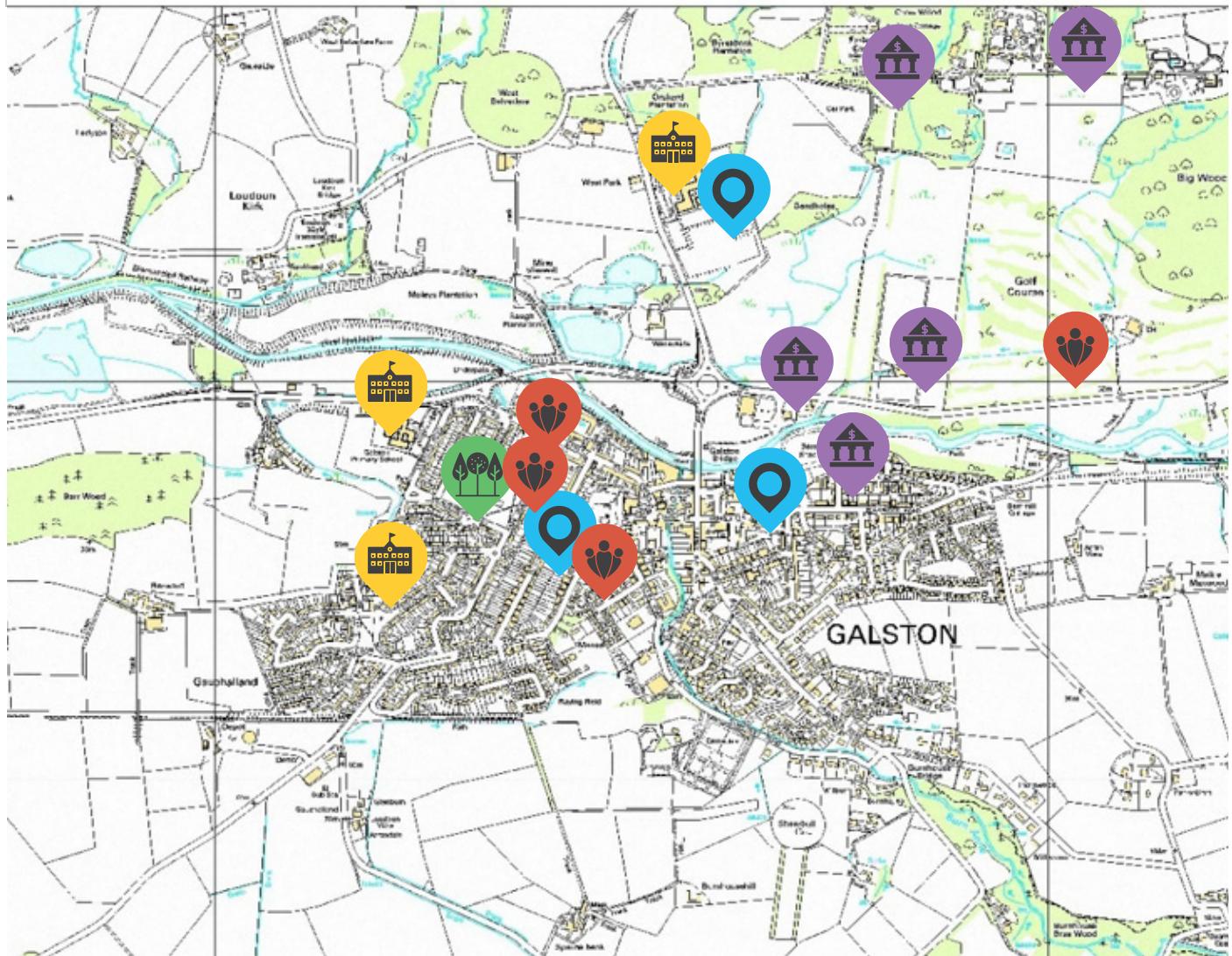


# FACILITY AUDIT



## GALSTON

## MANAGED PARKS AND OPENSPACES



The recommended useable public open space provision for Galston is 26 hectares. The actual openspace provision is just over 32 hectares. Large areas of open space are situated around the periphery of the settlement with none in the town centre these include some areas of semi-natural open space, sports pitches and grass verges along transport corridors.

The presence of the River Irvine on the northern boundary of the town offers informal path links from some of the existing open space along the river and to Loudoun Castle area. The quantity of open space within Galston has been increased by the inclusion of Cessnock Woodland. This is an important natural greenspace site in the area which provides opportunities for the biodiversity and recreation.

An additional two large open spaces are located out with the settlement boundary and consist of woodlands and river corridors including the Big Wood and Barr Wood plantations. Loudoun Castle Garden and Designed Landscape is located to the north west of Galston and is made up of policy woodland with walking routes.

As part of the Irvine Valley, the community of Galston have access to a 40 mile path network in and around the towns and villages. A very successful walking festival is held every year.

## SCHOOLS



There are 3 schools in Galston; **Galston Primary School and Early Education Centre**, **St. Sophia's Primary School and Early Education Centre** and **Loudoun Academy**. Outwith core hours, the primary schools are predominantly used for school activities including parent council meetings, school shows and parents nights. They are not used for community bookings. However, outwith core hours Loudoun Academy becomes Loudoun Leisure Centre and is managed by East Ayrshire Leisure.

## EAST AYRSHIRE LEISURE FACILITIES



Located within the **Loudoun Academy Campus**, the leisure centre's facilities are open in the evening and weekends. The fitness suite has a range of cardiovascular equipment, free weights and resistance machines as well as a programme of fitness classes.

There are a number of indoor areas available for hire including a 3 court sports hall and a gym hall, plus a floodlit 3G Synthetic Grass Pitch. The Centre has a 20m swimming pool and offers public swimming sessions, family fun swims, swimming lessons and more. The floodlit 3G synthetic grass pitch can be used for a kick about with friends, local team training or competitive matches.

**Galston Library** is a full time library which is open Tuesday to Sunday. The library also offers safe computer use, internet and free Wi-Fi access plus DVD hire, printing facilities and access to eBooks and e-magazines. A range of activities are offered at the library including digi-classes, Craft Club and drop in Bookbug sessions.

**Galston Community Centre** was refurbished as part of a £1m regeneration investment in 2015 and is now a fully accessible Centre with a range of facilities for the community. It is managed through agreement with Galston Community Association.

The main hall is a popular venue for weddings and medium scale events which can accommodate up to 100 people seated comfortably with access to kitchen facilities and a bar. It has a meeting room downstairs which can accommodate up to 20 people and two smaller rooms upstairs suitable for meetings or training sessions for up to 20 people. There are a number of different activities held within the Centre every week including mother and toddler groups, ballroom dancing, bingo and birthday parties.

## COMMUNITY LED FACILITIES



Galston Community Development Trust have secured over £1million for the restoration of the former **Portland Arms Hotel**. The community facilities include a large community room for events and activities. They currently have an after school club and a range of children's activities operating from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday.

**Portland Park** is the home ground of Galston United and Galston Boys Club

Galston Community Association manages **Galston Community Centre** through a management agreement as outlined above.

**Loudoun Gowf Club** is a community run, 18 hole private membership golf club. The Club offers season tickets, 'pay as you play' golf, coaching opportunities and it also has a pro golf shop.

## PRIVately RUN FACILITIES



**Engage Fitness** is a personal fitness centre offering instructor led workout sessions at specific times on a Monday to Saturday.

**Loudoun Mains Country Club** on the outskirts of Galston has 2 gyms, a sauna and a swimming pool. The club offers swimming lessons for babies from 6 weeks old and graded swimming for 3-12 year olds. They also offer one to one coaching for adults. Loudoun Mains is a private members club.

**Loudoun Sports Centre** is in the location formally operated as a driving range. This facility is now operated by Scottish Assault Courses which is a national company operating out of 3 locations across Scotland but based in Kilmarnock. They offer assault course, paintball, airsoft, a shooting range and zorb football. They provide tailor made packages for schools, corporate days out and fundraising. They also have a private members gym. The facilities are open from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Sunday.