



North Northamptonshire Council

North Northamptonshire Council Town and Parish Council Survey July 2023

1. How many residents are in your town/parish? [1891 \(2021 census\)](#)
2. Can residents in your town/parish easily travel to places to be physically active, exercise or play sports?

Yes/No

3. If no, what improvements could be made (e.g., better public transport, safer cycle routes, closer facilities etc.)?

[Residents are cut off from Stanwick Lakes by the A45 and would benefit from a safer crossing point, both for low impact recreational activities \(walking, running, play\) and to access the Green Way and other cycling routes. The lack of a safe crossing point promotes car use.](#)

[Travelling to locations for formal exercise outside of Stanwick generally requires transport by car. Whilst Stanwick does benefit from a regular Stagecoach bus service, access via public transport is both time consuming and not always straightforward. For example to use the bus service to reach the Nene Centre in Thrapston, residents are required to take a bus to Kettering and then another to Thrapston, taking 1 hour and 56 minutes requiring 3 changes. Then repeat the process to get home again.](#)

[The bus service to Rushden is only 23minutes but you then have a 10 minute walk to the Pemberton Centre or to the Splash Pool](#)

[Within the parish, we have a recreation ground, home to the football club and bowls club together with adult exercise equipment. The Village Hall offer badminton and has a table tennis club.](#)

4. Are there specific groups (e.g., age, gender, ethnic groups, geographical location) of the population in your town/parish that you believe would benefit most from targeted physical activity?

Yes/No/Don't Know

5. If yes to the previous question, please confirm which groups

[Children](#)

[Older people](#)

[People on low income](#)

[People with disabilities and/or long term health issues](#)

[Ethnic minority groups](#)

[Other – Please specify](#)

6. Using your local knowledge what do you think are the likely/potential barriers that may prevent people in your town/parish from taking part in physical activity, leisure and/or sport?

Open text answer

Complaints have been received that Stanwick children have to travel to adjoining settlements (Raunds/Ringstead etc) to be part of Stanwick Rovers FC as the recreation ground is not large enough to accommodate them

The Stanwick Neighbourhood Plan Open Space Audit 2015 undertaken as part of the Stanwick NP evidence base, found that some areas were inadequate in meeting the populations needs as defined by the Open Space Supplementary Policy 2011 standards.

There are limited opportunities for young people over 10 and we are not aware of any team sport aimed at females within the parish. Teenagers are not provided for in Stanwick.

Stanwick Village Hall is a space that does host leisure/fitness classes. This relies on a coach/provider hiring the hall and running the classes. Also, the building is occupied by a pre-school until 3pm every weekday which limits opportunities.

7. What do you think would encourage residents to be more active using local leisure centres, outdoor play areas or parks?

Open text answer

Cost, ease of access and availability are key factors

Often people do not realise what is available on their doorstep.

Older people can be reluctant to leave home after dark and this should be considered when targeting this user group.

Very rarely are classes held in an afternoon, restricting access to those who work part time.

The swimming pool timetable has limited day time sessions for public use/swimming for exercise.

Certain sports have limited availability, for example tennis. Stanwick residents wanting an informal game, rather than joining a club, need to travel to Corby. There are public courts in Finedon but these give priority to club members at certain times again restricting access for those that work full time.

8. Are there any facilities (both indoor and outdoor) that you believe your town/parish would benefit from that would help people be more physically active?

Open text answer

Start up grants and assistance with any regulatory paperwork could be beneficial in generating local sustainable leisure activities and groups.

Clearly defined and promoted walking routes using rights of way and safe paths to give routes of varying lengths and points of interest. This would promote local activity and be positive for tourism by providing easily available material.

9. Do you have marked walking routes in your town/parish?

Yes/No **No**

10. Do you have marked cycling routes in your town/parish?

Yes/No

There are a two footpaths marked as cycleways (West Street and Raunds Road, Stanwick) these are both very short sections and do not link up to anything. They are shared with pedestrians.

OUTDOOR PITCH PROVISION

11. Do you own outdoor sports facilities in your Parish/Town?

[We have the recreation ground](#)

12. If Yes, please provide details of sites in your Parish/Town with outdoor sports facilities.

[Needham Road, Stanwick](#)

13. Are these facilities managed by the Parish/Town Council?

[In part.](#)

14. If No, Please provide details e.g. leased to a club. Please include the site name, club name and facilities they lease or operate.

[Stanwick Rovers FC have a lease to use the pitch.](#)

15. What outdoor sports facilities do you provide at your site(s)?

- Adult football pitches
- Youth 11v11 pitches
- Youth 9v9 pitches
- Mini soccer 7v7 pitches
- Mini soccer 5v5 pitches
- Senior Rugby
- Junior Rugby
- Mini Rugby
- Rugby League
- Gaelic Football
- Cricket – grass wicket
- Cricket – non-turf wicket
- MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)
- AGP (3G)
- AGP (Sand)

16. Are you responsible for maintaining the pitch(es)

[No](#)

17. If Yes, please provide details of annual maintenance. If No, please confirm who is responsible for the maintenance.

[Stanwick Rovers Football Club undertake the grass cutting and maintenance of the pitch](#)

18. What is the cost to hire the pitch(es)?

[The pitch is leased to Stanwick Rovers FC on an annual basis for a fee of £125.00 pa \(2023\).](#)

[The recreation ground/pitch is not leased out in any other way.](#)

19. Who are the main users of your facilities?

[Stanwick Rovers FC and the general public](#)

20. Do you have any specific issues with the pitch(es) that you provide (drainage, unofficial use etc)?

[If Yes, please provide details.](#)

[It is an open recreation ground, the pitch is not fenced or restricted so anyone can use the grass. The ground is not particularly good quality and does become water logged preventing use at times in winter. There can be issues with dog fouling on the pitch areas. There are no provision for spectators, other than to stand at pitch side.](#)

21. How would you rate the quality of the pitch(es) you provide? Good, standard or poor.
Poor
22. Do you have plans to improve any of your existing outdoor sport facilities or develop new facilities? If Yes, has funding been confirmed for this?
Stanwick Rovers football club are seeking funding to improve their changing rooms/club house.
23. Are changing rooms available to the community?
There are no public changing rooms or public toilets on site
24. Are their separate toilets available for players and spectators?
There are no public toilets in site
25. How would you rate the quality of your changing rooms? Good, standard or poor?
They require upgrading
26. Are your facilities accessible for people with disabilities?
The site is level and on that basis accessible. Access is difficult as there is limited parking
27. Do you have any concerns with any of your outdoor sports facilities or is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Stanwick Recreation ground is 13865 sq m in size. Predominantly laid to grass, covering one football pitch and a training pitch, with fenced off children's play area. Includes basket ball court with one net. Stanwick Bowls Club has a section fenced off for their sole use. Created in 1967, the recreation ground is not really fit for purpose in the modern world. The village was developed substantially in the 1990s without any corresponding growth in provision of formal outdoor recreational space. The configuration of the recreation ground would not lend it self to cricket in the summer. The presence of the football club prohibits rugby, hockey etc The site is not sufficient in size to accommodate any other sport/leisure activity e.g. tennis, MUGA, netball

The site is also difficult to access by car, as the main vehicle access is an unadopted lane in very poor condition.

Parking congestion/limitations in Stanwick would be prohibitive to further clubs being step up.