

Stanwick Parish Council

March 2023 Newsletter



HM King Charles III Coronation Year



Welcome to the annual newsletter of the Parish Council. This is a newsletter of looking forward and celebration.

Your Parish Council has 7 members: Nick Peck (Chairman), Sylvia Glanville-Hughes, Sue Kitchener, George Konstantinidis, Mark Partrick, Julie Paterson and Mark Taylor.

The Parish Council is very aware of the Climate Emergency that we are all facing and is looking to do its own small part to tackle it.

We are developing a 'green strategy' to guide the Parish Council towards being as sustainable as possible in our own activities and to move Stanwick in a sustainable direction. This newsletter has had a change in format as part of our green strategy. Instead of printing and delivering a large, difficult to recycle, glossy newsletter, this large glossy version will be available on our website, noticeboard and via a QR code and a shorter, plainer version with the QR code will be delivered to every home.

We have produced a page on [our website that is dedicated to our Green Strategy](#) and we regularly post helpful tips and links on our Facebook page.

Following on from the very successful 'Stanwick Celebrates' to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the Parish Council is working with community groups, organisations and businesses for **Stanwick Day**, as part of the Coronation Celebration Weekend. Look out for information on what will be happening on **Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023**. It will be a chance to find out what goes on in Stanwick.

A photographic record of "Stanwick Celebrates 1952 to 2022" has been produced and is available to view in the Parish Office.

The Council has asked community groups and organisations if they would like to be part of a village 'events committee'. This would be set up as a committee of the Parish Council and have non-councillor membership. The idea is to co-ordinate events between various village groups and encourage cross group working and support and to work together for larger celebrations.

Members of the Council are looking forward to their Bowls Match at Stanwick Bowls Club as part of the Bowls Club Centenary Celebrations.

The Parish Council welcomes your ideas and suggestions. Councillors are in post to represent the views and wishes of the parish and to best do that, they need to know what you are thinking.

Contact the Council via clerk.stanwickpc@outlook.com or 01933 625616 or speak to a councillor direct.

Parish Council Precept

The Parish Council is financed by the 'precept'. It is a 'national' local tax that only applies to a specific authority area, for example Stanwick. It is collected by North Northants Council with the other local taxes due, such as council tax, Police Fire & Crime levy.

The precept is collected according to the 'banding' of council tax on properties between April and January in 10 monthly instalments.

Each year the Parish Council looks at its financial position and sets a budget for the coming year before working out how much the precept as a total figure should be.

The amount of precept in Stanwick has remained at the same level since the financial year 2019-20.

During the current financial year, 2022 to 2023, the Parish Council has incurred significant one off costs including repairs to the church boundary wall (£12,100.00), repairs to the path from Spencer Parade and Mansfield Street (£4214.00), repairs to the safer surfacing under the play equipment at the recreation ground (£4517.00) in addition to our expected costs.

The Parish Council has made the decision to increase the total amount of precept for the coming financial year. We know that with rising inflation everything is costing more and this will increase our ground maintenance costs and repair bills. We know that we are likely to have significant repair bills for the church path. We need to set money aside for future repairs costs.

On paper, the total percentage increase of the precepts looks very large, but in reality taken as an average across all households, it equals approximately £1.30 per house per month extra. It should be acknowledged that the Stanwick precept has not increased for the past four tax years and this increase is also, in part, due to the fact the level has been held down since 2019.

Any person having difficulty with making their council tax payments should speak to North Northants Council as the Parish Council is not involved in collecting the money due.

Stanwick Pocket Park on Raunds Road is a community managed park, looked after by volunteers.

No one is paid to care for the park or to clean up after others.

Please do not leave bags of dog poo on site - there is a bin by the bus stop the bags can go into or a dog bin at the entrance to Mallows Grange.

Leaving bags of dog poo is unnecessary, unsightly, environmentally damaging and a health hazard.

Thank you for clearing up after your dog and taking away the bag.



Stanwick Green Event

Thursday 20th April 2023

7.00pm – 9pm at Stanwick Village Hall

Everyone is invited to come along to a **free** event at the village hall, hosted by the Parish Council, which is looking at local environmental and green issues.

Talk to the people from **Chelveston Energy Park**

Find out about the **Green Way route**

Talk people from **Stanwick Lakes**

Our local **Dark Skies** representative

Plus much more

Refreshments will be available courtesy of Stanwick Pocket Park Group

Stanwick Green Event is the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

Dog fouling & litter: don't let it be a blight.

Leaving dog mess in a public place is not only unpleasant and antisocial, it is also a health hazard. Dog owners have a legal duty to clean up every time their dog messes in a public place.

Authorised officers can patrol parks and open spaces and specific areas where dog fouling has been reported. You can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 if you do not clean up after your dog.

If you witness someone letting their dog foul without cleaning it up afterwards in a public place, you should report this to the dog warden with as much information as possible. For more information please contact North Northamptonshire Council or look for 'dog fouling' on their website

Four Year Plan

The Four Year Plan will give Stanwick's residents a clear understanding of what the Parish Council is trying to achieve and how it intends to deliver this. It details what the Parish Council intends to focus on over the next four years. The Plan will be used each year to plan activities and set the budget for the coming year

The Four Year Plan and the action plans are available to view on the Parish Council website.



Stanwick Community Garden, on Raunds Road, is open to everyone to enjoy, be it to sit in the sensory garden, have a mini plot to maintain or to lend a hand generally.

The gate is not locked, so come along and see what is on your doorstep. For more information contact: Brenda on 01933 461670

Operation Snap

Operation Snap has been set up to keep our county's roads as safe as possible

It allows members of the public to report driving offences in the Northamptonshire by filling in a form and uploading video evidence they have captured.

Submitted footage and reports are then examined by roads policing officers and can be used to take actions against drivers breaking the law.

[More information is on the Northants Police website](#)

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch can make a difference to where you live and those around you. Residents often feel more secure in their homes and the fear of crime is reduced by the knowledge that neighbours are working together.

If you would like to find out more contact our area co-ordinator Christine
christine.mackenzie@northants.pnn.police.uk



Did you know that **Stanwick Bowls Club** is 100 years old in 2023? But you don't need to be nearly 100 to play there. Look out for the celebration activities

Located at Stanwick Recreation Ground, the Club warmly welcomes newcomers of all ages. No prior experience required.

They play outdoor in summer and indoor (short mat bowls) in the winter.

Why not give it a go?

For more information contact: Rosemary on 01933 624252



Want to get outside more, be a little bit more active and meet friendly people?

Then **Stanwick Pocket Park** is the place for you. Join members of the Pocket Park Group on Sunday mornings, once a month to help maintain this lovely open space.

For more information contact the parish clerk: Jenny on 01933 625616 or find them on Facebook

Stanwick Allotments

Fancy growing your own? Fresh fruit and veg without a trip to the shops? Reducing packaging and waste?

We have full size plots (250sqm), half size plots and a couple of quarter size plots at our site on Raunds Road.

[A waiting list form can be found on our website](#)

Floral and other tributes at Stanwick Cemetery

As a parish we are trying to reduce our impact on the environment and reduce pollution.

Did you know that traditional florist foam can take thousands of years to degrade down to its natural elements?

You may recall that people laying tributes to Her Majesty were asked to remove the plastic wrappers on flowers.

True cellophane, made of plant materials and other materials, can degrade within a matter of months.

Synthetic cellophane will take a few decades but traditional plastic can take 1,000 years to degrade in a landfill. Unfortunately, the plastics don't break down completely but instead photo-degrade, becoming microplastics that absorb toxins and continue to pollute the environment.

We therefore respectfully ask you to, when possible, think about the tributes you bring into the cemetery and what they are made of, so that only truly lasting things that you leave are your thoughts and memories.

The Herbert Protocol – Safe and Found

The initiative is named after George Herbert, a war veteran of the Normandy Landings, who lived with dementia. He died whilst 'missing', trying to find his childhood home.

Caring for vulnerable people, including those with dementia or Alzheimer's, can be challenging. There is a risk they can go 'walkabout'.

The protocol is a form of essential information that can be quickly handed to the Police if a person goes missing, saving valuable time in a crisis situation.

A number of Police forces endorse the Herbert Protocol and more information, including the form and what to do if a vulnerable person goes missing can be found on the [Northants Police website](#).



Sign up to Neighbourhood Alert for updates from Northamptonshire Police and find out what's happening where you live and work.

Receive alerts and information from Northamptonshire Police and partners by email and stay updated about what's going on in your area.

- Police news and events
- Crime prevention advice
- Information about crime and anti-social behaviour

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