone village, suggesting that new buildings at least have a stone front in the older parts of the village.
- ‘Your Village Day’ brought forward a strong sentiment that the character of the village should be preserved and that further development could cause Stanwick to lose its’ village identity.
- The majority of housing is in private ownership with 85 houses owned by housing associations. There is a residential care home for the elderly.
- 89% of those who answered the question, and had an opinion, believe that Stanwick has a balanced and varied population and type of housing.
- Residents were asked to indicate what types of housing the village needed. The overwhelming response to all housing types was ‘none’.

What further kind of accomodation do you think Stanwick needs?



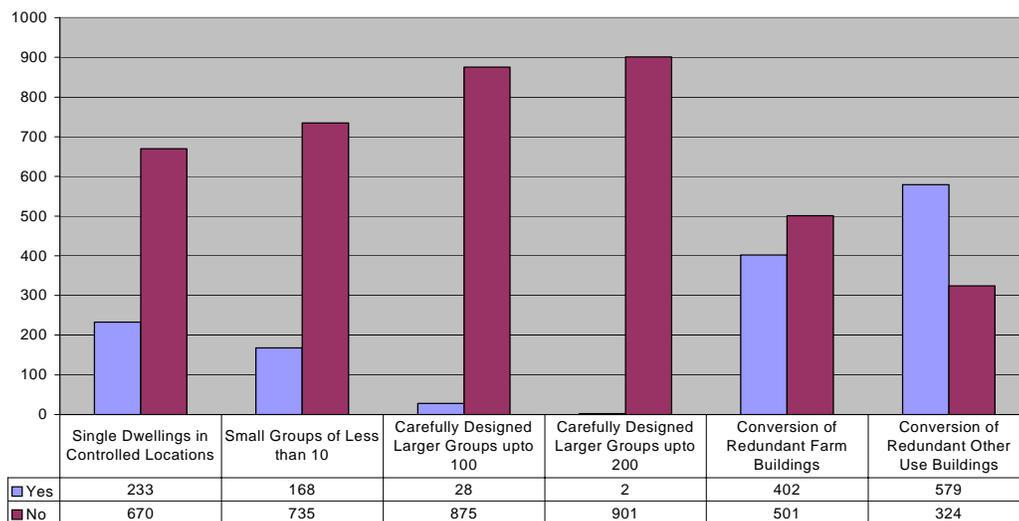
- A similar response was received to the question on types of home ownership.

What further kind of ownership in housing do you think Stanwick needs?



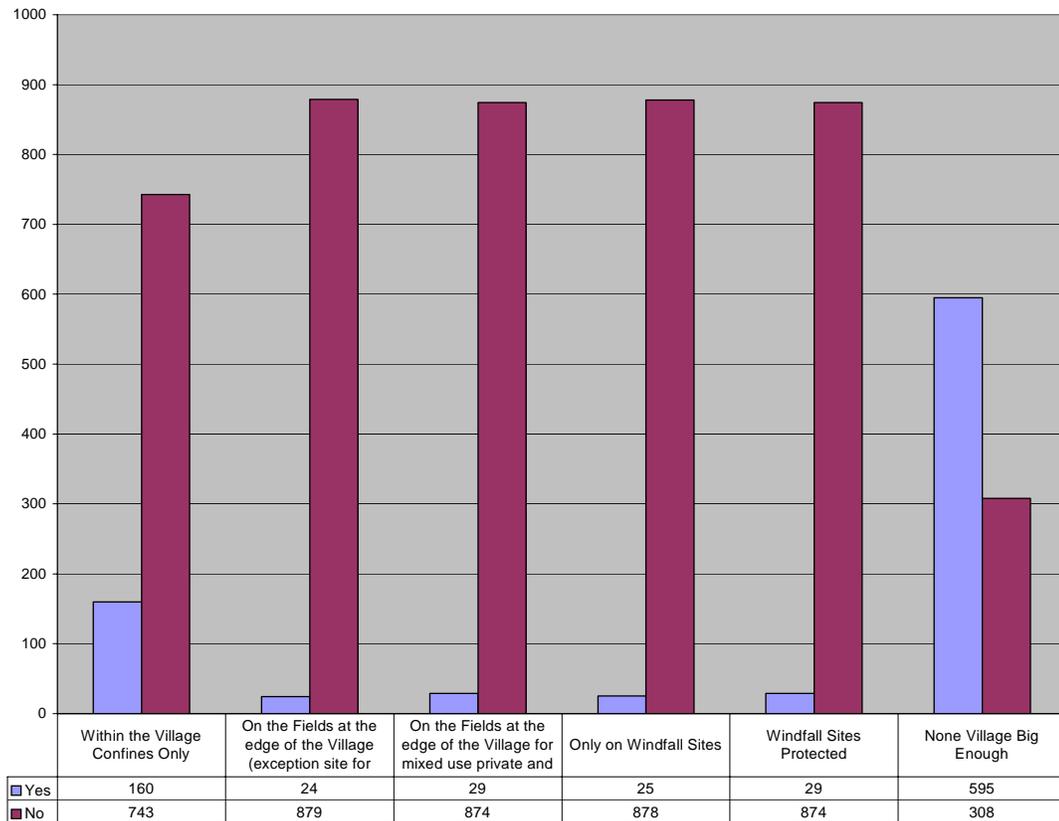
- The responses on the question of the scale of housing development over the next 20 years is shown below.

What type(s) of housing development would be acceptable in Stanwick in the next 20 years?



- In the matter of where new housing development should be there is a very strong response against building on greenfields.

Should new housing development be?



- This sentiment was underlined by 94% people stating that it was not acceptable to build on the fields at the edge of the village. The reason for this belief were given as:

Village is big enough - 713
 Existing services are poor - 318
 Existing roads are poor - 301
 Want to avoid joining up with Raunds - 623
 Don't want to be a town - 606
 Village has grown too much in recent year - 455

- Residents were asked to indicate how many houses should be built in the next 20 years. 605 answered 'none the village is big enough'. Other responses were:

None for the next five years - 50
 None for the next seven years - 12
 None for the next ten years - 39
 None for the next twenty years - 86

- There is also a body of opinion that thinks that houses currently being rented should be offered as shared ownership to local people if they become vacant.



ENVIRONMENT



It is very evident from the responses received that the majority of the residents are passionate about the environment in which we live.

- Historic buildings, St Laurence Church and churchyard, the cemetery, general street scene and stone walls in and around the village are all seen as of vital importance to the village environment and should be preserved.



The natural environment of the village such as green areas, hedgerows and trees and the recreation ground are also valued in the same way.

- Improvements that are thought to be important are the preservation of single trees and the planting of more trees and hedges where practical.



It is recognised that trees and hedgerows should be preserved and stone walls maintained.

There is overwhelming resistance to the felling of trees in and around the village.

- The countryside around Stanwick is also greatly valued, particularly in relation to its trees and green space, its' openness, tranquillity, sense of space and traditional walls and verges.



- Most residents know where local footpaths are in the countryside, although it is felt there is a need for additional signposts and improved maintenance.



- Interestingly, over one third of respondents state that they would be willing to help maintain them and that a village "Footpaths of Interest" map would be popular.

Out of the 21 suggestions for new footpaths to be created, over half of those are already designated public rights of way. For example Dolben Avenue/ Mansfield



Street/ Green Lane to Cotton Lane through the scrub field is footpath reference PH16 on the county footpaths map. Another example of this is footpath PH11 that runs from East Street / The Avenue through to Raunds Road, adjacent to the Turkey Farm site.



- There are a number of suggestions for new footpaths, which are not currently designated as public rights of way, and these include paths across the Turkey Farm site and paths from the recreation ground to Cotton Lane.

There are however, perceived difficulties in using public footpaths which cover a range of issues, the most significant of which are overgrown vegetation and dog fouling.



It is also felt that some footpaths could be made more pushchair friendly.

- There is an overwhelming response relating to the provision of more Council owned open spaces, but it is clear that the vast majority of the residents in Stanwick feel that the amount of Council owned open space is sufficient.
- One third of all respondents feel that litter is a problem in the Village.



With regard to keeping the Village litter free, it is felt that the education of Stanwick residents themselves is most important, with perhaps a child led education campaign, increased publicity in the local press and notice boards.

AMENITIES

- There were 890 responses to question about which additional services people would like in the village. Residents were able to indicate all those applicable. Of the responses:

269 would make use of a vet's surgery.

174 would like to have a Citizens Advice Bureau.

164 would be interested in complementary therapies.

63 would be interested in an Internet Access point.

241 would like to have a coffee shop.

185 would like to see Youth Services.

- An overwhelming number of the population (567) would like to have a pocket park in Stanwick.

309 respondents feel that there should be two pocket parks.

134 are in favour of a pocket park in the field at the top of Dolben Avenue.

110 are in favour of a pocket park on the land south of Raunds Road, known as the Old Turkey Farm or Chettles Field.

419 respondents say that they agree with the Parish Council taking out a loan to purchase land for pocket parks. 471 would not support this action.

149 of respondents say they would help with the maintenance of a pocket park.



Dolben Avenue



Old Turkey Farm

- The majority of respondents are happy with the appearance of the recreation ground, cemetery, churchyard and Memorial Garden (Spencer Parade), with most stating that the appearance as 'good' or 'reasonable'.

However 144 respondents rated the appearance of the Memorial Garden as poor.

- 116 respondents would like to see an increase in streetlights, with 774 against.

376 would like to see more environmentally sensitive lighting with 514 against. 63 people would like to have less lighting.

242 respondents would like to have streetlights that give off white lights as opposed to the current orange light. 648 were against this.

- 131 people would like to have more dropped kerbs. 22 people would like to have more raised kerbs.

INFORMATION

- The amount of information about what's going on in Stanwick was considered by 886 respondents to be:

Good	23%
Reasonable	53%
Poor	13%

with the rest expressing no opinion.

- To find out what's going on, most (643) look to the Grapevine parish magazine, substantial numbers also referring to the Parish and Post Office notice boards, the Evening Telegraph 'Down Your Way' column, flyers through the door, and not least word of mouth.

Relatively few ticked 'Flyers on lampposts'; however, information disseminated this way could still be important.

- Respondents were divided 50/50 over whether they would refer to a community website to discover what is going on locally, with just over a quarter of the 82% with web access opting to receive the information by email.

CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- There is general dissatisfaction with the level of police coverage, although 18% consider it at least reasonable.
- Respondents were asked to specify which types of crime cause concern and they were able to indicate all that applied. The specified crimes with percentages expressing concern are:-

Speeding	65%
Anti-social driving	44%
Burglary	29%
Vandalism	29%
Drugs	26%
Anti-social behaviour	25%
Car crime	16%
Drunkenness	9%

- To tackle crime, nearly half favour a greater police presence (437) and 442 are in favour of a Community Police Officer part-funded by the Parish Council.

Private security patrols paid for by the Parish Council receive minimal support (27).

- A sizeable number want more activities for young people (381).
- Some consider that better consultation between police and villagers as well as a better supported Neighbourhood Watch would help (244 and 204 respectively).
- Less than 20% would like to see CCTV; even fewer favour drug/drink education/prevention (99).



RECREATION



- There is overwhelming support (816) for a bridle-bridge over the A45 to enable non-motorised access from the village to Stanwick Lakes, but surprisingly no clear preference emerges as to whether the bridge should be on the single or dual carriageway side of the roundabout.
- Relatively few expressed an opinion on opportunities for socialising with others in defined age groups, with only the facilities for children aged 1 to 10 receiving approval. Those aged between 11 and 25 years fared especially badly.
- The recreation ground play area is judged to cater better for children of 0-5 years and 407 of the respondents consider that the Parish Council should invest in improving the play equipment.
- 384 people would like to see adult education classes in Stanwick. There is interest in the following clubs:

Walking Club	- 161
Pub Grub Club	- 149
Youth Clubs	- 145
Afternoon Clubs	- 65
Tea dances	- 47
War Hammer	- 27
Computer games	- 54
Cycling	- 98



- 38% of those expressing an opinion consider our community buildings inadequate for village needs; in particular, a large activity hall (565), catering facilities (353) and sports equipment (324) are deemed desirable. In addition people were in favour of small committee rooms (162), staging and lighting (203) and Internet access (90).
- Encouragingly, 74 people are prepared to offer help to run a community project.
- Where suggestions raised in the questionnaire need money for implementation, favoured options are grants/lottery and fundraising.

Private contributions and moderate council tax increases are decidedly less popular, with higher council tax increases all but ruled out.

BUSINESS

- A large majority of the people who responded feel that due to declining businesses in the village, should a business premises become vacant it should be kept for business use and not converted into housing. A quarter of those who responded feel it should be converted into housing or to open space.
- A quarter of the respondents indicate that they would like to see additional local business. These range from food stores, craft shop, light industry to a fish and chip shop. Some people do comment they would like more local jobs that will not increase traffic. A complete list of suggestions can be found in Appendix 4. Almost three quarters of the respondents do not want to see any additional local businesses in the village.
- Over half of the villagers who replied indicate that they do look for Stanwick based tradespersons and the most popular ways were to use the Grapevine and the Post Office notice board, whilst a significant number use other sources including the East Northants Council Business Guide, Yellow Pages and the Internet.
- Of the businesses listed, those most frequently used by those people who responded, are the Post Office, Potters Butchers, V & V Chinese takeaway and the Duke of Wellington which are at the heart of the community.
- Of those working in Stanwick who replied, over two thirds are either self-employed or work from home.

ACTION PLAN

TRAFFIC

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
To reduce speeding	Police speed checks	Parish Council to request regular spot checks	High	Parish Council Partner – Northants police	3 months	None
	Traffic calming measures	Need to find a workable method of traffic calming	High	Parish Council Partner – Northants County Council Local Planning Authority	18 months	Costs will depend on solution chosen. Parish council will be expected to make a contribution. Grants may be available.
Night time speeding	Police speed checks	Parish Council to request regular spot checks	High	Parish Council Partner – Northants police	3 Months	None
To stop traffic using Stanwick as a short cut	Traffic count to be carried out to determine traffic levels Use information gathered to achieve traffic calming	Parish Council has begun work.	High	Parish Council Partner – Northants County Council	6 months	Hopefully funding can be secured through planning obligations secured with the further development of Raunds.

	measures or traffic diversion					
Improve road safety on Higham Road	Introduction of warning signs regarding horse riders		Medium	Parish Council Partner – Northants County Council	12 months	May need to be funded by the Parish Council
Improve public transport	Greater publicity of existing voluntary and concessionary travel arrangements		Medium	Parish Council Partner – East Northamptonshire Council Nene & Ouse Community Transport	18 months	None
	Publication of timetables at bus stops	This is now done.				
	Press for a free countywide bus pass		Medium	Parish Council	12 months	None
Improve road safety on Raunds Road	Press County Council for junction improvements around Aris Lane	Mirror to improve visibility	Medium	Parish Council	12 months	None
To reduce school traffic	Work with school to promote walking to school		High	Parish Council Stanwick Primary School	Ongoing	None

HOUSING NEEDS

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
To ensure Local Planning Authority is aware of local opinion	Provide East Northamptonshire Council with a copy of this plan		High	Parish Council	3 months	None

FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
To ensure Local Planning Authority is aware of local opinion	Provide East Northamptonshire Council with a copy of this plan		High	Parish Council	3 months	None
To investigate the possibility of undertaking a Village Design Statement for adoption as supplementary	Terms of reference will need to be established if it is decided to proceed with a Village Design Statement.	A team of councillors and volunteers would need to be set up to manage this project.	Medium	Parish Council East Northamptonshire Council	12 months	Grant may be available

planning guidance to ensure further development proposals include rigorous local consultation and strict adherence to agreed design principles.						
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ENVIRONMENT

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
Identify areas where additional tree planting can take place	Stanwick Environmental Project to help identify locations		Low	Parish Council Partner - Stanwick Environmental Project	Long term project	Trees can be sourced at low cost. Ongoing maintenance costs for the Parish Council
Preservation of existing tree stock	To hold discussions with the Tree Preservation officer at East Northamptonshire Council to determine if further Preservation Orders should be put in		Medium	Parish Council	12 months	None

	place. If there should be further TPOs a working group will be put together to identify the trees.				18 months	None
To improve country footpaths	To press for improved maintenance of country footpaths To determine how volunteers can assist with improving footpaths. To set up initial meeting of volunteers	These footpaths are the responsibility of Northamptonshire County Council	Medium	Parish Council Rights of Way department	12 months	None
	To press for improved signage on footpaths		Medium	Parish Council Rights of Way department	12 months	None
To create a local foot paths map	To hold discussions with Rights of Way with a view to		Low	Parish Council Partner - Rights of Way	18 months	There will be a production cost.

	producing a leaflet			department		
To designate new public foot paths	To hold discussions with Rights of Way to determine the possibility of registering new public footpaths		Low	Parish Council Partner - Rights of Way department	12 months	None
To reduce litter and dog fouling	Carryout a publicity campaign, possibly using posters designed by children		High	Parish Council Partners – Stanwick Primary School East Northamptonshire Council	12 months & then ongoing	Printing costs
Preservation of stone walls	To find out what can be done to ensure stonewalls are kept and maintained. To research grants etc available to assist in the preservation of stone walls		Medium	T Page	12 months	None
To improve the appearance of the Memorial Gardens		This may be related to development of village hall site	Medium /low	Parish Council	18-24 months	Will depend on agreed works

AMENITIES

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
Improve services available in Stanwick	Inform the Village Hall Trust of the preferred services identified in the questionnaire	Completed		Steering group		None
To investigate the feasibility of establishing one or two pocket parks	Parish Councillors to attend seminar on pocket parks on 11 th July 2007					Seminar fee.
	Hold a public meeting to set up a group to take forward the pocket park project				12 months	Letters to be sent to 39 interested parties. Other publicity. Hall hire.
Carry out an investigation to determine the need and location for dropped kerbs	Identify locations and submit to County Council for inclusion in footway schemes			Parish Council Partner – resident with vested interest		Each pair of dropped kerbs costs approx £2000

INFORMATION

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
Investigate the possibility of a community website	Would need a person/s to set up the site and maintain it.		Medium	Parish Council Volunteers	18 months	Possible setting up costs. Ongoing maintenance costs.

CRIME

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
Work to improve police coverage in the village	Liaison with local police team		High	Parish Council		
Enhance community safety by improving the impact of neighbourhood watch	Publicise scheme, preventative advice, local alerts etc Hold a neighbourhood watch information evening			Parish Council Steering Group	Sept/Oct 2007	Hall hire, publicity
Provide activities for young people	Inform Village Hall Trust of the need for	Done				

	youth activities					
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RECREATION

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
Lobby Highways Agency for a bridge over A45 to Stanwick Lakes			Urgent	Parish Council Partner – Rockingham Forest Trust	Immediate and ongoing	None
Install pedestrian crossing signs where public footpath PH16 crosses the A45	Lobby Highways Agency		High	Parish Council	12 months	None
Improve play provision at the recreation ground for 8 to 13 year olds	Carry out research into preferred play options, possibly through Stanwick school		Medium	Parish Council	18/24 months	£10 - £15,000 for new equipment. Grants may be available
	Arrange school holiday activities in Stanwick through Cultural Community Partnerships			Parish Council Partner – Cultural Community Partnerships	Ongoing	Hire of school as venue
To introduce adult education classes	Inform Village Hall Trust of the need for	Difficulties rest with lack of		Steering Group	Done	None

and 'clubs' as identified in the questionnaire	recreational activities	facilities				
Development of a village hall	Village Hall Trust is seeking funding		High	Village Hall Trust		None
Establish Youth Club	Northamptonshire Youth Club Association can assist with setting up a club and training volunteers		High	Parish Council to initially facilitate	Depends on availability of venue	Grants available from ENC for purchase of equipment
Restart afternoon social club for older residents	Ascertain level of demand.		Medium	Parish Council Partner-NVCA		Should be self financing

BUSINESS

Action	Approach to tackling it	Comments	Priority	Lead responsibility and partners	Timescale	Resource implications
To make the Economic Development Officer at East Northamptonshire Council aware of desired businesses	Copy of the report to be sent to the Economic Development Officer		Medium	Parish Council	3 months	None

To make the owners of the Post office and the butchers aware of the comments regarding groceries	Businesses to be supplied with questionnaire comments		Medium	Steering group	6 months	None
To make the Duke of Wellington Public House, Stanwick Club and V&V take-away aware of the requests for fish and chips.	Businesses to be supplied with questionnaire comments		Medium	Steering group	6 months	None
To determine if the Duke of Wellington or Stanwick Club would like to provide a 'tea shop/ice cream parlour' during the day time.	Businesses to be supplied with questionnaire comments		Medium	Steering group	6 months	None

Progress on the action plan will be reported at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Hold a 'Your Village Day' in 2009 to showcase village groups and the achievements of the plan.

VOLUNTEERS

People offered to become involved in the following activities and provided their contact details to the Steering Group:

Help with establishing and maintaining a pocket park – 39

Help with running a community facility – 21

Help set up or run a community group – 11

RESULTS FROM YOUR VILLAGE DAY

Results from the children's competition

Where it has been possible, the children's work has been grouped into categories. Some of the children's work were fictional stories set in Stanwick, photographic records or models of parts of the village and it has not been possible to categorise these entries.

The competition was open to all children in Stanwick Primary School, not just those children who attend the school and live in the village.

The younger children were given more direction by their teachers. Older children were able to choose the format of their entries.

Where a number appears after the item it represents the number of times that age group included it in a piece of work.

Reception children (age 4 to 5) were asked what they thought of the recreation ground.

What they like:

The roundabout
The slide (2)
The swings (6)
The field
The trees

Would make it better:

A duck pond	Big slide
Bowls for children	Keep it tidy
A Seesaw (4)	A sandpit
Astroturf	Girls football
Curly slide	Flowers

The Children in Years 1 & 2 (age 5 to 7) were asked different questions:

Like about Stanwick:

The garage
Stanwick Lakes (3)
The park & the butchers
Post office
Riding my bike
Can't hear cars at my home

Dislike about Stanwick:

The steep hill
The farm
Litter bugs
Post office is scary
Big scary dog
Fast cars
The park

Like about school:

The Library – books/computer
PE Apparatus
Science
Numeracy
The playground
History

Would change at school:

Mini golf course
Have some dogs
Football/rugby pitch
More chairs for people to have some
peace and quiet

Year 3 (aged 7 to 8)

Like about Stanwick:

Stanwick Lakes (7)
The Church (2)
School (5)
The recreation ground (2)
Friendly Village (3)
Post office
Open land

Dislike about Stanwick:

Cars (3)
Litter (3)
Road crossing
Dog mess (2)
No cinema
No bridge to the lakes
Doctors is in Raunds
Lack of clubs

Someone in year 3 wants a swimming pool.

Year 4 (aged 8 to 9)

Like about Stanwick:

Stanwick Lakes
School
It's small and quiet
The Church
The pub

There were no 'dislike' entries.

Year 5 (aged 9 to 10)

Like about Stanwick:

Old School Rooms
Recreation ground
Football club (2)
School (9)
Friendly people
The Church (6)
Stanwick Lakes (8)
Huge park (6)
The pub (4)
Not a lot of crime
Feel safe going to the shop
No graffiti/vandalism
Little village
Nice houses
People helpful and kind (4)
Post office (4)
Quiet village
Wow factor 10 out of 10
Stanwick Club (2)
Old and full of secrets

Dislike about Stanwick:

Parking near school
Not enough grass at recreation area
Only one thatched cottage
Only one food place
Traffic speed near school
Need more clubs at the weekend (2)
Not a lot of equipment at the park (2)
Roads are too small (4)
No shops – have to walk if no car
People drop litter (2)
Not a lot of seats
No bridge to Stanwick Lakes
Doctors is in Raunds
Not enough for older children
Too many lorries

Year 6 (aged 10 to 11)

Year 6 produced a number of stories about Stanwick

Like about Stanwick

Recreation ground
Stanwick Lakes
The Church
The pub
It's friendly

There were no 'dislikes' entries.

COMMENTS FROM YOUR VILLAGE DAY

The comments listed in this appendix have been reproduced as written on the flip charts on 'Your Village Day'.

AMENITIES

What's missing/What could be improved?

- We need refuse collectors who actually pick up all the rubbish rather than just most of it.
- Traffic calming on Spencer Parade.
- Double yellow lines outside the Stanwick club and the village hall.
- 20 mph zone within a quarter of a mile of the school.
- More public bins.
- We need a footpath from Mallows Grange side of the recreational ground to the swings on the other side.
- Toilets.
- Coffee shop.
- Allotments for use of local people.
- Women's Institute.
- A village green connecting the new housing estate to the old area of the village instead of waste land.
- Footbridge to the lakes over the A45 – plus four agreeing comments.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Comments and suggestions for businesses in Stanwick

- Coffee shop & indoor area for children.
- Cyber café.
- Renting houses to people.

- Stanwick Lakes visitor centre, coffee shop and cycle centre should be located on West Street, not on the wildlife park.
- Don't agree that visitor centre should be anywhere but at the Lakes. Where would everyone park? Lead to crowds of people in the village.
- Could Molchers old office (Church Street) not be used for business?
- Taxis.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Improvements – comments and suggestions

- Replace the trees that used to line the entrances to the village (e.g. The Avenue).
- Preserving dry stone walls is a necessity.
- Clean up better in Stanwick park by Mallows Grange.
- We need more grit boxes – or at least some grit in those we have.
- Disabled parking spaces in the Village Hall Trust.
- Better bin men.
- More trees.
- Less light pollution from street lights.
- Set up an interest group in preserving the dry stone walls.
- Turn off Stanwick Church floodlights after 10.30 p.m.
- Certainly not, they are for security. At the back of the church, just where the break-ins are done.
- Dogs kept on leads.
- Bird feeders to increase bird population.
- More public bins to reduce litter.
- Noise pollution from illegal motorbikes.
- Removal of over head wires – street furniture clutter.

- Improvements to Shant and Royal British Legion Hall.
- More dog bins in village and Stanwick Lakes.
- Removal of BT phone box – replace with clean/open vandal proof facility.
- Allowance for those who haven't parking facilities in West Street to park on road or have priority in Villa Lane.
- Should preserve the village heritage – stone properties and walls.

YOUTH

Do we need more activities for young people in Stanwick? If so, what?

- Badminton Club.
- Youth club.
- Trampoline group.
- A friendship circle.
- Basket ball.
- Village hall would cover the above.
- A bigger school hall could be used by the village. At the moment it is too small. Trying to raise funds to enlarge.
- Combined village hall/Stanwick Lakes visitor centre.
- Better play equipment at the recreation ground and a recreation area south of through road to serve East Street and Hill House Gardens area.
- Warden system for elderly residents.
- More involvement of young people.
- Pedestrian access to the (Stanwick) lake (footbridge).
- More amenities in the park for older children. Nothing in between toddlers and football.
- Some sort of meeting place for secondary school age children, like a youth club (not religious based).

FAVOURITE PLACES

What are the 'Good' spots in the Village?

- Outdoor and indoor bowling facilities.
- Village shop & post office.
- Chettles Field (land south of Raunds Road) is a nice wildlife area for walking in.
- Children love to play in the Memorial Gardens, Spencer Parade.
- Good play area at Stanwick Lakes.
- Field at the top of Dolben Avenue – great area for walking and wildlife.
- Friendly people.
- Variety of areas.
- Millennium sign.
- Chettles Field should be kept as open space for the village.
- Views across the Nene Valley.
- Village School.
- People keeping the village clean and planting flowers.
- “Proper” village feel to Stanwick.
- Nice open land, keep it this way.
- The walking ‘school bus’ – fantastic.
- I love the Christmas lights.
- Flood lighting of St Laurence church.
- Stanwick Lakes – good for off road cycling.
- Stanwick Lakes - Great conservation, open space and opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities.
- All roads now made good.
- The junction of East Street, The Avenue and Chelveston Road – lovely spot.
- Recreation ground children’s play area – good for little children.
- Stanwick Rovers Football Club.
- Excellent butchers.
- Rocky and Mr Chips (the horses that live on East Street).
- Beautiful village.
- Hill House Gardens has no through traffic.
- A super village. Friendly and surrounded by some of the best open countryside.

GROTTY SPOTS

What are the 'bad' spots in the village?

Where there is a number in brackets, this is the number of times this problem was identified in this section of 'Your Village Day'.

- Access to Partricks Lane for bowling club and others.
- Old Royal British Legion Hall – eyesore. (3)
- Dangerous to cross road (A45) to the Lakes. (6)
- Land east of East Street – eyesore: rubbish/bonfires, spoils area. (6)
- Dog owners don't clear up after their pets. (5)
- Path alongside Hawkes Technical badly lit at night.
- Speeding. (5)
- Mansfield Street has a poor road surface and path surface.
- Cars speeding out of John Eagle Close.
- Poor mobile phone signal.
- Inconsiderate parking in Church Street /West Street.
- Poor water pressure. (2)
- Parking outside of Stanwick Club (High Street).
- Constant road works.
- Too many power cuts.
- Light pollution in High Street.
- Needham Road – parking on green verges.
- Threat of development – will Stanwick and Raunds merge?
- Dolben Avenue - parking terrible. Pull-ins needed where the grass verges are.
- Spencer Parade – parking – pulled two people from accidents.
- Higham Road – drivers too fast to allow for horse riders.
- High Street – parking problems haven't been dealt with for forty five years.
- Raunds Road – traffic calming required. (2)
- More should be made of Memorial Gardens, Spencer Parade.
- Most foot paths need to be made good for pedestrians.
- Fence on the edge of the balancing pond on Mallows Grange needs to be repaired.
- Partricks Lane is full of potholes.
- Partricks Lane – no lighting.

- Too many HGVs using Church Street as a short cut.
- Not many public bins.
- No toilets.
- Bridleway needs to be improved to gain access to Stanwick Lakes via underpass.
- Shant and hard paved area adjacent to litter bin.
- Foot path to Church.
- Parking outside of vehicles sales spot on West Street. (2)
- East Street – parking congestion/dangerous area. (2)
- Closed shop in Alfred Street - eyesore.
- Litter bin needed at the end of Partricks Lane.
- West Street – parking.
- Parking in the bus lay-by at the bottom of Dolben Avenue.
- Litter.
- Parking on the corner of East Street and The Avenue.

HOUSING NEEDS

What are our housing needs?

- No more large housing estates please.
- No more expansion, without appropriate infrastructure (water, sewage, etc).
- No more expansion at all. Will lose our identity and spoil the character of the village.
- No residential or industrial expansion needed.
- More housing would mean we would need a larger primary school. At this moment the school is not big enough to take further development.
- Housing should not overload available services – power, sewage, roads, school.
- Stanwick has a village feel/sense of identity and this needs to be preserved therefore no major developments.
- If any further housing - make it right for a 'stone' village, even when in-filling.
- New building should be stone fronted in old parts of the village; in-keeping with surrounding buildings.
- Affordable housing - priority for local young couples.

- Security cameras to stop robberies.
- If building is truly essential, use brown field sites only – the village does not want to merge with Raunds.
- Enough housing need to retain character of village.
- Village infrastructure will not support any further development of significance in the village. A village is a village!
- No more houses until the water pressure is sorted.
- Very poor and variable water pressure in Rectory Close area.
- Knock down the green shed (Spencer Parade) and grass over until there is a new village centre. Also make it so it works with the current buildings and garden on site.

TRAFFIC

Tell us your areas of concern

- Dangerous entrance/exit to Partricks Lane for bowling and football clubs.
- Dangerous to cross A45 to Stanwick Lakes by foot/cycle etc.
- Church Street – traffic too fast around school.
- Higham Road in Chelveston. Lots of motorbikes and very fast. Hard for children to cross.
- Spencer Parade through to Raunds Road – speeding.
- Raunds residents use Stanwick as a short cut rather than using the bypass.
- Foot bridge to Lakes – very dangerous A45.
- Village car park. A number of village facilities i.e. club/Old School Rooms/school parents have nowhere to park except village roads, thereby creating danger to pedestrians/traffic.
- Illegal parking too close to the corner of Samuels Close – need yellow lines as too dangerous at the moment, can't see to pull out.
- Frequent road works making no allowance for traffic exiting Mallows Grange – dangerous.
- Ban chav kids in noisy Saxos.
- Roads not adopted on Mallows Grange.
- Make zebra crossing a pelican crossing.

- Speeding traffic down Raunds Road over zebra crossing. Speed sign at the bottom end of the village would be ideal.
- Traffic belting down Church Street on wrong side of road because of parking.
- Speeding through all of village.
- Traffic needs to stop at crossing.
- Stop double parking and dangerous parking outside of school.
- Heavy vehicles using Church Street as cut through.
- Need double yellow line outside of Stanwick Club.
- More speed checks – especially by the cemetery.
- Curbing and policing the speed of traffic through the village.
- Stopping the rat run to Raunds.
- Speeding at zebra crossing.
- Very difficult to exit from recreation lane (Parricks Lane).
- Cars parked in bus lay-by.
- Bad parking at school times – very dangerous.
- Speeding traffic through Village.
- People parking on the corner of the double junction near the post office. Post van reverses round the junction.
- West Street – ignore 30mph, just speeding.
- East Street – Newbridge Lane: dangerous due to parked cars. This is also a farm road (no sign).

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Great display – Makes you think about what we have and how we all need to make sure we don't lose it.
- Good to find out what's going on in the Village Hall Trust.
- Thank you! Where can I buy a copy of the village time line?
- Very good & informative. Thank you.
- Well done Janet! Timeline is fantastic.
- Would like the time line made into a booklet. Great reading.
- Found it fascinating about our village.

- Good to have an opportunity to express views.
- Well organised and informative. More publicity of the event would have seen a better turnout?
- Time line was fantastic! Can it be made into something permanent? A book?
- Well organised, good opportunity to put forward ideas & see what others think too.
- Fantastic show of work from the children of Stanwick School. Well done all of you.

NEW BUSINESS

The questionnaire invited residents to say what types of additional businesses they would like to see in Stanwick.

Where there is a number in brackets, this is the number of times the suggestion was made.

- Coffee shop/tea room (ice cream in summer) (16)
- Bakery (15)
- Well stocked shop & longer hours (12)
- Greengrocer (9)
- Fish and chip shop (6)
- Vets (4)
- Doctors (3)
- More shops (3)
- Lottery terminal (3)
- Florist (2)
- Newsagent (2)
- Dentist (2)
- Petrol station (2)
- Chemist (2)
- General hardware (2)
- Motor repairs (2)
- Newspaper delivery (2)
- Garage
- ATM
- Gardening/home equipment
- Playgroup/childcare
- Mobile fish van
- Tennis club
- Competition for the Duke
- Comprehensive general store
- Craft shop
- Deli
- Business units
- Start ups
- School bus to Raunds
- Any business with jobs for locals.
- Trade/light industrial
- Another pub
- Bike shop
- Gallery/antiques
- More small shops
- Market garden
- Beauticians/alternative therapies
- Skilled engineering
- Cottage industry
- Artist units – potters, stained glass, furniture making etc.
- Craft enterprises
- Anything with 10-20 workforce that doesn't have to drive to work.
- Off licence
- Hairdresser
- Clothing
- Any small business
- Estate agent
- None that increase traffic.
- Bank
- Craft centre
- Duke of Wellington should be purchased by the community.
- Units like Castle Ashby
- Farm shop
- Card shop stationers
- Adult clothing
- Banking facilities
- Light engineering