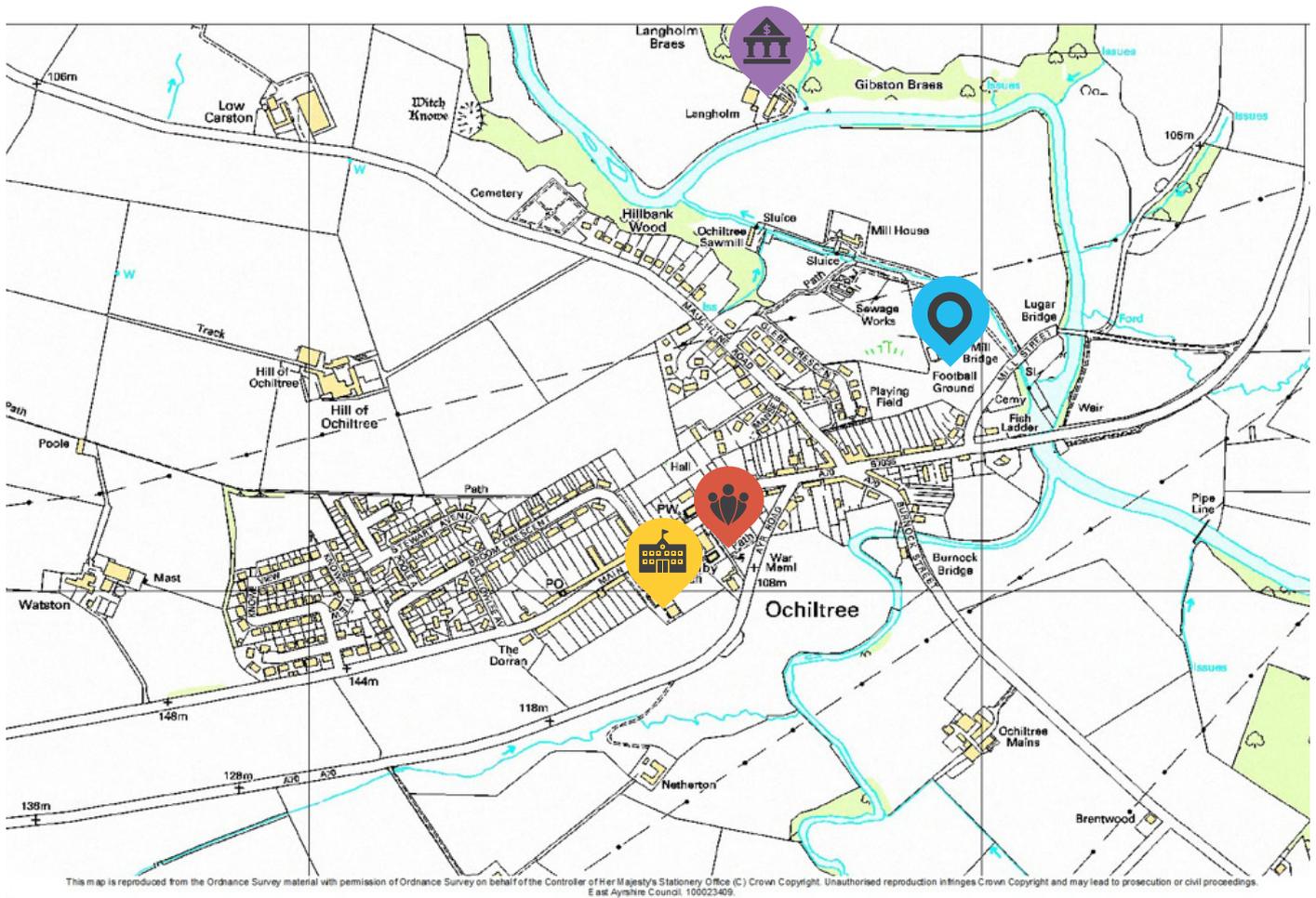


# FACILITY AUDIT



# OCHILTREE

## MANAGED PARKS AND OPENSACES



The main river valley is the River Ayr, which runs to the north west of Ochiltree and abuts the estate landscape of Auchinleck House. The landscape consists of mature woodland and scrub enclosed by lowland hills and contributes to the overall setting of the town. The mature shelterbelts and woodland of Auchinleck House extend south to adjoin the River Lugar creating landscape character of a high quality.

Ochiltree has a surplus of open space provision in relation to their population. The existing useable, public open space is 5.4 hectares and the recommended quantity is 3.61 hectares. The spaces within Ochiltree are generally small local and neighbourhood spaces located on the periphery of the town. The largest space is located at the eastern edge of the town adjacent to the Lugar Water. The Lugar Water adjoins the north eastern settlement boundary which connects to the estate landscape of Auchinleck House.

## SCHOOLS



**Ochiltree Primary School and Early Childhood Centre** 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



**Ochiltree grass pitch and pavilion** is situated in Kay Park. It shares a car park with Ochiltree Bowling Club. There is no football team registered with home status on the football pitch and the site does not have regular bookings.

## COMMUNITY LED FACILITIES



The new **Ochiltree Community Hub** building opened on the 22nd of July 2019. The Hub is 100% owned and run by the local community with an active board of local trustees and volunteers. The Hub includes a number of community rooms that are available for hire including the Ochil Hall, the East Wing, the West Wing, the Bruce and the Wallace, all suitable for activities from exercise class, book club, meeting room, to games, recreational and other social activities.

The community group also has a book point at the OCH office currently offering a small range of books for all ages covering topics such as local history, fiction and children's books. The new Hub building will house elements of the "ABC of Ochiltree" book collection covering local topics of interest such as Agriculture, Burns/Boswell/Brown as well as Coal Mining and Community. This unique collection in association with popular fiction, e-book access as well as access to some National Library of Scotland e-resources and others provides a great facility for the local community.

The Hub also includes **Cafe@45**, run by local volunteers and serving a range of local produce and providing catering for community events.

## PRIVATELY RUN FACILITIES



**Auchinleck Estate**, home to the Boswell family provides great opportunities for outdoor recreation and is set within dramatic wooded gorges, caves and cliffs with a range of woodland walkways and cycle paths, which offer walks and cycle routes of varying degrees of ability on the historically famous estate. The stunning “Gorge Walk” is just over a mile and is a lovely gentle half hour stroll.

The estate has an amazing Tree House and Hobbit House, designed and built by Rory Boswell, which is the ultimate in fun for children. Designed over three levels, there’s something for all ages. The Hobbit House on the ground level is designed with the younger child in mind, whilst the main Tree House on the upper two levels for the older ones.

At the heart of the estate, the Coachhouse has a coffee shop and gift shop and is suitable for private functions including weddings.