

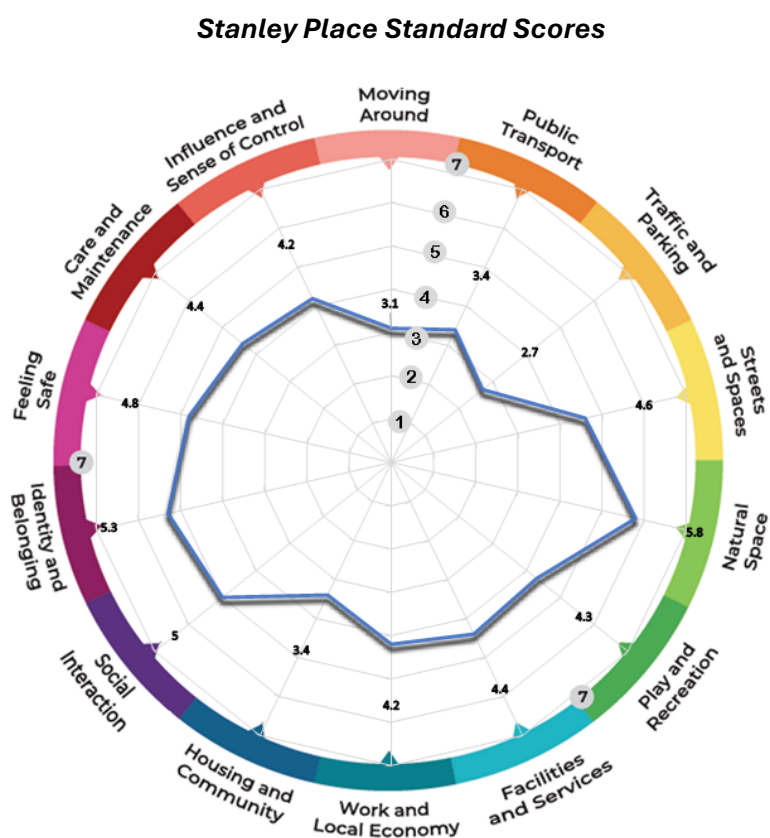
Community Council: Stanley

Stanley Community Council is located to the east of the A9 trunk road and to the west of the River Tay. The village of Stanley includes the Old Mill complex and is experiencing expansion through a planned masterplan for the village. The local area also includes Ballathie and Kinclaven settlements and has access to the A9 trunk road.

A place standard session was held in Stanley. A total of 17 people attended an event or responded to the survey. Stanley Development Trust prepared a Community Action Plan for 2023-2028.

Place Standard Scores

Note that due to the tailored nature of conversations not all participants completed scores, this includes drop in events. Note that place standard scores are out of 7. Seven is where the least improvement is needed, and 1 the most.



1. Moving Around (1.9)

A key issue in the local area for moving around is the speed of traffic on roads including large vehicles. As a result, residents note feeling unsafe walking and cycling outwith the village however it is noted that within the village it is generally easy to move around. Gaps in path network are also highlighted as issue as well as the overall condition and maintenance of paths and roads. The importance of active travel options between Stanley and Luncarty/Perth is recognised as well as the new cycling path up the A9 which is highlighted as a concern as there is no barrier between users and the road.

Suggestions for improvement include a more comprehensive path network, improved path maintenance/upkeep, traffic calming measures and speeding enforcement, promote active travel locally through a strategic and coordinated approach, road condition improvements and signage, and a barrier to separate cyclists/road users along the A9.

2. Public Transport (4)

There is a mix of feeling within the community in terms of access to bus services. Some highlight services are good within the village whilst others disagree including those living more rurally where it is more difficult to get to a bus stop. It is highlighted that the bus service has been in decline and that there is no train station between Perth and Dunkeld.

A range of improvements are suggested including a community bus, co-use of buses e.g. school buses, integrated public transport and active travel plan, improved timings/frequency of buses (including reinstated service for Kinclaven), and hop-on hop-off train services along the Perth-Inverness line. A suggestion has also been made to monitor noise and environmental pollution from fumes caused by public transport.

3. Traffic & Parking (4)

Speeding and too much traffic is highlighted as a significant issue in the local area including on C406 and B9099 roads, with instances of accidents.

A range of suggestions are put forward to improve the situation including traffic calming and police enforcement, traffic management plan, road widening and marking, improved crossing points, dealing with potholes, walking-friendly routes, improved signage, and road closures for litter picking. Rural parking is suggested to improve accessibility to woodland areas.

The uptake of EV cars is also highlighted which will mean traffic/parking issues will not go away. Parking in the village is also recognised as needing addressed by most including potential for new car park and on-street parking potentially being a problem with new development coming forward in the village.

The CTRLR is highlighted as potentially helping ease amount of traffic in villages in local area.

4. Streets, Squares & Buildings (3.7)

There are positive features identified in the village including the Square (Stanley in Bloom) and the church (and future hub), whilst there are also buildings in a poor state, littering evident on countryside roads, and some houses using unfriendly signage.

Suggestions for improvement including addressing conditions on rural roads e.g. litter, stronger enforcement of poorly maintained buildings, and stronger control through planning new developments.

5. Natural Spaces (5.1)

Generally, the area is considered to be well-connected to nature with numerous examples of beautiful places and local walks available including Kinclaven bluebell woods, Taymount woods, Meikleour woods, and the River Tay. There are concerns raised regarding the general threat to natural habitats from over-development and urban crawl. The work of the West Stormont Woodland Group is highlighted.

Suggested improvements include an allotment system in village, prioritising wildlife corridors, less pollution, greater support from local authorities, reducing volume of traffic and noise

levels, improving local nature initiatives through connection by safe active travel routes and habitat corridors, and open space maintenance at corner of Mill Street/Perth Road.

6. Play & Recreation (4.2)

A number of opportunities exist for play and recreation including social and sport activities, cafes and social enterprises (e.g. Nest in Blairgowrie), and good access to nature/country walks.

There are areas which could be improved including pavilion provision, finding assets that the community can make their own, gaps in local path network, play provision for children and young people, scope for recreation in nearby woodlands, and cycling/walking friendly roads with reduced speed restrictions.

7. Facilities & Services (4.2)

There is a mix of feeling around access to facilities and services in the village. The library service is noted as being good, mixed opinions regarding healthcare provision (GP, dentist) and some noting that services are limited which creates a lack of community. Distance to 'big shop' in Blairgowrie/Perth is highlighted as well as potential impact from housing development on water pressure.

Suggested improvements include improved healthcare facilities and the need for a phone mast to improve mobile service.

8. Work & Local Economy (4)

It is considered that there are jobs and volunteering opportunities in the local area including within the village itself. Training opportunities are limited within the village and a suggestion is made for more litter picking.

9. Housing & Community (4.3)

Generally it is considered that the needs of the community are met in terms of housing however there are a number of areas where improvement could be made including flatted accommodation for younger people, care home accommodation, housing quality, housing mix in new developments, and affordable housing provision. It is also highlighted that there is a low level of deprivation in the village.

10. Social Interaction (3.5)

There are a number of places highlighted as promoting social interaction including the Men's Shed, a good range of halls, and Active Kids playpark. However it is noted that places for socialising are limited and there is not much buy-in for events. The impact of COVID and the cost of living crisis are noted as constraints on people socialising.

Improvements suggested include the role of the community hub, the range of places for meeting up, improving opportunities for those who don't have a car, and safer walking/cycling friendly roads.

11. Identity & Belonging (3.7)

For the majority of those who responded there is a strong sense of identity in the local area with a number of issues highlighted including feelings of distress about ecological decline and natural environment, feeling of vulnerability, and littering and speeding/noise.

Suggestions for improvement/change include a greater focus on humanity and natural environment (including through the planning process), larger litter pick days, ways to control speeding/littering, and increased grass mowing.

12. Feeling Safe (4.8)

Some feel safe in the village including from crime whilst others note a number of issues in the area including road/pedestrian safety, off-leash dogs, lack of mobile service, and anti-social behaviour at the local shop. The speed of traffic in the local area including through the village is recognised as a significant safety issue for respondents.

Suggested improvements include enhanced police presence, encouraging more civic pride in the village, reducing speed in the village and on local roads including vehicle activated signs.

13. Care & Maintenance (3.8)

A number of issues are highlighted in the village and local area including road maintenance, lack of response from PKC when queries are raised in relation to maintenance, littering in village and on country roads, dangerous traffic lights at Kinclaven, road kill, and evidence of vandalism. Positive features within the area include letting wildflowers grow on verges for pollinators, litter group once a month, and Stanley in Bloom group.

Suggested improvements include enhanced litter picking in the village and on rural roads, filling potholes, cleaning up Himalayan Balsam, dog litter bin to be reinstated at corner of Mill Street/Perth Road, and repairing/cleaning up of paths outside the villages.

14. Influence & Sense of Control (4.2)

It is noted that there are lots of community pages to voice opinion and local members help to find the right people in PKC to speak to. There are however issues raised including improving relationship between PKC and the community, slow response times and outcomes are too slow, lack of volunteers, no community council, and lack of following up after seeking feedback from within the community. Improvements in these areas are suggested.