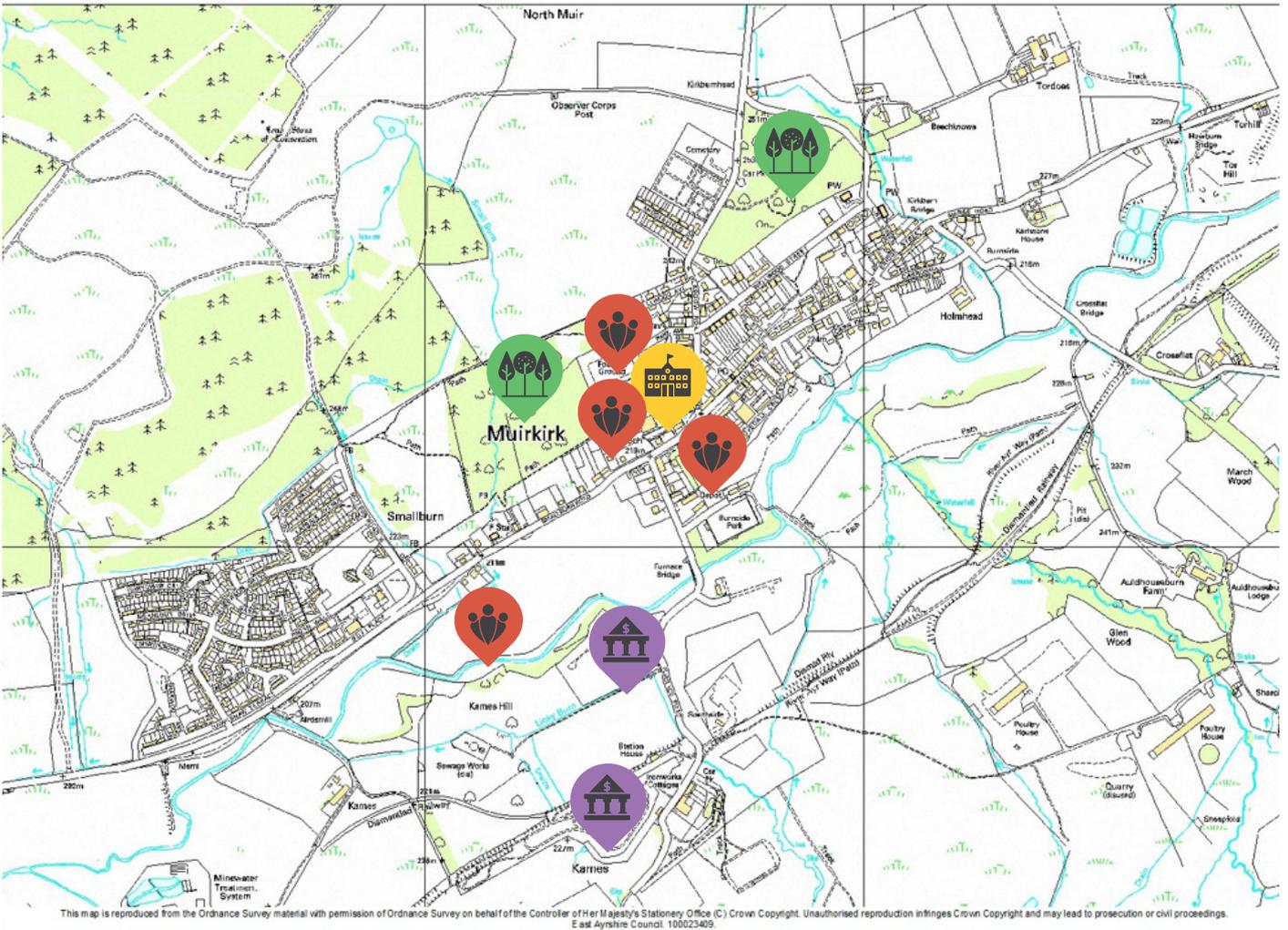


FACILITY AUDIT



MUIRKIRK

MANAGED PARKS AND OPENSACES



Extensive areas of moorland surround the town, which consist of rough grassland, marshland and moorland with some areas to the north merging into plantation forestry. The upland farmland forms a patchwork with moorland and urban fringe areas around the town. The land use is predominantly rough pasture and sheep grazing with non-distinct field boundaries. The predominant local landscape on the southern edge including the hamlet of Kames is urban fringe. There were are a large concentrating of former collieries, disused railways and other industrial features located in this area which now exist as brown field land with numerous preference paths and tracks leading to countryside. The River Ayr is the main watercourse and runs east to west on the southern edge of the town, both the Kirk Burn and Auldhouse Burn are tributaries.

The larger spaces are located at the edges of the settlement and include the Kirk Plantation, Smallburn and Kames Caravan site. The linear pattern of the settlement is dissected by a large area of open moorland with young woodland planting which abuts existing forestry at Smallburn.

The Kames area is a popular area for walking with a car park and paths leading to Cairn Table, River Ayr way and Southern Upland Way. There is also a golf course located to the southwest. There are also several local paths leading north from Muirkirk including the Cairn Table Walk, Sanquhar Walk, Twa Brigs Walk and the Old Railway Walk.

SCHOOLS



Murkirk Primary School and Early Childhood Centre is the only school within Muirkirk. Whilst it is part of the same campus as the community centre, it is used predominantly for school activities out with core school hours including parents' nights, parent council meetings and school fundraising events. It is not used for wider community use.

EAST AYRSHIRE LEISURE FACILITIES



The River Ayr Way is Scotland's first Source to Sea medium to long distance routes. It is included in the national family of 'Scotland's Great Trails and is used by over 120,000 people each year who either do the route in its entirety or explore individual sections of the route. The River Ayr Way runs along the south of Muirkirk with connections to the village using the local path network.

COMMUNITY LED FACILITIES



Muirkirk Community Centre is located within Muirkirk Primary School campus and is managed by Muirkirk Community Association. The centre hosts a number of community meetings, activities and events.

PRIVATELY RUN FACILITIES



Muirkirk Golf Club has a challenging 9 hole moorland course set amongst Muirkirk's dramatic and picturesque hills. It has established a formidable reputation for itself as one of the best 'hidden gems' that the South-West of the country has to offer. The course has a number of interesting holes that will require good course management and accurate ball striking to negotiate a good score. Members and visitors can enjoy 9, 18, 27 or 36 holes and then relax and enjoy the scenery from the clubhouse.

The Kames race track is situated just off the A70 in Muirkirk. The Complex was built by members of East Ayrshire Car Club in the early 1980's and opened in 1984. It is still owned and operated by the Club. The track was resurfaced in 2000 after a 3 year project with the help of Lottery funding as well as funds from other motorsport clubs. The track is a testing 800m long 3.5m wide tarmac surface with generous run-off areas. One "run" is timed as 3 laps from a standing start if running clockwise, or 2.5 laps if used anti-clockwise. There is parking for 400 cars, tarmac paddocks, a toilet block and a Café offering excellent value for money snacks. They have full PA facilities and for most events we have a commentator. The main car park offers an excellent view of the track from within the parked cars but spectators are welcome to wander round and have a look at the competing cars during events. Kames hosts 6 rounds of the Guyson Scottish Sprint Championship as well as their own East Ayrshire Car Club Championships and the Lowlands Championship.