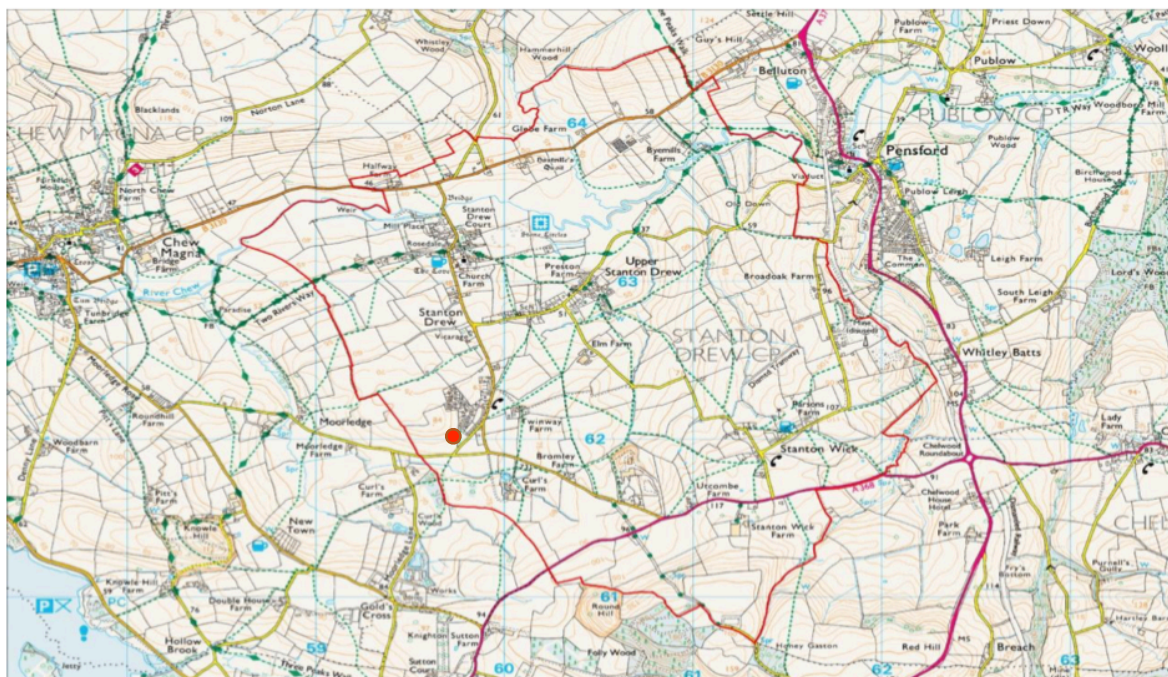


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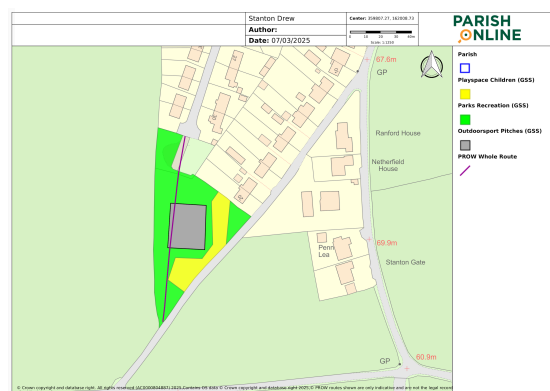
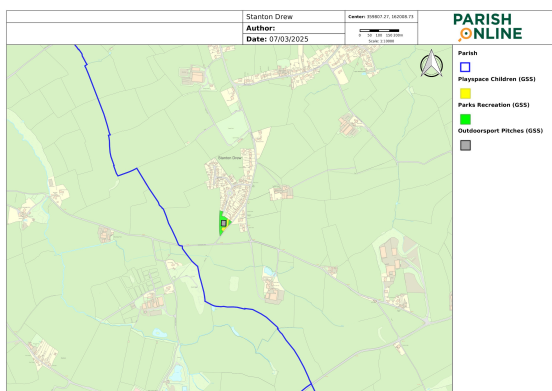
1. Location

Stanton Drew Civil Parish is located approximately 9 miles south of Bristol, 10 miles west of Bath, and 2 miles east of Chew Magna, on the southern side of the River Chew. It is set in gently sloping and undulating countryside. The village was listed in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Stanton, meaning, 'the stone enclosure with an oak tree', and it is most famous as the setting for the third largest collection of prehistoric standing stones in England. Today, the area of the Civil Parish can be understood as divisions of several areas, including “Upper Stanton”, “Stanton Wick”, “Bromley”, “Sandy Lane”, “Lower Stanton”, and “Tarnwell”.

Stanton Drew Recreation Area is located to the West of Stanton Drew, the area in the Parish with the highest residential density. It was part of the land included in the building of The Crescent, The Drive, and Highfields, all post WWII. The field area is broadly triangular in shape with an area for parking at the top and a PROW running through it on the west side. Over the years the Parish Council (the PC) have installed a number of pieces of play equipment around the edge, leaving the central area with goal posts for ball games.



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2. Site Ownership

Stanton Drew Parish Council lease the Recreation Area from Bath and North East Somerset Council. Until this year (2026) it was an annual lease under a “tenancy at will”, granted in **2003** at a rent of £250pa. The PC pay for all maintenance of the site, including grass mowing, any additional play equipment, play equipment maintenance, play equipment inspection, site hedge trimming, and insurance.

In summer 2026 a new 15 year long term lease was agreed. This was sought by the PC because the short notice period of the old lease meant that organisations and charities were reluctant to offer grants to help with new equipment when there was no guarantee that any enhancements made would continue to be available to residents in the long term.

3. Aims and Objectives

Stanton Drew Parish Council wish to update and enhance the recreation facilities.

The aim is to remove some of the old decaying wood installations, some of the large stones (one set in particular is unpopular with parents of toddlers) enhance the area that remains (particularly where the old slide is and the amphitheatre) and purchase some new equipment. The focus is to ensure there will be something for all age groups, from babies upwards and the ability for individual or group recreation. The PC particularly want the whole community to recognise the area as somewhere they can exercise (as a rural community it is the only nearby option for anyone without transport).

Recreation equipment is expensive, the Parish has volunteers that will help with the removal and site preparation to keep costs to a minimum, however the project will still cost around £30,000. The PC has £10,000 reserved for the project but is seeking *multi-source* funding, mostly via grants, to fund the work. Stanton Drew is an area that is blessed by the existence of two supportive and active Community Funds; one offers small grants from surplus resulting from a Community Cafe and another (the Publow with Pensford and the Stanton’s Community Trust (PPSCT)) offers larger grants. The PC have already had indication that these 2 charities will offer some support but further additional grants or donations will be needed to get to the desired £30,000 total.

4. Use and Beneficiaries

The main beneficiaries of any change must be parishioners, whether it is replacing or enhancing their facilities, and as a Parish Council we must ensure that the £10,000 is good use of their precept.

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In addition to residents there will be visitors (for example grand children with resident grandparents), occasional visiting groups and schools (for example Chew Valley Senior School sometimes stop at the site when groups are taken for long walks) and users from neighbouring parishes.

Current estimated population of Stanton Drew is (*):

- **Aged 0–17:** 158 people (~19%)
 - Detailed Age Cohorts
 - **0–9 years:** 78
 - **10–19 years:** 102
- **Aged 18–64:** 434 people (~53%)
- **Aged 65 and over:** 224 people (~27%)

(*) https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk/southwestengland/admin/bath_and_north_east_somer/E04000991_stanton_drew/

5. Phase One

The first phase of funding is currently being sort. This will provide a brand new swing area that will have 5 swings to cater for all ages, an activity centre for age 5+ (both in the images below) and some equipment that will enhance the existing steel slide and bank.



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Option 1 - Dart Activity Centre



As well as the new equipment the amphi-theatre/slide area will be refurbished, two of the tunnels will be removed while the ground preparation is done for the new equipment, new steps and platforms will be put in around the slide, banking around the slide and remaining tunnels will be made up and turfed/seeded.



The PC have been conscious that there is almost nothing in the current equipment that is specifically geared to families and young people, something they seek to redress with some of the new equipment.

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Area with items beyond safe use, being cleared and replaced during Phase 1.



Area with items staying or being refurbished during Phase 1.

6. Phase Two

The PC will allocate some additional money in the 2027/28 precept budget to start phase 2. That will also require additional grant funding to be sought. Phase 2 will include replacement goal posts (there is a specific grant available for these), an additional item for teenagers/adults (perhaps basketball posts or outdoor table tennis to go near the main entrance) and 2 new seating areas. These have purposely been left out of phase 1 mainly because of the potential damage while the other work is going on but also because it will be easier to decide on the specific siting after phase 1 is completed. Phase 2 will all be items that can be easily installed by local volunteers.

7. Conclusion

The Stanton Drew Parish Council seek grant funding to add to the £10,000 they have ring fenced for new recreational equipment. It is hoped that all refurbishment and installation will be complete by the school summer holidays of 2027.

Appendix A - Quote from Creative Play (NB - Updated quote with extra ££ for the slide enhancement due by 22/8/26)

Appendix B - Stanton Drew PC 2026/27 Budget

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Appendix A - Quotation



Quotation

Customer: Stanton Drew Parish Council
Address: Tamkern
(Line 2) Tarnwell, Stanton Drew
Postcode: BS39 4DZ
Contact: Julie Bragg & Liz Richardson
Telephone: 07826 407978 / 07711959775
Email: stantondrewparish@outlook.com + lizr1@mac.com
AREA: 1 of 1

Quote Ref: 329/30
Prepared by: TAB
Revision: 1
Date: 01/05/2026

OPTION 1 - PLAY AREA TRANSFORMATION - DART

CODE	DWG REF	QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRODUCT INFO	UNIT (£)	TOTAL (£)
BES102 (AC101)	1	1	DART ACTIVITY CENTRE WITH 14x SQUARE METAL POST SHOES	Info	£ 10,945.00	£ 10,945.00
SF106		1	QUAD FRAME		£ 3,833.00	£ 3,833.00
SE103		2	FLAT SEAT		£ 79.00	£ 158.00
SE105		1	TANGO SEAT		£ 1,570.00	£ 1,570.00
SE102	2	1	CRADLE SEAT		£ 310.00	£ 310.00
SF102		1	SINGLE BASKET FRAME		£ 2,100.00	£ 2,100.00
SE101		1	BASKET SEAT		£ 1,570.00	£ 1,570.00
BES102		12	METAL POST SHOES		£ 75.00	£ 900.00
BES102 (PB122)		1	STOPWATCH - RUNNING TRACK WITH 2x METAL POST SHOES	Info	£ 2,526.00	£ 2,526.00
POSTINST		1	INDEPENDENT POST INSTALLATION INSPECTION		£ 499.00	£ 499.00
WEL101		1	WELFARE FACILITIES		£ 275.00	£ 275.00
HER101		1	SITE SECURITY (HERAS FENCING)		£ 275.00	£ 275.00

*ALL GREEN PLAYTEC

*CUSTOMER TO COMPLETE REMOVALS OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO INSTALL - 1x PLAY TOWER, 1x SWING FRAME, 1x SET OF ROCKS / STONES (6x IN TOTAL), ALL TIMBER LOGS AND MOUNDS TO BE FLATTENED AS REQUIRED

*CUSTOMER TO ENSURE GRASS REMAINS WELL MAINTAINED FOLLOWING INSTALLATION

*EXACT LOCATION OF PB122 - STOPWATCH TO BE SITED ON SURVEY

CODE	DESCRIPTION	DEPTH (mm)	UNIT (£)	TOTAL (£)
SUR105	42x Grass Mats laid onto existing grass around the total operating area of the new Bespoke Swings. Mats are 1.5m x 1m each. Includes full installation and ground pegs required.	23	£ 55.00	£ 2,310.00
			TOTAL (exc. VAT)	£ 27,271.00

NB Stopwatch item will be replaced with a couple of other items, new quote awaited.

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Appendix B - Stanton Drew PC 2026/27 Budget

STANTON DREW PARISH COUNCIL

26/27 Budget - Prepared 1st Jan 2026

	Reserved Funds Carried Over from 2025/26 ££	Actual INCOME from 2025/26 ££	Actual GRANTS and FUNDRAISING ££	ACTUAL 1 Jan 2026 ££	projected 2025/26 Total SPEND ££	BUDGET 2025/26 PC BUDGET ££	Under/Over Spend ££		BUDGET 2026/27 PC BUDGET ££
PROJECTS									
PLAY AREA :									
New Equipment				0.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	**	1000
GENERAL									
Clerk Salary and HMRC				8746.21	11909.88	12,190.00	280.12	Plus 6%	12,925.00
Clerk Pension				264.87	353.16	1060.00	706.84		500.00
Home/Office Use/Impress				247.29	322.29	333.90	11.61	Plus 5%	350.00
Payroll Services				120.00	120.00	133.90	13.90	Plus 5%	145.00
Computer Support/Anti Virus				0.00	0.00	108.15	108.15	Plus 5%	110.00
Insurance - Came & Co				821.64	821.64	1,251.54	429.90	Plus 10%	900.00
Internal Audit				0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00		50.00
External Audit				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		250.00
Subscriptions - ALCA/NALC				224.98	224.98	233.20	8.22	Plus 5%	235.00
Subscriptions - NSALG Allotments				45.50	45.50	45.00	0.50		50.00
NEW Subscriptions - SLCC				0.00	212.00	212.00	0.00		250.00
Printing				0.00	0.00	111.30	111.30		111.30
Hall Hire / Zoom				0.00	180.00	257.50	77.50		273.00
Website				95.84	95.84	111.30	15.46	Plus 5%	115.00
Training/Seminars				0.00	285.00	318.00	33.00		300.00
Donations				0.00	100.00	106.00	6.00		150.00
Defib Pads				252.00	252.00	265.00	13.00		275.00
Play Equipment Repair				0.00	250.00	265.00	15.00		300.00
Contingencies				0.00	0.00	530.00	530.00	***	530.00
Remembrance Service Costs				72.83	72.83	150.00	77.17		80.00
Allotment Rent				0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00		400.00
Play Area Rent				250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00		250.00
Play Area Annual Inspection				129.60	129.60	159.00	29.40		159.00
Play Area 3x Quarterly Inspection				162.00	246.00	318.00	72.00		350.00
TENDERED									
PROW Clearance				199.50	500.00	952.80	452.80	*Plus 3%	1,000.00
Play Area Ground Maintenance				1752.00	1752.00	1,855.00	103.00		2,000.00
Hedge Trimming in Play Area				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		150.00
Hedge Trimming outside play area				60.00	60.00	150.00	90.00		75.00
				13444.26	18,582.72	22,816.59	4233.87		23,283.30

INCOME

Precept 1	9686.00					9751.00
Precept 2	9686.00					9751.00
Footpath Maintenance	971.86					971.86
Allotment Rent	600.00					540.00
Cemetery/ Interment						0.00
VAT	0.00					0.00
						4233.87
						Less 452.80
						Less 1000.00
						Less 511.63
TOTAL	20943.86	0.00				23283.30

RESERVED FUNDS

CIL	0		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transparency Grant	1,206.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	1,206.00
Play area : New Equipment	8,000.00	-	0.00	0.00	1000	9,000.00
Play area : Transfer cost, legal fees etc	1,500.00		0.00	0.00	511.63	2,011.63
PROW	0		0.00	0.00	452.80	452.80
TOTAL RESERVED FUNDS TO CARRY	10,706.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		12,670.43

MONEY IN BANK

27,423.58

At January	ESTIMATED YE
34923.18	29,784.72

NOTES

* Ring fenced for PROW
 **Add £1000 to reserved fund for Play Eqt.
 ***Add £511.63 of transfer reserve

SUMMARY as at January 2026

Overall Financial Position - It looks as if at the end of 25/26 we will have just under £30,000 in the bank, of that £12,670.43 are reserved funds, (£9,000 of that is for new play equipment (+ £1000 in the budget)). This leaves an uncommitted general reserve just over £17,000 which aligns with recommended good practise from NALC that suggests holding 6 to 12 months of gross operational expenditure.

• PROPOSED ANNUAL PRECEPT £19,502 agreed at Feb 2026 at the meeting.
 £19,502 is less than +1%
 The Tax Base 2025/6 is 329.53
 prev years was 327.34,
 and above == same for band D

•• Can not assume an increase