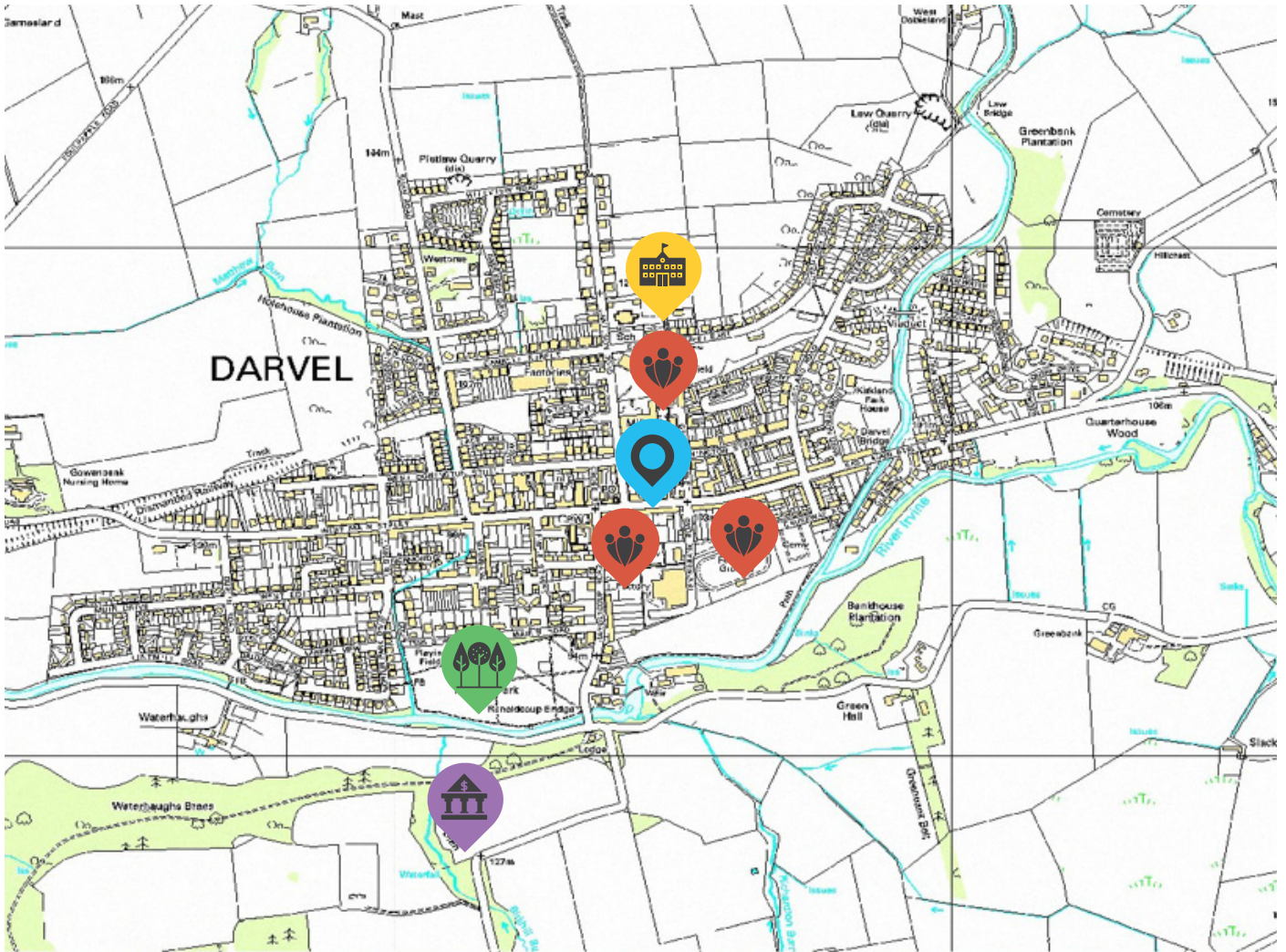


FACILITY AUDIT



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DARVEL & PRIESTLAND

MANAGED PARKS AND OPENSACES



The recommended open space provision for Darvel and Priestland based on their population is just under 18 hectares. The actual useable, public open space for this area is 15.1 hectares. There are a limited number of open spaces due to its linear shape. There are is one main park, Morton Park which has a number of paths, a small garden area and a playpark.

However, Lanfine Estate sits to the south of Darvel and Priestland and offers opportunities for walking.

The Irvine Valley Path Network extends throughout Darvel and offers a network of paths throughout the area.

SCHOOLS



Darvel Primary School and Darvel Early Childhood Centre are used predominantly for school activities including school shows, parent council fundraising events and parent council meetings. They are not usually used for community events out with school hours.

EAST AYRSHIRE LEISURE FACILITIES



Darvel Town Hall is a magnificent 'B Listed' building which sits prominently on the Main Street in the centre of the village. The venue is well used by the local community and plays host to the prestigious Darvel Music Festival and Darvel Flower Show.

The facility has two good sized halls, various meeting rooms and kitchen facilities. It is an ideal venue for private functions, being widely used for weddings, dances and children's parties. The venue has a Large Main Hall (including balcony) with seating capacity of 200 seated and 360 standing for concerts. There is also a fully equipped kitchen facility. Upstairs, the Lesser Hall has a raised stage, seating capacity of 50 and adjoining kitchen facilities. There are also meetings rooms which are available for hire.

The Town Hall includes a small local museum which focuses on the history of the Darvel Lace industry with local artefacts, including a Covenanter's sword. The museum is open on request. Darvel Town Hall is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, but can be booked out with this time for a range of functions and activities.

Darvel Library is connected to Darvel Town Hall. It is a part time library which is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday each week. The library has computers that are available for public use with internet access. A range of activities are offered through the library including digi classes, bookbug sessions and a chit chat group.

COMMUNITY RUN FACILITIES



Sports Darvel took on responsibility for **Gavin Hamilton Sports Centre** in 2016. The sports centre is open Monday to Friday from 7.45am until 9.30am and from 3pm until 9pm. It is also open on a Saturday morning. The centre includes 3 badminton courts, a multi-use games pitch, grass football pitches and a fitness centre. From the Centre, Sports Darvel offers a range of regular activities including fitness classes, studio cycling and a youth club.

PRIVATELY RUN FACILITIES



Lanfine Estate is situated south of the towns of Newmilns and Darvel and south of the River Irvine. The heavily wooded policies of the designed landscape provide a backdrop to Newmilns and Darvel. The estate has a network of paths that are suitable for all levels of ability and are easily accessed from Darvel.