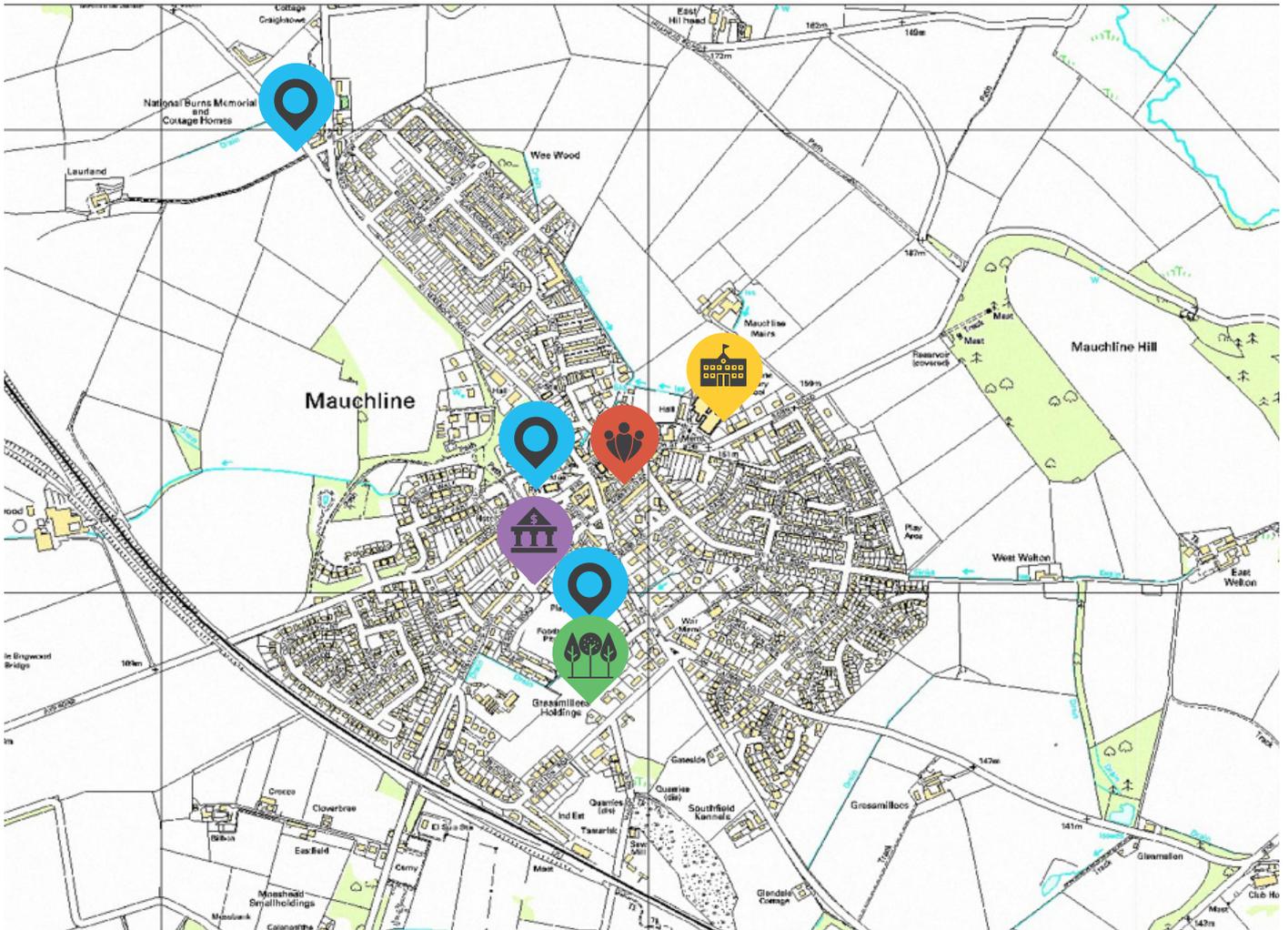


# FACILITY AUDIT



# MAUCHLINE

## MANAGED PARKS AND OPENSACES



The town is surrounded by undulating pasture land and lowland hills and the slopes above the town act as a backdrop and are important as part of the town's rural setting. To the south, the line of the railway forms a barrier to views across the immediate landscape, and constitutes the southern natural extent of the town's setting. Undulating pasture which provides the local landscape setting to the south and south west of the town. The landscape quality is generally medium with pockets of higher quality to the south and south east at the River Ayr and estate landscape of Ballochmyle and Kingencleugh House.

The town itself has a low number of open spaces given its size and apart from the sports pitches in the centre of the settlement the spaces tend to be small spaces on corner plots in housing estates or strips along roadsides. The largest space is Beechgrove Park, located adjacent to the Cumnock road at Station Road and includes sports and play areas.

## SCHOOLS



**Mauchline Primary School and Early Childhood Centre** is predominantly used for school linked activities. However, it also provides a venue for a local badminton club out with core school hours.

## EAST AYRSHIRE LEISURE FACILITIES



Robert Burns, Scotland's National Bard, lived in Mauchline in what was arguably his most creative and productive period as a writer. It was at his farm in Mossgiel, close to the town, that he composed many of his best-loved poems. Whilst preparing for their move to Ellisland Farm in Dumfriesshire, Burns and his wife Jean Armour lodged in a room in what is now **Burns House Museum**.

Through the display of original manuscripts, objects and other publications, Burns's time in the town and his relations with many of its characters is interpreted in the museum. Contemporary works commissioned in response to Burns and his work by significant Scottish artists such as Timorous Beasties and Calum Colvin complement the displays of historic objects. The collections on display are regularly changed, and a series of events take place in and around the museum each year including Burns Birthday in Mauchline, an annual event that celebrates our national bard.

The museum's Robert Burns Collection is officially recognised as being of national significance as part of the wider collections cared for by the Museums of the Burns Scotland Partnership.

Visitors can also gain access to **Nanse Tinnocks**. During Burns' lifetime Nanse Tinnocks was an alehouse and home to the characters of 'Nanse' and her daughter 'racer Jess' who are to be found in Burns' poetry. Today it houses the largest known public collection of Mauchline Ware in the world and curling stones, for which the town is also famous for manufacturing.

There is also a small **self-service library** within the Burns House Museum. The facility is open Tuesday to Saturday each week.

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**Beechgrove Pitch and Pavilions** is based in Beechgrove Park in Mauchline. There are 2 grass pitches that are available for football bookings and public events.

## COMMUNITY LED FACILITIES



**Centre Stane** is a charitable organisation who took on responsibility for the former **Mauchline Library** as part of a Community Asset Transfer. At the heart of Mauchline, the centre plays host to a range of community events and activities including fitness classes, youth clubs, cinema evenings and community meetings.

**The Burns Memorial Tower** was built between 1896 and 1898 and over the years has been a museum and a tourist centre. The Tower was managed by East Ayrshire Leisure until 2017, when a local artist took over the lease and opened a fine art gallery. The tower now boasts a gallery stocking original art by some of Scotland's best known artists, as well as a wide range of prints, gifts and jewellery.

## PRIVATELY RUN FACILITIES



**Core Bodyshaper Gym** is situated on the high street that provides a small gym offering various group classes including boxing, metafit, step and spin. It also provides a personal training programme.