

# FACILITY AUDIT



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# DALMELLINGTON

## MANAGED PARKS AND OPENSACES



Within Dalmellington there is a variety of spaces located throughout the settlement, including some spaces around the historic town centre and newer spaces on the settlement edge which are used for recreation purposes. The grounds of Craigengillan Estate (listed Historic Garden and Designed Landscape) which includes Bogton Loch and Silly Hole Moss provide areas with landscape, ecological and cultural heritage features in close proximity to the settlements. There are also areas of mature and community woodland adjacent to the River Doon which have informal paths leading to Galloway Forest Park and Bogton Loch. Several informal paths and rights of way lead to these areas from Dalmellington.

Combined with Bellsbank and Burnton, the quantitative assessment of openspace for Dalmellington shows an above average quantity for the population size and with a good distribution of spaces across the settlements. For its population size, this area should have 15.7 hectares of openspace. However, the actual figure for useable, public open space is just over 62 hectares. This is predominantly due to large areas of natural greenspaces which connect the settlements to each other and which link into the surrounding Craigengillan Estate and Forestry properties.

## SCHOOLS



**Dalmellington Primary School** and **Doon Academy** are part of the same campus as Doon Valley Leisure Centre. Community use out with school hours is generally restricted to the leisure centre and not the school areas of the campus.

## EAST AYRSHIRE LEISURE FACILITIES



**Doon Valley Leisure Centre** is within a shared campus with Dalmellington Primary School and Doon Academy. Recognised as part of the Community Sports Hub, the leisure centre offers a 25m swimming pool, a 3 court sports hall, a gym hall, a fitness suite and a synthetic grass pitch. A range of fitness classes are offered at the leisure centre including private training sessions within the fitness suite. Despite being part of the school campus, the leisure centre is opening throughout the day.

## COMMUNITY LED FACILITIES



**The Zone** is a multifunctional project delivering dynamic childcare, youth, training and employment services to the East Ayrshire community. It provides facilities for play, recreation, leisure and educational opportunities for children, young people and local community of the Doon Valley. Through their facilities, they provide childcare, a youth club which is open every weeknight from 7pm until 9.30pm and a Go2Play initiative to encourage greater outdoor and free play.

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**Craigmark Burntonians Football Club** are a Scottish football club, based in the town of Dalmellington, Ayrshire. Nicknamed The Mark, they were formed in 1946 and play at Station Park. Station Park has a function room, bar and a tea shop.

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**Dalmellington Community Centre** is managed by Dalmellington Community Association. It has a large function hall and smaller meetings spaces as well as a catering kitchen. Regular activities are held in the hall including a range of children's activities. The Centre is also used for community events including the annual flower show, Christmas Market, Panto and Halloween Disco. The centre can be booked for community and private functions.

## PRIVATELY RUN FACILITIES



**Doon Valley Fitness Gym** is open 7 days a week from 6am until 9pm. The fitness suite includes a range of strengthening and cardiovascular equipment. Personal training and fitness classes are offered through the facility. It is also home to the Doon Valley Boxing Club and has a ring and relevant equipment to support the development of the club.

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**Craigengillan Estate** is on the edge of Dalmellington. Set amidst 3000 acres of pasture, wetland, woodland and designed landscape, the estate provides opportunities for kayaking, cycling and other outdoor pursuits, a riding school, holiday accommodation, the Scottish Dark Sky Observatory and a network of low level and hill paths.

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**Galloway Forest Park** is within easy reach of Dalmellington and includes a range of facilities that complement the outdoor offer in the area. This includes a caravan park, the osprey watch centre and roundhouse café. The roundhouse café is available for private functions and meetings.