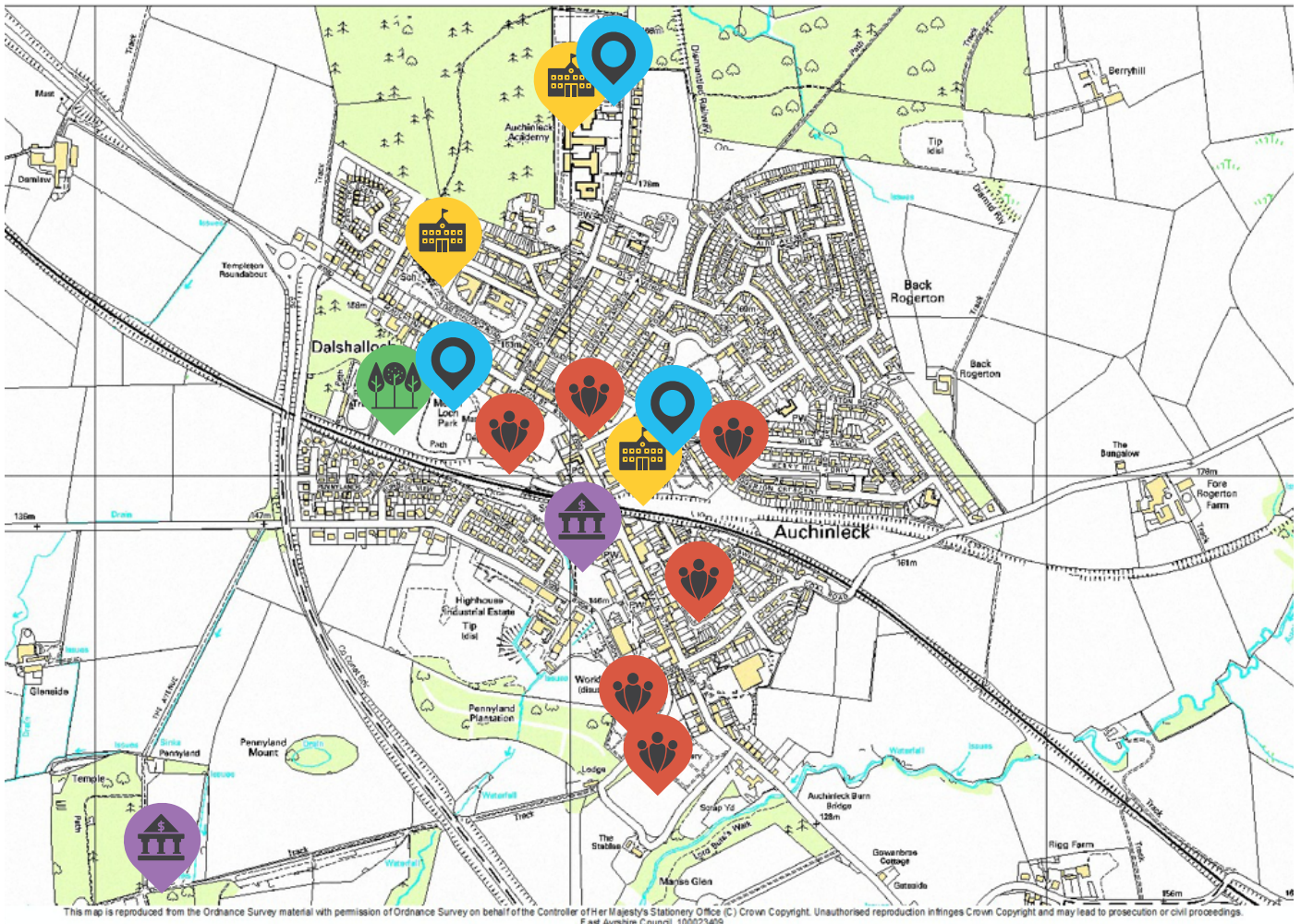


# FACILITY AUDIT



## AUCHINLECK

## MANAGED PARKS AND OPENSACES



Whilst Auchinleck has access to large areas of natural greenspaces along its boundary and according to the 2015 openspace audit has a surplus of openspaces in relation to its population, it only has 1 managed recreational or amenity openspace. This is Merlin Park which includes a grass football pitch and playpark.

## SCHOOLS



Auchinleck currently has 1 secondary school and 2 primary schools; Auchinleck Academy, Auchinleck Primary School and St. Patrick's Primary School. The schools in Auchinleck are predominantly used out with school hours for school events only including parent council meetings, parents' evenings, school shows and prizegivings as well as school fundraising events. They are not used for other community activities.

## EAST AYRSHIRE LEISURE FACILITIES



East Ayrshire Leisure manages 3 facilities in Auchinleck:

**1. Auchinleck Leisure Centre** is within the Auchinleck Academy campus and is available for community use from 5.30pm until 9.30pm, Monday to Friday and from 9am until 5pm on a Saturday and Sunday. It is recognised as a Community Sports Hub under the SportsScotland National Community Sports Hubs Initiative. The venue offers a 20m swimming pool, a 3 court sports hall, a gym hall and a synthetic grass pitch. Auchinleck Leisure Centre is used by 15 different sports clubs, community groups and local organisations including Auchinleck Talbot junior Football Club, Cumnock Dolphins Swimming Club and Doon Valley Sub-Aqua Club.

**2. Auchinleck Boswell Resource Centre** is home to Auchinleck Library and Community Community Centre. The community centre has a range of rooms and halls available to hire which are suitable for meetings, events, presentations and a variety of leisure classes. The Main Hall can accommodate 150 people and is ideal for hosting large-scale events. It has a music surround system, projector and a 5m x 4m screen available for use and retractable seating if for a cinema screening/show. The Lesser Hall can accommodate 50 people and is fully equipped with an adjoining kitchen which can also be used if required. There is a partition into the lesser hall which can be removed to provide additional space if needed. There is a further 2 two multi-purpose rooms which can accommodate 20 people. Auchinleck Library offers a range of reader development events and activities for all ages, as well as safe computer use, internet and free wifi access, printing services and DVD hire.

**3. Auchinleck Community Development Initiative** are based in the Auchinleck Boswell Resource Centre. Merlin Park Grass Football Pitches and Pavilion includes 2 full size grass pitches. The pavilion is purpose built and has changing facilities for 4 teams with separate rooms for match officials.

## COMMUNITY LED FACILITIES



**Beechwood Park** is the home to Auchinleck Talbot Junior Football Club. The Beechwood Regeneration Committee was formed in 2013 to oversee and continually explore opportunities for upgrade and development. The stadium was refurbished in 2017 and now has a capacity of 4000, catering facilities and a shop.

**Auchinleck Outdoor Bowling Club** is a private members club. However, it has a refurbished main hall that is available for private functions including weddings and birthday parties. The Club organises a programme of community events and activities.

**Auchinleck Indoor Bowling Club** has 7 bowling rinks within an indoor stadium that was opened in 1980. The building is owned by East Ayrshire Council and leased to the Club. The Club hosts national and international championships. The facilities within the stadium include a function suite suitable for private parties, meetings, sports classes and other community events. It has a capacity of 80. It also has a café which is open to the public between 10am and 3pm, Monday to Friday and 10am to 7pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Lunches are served between 12 noon and 2pm daily. The café includes a bar which is open most evenings.

The Boswell Trust was formed in 2010 to promote the heritage, literacy arts and education and to specifically restore **James Boswell's Mausoleum in Auchinleck** churchyard and to create a visitor attraction in the adjoining 17th century Boswell Aisle. The heritage of James Boswell attracts visitors from all over the world.

**The Knowe Garden Centre** has been developed and is managed by Auchinleck Community Development Initiative. It is a community led activity which organises gardening events and workshops throughout the year and provides gardening services for people in the community. Any profits from the garden services are reinvested into the garden centre and community activities.

## PRIVATELY RUN FACILITIES



**Dumfries House and Estate** sits on the outskirts of Auchinleck. It is one of Britain's finest stately homes, set amidst 2000 acres of woodland, parkland and designed landscapes. The Estate provides a range of walks, outdoor learning and volunteering opportunities, playparks and gardens, a gift shop and restaurant, as well as regular tours of the house and its collections.

**Shapeshifters Fitness Studio** is a private member only centre which offers a wide range of fitness classes and nutritional advice seminars for all ages and abilities.