

Open Space Study Eden District Council

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The provision of accessible, safe and attractive public open space and facilities for sport and recreation is an underpinning to the quality of life that residents enjoy. Eden District Council views open space as important to resident's health and well-being and as an integral part of sustainable communities. It is the responsibility of the Council to enable and co-ordinate the provision of open spaces and facilities, ensuring they are located in the right places, of a good quality, provide opportunities for biodiversity and managed to meet the needs of our communities.
- 1.2 The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether there is adequate provision of accessible, high quality spaces in Eden District to meet the needs of our communities. It sets local quantity, quality, and accessibility thresholds for each type of open space and identifies any deficiencies or surpluses within the District. Further work will be undertaken in relation to open space to provide a greater understanding of how the District's spaces are working.
- 1.3 This information will be used to help determine whether the provision of open space is more appropriate within the development site or through financial contributions towards improving the quality and/ or accessibility of existing spaces.
- 1.4 This assessment forms part of the evidence base for the Council's Local Plan. The assessment does not cover walking opportunities along public rights of way but it recognised that these opportunities within Eden District provide an immense resource for leisure opportunities.
- 1.5 This assessment covers villages in the part of Eden that is within the Lake District National Park as provision meets the needs of its residents and maintenance of facilities rests with the district council. However The Lake District National Park Authority is responsible for establishing planning policy for the Park. Any standards developed through this assessment will be carried forward through the Eden Local Plan which does not cover any part of the Park.
- 1.6 Interactive Mapping of open spaces is available on the Council's website at www.eden.gov.uk using the 'Services near you' function.

2 Context

National Context

- 2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) outlines the Government's planning policies and how these are expected to be applied. In relation to open space, the NPPF states:

"Planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. The assessments should identify specific needs and quantitative deficits or surpluses of open space, sports and recreation facilities in the local area. Information gained from the assessments should be used to determine what open space, sports and recreation provision is required." (para. 73)

"Existing open space, sports and recreations buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- The development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss." (para 74)

Local Context

Eden Local Plan (1996) Saved Policies

- 2.2 The current policy in relation to the provision of open space in new residential developments is set out in 'saved' Local Plan Policy BE20. This policy will be superseded in the new Local Plan. It requires all new housing developments containing 10 or more dwellings to provide publicly accessible open space to a minimum standard of 15 square metres per dwelling as an integral part of the proposal.

Eden Core Strategy (2010)

- 2.3 The Core Strategy notes in policy CS6 that contributions may be sought for the provision of open space. Policy CS16 Principles for the Natural Environment seeks to protect areas of open space and unbuilt frontages within towns and villages will be protected and enhance where they are important to the character and amenity of the area. Further Policy CS24 notes that development proposals should not result in the unacceptable loss of open space within settlements, or of outdoor recreation facilities or allotments subject to a number of criteria including the provision of replacement facilities which would provide an equivalent or greater net benefit to the community in terms of quality, availability and accessibility of open space or recreational opportunities.

Eden Open Space and Recreation Facilities Study July 2008

- 2.4 As part of the evidence base for the Core Strategy, an open space audit was prepared in 2008. This identified the amount of open space in the District and included quality assessments. The identification of open space and quality assessments have been updated as part of this current study and used to inform this assessment.

Profile of the District

- 2.5 Eden District Council comprises 2,156km² and is the largest non-metropolitan area in England and Wales and has the lowest population density of any English District. More than half the population (55%) live outside the four main towns of Penrith, Alston, Appleby and Kirkby Stephen. Eden is set to increase by 200 homes per year to over the lifetime of the plan and the population of 65s is predicted to increase by 5,400 or 42%.
- 2.6 Eden has a high quality natural and built environment. Approximately one-fifth of the District lies within the Lake District National Park and one quarter within the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural beauty (AONB). There are ninety one Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and in addition a number of Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and 187 Local Wildlife Sites.
- 2.7 The above means that many of Eden's residents have good access to large, natural open spaces which also attract many visitors both nationally and internationally. However, not everyone can access these spaces for example those without private transport or the elderly and rely on more traditionally available open space provision closer to home. Moreover, more formal spaces may provide opportunities for local community events.
- 2.8 It is important therefore to devise a strategy that works for Eden and its residents.

3 Methodology

- 3.1 This study looks at the both the quantity and quality of accessible open space in Eden – it examines how much there is compared to our population and whether this is sufficient, and it looks at whether what we have is of sufficient quality or needs improvement.
- 3.2 The following open space typologies have been used to illustrate the broad types of open spaces which hold public value. This paper assesses the quantity, quality and accessibility of each typology:

Typology	Primary Purpose
Outdoor Sports	Participation in outdoor sports, such as pitch sports, tennis, bowls, athletics or countryside and water sports
Allotments	Opportunities for people who wish to grow their own produce, part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion
Amenity Area	Area which may provide a small break out space within housing areas.
Cemeteries and Churchyards	Quiet contemplation and reflection. Can be an area of promotion for wildlife conservation and biodiversity.
Indoor Sports	Facilities which generally require large bulky buildings and generate high levels of use such as swimming pools or multi-use village halls in rural villages.
Informal Recreation	Unequipped areas offering opportunities for informal and imaginative play or sitting areas
Visual Amenity	Areas which may not be publically accessible but offer an amenity value in the wider street scene also may offer wildlife conservation opportunities.
Village Green	Areas which may be used for community events, informal recreation and play

Local Nature Reserve	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental awareness
Nature Reserve	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental awareness
Park	Accessible high quality opportunities for recreation and community events
Woodland	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness and recreational opportunities.
Play Space	Areas designed for play and equipped such as ball courts, play equipment and skateboard areas.

Quantity

- 3.3 Policy requires that Authorities base their policies on robust local evidence. The following has been considered to calculate local quantity benchmark figures:
- Current level of provision;
 - Benchmarking with neighbouring authorities;
 - Consideration of national standards (where appropriate); and
 - Consideration of what a realistic level of provision would be.
- 3.4 The basic approach of the Authority is to ensure that the current level of provision is maintained within the District and that deficiencies are addressed where possible.
- 3.5 The Audit of Open Spaces identified the current baseline provision of open space across the District:

Typology	Total Hectares	Hectares per 1000 pop
Outdoor Sports	249.468	4.7
Allotments	7.537	0.14
Amenity Areas	0.152	0.003
Cemeteries and Churchyards	37.438	0.71
Community Facilities	1.638	0.03

Indoor Sports Facilities	1.385	0.026
Informal Recreation	25.731	0.49
Local Nature Reserve	5.352	0.102
Nature Reserve	4302.303	81.849
Park	673.632	12.815
Play Areas	4.335	0.082
Village Green	59.491	1.132
Visual Amenity	6.688	0.127
Woodland	25.903	0.493
TOTAL	5401.053	102.699

- 3.6 Many open spaces are, in practice, multi-functional. This can create problems when analysing provision and determining whether local needs are satisfied. A decision has therefore been taken to classify open space on the basis of its primary use.
- 3.7 Nature Reserves make up a significant contributor to the open space provision within the District which is as a result of the outstanding legacy of the environment within the District and offer a range of opportunities for external exploration and recreation.

Quality

- 3.8 Quality standards are set out in regards to the design and management standards it is expected that open space should meet in order to satisfy the requirements of the community. These standards are not absolute but offer a reasonable aspiration and benchmark against which to measure the quality of any existing open space in order to identify any requirement for enhancement. They can also be used as a monitoring tool and as a starting point for negotiations with developers in relation to on-site provision.
- 3.9 Quality surveys have been undertaken as part of the Open Space Audit. Site visits were carried out by planning policy officers who completed standardised questionnaires to ensure consistency. All settlements with a coherent group of ten or more dwellings were surveyed, except where:
- No open space was recorded in current records and a desktop survey using GIS and Google Streetview established there was no additional space missing from our records;
 - Where space was recorded as having the status of village green but where a desktop surveyed showed that the land did not fulfil the function of accessible and useable open space. The district contains numerous

areas designated as village greens where they are small patches of land such as roadside strips or gardens. Town and village greens have a specific legal status as defined in the Commons Registration Act 1965, as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

3.10 The following villages were surveyed:

1	Ainstable
2	Alston
3	Appleby
4	Armathwaite
5	Blencarn
6	Blencow
7	Bolton
8	Bowscar
9	Brough & Church Brough
10	Brough Sowerby
11	Calthwaite
12	Cliburn
13	Clifton
14	Colby
15	Croglin
16	Crosby Garrett
17	Crosby Ravensworth
18	Culgaith
19	Dufton
20	Eamont Bridge
21	Edenhall
22	Gamblesby
23	Garrigill
24	Glassonby
25	Great Asby
26	Great Musgrave
27	Great Ormside
28	Great Salkeld
29	Great Strickland
30	Greystoke
31	Hackthorpe
32	Hartley
33	High Hesket
34	Hunsonby

35	Ivegill
36	Kings Meaburn
37	Kirkby Stephen
38	Kirkby Thore
39	Kirkland
40	Kirkoswald
41	Laithes
42	Langwathby
43	Lazonby
44	Little Salkeld
45	Little Strickland
46	Long Marton
47	Longdale
48	Low Hesketh
49	Maulds Meaburn
50	Melmerby
51	Milburn
52	Morland
53	Nateby
54	Nenthead
55	Newbiggin (Temple Sowerby)
56	Newton Reigny
57	Orton
58	Ousby
59	Outhgill
60	Penrith
61	Plumpton
62	Ravenstonedale
63	Reagill
64	Renwick
65	Shap
66	Skelton
67	Skirwith
68	Sleagill
69	Sockbridge and Tirril
70	Soulby
71	South Dyke
72	Stainton
73	Tebay

74	Temple Sowerby
75	Tirril
76	Warcop
77	Winskill
78	Winton
79	Yanwath
	Lake District National Park
80	Penruddock
81	Pooley Bridge
82	Askham
83	Bampton
84	Glenridding

3.10 Thirty four small villages were not subject to site visits according to these criteria. Any designated open space in these areas will still form part of our quantitative assessment.

3.11 For the site visits sites were assessed using a number of criteria which were:

- Good and safe access;
- Signage;
- Equal access for all;
- Litter/waste;
- Grounds maintenance;
- Equipment maintenance;
- Conservation of natural features;
- Conservation of landscape;
- Conservation of buildings;
- Safe equipment;
- Personal security;
- Dog fouling; and
- Sustainable management.

The assessment sheets were amended for the relevant typologies in order to gain a bespoke understanding of the qualitative aspects of open space within the district. The average percentage scores are shown in the table below:

Typology	Number Surveyed	Average % Achieved
Parks	4	83%
Outdoor Sports	81	79%
Play Areas	58	82%
Informal Recreation	106	77%
Cemeteries and Churchyards	52	85%
Allotments	13	76%

This demonstrates a relatively well performing set of open spaces throughout the District. A total of 313 spaces were surveyed.

Accessibility

- 3.12 Accessibility to open space is an important factor in how those spaces are used and contribute to the local community. Eden is a rural district and the most sparsely populated within England. It benefits from good general access to countryside in all settlements with extensive nature reserve and formal park provision available.
- 3.13 It is considered that it would be inappropriate to set accessibility criteria for a number of typologies due to the nature of both the District and the open space. In this regard, no consideration of accessibility is given to:
- Cemeteries and Churchyards – these generally surround historic buildings which have been at the centre of communities for many years. Two cemeteries within Eden have Green Flag Status – Penrith and Alston. Cemetery space is driven by personal preference in terms of burials and is not appropriate to determine provision in this document;
 - Nature Reserves – There are 4302.303 hectares of nature reserve provision within the District covering 2% of the land within the District. These spaces tend to be wild and uninhabited and increased visitor numbers may lead to unwanted pressures and effects on these spaces. Whilst they form important open spaces and recreation opportunities, it is not considered appropriate to apply accessibility criteria to these areas.
 - Visual Amenity areas may not be publically accessible areas but are noted for their positive impact on the wider street scene and

settlement. Therefore no accessibility criteria are provided in this regard.

- Village Greens are not given accessibility criteria due to the varying traditional provision throughout the District.

3.14 The following table provides the locally set catchment areas for open space. These have been developed with regard to national standards where these are available and considered against the rural nature of the District.

Typology	Accessibility Catchment
Outdoor Sports	20 minutes' drive
Allotments	15 minutes' drive
Amenity Areas/woodland/informal recreation	10 minutes' walk
Community facilities/indoor sports (these may be provided within the community facility)	1 per key hub
Park	20 minutes' drive
Play Space	15 minutes' walk

4 Outdoor Sports

Quantity

- 4.1 81 outdoor sports areas were identified throughout the District. Facilities include outdoor swimming pools, golf clubs, cricket wickets, bowling greens, sports pitches and tennis courts amongst other types.
- 4.2 Eden has 249.468 hectares (ha) in total throughout the District. This can be expressed as 4.7 ha per 1000 population, however, excluding golf courses this falls to 1.73 ha per 1000 population, set against a Fields in Trust suggested standard of 1.76 which falls slightly short. It is considered that the 1.73ha figure represents the most reasonable figure as it is unlikely given the District's healthy supply of golf courses that any further such provision will be required.
- 4.3 A main focus for outdoor sports is the Frenchfields playing complex at Penrith. This complex is also used for County wide events such as the FA Chartered Standard Football Festival. The sparse nature of the District makes the provision of wide spread outdoor sports facilities difficult. It must also be remembered that 25% of the District's population are over 65 and this is forecast to rise to 34%. With this backdrop of population demographic, the Authority must determine what kind of open space is most likely to be used and outdoor sports is likely to be less required as a result of the demographics.

Quantity Benchmark

1.73 ha per 1000 population

Accessibility

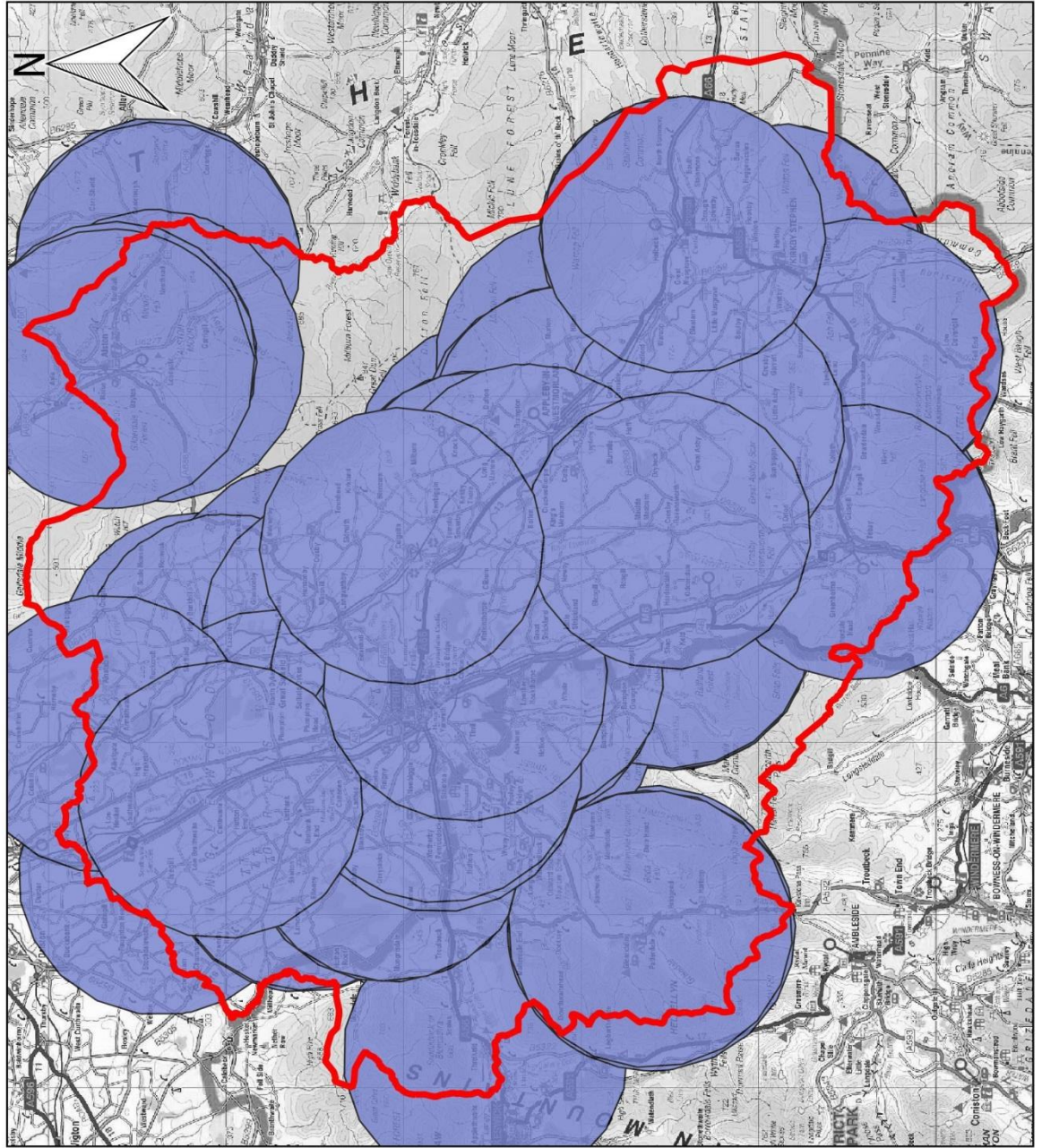
- 4.4 The accessibility of recreation and outdoor sports facilities is important in maximising the use of the facilities and ensuring their success. The Authority is committed to providing high quality facilities but due to the rural nature of the District, these tend to be situated in areas with a larger immediate population catchment.
- 4.5 The District benefits from a wide range of informal recreation spaces in which people may take advantages of walking or kicking a ball around and enjoy a more informal approach to outdoor sports. In addition, the adjacent Lake District National Park provides opportunities for outdoor leisure such as mountain biking, wind surfing and hiking which all operate as informal outdoor pursuits. With the wide range of activities available (it is acknowledged that these are generally accessed by private car), it is considered that it is appropriate to allow for travel to these facilities by private car as public transport within the District is generally limited given the removal of a number of transport subsidies.
- 4.6 Taking this into consideration, the following accessibility criteria is considered appropriate for the District.

Accessibility Catchment

20 minute drive time (approx. 8km)

It is acknowledged that some residents may have a longer drive than this to access outdoor sports provision.

Outdoor Sports Facilities



- 4.7 As shown in the accessibility map, the majority of the District is able to access an outdoor sports facility within a 20 minute drive time. However, some gaps are shown to occur at Dufton Fell and some more limited areas to the edges of the District boundaries. These areas are largely undeveloped and have few residents within them exhibiting dispersed farm steads. It is acknowledged that due to the dispersed nature of the District and the area covered that some people will have to drive longer than considered optimal in order to access services, in addition these tend to be areas in which there is a low number of residents and therefore insufficient demand to result in the provision of additional facilities.

Quality

- 4.8 The sports facilities were surveyed on site by Officers using a standardised check list to ensure all areas were judged against the same qualities. A copy of the assessment forms can be found at Appendix A.
- 4.9 The assessments covered topics including – a welcoming place; cleanliness and maintenance; conservation and heritage; healthy, safe and secure; and sustainability resulting in a potential points total of 62. The following demonstrates the quality score/ assessment given to each site surveyed:

	Name	Total	% out of total marks available (62)
Alston	Townfoot Playing Fields (Football and Rugby)	47	76%
	Alston Fairhill Recreational Area - Multifunctional Court	37	60%
	Alston Fairhill Recreational Area - Bowling Green	46	74%
	Alston Moor Golf Course	50	81%
Appleby	Appleby Bowling Green	50	81%
	The Butts Cricket Field	53	85%
	King George V Field (Appleby Football Club)	56	90%
Armathwaite	School Field	50	81%
Bolton	Recreation Ground	54	87%
Brough	Primary School	40	65%

	Football Club	46	74%
	Church Brough Tennis Court	45	73%
	Church Brough Basketball Court	45	73%
	Church Brough BMX Track	41	66%
Calthwaite	Calthwaite Junior Football Club	53	85%
	Calthwaite Primary School	48	77%
Clifton	Primary School Field	46	74%
Culgaith	Tennis/basketball courts	48	77%
Crosby Ravensworth	C of E School	42	68%
Great Salkeld	Land adj Play Area	49	79%
Greystoke	Playing Field	47	76%
	Swimming Pool	53	85%
Hackthorpe/Lowther	Lowther Cricket Ground	42	68%
	Lowther Parish Hall Courts	47	76%
High Hesketh	High Hesketh CofE School	48	77%
Hunsonby	Swimming Pool	52	84%
Ivegill	Ivegill CofE School	48	77%
Kirkby Stephen	Grammar School Rugby Pitch	47	76%
	Grammar All Weather Pitch	48	77%
	Grammar School Swimming Pool	49	79%
	Grammar School Tennis Courts	53	85%
	Kirkby Stephen Rugby Ground	52	84%
	Cricket Ground	53	85%
	Bowling Green, Mill Lane	51	82%
Kirkby Thore	Recreation Ground (Football Pitch)	47	76%

	Recreation Ground (Grassed Area with Basket)	46	74%
	Recreation Ground (Tennis Court)	45	73%
	Primary School Field	56	90%
Kirkoswald	Recreation Ground	51	82%
Langwathby	Recreation ground, Langwathby Bridge	52	84%
Lazonby	Lazonby School Field	48	77%
	Lazonby Bowling Green	52	84%
	Lazonby Swimming Pool	53	85%
	Lazonby School Hardstanding	50	81%
Long Marton	Long Marton School	52	84%
Low Hesket		0	
Morland	Morland Tennis Court	49	79%
Nenthead	Nenthead Village Hall Tennis Court	46	74%
Orton	Orton Playing Field	45	73%
Penrith	Friars Bowling Green	51	82%
	Penrith Golf Club	57	92%
	Castle Park Tennis Courts	50	81%
	Castle Park Bowling Green	56	90%
	Cricket Club	55	89%
	Penrith Leisure Centre - Astro turf	57	92%
	The Crescent Playing Field	50	81%
	Castletown Senior Pitch	51	82%
	Castletown Junior Pitch	51	82%

	Frenchfield Sports Centre	56	90%
	Penrith Tennis Club (at the Rugby Club) 580	51	82%
	Penrith Rugby Club	57	92%
Plumpton	Plumpton Primary School	50	81%
	Playing Field, Plumpton	45	73%
Ravenstonedale	Golf Course	47	76%
	Tennis Court	46	74%
	Football Field	43	69%
Shap	Football pitch, Main Street	48	77%
	Bowling Green, Main Street	52	84%
	Tennis Court, Main Street	50	81%
	Multi Use Sports Court	57	92%
	Swimming Pool	51	82%
	Primary School Field	57	92%
Skelton	Skelton Bowling Green	51	82%
	Skelton School	50	81%
Stainton	Recreation Ground	49	79%
Tebay	Primary School	51	82%
	Tennis Court, Church Road	43	69%
	Tennis Court, Orton Road	44	71%
	Football Field, Orton Road	48	77%
Temple Sowerby	Bowling Green	49	79%
	Cricket Pitch	44	71%
Warcop	C of E Primary School	48	77%
Yanwath	Primary School Playing Field	53	85%

4.10 The average score achieved by outdoor sports facilities is 79% and it is considered that this should form the basis of outdoor sport provision quality into the future. This will safeguard facility quality and ensure residents have access to safe, healthy provision.

Quality Benchmark

All outdoor sports provision should be assessed as 79% or higher using the Authority's assessment criteria

5 Allotments

Quantity

- 5.1 7 allotment sites were identified throughout the District. Allotments provide residents with the opportunity to grow their own produce, they offer a source of leisure activity, provide a form of exercise and can form a basis for communities to come together providing wider social benefits.
- 5.2 Eden has 7.537 hectares (ha) in total throughout the District. This can be expressed as 0.14 ha per 1000 population. This slightly exceeds the standard suggested by the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners who suggest a standard of 0.12ha per 1000 population.
- 5.3 Given the rural nature of the District and its generally agricultural economy, in terms of land use, combined with the majority of dwellings having access to their own garden area, it is not considered that the demand for allotments will increase beyond existing provision. Therefore it is concluded that the current baseline provision (which is in excess of that recommended by the NSALG) remains appropriate.

Quantity Benchmark

0.14 ha per 1000 population

Accessibility

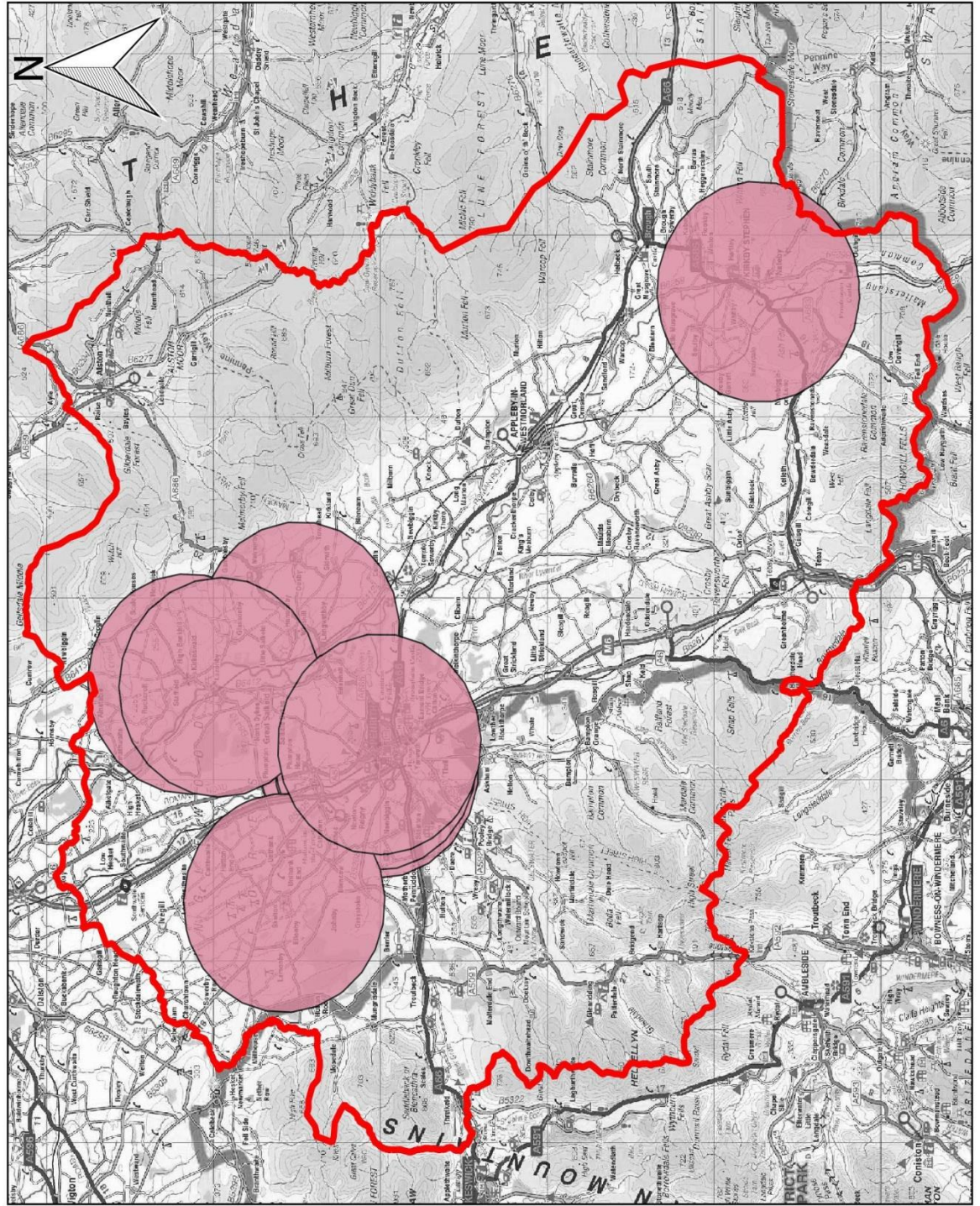
- 5.4 Allotment provision tends to be in Penrith where there are a greater number of properties without access to a garden for example apartments and terraced properties with rear yards.
- 5.5 Taking this into consideration, the following accessibility criteria is considered appropriate for the District.

Accessibility Catchment

15 minute drive time (approx. 8km)

It is acknowledged that some residents may have a longer drive than this to access allotment provision should they wish to access this type of provision.

Allotments



- 5.6 As shown in the accessibility map, gaps are throughout the District which is indicative of the concentration of these facilities in Penrith as the main settlement. A lack of allotments is highlighted within Appleby and Alston as the District's towns. It is acknowledged that due to the dispersed nature of the District and the area covered that some people will have to drive longer than considered optimal in order to access services. However, within the more rural areas of the District, the majority of housing has gardens associated with them which offer opportunities to grow vegetables at home. Therefore, the majority of residents are considered to have acceptable access to land on which they can grow their own produce.

Quality

- 5.7 Allotment facilities were surveyed on site by Officers using a standardised check list to ensure all areas were judged against the same qualities. A copy of the assessment forms can be found at Appendix A.
- 5.8 The assessments covered topics including – a welcoming place; cleanliness and maintenance; conservation and heritage; healthy, safe and secure; and sustainability resulting in a potential points total of 47. The following demonstrates the quality score/assessment given to each site surveyed:

	Name	Total	% out of total marks available (47)
Alston		0	
Appleby		0	
Armathwaite		0	
Brough		0	
Clifton		0	
Greystoke		0	
Hackthorpe		0	
High Hesketh		0	
Kirkby Stephen	South Road Allotments	36	77%
Kirkby Thore		0	
Kirkoswald	Roods Place	36	77%
Langwathby		0	
Lazonby		0	
Low Hesketh		0	
Nenthead		0	
Orton		0	
Penrith	Folly Lane Allotments	35	74%
	Salkeld Road, Allotments	36	77%
	Musgrave Street	37	79%
	James Street	37	79%

Plumpton		0	
Ravenstonedale		0	
Shap		0	
Skelton	Memorial Woodland	31	66%
Stainton		0	
Tebay		0	
Temple Sowerby		0	
Warcop		0	
Yanwath		0	

- 5.9 The average score achieved by allotment facilities is 76% and it is considered that this should form the basis of allotment quality into the future. This will safeguard facility quality and ensure residents have access to safe, healthy provision.

Quality Benchmark

All allotment provision should be assessed as 76% or higher using the Authority's assessment criteria

6 Amenity Areas, Informal Recreation

Quantity

- 6.1 106 sites of amenity, woodland and informal recreation were identified throughout the District. These areas provide a precious resource of open space for residents as well as opportunities for wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.
- 6.2 Eden has 51.786 hectares (ha) in total throughout the District of amenity areas, woodland and informal recreation provision. This can be expressed as 0.986 ha per 1000 population. These areas include opportunities to provide spaces for imaginative unstructured play, walking and may also provide opportunities for community events. In addition, these areas can provide important wildlife habitats and room for biodiversity improvements. The Fields in Trust organisation provide a benchmark of 0.55ha per 1000 population for informal playing space. The informal recreation element provides 0.55ha per 1000 population which is in accordance with that suggested by the Fields in Trust, approximately half of all wards meet this requirement. The increase of 0.436ha per 1000 population represents that this element includes a number of different area types all of which contribute to successful informal open space.
- 6.3 This does not take into account village greens which provide an additional 1.132ha per 1000 population and nature reserves which provide for 12.815ha per 1000 population. These elements have not been included in the benchmarking due to the nature of providing additional facilities of these types but they do provide opportunities for informal activities. Therefore there are additional opportunities for access to open space than those contained within this space typology section.

Quantity Benchmark

0.986 ha per 1000 population

Accessibility

- 6.4 Different typologies within this section are represented differently throughout the District. However, it is considered that on balance the provision of informal opportunities for play and exercise is well provided for and that other opportunities do exist. These elements carry out important functions of providing areas for informal imaginative play and also opportunities for older people to meet and greet and interact with the wider community as well as offering healthy living options in terms of exercise through walking.
- 6.5 Taking this into consideration, the following accessibility criteria is considered appropriate for the District. This enables those in settlements to have access to open spaces although it is recognised that those in more remote locations will have further to travel, although they may be more likely to benefit from public rights of way etc through the open countryside.

Accessibility Catchment

10 minute walk time (approx. 0.8km)

The map displays the Dublin region with the Liffey catchment area highlighted by a red boundary. Purple circles indicate sampling locations, and a pink circle marks the Liffey estuary. The map includes geographical features like the Liffey River, Dublin Mountains, and Liffey Forest, as well as infrastructure such as roads and railways. A north arrow is located in the top left corner.

- 6.6 As shown in the accessibility map, the settlements are generally catered for in terms of recreation and accessibility to amenity and informal recreation areas. The rural nature of the District and the provision of walking trails and other outdoor activity areas means that within less well populated areas of the District can benefit from outside space.

Quality

- 6.7 Amenity areas, woodland and informal recreation spaces were surveyed on site by Officers using a standardised check list to ensure all areas were judged against the same qualities. A copy of the assessment forms can be found at Appendix A.
- 6.8 The assessments covered topics including – a welcoming place; cleanliness and maintenance; conservation and heritage; healthy, safe and secure; and sustainability resulting in a potential points total of 45. The following demonstrates the quality score/ assessment given to each site surveyed:

	Name	Total	% out of total marks available (45)
Alston	Green adjacent Town Hall	39	87%
	Fairhill Recreation Ground	43	96%
Appleby	Jubilee Bridge East Side	38	84%
	Jubilee Bridge West Side	38	84%
	Chapel Street Grassed Area	35	78%
	Scattergate Green	36	80%
Armathwaite	Land adj to Mill Brow	33	73%
Blencarn	Village Green	33	73%
Bolton	Bolton Village Green	39	87%
	Picnic Area, Memorial Hall Recreation ground	37	82%
Brough	Mill Race Recreation Area	39	87%
	Field beside Swindale Beck	39	87%
	Oak Tree Wildlife Garden	37	82%
	Land at corner of main Street/Musgrave	38	84%

	Lane		
	Land at Market Cross, Church Brough	34	76%
Cliburn	Cliburn Moss NNR	35	78%
Clifton		0	
Culgaith	Flodder, opposite Southesk	36	80%
	Recreation Ground	34	76%
	Green at The Tarn	38	84%
Dufton	Dufton Ghyll Woods	31	69%
	Village Green	40	89%
Eamont Bridge	Arthur's Round Table	32	71%
Edenhall	Edenhall North	34	76%
Gamblesby	Gamblesby Recreation Field/Cricket Ground	28	62%
	Gamblesby Village Green	36	80%
Garrigil	Garrigil Village Green	39	87%
Great Musgrave	Village Green (Centre)	36	80%
	Land opposite hall	34	76%
Great Salkeld	Land adj Village Hall	33	73%
Greystoke	Grassed areas adjacent Park Road	40	89%
Great Asby	Village Green adj Brackendale	31	69%
	Village Green adj. Dale Green	29	64%
	Green opp. Well Green & St Helen's Way	33	73%
	Bus Shelter Green	37	82%
Hackthorpe		0	
High Hesket		0	
Hunsonby	Village Green adjacent swimming pool	25	56%
	Village Green adj South View	39	87%

Kings Meaburn	Village Green	33	73%
Kirkby Stephen	Grammar School Playing Field	30	67%
	Jubilee Park	39	87%
	Skenkrith Park	37	82%
Kirkby Thore	Sandersons Croft	38	84%
Kirkoswald	Common and Black Plain Wood	27	60%
Langwathby	Village Green Football pitch	38	84%
	Village Green - general areas	38	84%
Lazonby	Community Park	36	80%
Little Blencow	Little Blencow Green	32	71%
Little Salkeld	Village Green	34	76%
	Land adj Play Area	33	73%
Little Strickland	Village Green	31	69%
Long Marton	Village Green + Seating Area	39	87%
Low Hesket		0	
Maulds Meaburn	Village Green South	32	71%
	Village Green North	36	80%
Melmerby	Melmerby Village Green	42	93%
Milburn	Milburn Village Green (various)	39	87%
Morland	High Street Grassed Area	31	69%
Nateby	Land opposite Nateby Inn	37	82%
Nenthead	Recreation field opposite primary school.	32	71%
	Dowgang Hush Nature Trail	33	73%
	Village centre picnic area	37	82%
	Smeaton Place picnic areas	33	73%
	Landscaped area adjacent recycling centre	41	91%
Ormside	Village Green adj 3 Greenfields	32	71%

	Village Green adj 2 Osmond green	30	67%
Orton		0	
Ousby	Ousby Village Green (excluding play area - assessed separately)	42	93%
Outhgill	Village Green	33	73%
Penrith	Fairhill/Salkeld Road Playing Field	34	76%
	Milton Street Playing Field	36	80%
	Land off Beacon Edge	34	76%
	Wetheriggs Lane	36	80%
	Wetheriggs Country Park	40	89%
	Brentfield Way (adj. Eden Mount)	37	82%
	Brentfield Way (large grass area)	34	76%
	Scaws Drive	33	73%
	Scaws Drive East	28	62%
	Barton View, behind Brent Road Garages	28	62%
	Woodland west of Fell Lane	26	58%
	Thacka Beck nature Reserve	42	93%
	Mardale Road Nature Reserve	25	56%
	Castletown (99) Field	31	69%
	Playing field behind Larch Close and Chestnut Close, Carleton (74)	39	87%
	Carleton Green Corridor	39	87%
	Pategill Playing Field (298)	35	78%
Plumpton		0	
Ravenstonedale	Site 1 - Grassed Area	32	71%
	Site 2 - Grassed Area	32	71%
	Site 3 - Grassed Area	32	71%

	Site 4 - Grassed Area	31	69%
Shap	Force Beck Wood	25	56%
Skelton	Village Green	37	82%
	Memorial Woodland	40	89%
Skirwith	Village Green	36	80%
Sockbridge	Sockbridge Green	40	89%
	Tirril Green	40	89%
Soulby	Land SE of Scandal Beck Bridge	27	60%
	Land adj Old School	37	82%
	Land opposite Croft House	30	67%
	Green adj. Anvil cottage	40	89%
	Green adj. Bridge End Farm	32	71%
Stainton	Village Green	31	69%
Tebay	Galloper Park	32	71%
Temple Sowerby	Village Green (multiple sites)	40	89%
Warcop	Village Green, south west of New Bridge	36	80%
	Land at corner of Brookside	32	71%
	Warcop Millennium Nature Area	30	67%
Winskill	Recreation Ground	39	87%
Winton	Village Green	36	80%
Yanwath		0	

- 6.9 The average score achieved by allotment facilities is 77% and it is considered that this should form the basis of informal recreation quality into the future. This will safeguard facility quality and ensure residents have access to safe, healthy provision.

Quality Benchmark

All informal (including accessible woodland) provision should be assessed as 76% or higher using the Authority's assessment criteria

7 Community Facilities and Indoor Sports

Quantity

- 7.1 Whilst not open space, it is considered that the provision of indoor sports should be at least noted within this document as they provide an important leisure opportunity.
- 7.2 There are two main indoor sports facilities within Eden District at Appleby Leisure Centre and Penrith Leisure Centre, in addition other services are offered at Appleby Sports Centre, and Kirkby Stephen Grammar School offers out of hours use for their facilities. The services on offer through these total facilities are:
- Swimming pool (Appleby, Penrith)
 - Gym (Appleby, Penrith)
 - Badminton (Penrith, Appleby)
 - Climbing Wall (Penrith)
 - Multi Activity Room (Penrith, Appleby)

In addition to these facilities, sports provision can be found in many village halls. The following list has been compiled using information from ACTion with Communities in Cumbria and provides a list of village halls with sports markings:

Blencowe and Laithes
Brough Memorial Hall
Clifton Village Hall
Eamont Bridge Village Hall
Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall
Langwathby Village Hall
Low Hesketh Village Hall
Lowther Parish Hall
Milburn Village Hall
Murton-come-Hilton Parish Institute
Nenthead Village Hall
Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall
Orton Market Hall
Skirwith Village Hall
Temple Sowerby Victory Hall
Tirril and Sockbridge Reading Rooms
Warcop Village Hall

Those without markings may still be used for exercise classes and perform an important function.

Excluding village halls, provision is at 0.026ha per 1000 population.

- 7.3 It is important to safeguard these rural facilities and ensure that people can access sports provision to encourage healthy communities. Therefore the benchmark for the provision of such services is that none be lost from existing communities.

Quantity Benchmark

No loss of provision from baseline

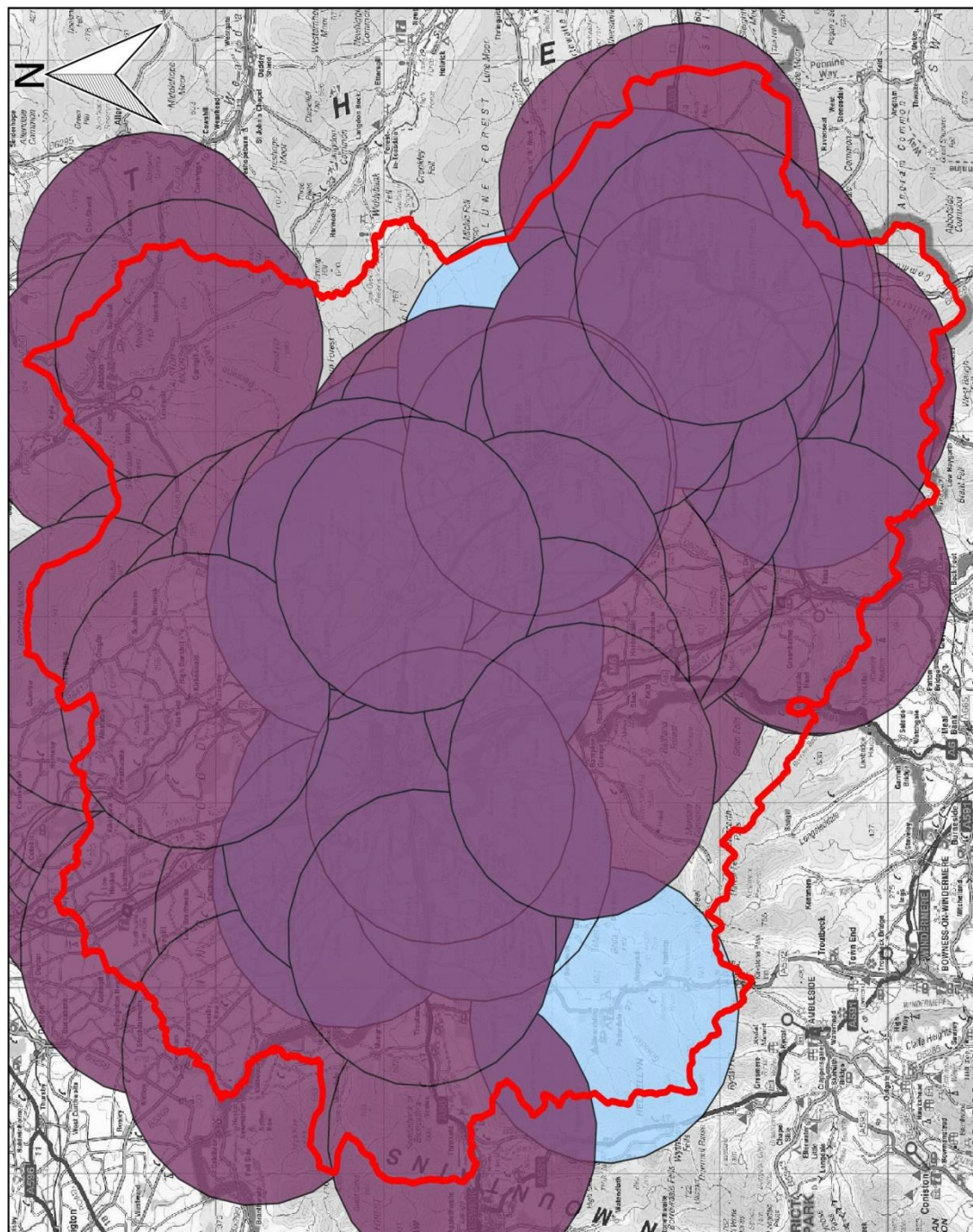
Accessibility

- 7.4 Given the rural nature and dispersed pattern of settlements within the District, it is considered that a facility should be within 20 minutes' drive time of most residents.

Accessibility Benchmark

One facility within 20 minutes' drive (8km)

Community Facilities and Indoor Sports Facilities



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Quality

- 7.3 Quality has not been assessed within this study.

8 Parks and Urban Gardens

Quantity

- 8.1 4 publically accessible parks and urban gardens were identified throughout the District. In addition, there are a number of large private park areas which have not been included as an entry fee is required (although these are shown on the map). These areas provide a precious resource of open space for residents as well as opportunities for wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.
- 8.2 Eden has 5.87 hectares (ha) in total throughout the District of park and garden provision. This can be expressed as 1.11 ha per 1000 population. These areas include opportunities to provide spaces for imaginative unstructured play, sport facilities, play equipment, walking and may also provide opportunities for community events. In addition, these areas can provide important wildlife habitats and room for biodiversity improvements.
- 8.3 Private parks add a further 16.13 hectares per 1000 population. As discussed above, this element has not been included in the benchmarking due to the requirement to pay but they do provide further opportunities for residents and visitors. Therefore there are additional opportunities for access to open space than those contained within this space typology section. The nature of these facilities means that they are likely to be centred in the larger settlements of Penrith, Appleby, Kirkby Stephen and Shap where they can achieve a larger visitor number and be more viable to maintain.

Quantity Benchmark

1.11 ha per 1000 population

Accessibility

- 8.4 Whilst the parks tend to be concentrated around larger settlements, the District also offers a good network of public rights of way which complements these, these paths are not considered within this study but do represent a
- 8.5 Taking this into consideration, the following accessibility criteria is considered appropriate for the District. This enables those in settlements to have access to open spaces although it is recognised that those in more remote locations will have further to travel, although they may be more likely to benefit from public rights of way etc through the open countryside.

Accessibility Catchment

10 minute walk time (approx. 0.8km)

- 8.6 As shown in the accessibility map, this typology is concentrated around the more populated areas. Again, outwith these areas access is generally available to open countryside via the network of public footpaths and rights of way which run through them offering access to green spaces. It is acknowledged that due to the dispersed nature of the District and the area covered that some people will have to drive longer than considered optimal in order to access services.

Quality

- 8.7 Parks and urban gardens were surveyed on site by Officers using a standardised check list to ensure all areas were judged against the same qualities. A copy of the assessment forms can be found at Appendix A.
- 8.8 The assessments covered topics including – a welcoming place; cleanliness and maintenance; conservation and heritage; healthy, safe and secure; and sustainability resulting in a potential points total of 45. The following demonstrates the quality score/assessment given to each site surveyed:

	Name	Total	% out of total marks available (65)
Alston		0	
Appleby	Coronation park	49	75%
Armathwaite		0	
Brough		0	
Clifton		0	
Greystoke		0	
Hackthorpe		0	
High Hesket		0	
Kirkby Stephen		0	
Kirkby Thore		0	
Langwathby		0	
Lazonby		0	
Low Hesket		0	
Nenthead		0	
Orton		0	
Penrith	Coronation Gardens	54	83%
	Castle Park	57	88%
Plumpton		0	
Ravenstonedale		0	
Shap	War Memorial Park	50	77%
Stainton		0	
Tebay		0	
Temple		0	

Sowerby			
Warcop		0	
Yanwath		0	

- 8.9 The average score achieved by urban parks and gardens is 83% and it is considered that this should form the basis of such quality into the future. This will safeguard facility quality and ensure residents have access to safe, healthy provision.

Quality Benchmark

All urban parks and garden provision should be assessed as 83% or higher using the Authority's assessment criteria

9 Play Space

Quantity

- 9.1 58 play spaces were identified throughout the District. These areas were identified as equipped play space with play as the primary function.
- 9.2 Eden has 4.335 hectares (ha) in total throughout the District of play space provision. This can be expressed as 0.082 ha per 1000 population. This is lower than the promoted standard within Fields in Trust which suggests a standard of 0.25ha per 1000 population. In order to meet the suggested 0.25ha per 1000 population, the baseline figure for play would have to be 13.057ha, an increase of 8.722ha. It is considered that this is unlikely to be achievable. Moreover, the population of the district is set to age with fewer children than currently within the District. The percentage of under 0-19 year olds is predicted to fall from 20.1% in 2014 to 18.0% of the population in 2032 (figures from How Many Homes). It is therefore imperative to ensure that open space functions across age ranges.
- 9.3 It is also to be remembered that much of the District offers easy access to the countryside, parks and woodland areas which can be used by children in a more imaginative play structure. However, an active, healthy population of children is important to the future of the District and it is considered that an improvement over the baseline should be sought in order to protect and provide areas for play with an achievable 10% increase to 0.09ha per 1000 population.

Quantity Benchmark

0.09 ha per 1000 population

Accessibility

- 9.4 The dispersed nature of the District mean that it is not a case of setting a distance in which such facilities can be accessed, rather ensuring there is provision across the District. Therefore it is considered more appropriate to ensure that settlements over 500 people should have a junior play space which caters for children up to 12 years old. It is accepted that some people may have to access these facilities by car only.
- 9.5 Within the main settlements of Penrith, Appleby, Alston and Kirkby Stephen, it is considered that there should be a play space within a 15 minute walk.
- 9.6 Taking this into consideration, the following accessibility criteria is considered appropriate for the District. This enables those in settlements to have access to play space although it is recognised that those in more remote locations will have further to travel.

Accessibility Catchment

Rural: Minimum of one play space per settlement in excess of 500 population

Main Town: play space within 15 minute walk (1.2km)

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- 9.7 As shown in the above accessibility map, settlements generally have some level of play provision. There are gaps in relation to properties which are generally more dispersed and it would be inappropriate to introduce formal play areas to ensure the District was fully covered. It is accepted that the main provision of play will be within settlements with the focus on ensuring that these play areas are well equipped and can provide a more strategic basis on which to provide play facilities accepting that some people will have to drive to these locations in order to access them therefore provision of benches for parents and guardians to sit on whilst children play for example is important.

Quality

- 9.8 Play spaces were surveyed on site by Officers using a standardised check list to ensure all areas were judged against the same qualities. A copy of the assessment forms can be found at Appendix A.
- 9.9 The assessments covered topics including – a welcoming place; cleanliness and maintenance; conservation and heritage; healthy, safe and secure; and sustainability resulting in a potential points total of 47. The following demonstrates the quality score/assessment given to each site surveyed:

	Name	Total	% out of total marks available (47)
Ainstable	Millenium Project	43	91%
Alston	Recreation Field Play Areas	40	85%
Appleby	King George V Field	40	85%
	Scattergate	35	74%
	Barrowmoor	38	81%
Armathwaite	Land Adj to Mill Brow	34	72%
Bolton	Play Area, Memorial Recreation Ground	39	83%
Bowscar	Play Area	37	79%
Brough	Play Area, Croft Close	38	81%
	Play Area, Brough Castle	35	74%
Cliburn	Play Area Rectory Cottages	40	85%

Clifton	Play Area adj School	39	83%
Crosby Garrett	Playground adj. United Church	40	85%
Crosby Ravenstonedale	Behind Haberwain	37	79%
Culgaith	Play Area (recreation Ground)	38	81%
Dufton	Play Area	41	87%
Edenhall	Play Area	40	85%
Great Asby	Play Area	37	79%
Great Musgrave	Play Area	37	79%
Great Salkeld	Play Area	41	87%
Great Strickland	Play Area adjacent Parish Hall	40	85%
Greystoke	Play Area Church Road	38	81%
Hackthorpe		0	
High Hesketh		0	
Kirkby Stephen	Equipped Area Westgarth	40	85%
	High Street	39	83%
Kirkby Thore	Recreation Ground, Piper Lane	38	81%
	War Memorial Hall	36	77%
	Play Area	42	89%
Laithes	Play Area	39	83%
Kirkoswald	Play Area	40	85%
Langwathby		0	
Lazonby	Lazonby C of E School	39	83%
	Townfoot	40	85%
	Scaur Lane	39	83%
Little Salkeld	Play Area	34	72%
Long Marton	Play area (part of 221)	37	79%
Low Hesketh			
Melmerby	Village Hall Play Area	32	68%
Milburn	Village Green Play Area	37	79%

Morland	Play Area	40	85%
Nenthead	Nenthead Village Play Area	40	85%
Newton Reigny	Play area near Sun Inn	36	77%
Orton	Orton Play Area	40	85%
Penrith	Milton Street	38	81%
	Fairhill (Salkeld Rd)	39	83%
	Skate Park	41	87%
	Castle Park	38	81%
	Wetheriggs Lane	35	74%
	Scaws	42	89%
	Castletown	39	83%
	Carleton Heights	39	83%
	Pategill (378)	40	85%
Plumpton	Plumpton School	42	89%
Ravenstonedale	Scandel Beck	36	77%
Shap	Croft Avenue	39	83%
Skirwith	Village Green Play Area	39	83%
Stainton	Play Area, North Terrace	39	83%
Soulby	Play Area	40	85%
Tebay	Play Area, Orton Road	36	77%
	Village Green Play Area	40	85%
Temple Sowerby	Play area	38	81%
Warcop		0	
Yanwath		0	

- 9.10 The average score achieved by the District's play spaces is 82% and it is considered that this should form the basis of such quality into the future. This will safeguard facility quality and ensure residents have access to safe, healthy provision.

Quality Benchmark

All play provision should be assessed as 82% or higher using the Authority's assessment criteria

Appendix A

Scoring sheets for open space

Eden Open Space Audit

Outdoor Sports Facilities

Site:			
Site reference:			
Ward/Parish			
Date of visit:			
Assessor:			
	A Welcoming Place		
	Indicative scoring	Score	Notes
Good and safe access	1. Major barriers to access		
	2. Site subject to one of the constraints mentioned in (1) or involves crossing a busy road		
	3. Adequate access but entrance poorly maintained.		
	4. Entrance/access adequate		
	5. Good, safe and obvious access apparent.		
Signage	1. Signs needed but no signage or information		
	2. Limited signage with poor information, or not needed		
	3. Adequate numbers of signposts/boards but poor information		
	4. Adequate boards/information on how to use		
Equal access for all, including the disabled	1. The site cannot be accessed by everyone equally.		
	2. The site can be accessed by all.		
	Clean and well maintained		
Litter and waste management	1. There is a significant and long term dumping/tipping/waste/graffiti issue that prevents use of the site		

	2. Litter evident		
	3. No bins but no litter		
	4. Bins on site and no litter.		
Grounds maintenance and horticulture	1. Grass or material cover inadequate, leading to an off-putting character, no evidence of maintenance		
	2. Some limited grass/material cover		
	3. Full grass/material cover or not applicable		
	4. Good quality, well maintained cover		
Building and infrastructure maintenance	1. Buildings/infrastructure on site is unsafe/dangerous		
	2. Buildings/changing rooms on site and an eyesore/poorly maintained		
	3. No buildings/infrastructure on site		
	4. Buildings/ Changing rooms adequately maintained		
	5. Buildings/Changing rooms well maintained.		
Equipment maintenance	1. Equipment is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment is aged or damaged but still useable		
	3. No equipment		
	4. Adequate equipment, some wear & tear visible		
	5. Equipment is well maintained.		
Conservation and Heritage			
Conservation of natural features, wild fauna, flora	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation assets		
	2. Site affects some assets		
	3. No impacts/assets		
	4. Site is maintained to reduce impacts		
	5. Site actively increases conservation assets		
Conservation of landscape	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on landscape features		

features	2. Site has no impact on landscape features		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances landscape features		
Conservation of buildings and structures	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	2. Site has no impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances conservation of buildings and structures		
	Healthy, Safe and Secure		
Safe, equipment and facilities	1. Equipment/facilities is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment/facilities is safe to use		
Personal security in open space	1. Site and access routes feel unsafe even in daylight		
	2. Site feels safe in daylight		
	3. Site feels safe at all times, site and access routes open and well lit		
Absence of dog fouling	1. No bins, significant dog fouling evident		
	2. No bins, little or no dog fouling evident		
	3. Site has bins, some dog fouling evident		
	4. Site has bins, no dog fouling evident or no access for dogs		
Appropriate provision of facilities eg car parking, toilets, drinking water, first aid, public telephones	1. Necessary facilities missing that may endanger life/cause injury e.g. life belts by water, fencing.		
	2. Facilities on site but vandalised/closed/unusable.		
	3. No facilities on site		
	4. Adequate facilities on site		
	5. Good facilities, and good provision of information to users, e.g. about activities, features, ways to get involved.		
Quality of site and facilities	1. Site is derelict/redundant or clearly not fit for purpose		

	2. Poor facilities but still usable/ site slopes		
	3. No facilities		
	4. Adequate facilities in a good state of repair/level site		
	5. Excellent/new and high spec. facilities on site/level site		
	Sustainability		
Sustainable management	1. Site is being used as a dumping ground		
	2. Not apparent whether site is being managed sustainably e.g. waste management, pesticide use, recycling, woodland management		
	3. Evidence of good practice in sustainable management on site.		
Total Score			

		Yes/No/Notes
Meets essential criteria?	Is the facility fit for purpose? The technical specification i.e. do the facilities and ancillary facilities meet current recommended standards for the playing of relevant sports at appropriate levels, such as, dimensions(height, width, run off), flooring and lighting,	
Meets desirable criteria?	The general age, appeal, fabric of the facility and ancillary provision (e.g. changing provision) i.e. is the facility attractive and does it meet the needs and expectations of users?	

Eden Open Space Audit

Allotments

Site:			
Site reference:			
Ward/Parish			
Date of visit:			
Assessor:			
A Welcoming Place			
	Indicative scoring	Score	Notes
Good and safe access	1. Major barriers to access		
	2. Site subject to one of the constraints mentioned in (1) or involves crossing a busy road		
	3. Adequate access but entrance poorly maintained.		
	4. Entrance/access adequate		
	5. Good, safe and obvious access apparent.		
Equal access for all, including the disabled	1. The site cannot be accessed by everyone equally.		
	2. The site can be accessed by all.		
Clean and well maintained			
Litter and waste management	1. There is a significant and long term dumping/tipping/waste/graffiti issue that prevents use of the site		
	2. Litter evident		
	4. Limited litter		
	5. No litter.		
Grounds maintenance and horticulture	1. Landscaping and maintenance poor, leading to an off-putting character, no evidence of maintenance		
	4. Adequate maintenance, landscaping		

	5. Excellent maintenance, landscaping		
Building and infrastructure maintenance	1. Buildings/sheds on site are unsafe/dangerous		
	2. Buildings/sheds on site and an eyesore/poorly maintained		
	3. No buildings/sheds on site		
	4. Buildings/sheds adequately maintained		
	5. Buildings/sheds well maintained and an asset to the allotment.		
	Conservation and Heritage		
Conservation of natural features, wild fauna, flora	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation assets		
	2. Site affects some assets		
	3. No impacts/assets		
	4. Site is maintained to reduce impacts		
	5. Site actively increases conservation assets		
Conservation of landscape features	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on landscape features		
	2. Site has no impact on landscape features		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances landscape features		
Conservation of buildings and structures	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	2. Site has no impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances conservation of buildings and structures		
	Healthy, Safe and Secure		
Safe, equipment and facilities	1. Equipment/facilities is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment/facilities is safe to use		
Personal security in open space	1. Site and access routes feel unsafe even in daylight		
	2. Site feels safe in daylight		

	3. Site feels safe at all times, site and access routes open and well lit		
Absence of dog fouling	1. No bins, significant dog fouling evident		
	2. No bins, little or no dog fouling evident		
	3. Site has bins, some dog fouling evident		
	4. Site has bins, no dog fouling evident		
Quality of facilities	1. Site is derelict/redundant		
	2. Poor facilities but still usable		
	3. No facilities		
	4. Adequate facilities in a good state of repair		
	5. Excellent/new and high spec. facilities on site.		
	Sustainability		
Sustainable management	1. Site is being used as a dumping ground		
	2. Not apparent whether site is being managed sustainably e.g. waste management, pesticide use, recycling, woodland management		
	3. Evidence of good practice in sustainable management on site.		
Total Score			

		Yes/No/Notes
Meets essential criteria?	Clean/litter free, maintained, good site access	
Meets desirable criteria?	Seating, footpaths, litter bins, secure	

Eden Open Space Audit

Informal Recreational Areas (includes some village greens, natural/semi natural greenspace and river corridors, woodland, nature reserves)

Site:			
Site reference:			
Ward/Parish			
Date of visit:			
Assessor:			
	A Welcoming Place		
	Indicative scoring	Score	Notes
Good and safe access	1. Not accessible open space and major barriers to access		
	2. Site should function as accessible open space but is difficult to access		
	3. Entrance/access adequate		
	4. Good, safe and obvious access apparent.		
Equal access for all, including the disabled	1. The site cannot be accessed by everyone equally.		
	2. The site can be accessed by all.		
	Clean and well maintained		
Litter and waste management	1. There is a significant and long term dumping/tipping/waste/graffiti issue that prevents use of the site		
	2. No bins, litter evident		
	3. No bins, but no litter		
	4. Good number of bins , limited litter		
	5. Bins available and no litter.		
Grounds maintenance and horticulture	1. Grass cover, landscaping and planting poor, leading to an off-putting character, no evidence of maintenance		
	2. Site usable but not maintained		
	3. Limited planting/landscaping		
	4. Adequate maintenance, planting, landscaping		

	5. Excellent maintenance, planting, landscaping		
Equipment presence/maintenance e.g. benches	1. Equipment on site renders site unsuable		
	2. Equipment is aged or damaged but still useable		
	3. No equipment		
	4. Adequate equipment, some wear & tear visible		
	5. Equipment is well maintained.		
	Conservation and Heritage		
Conservation of natural features, wild fauna, flora	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation assets		
	2. Site affects some assets		
	3. No impacts/assets		
	4. Site is maintained to reduce impacts		
	5. Site actively increases conservation assets		
Conservation of landscape features	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on landscape features		
	2. Site has no impact on landscape features		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances landscape features		
Conservation of buildings and structures	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	2. Site has no impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances conservation of buildings and structures		
	Healthy, Safe and Secure		
Personal security in open space	1. Site and access routes feel unsafe even in daylight		
	2. Site feels safe in daylight		
	3. Site feels safe at all times, site and access routes open and well lit		
Absence of dog fouling	1. No bins, significant dog fouling evident		
	2. No bins, little or no dog fouling evident		
	3. Site has bins, some dog fouling evident		
	4. Site has bins, no dog fouling evident		

Quality of space for recreation	1. Site is derelict/redundant		
	2. Site is too small/wrong shape/uneven for ball games but can be used for sitting in/socialising		
	3. Site suitable for informal recreation e.g. ball games		
	3. Site suitable for informal recreation e.g. ball games and well kept		
	Sustainability		
Sustainable management	1. Site is being used as a dumping ground		
	2. Not apparent whether site is being managed sustainably e.g. waste management, pesticide use, recycling, woodland management		
	3. Evidence of good practice in sustainable management on site.		
Total Score			

		Yes/No/Notes
Meets essential criteria?	Clean/litter free, well-kept grass.	
Meets desirable criteria?	Seating, footpaths, litter bins, suitable and equal access for all.	

Eden Open Space Audit
Indoor Sports Facilities

Site:			
Site reference:			
Ward/Parish			
Date of visit:			
Assessor:			
	A Welcoming Place		
	Indicative scoring	Score	Notes
Good and safe access	1. Major barriers to access		
	2. Site subject to one of the constraints mentioned in (1) or involves crossing a busy road		
	3. Adequate access but entrance poorly maintained.		
	4. Entrance/access adequate		
	5. Good, safe and obvious access apparent.		
Signage	1. No signage or information		
	2. Limited signage/info boards with poor information		
	3. Adequate numbers of signposts/boards but poor information		
	4. Adequate boards/information		
	5. Informative/interesting information		
Equal access for all, including the disabled	1. The site cannot be accessed by everyone equally.		
	2. The site can be accessed by all.		
	Clean and well maintained		
Litter and waste management, cleanliness	1. There is a significant and long term waste/graffiti or cleanliness issue that prevents use of the site		
	2. Litter evident, cleanliness could be improved		
	3. Building is clean but room for improvement		

	4. Building is clean and litter free		
Building and infrastructure maintenance	1. Buildings/infrastructure is unsafe/dangerous		
	2. Buildings/infrastructure is an eyesore/poorly maintained		
	4. Buildings/infrastructure adequately maintained		
	5. Buildings/infrastructure well maintained and an asset to the area		
Equipment maintenance	1. Equipment is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment is aged or damaged but still useable		
	3. No equipment		
	4. Adequate equipment, some wear & tear visible		
	5. Equipment is well maintained.		
Healthy, Safe and Secure			
Appropriate provision of facilities eg car parking, toilets, changing rooms	1. Necessary facilities missing that may endanger life/cause injury eg life belts by water, fencing.		
	2. Facilities on site but vandalised/closed/unusable.		
	3. No facilities on site		
	4. Adequate facilities on site		
	5. Good facilities, and good provision of information to users, eg about activities, features, ways to get involved.		
Safe, equipment and facilities	1. Equipment/facilities is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment/facilities is safe to use		
Personal security in open space	1. Building and access routes feel unsafe even in daylight		
	2. Building feels safe in daylight		
	3. Building feels safe at all times, site and access routes open and well lit		
Total Score			
		Yes/No/Notes	

Meets essential criteria?	Is the facility fit for purpose? The technical specification i.e. do the facilities and ancillary facilities meet current recommended standards for the playing of relevant sports at appropriate levels, such as, dimensions(height, width, run off), flooring and lighting,	
Meets desirable criteria?	The general age, appeal, fabric of the facility and ancillary provision (e.g. changing provision) i.e. is the facility attractive and does it meet the needs and expectations of users?	

Eden Open Space Audit

Urban Parks & Gardens

Site:			
Site reference:			
Ward/Parish			
Date of visit:			
Assessor:			
	A Welcoming Place		
	Indicative scoring	Score	Notes
Good and safe access	1. Major barriers to access		
	2. Site subject to one of the constraints mentioned in (1) or involves crossing a busy road		
	3. Adequate access but entrance poorly maintained.		
	4. Entrance/access adequate		
	5. Good, safe and obvious access apparent.		
Signage	1. No signage or information		
	2. Limited signage/info boards with poor information		
	3. Adequate numbers of signposts/boards but poor information		
	4. Adequate boards/information		
	5. Informative/interesting information		

Equal access for all, including the disabled	1. The site cannot be accessed by everyone equally.		
	2. The site can be accessed by all.		
	Clean and well maintained		
Litter and waste management	1. There is a significant and long term dumping/tipping/waste/graffiti issue that prevents use of the site		
	2. No bins, litter evident		
	3. Bins provided but inadequate/poorly maintained		
	4. Bins on site, limited litter		
	5. Good number of bins and no litter.		
Grounds maintenance and horticulture	1. Grass cover, landscaping and planting poor, leading to an off-putting character, no evidence of maintenance		
	2. Some limited landscaping/planting, clear maintained boundaries		
	3. Full grass cover but limited planting/landscaping		
	4. Adequate maintenance, planting, landscaping		
	5. Excellent maintenance, planting, landscaping		
Building and infrastructure maintenance	1. Buildings/infrastructure on site is unsafe/dangerous		
	2. Buildings/infrastructure on site and an eyesore/poorly maintained		
	3. No buildings/infrastructure on site		
	4. Buildings/infrastructure adequately maintained		
	5. Buildings/infrastructure well maintained and an asset to the park/garden.		
Equipment maintenance	1. Equipment is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment is aged or damaged but still useable		
	3. No equipment		
	4. Adequate equipment, some wear & tear visible		
	5. Equipment is well maintained.		
	Conservation and Heritage		
Conservation of natural features, wild fauna, flora	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation assets		
	2. Site affects some assets		

	3. No impacts/assets		
	4. Site is maintained to reduce impacts		
	5. Site actively increases conservation assets		
Conservation of landscape features	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on landscape features		
	2. Site has no impact on landscape features		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances landscape features		
Conservation of buildings and structures	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	2. Site has no impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances conservation of buildings and structures		
	Healthy, Safe and Secure		
Safe, equipment and facilities	1. Equipment/facilities is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment/facilities is unsafe to use		
Personal security in open space	1. Site and access routes feel unsafe even in daylight		
	2. Site feels safe in daylight		
	3. Site feels safe at all times, site and access routes open and well lit		
Absence of dog fouling	1. No bins, significant dog fouling evident		
	2. No bins, little or no dog fouling evident		
	3. Site has bins, some dog fouling evident		
	4. Site has bins, no dog fouling evident		
Appropriate provision of facilities e.g. toilets, drinking water, first aid, public telephones	1. Necessary facilities missing that may endanger life/cause injury eg life belts by water, fencing.		
	2. Facilities on site but vandalised/closed/unusable.		
	3. No facilities on site		
	4. Adequate facilities on site		
	5. Good facilities, and good provision of information to users, e.g. about activities, features, ways to get involved.		

Quality of facilities	1. Site is derelict/redundant		
	2. Poor facilities but still usable		
	3. No facilities		
	4. Adequate facilities in a good state of repair		
	5. Excellent/new and high spec. facilities on site.		
	Sustainability		
Sustainable management	1. Site is being used as a dumping ground		
	2. Not apparent whether site is being managed sustainably e.g. waste management, pesticide use, recycling, woodland management		
	3. Evidence of good practice in sustainable management on site.		
Total Score			

		Yes/No/Notes
Meets essential criteria?	Flowers/trees, clean/litter free, well-kept grass.	
Meets desirable criteria?	Seating, footpaths, litter bins, lighting, good level of equipment, suitable and equal access for all	

Eden Open Space Audit
Play Areas

Site:			
Site reference:			
Ward/Parish			
Date of visit:			
Assessor:			
	A Welcoming Place		
	Indicative scoring	Score	Notes
Good and safe access	1. Major barriers to access		
	2. Site subject to one of the constraints mentioned in (1) or involves crossing a busy road		
	3. Adequate access but entrance poorly maintained.		
	4. Entrance/access adequate		
	5. Good, safe and obvious access apparent.		
Signage	1. No signage or information		
	2. Signage present but in disrepair		
	3. Adequate signage		
Equal access for all, including the disabled	1. The site cannot be accessed by everyone equally.		
	2. The site can be accessed by all.		
	Clean and well maintained		
Litter and waste management	1. There is a significant and long term dumping/tipping/waste/graffiti issue that prevents use of the site		
	2. No bins, litter evident		
	3. Bins provided but inadequate/poorly maintained		
	4. Good number of bins, limited litter		
	5. Good number of bins and no litter.		

Grounds maintenance and horticulture	1. Site is derelict or redundant		
	2. Some limited planting or matting		
	3. Adequate maintenance, planting		
	4. Excellent maintenance, planting		
Equipment maintenance	1. Equipment is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment is aged or damaged but still useable		
	3. No equipment		
	4. Adequate equipment, some wear & tear visible		
	5. Equipment is well maintained.		
	Conservation and Heritage		
Conservation of natural features, wild fauna, flora	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation assets		
	2. Site affects some assets		
	3. No impacts/assets		
	4. Site is maintained to reduce impacts		
	5. Site actively increases conservation assets		
Conservation of landscape features	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on landscape features		
	2. Site has no impact on landscape features		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances landscape features		
Conservation of buildings and structures	1. Site has an unacceptable impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	2. Site has no impact on conservation of buildings and structures		
	3. Site positively contributes to/enhances conservation of buildings and structures		
	Healthy, Safe and Secure		
Safe, equipment and facilities	1. Equipment/facilities is unsafe to use		
	2. Equipment/facilities is safe to use		
Personal security in open space	1. Site and access routes feel unsafe even in daylight		
	2. Site feels safe in daylight		

	3. Site feels safe at all times, site and access routes open and well lit		
Absence of dog fouling	1. No bins, significant dog fouling evident		
	2. No bins, little or no dog fouling evident		
	3. Site has bins, some dog fouling evident		
	4. Site has bins, no dog fouling evident		
	Sustainability		
Sustainable management	1. Site is being used as a dumping ground		
	2. Not apparent whether site is being managed sustainably e.g. waste management, pesticide use, recycling, woodland management		
	3. Evidence of good practice in sustainable management on site.		
Total Score			

		Yes/No/Notes
Meets essential criteria?	Well-kept grass, clean, litter free, safe equipment	
Meets desirable criteria?	Seating, footpaths, litter bins, lighting, good level of equipment.	

Appendix B

Open Space Amounts by Ward

ALSTON						
TYPE	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	25.255	12.095	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0.117	0.056	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	4.441	2.192	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.095	0.045	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.115	0.055	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Visual Amenity	0.134	0.064	n/a		0.127	
Village Green	0.135	0.065	n/a		1.132	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.482	0.23	0.25 F.I.T.		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	3.872	1.854	n/a		0.493	

APPLEBY (APPLEBY)						
	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	2.72	2.14	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.539	0.417	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0	0	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.102	0.079	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.281	0.217	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.216	0.167	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.128	0.099	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	3.153	2.439	n/a		0.493	

APPLEBY(BONGATE)						
	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.616	0.351	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.856	1.058	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.048	0.027	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.123	0.07	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.593	0.338	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0.442	0.252	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.019	0.011	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.769	0.438	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	3.153	2.439	n/a		0.493	

ASKHAM						
	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	1.808	1.263	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyard	0.192	0.061	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.032	0.022	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.02	0.001	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0	0	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	558.624	390.1	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.087	0.061	0.25 F.I.T		0.49	
Village Green	0.312	0.218	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.277	0.193	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

BROUGH						
	Area in hectare	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.747	0.567	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.023	0.017	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0	0	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.026	0.02	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	1.253	0.951	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.317	0.241	0.25 F.I.T		0.49	
Village Green	16.551	12.567	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.224	0.17	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

CROSBY RAVENSWORTH						
TYPE	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	1.569	1.124	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.469	1.052	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.125	0.09	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.887	0.635	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.181	0.13	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	9.889	7.084	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

DACRE						
	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	11.683	1.28	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0	0	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.229	0.159	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.027	0.019	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0	0	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	109.227	75.958	n/a		12.815	
Play Area	0.063	0.044	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0.349	0.243	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

EAMONT						
	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.542	0.375	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.341	0.236	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.049	0.034	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.022	0.015	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0	0	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.052	0.036	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0.076	0.053	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	1.036	0.716	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

GREYSTOKE						
	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.951	0.692	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.899	0.654	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.056	0.041	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0	0	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.167	0.122	0.25 F.I.T		0.49	
Village Green	0.041	0.03	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	1.769	1.287	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

HARTSIDE						
	Area in hectares	Ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.112	0.088	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.031	0.81	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.1	0.079	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.025	0.02	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	1.311	1.03	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.165	0.13	0.25 F.I.T		0.49	
Village Green	11.594	9.108	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.027	0.021	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

HESKET						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	2.75	0.861	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.07	0.335	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.087	0.027	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.059	0.018	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.263	0.082	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.112	0.035	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0.196	0.061	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

KIRKBY STEPHEN						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	5.722	2.218	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	1.054	0.4	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity	0.035	0.014	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	2.588	1.003	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.047	0.018	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.058	0.028	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	1.595	0.618	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.287	0.111	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	3.126	1.212	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.161	0.062	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

KIRKBY THORE						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	3.054	1.954	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.115	0.074	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.096	0.061	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.312	0.199	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	26.457	16.927	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.338	0.216	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	1.07	0.685	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.272	0.174	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

KIRKOSWALD						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	4.385	2.98	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0.41	0.028	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.594	1.084	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.072	0.049	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.22	0.015	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.086	0.059	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodlands	5.229	3.555	n/a		0.493	

LANGWATHBY						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	Local Baseline			
Outdoor Sports	0.281	0.179	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0.098	0.063	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.208	0.133	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.113	0.072	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.776	0.497	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.134	0.086	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	3.557	2.277	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.147	0.094	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

LAZONBY						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable	Local Baseline		
Outdoor Sports	1.615	1.164	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0.488	0.351	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.871	0.628	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.066	0.048	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	1.149	0.828	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.159	0.115	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Long Marton						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.365	0.304	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0	0	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.58	0.048	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.018	0.0015	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.007	0.006	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	3897.563	3,242.57	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.085	0.071	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	2.195	1.826	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	7.996	6.652	n/a		0.493	

Morland						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.875	0.673	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.354	1.042	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.076	0.051	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.081	0.062	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0.00	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.458	0.352	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	1.817	1.398	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Orton Tebay	with					
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	3.37	2.471	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.398	1.025	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.092	0.067	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0	0	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	312.362	229.004	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.212	0.155	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0.988	0.724	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.096	0.007	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Penrith Carleton						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	15.528	10.083	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0	0	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0	0	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	1.505	0.977	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.014	0.009	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Penrith East						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.235	0.088	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	2.307	0.859	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.79	0.297	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0	0	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	1.379	0.514	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.07	0.026	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.788	0.294	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	1.064	0.396	n/a		0.493	

Penrith North						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	37.472	9.086	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	9.803	2.377	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.007	0.002	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	4.189	1.016	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	5.352	1.298	n/a		81.849	
Park	0.105	0.025	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.135	0.033	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0.294	0.071	n/a		0.493	

Penrith Pategill						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.707	0.506	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0	0	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0	0	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0	0	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.029	0.021	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0		n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0		n/a		0.127	
Woodland	1.245	0.891	n/a		0.493	

Penrith South						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	4.786	1.917	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0	0	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0	0	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.786	0.315	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	2.395	0.96	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	3.593	1.44	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.263	0.105	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.409	0.164	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	3.05	1.222	n/a		0.493	

Penrith West						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.778	0.24	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	3.061	0.943	2.17NSALG		0.14	
AmenityArea	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0	0	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0	0	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.205	0.063	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	11.348	3.497	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.096	0.03	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Ravenstonedale						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	2.98	3.053	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.677	1.718	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.079	0.081	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.037	0.038	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.36	0.037	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	38.652	39.602	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.154	0.156	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	1.166	1.195	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.222	0.227	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Shap						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	1.506	1.08	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.491	0.352	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.035	0.025	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0	0	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	1.641	1.177	n/a		12.815	
Play Area	0.164	0.118	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0	0	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Skelton						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	0.955	0.638	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0.119	0.079	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.995	0.664	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.099	0.066	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0	0	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.543	0.363	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.02	0.013	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	0.011	0.0073	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Ullswater						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	1.311	0.922	1.6 F.I.T		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	0.2	0.141	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.02	0.014	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.031	0.022	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	3.926	2.761	0.55 F.I.T		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserves	15.921	11.196	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.007	0.005	0.25 F.I.T		0.082	
Village Green	2.899	2.039	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0	0	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

Warcop						
TYPE	Area in hectares	ha per 1000 pop	National standards applicable		Local Baseline	
Outdoor Sports	111.185	82.237	1.6		1.73	
Allotments	0	0	2.17 NSALG		0.14	
Amenity Area	0	0	n/a		0.003	
Cemeteries and Churchyards	1.218	0.901	n/a		0.71	
Community Facilities	0.073	0.054	n/a		0.03	
Indoor Sports	0.011	0.008	n/a		0.026	
Informal Recreation	0.751	0.555	0.55		0.49	
Local Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		0.102	
Nature Reserve	0	0	n/a		81.849	
Park	0	0	n/a		12.815	
Play Areas	0.015	0.011	0.25		0.082	
Village Green	3.517	2.601	n/a		1.132	
Visual Amenity	0.181	0.134	n/a		0.127	
Woodland	0	0	n/a		0.493	

District Wide: Type	Total Hectares	Ha PER 1000 Population
Outdoor Sports	91.149	1.73
Allotments	7.537	0.14
Amenity Area	0.152	0.003
Cemeteries and Churchyards	37.438	0.71
Community Facilities	1.638	0.03
Indoor Sports Facilities	1.385	0.026
Informal Recreation	25.731	0.49
Local Nature Reserve	5.352	0.102
Nature Reserve	4302.303	81.849
Park	673.632	12.815
Play Areas	4.335	0.082
Village Green	59.491	1.132
Visual Amenity	6.688	0.127
Woodland	25.903	0.493