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Glossary

HBBC	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DPD	Development Plan Document
FIT	Fields in Trust
FOG	Friends of Group
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
KKP	Knight, Kavanagh and Page
LDF	Local Development Framework
LNR	Local Nature Reserve
MUGA	Multi-use Games Area (an enclosed area with a hard surface for variety of informal play)
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NSALG	National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners
ONS	Office of National Statistics
PPG	Planning Policy Guidance
PPS	Playing Pitch Strategy
SOA	Super Output Areas
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
SSSI	Sites of Special Scientific Interest

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PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Open Space and Recreational Facilities Assessment prepared by Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC). It provides detail with regard to what open space provision exists in the area, its condition, distribution and overall quality. This document sets out the findings of the research, site assessments, consultation, data analysis and GIS mapping undertaken as part of the study. It also sets out the approach and considerations relating to the provision standards and contributions for open spaces.

The document also gives direction on the future provision of accessible, high quality, sustainable provision for open spaces in the Borough.

The table below details the open space typologies included within the study:

Table 1.1: Open space typology definitions

Typology	Primary purpose
Parks and gardens	Accessible, high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events.
Natural and semi-natural greenspaces	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.
Amenity greenspace	Opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas.
Provision for children and young people	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, MUGAs, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.
Allotments	Opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion.
Cemeteries, churchyards and other burial grounds	Burial of the dead and quiet contemplation, often linked to wildlife and biodiversity promotion.
Civic space	Provides a setting for civic buildings, public demonstrations and community events
Green corridors	Linear natural infrastructure that link up other green and open spaces to form a green urban network. E.g., towpaths

In order for planning policies to be 'sound', local authorities are required to carry out a robust assessment of need for open space, sport and recreation facilities. We advocate that the methodology to undertake such assessments should still be informed by best practice including the Planning Policy Guidance 17 (PPG17) Companion Guidance; Assessing Needs and Opportunities' published in September 2002.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) has replaced PPG17. However, assessment of open space facilities is still normally carried out in accordance with the Companion Guidance to PPG17 as it still remains the only national best practice guidance on the conduct of an open space assessment.

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Under paragraph 103 of the NPPF, it is set out that 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. Specific needs and quantitative and qualitative deficiencies and surpluses in local areas should also be identified. This information should be used to inform what provision is required in an area. This assessment was commissioned to undertake a review and update of the existing open space typologies and quantity standards and the most recent Open Space Audit published in 2016, to inform the preparation of the new Local Plan.

In accordance with best practice recommendations, a size threshold of 0.2 hectares has been applied to the inclusion of some typologies (amenity greenspace and natural and semi-natural greenspace) within the study. This means that, in general, sites that fall below this threshold were not audited unless identified as being significant.

1.1 Report structure

This report sets out the findings for open space provision across Hinckley and Bosworth Borough. Further description of the methodology used can be found in Part 2. A summary of the community survey and site visits is provided in Part 3. The report is presented on a parish-by-parish basis (Parts 4 to 28) as per the requirements of the brief.

1.2 National and local context

National Planning Policy Framework

The NPPF sets out the planning policies for England. It details how these are expected to be applied to the planning system and provides a framework to produce distinct local and neighbourhood plans, reflecting the needs and priorities of local communities.

It states that the purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It establishes that the planning system needs to focus on three themes of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. A presumption in favour of sustainable development is a key aspect for any plan-making and decision-taking processes. In relation to plan-making the NPPF sets out that Local Plans should meet objectively assessed needs.

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As a prerequisite paragraph 104 of the NPPF states existing open space, sports and recreation sites, including playing fields and formal play spaces, should not be built on unless:

- ◀ An assessment has been undertaken, which has clearly shown the site 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.

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National Planning Practice Guidance

National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) is a web-based resource which brings together planning guidance on various topics into one place. It was launched in March 2014 and adds further context to the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF). It is intended that the two documents should be read together.

The guidance determines that open space should be taken into account in planning for new development and considering proposals that may affect existing open space. It is for local planning authorities to assess the need for open space and opportunities for new provision in their areas. In carrying out this work, they should have regard to the duty to cooperate where open space serves a wider area.

Planning for Sport Guidance (2019), Sport England

Sets out how the planning system can help provide opportunities for everyone to be physically active. It highlights the vital role planning systems play in shaping environments (including open spaces) which offer opportunities to take part in sport and physical activity. To help with this, the guidance sets out 12 planning-for-sport principles to be embraced.

Table 1.2: 12 planning for sport principles

Overarching
Recognise and give weight to the benefits of sport and physical activity
Undertake, maintain and apply robust and up-to-date assessment of need and strategies for sport and physical activity provision, and base policies, decisions and guidance upon them
Plan, design and maintain buildings, developments, facilities, land and environments that enable people to lead active lifestyles
Protect
Protect and promote existing sport and physical activity provision and ensure new development does not prejudice its use
Ensure long-term viable management and maintenance of new and existing sport and physical activity provision
Enhance
Support improvements to existing sport and physical activity provision where they are needed
Encourage and secure wider community use of existing and new sport and physical activity provision
Provide
Support new provision, including allocating new sites for sport and physical activity which meets identified needs
Ensure a positive approach to meeting the needs generated by new development for sport and physical activity provision
Provide sport and physical activity provision which is fit for purpose and well designed
Plan positively for sport and physical activity provision in designated landscapes and the green belt
Proactively address any amenity issues arising from sport and physical activity developments

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Creating great spaces for all: Fields in Trust (2024)

As part of its protection work, Fields in Trust (FiT) offers guidance on open space provision and design. This is to ensure that provision of outdoor sport, play and informal open space is of a sufficient size to enable effective use; is in an accessible location and in close proximity to dwellings; and of a quality to maintain longevity and to encourage its continued use.

Creating great spaces for all sets out a range of benchmark guidelines on quantity, quality and accessibility for open space and equipped play. It also offers some recommendations to minimum site sizes.

Corporate Plan, Hinckley and Bosworth Council

Hinckley and Bosworth is predominantly a rural borough situated in south-west Leicestershire. Approximately, 62% of the borough's population live within the four settlements which collectively comprise the urban element of the Borough (Hinckley, Burbage, Earl Shilton and Barwell).

HBBC's vision is for the borough to be a place of opportunity which creates great place to live work and enjoy through the objectives set out in the Corporate Plan (2024-28):

People

- ◀ Help people to stay healthy, happy and active and continue to provide initiatives that support children and young people, older people and our vulnerable residents
- ◀ Maximise our residents' potential through employment and skills support
- ◀ Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour

Places

- ◀ Shaping development of the Borough:
- ◀ Adopt a new and ambitious local plan
- ◀ Work towards a greener borough
- ◀ Promote sustainable development and initiatives to reduce the carbon footprint of the borough

Town Centres:

- ◀ Enhance and promote our town centres
- ◀ Adopt new plans for our key towns
- ◀ Deliver our UK Shared Prosperity Fund Programme

Prosperity

- ◀ Boost a wide range of opportunities for economic growth and regeneration by encouraging investment and green growth to provide new jobs as well more places to live and work across the borough
- ◀ Support the regeneration and enhancement of our town centres
- ◀ Continue to boost tourism by working with partners to promote local attractions and grow the visitor economy

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Green Space Strategy, Hinckley and Bosworth Council

The Green Space Strategy identifies the Council's priorities for the next 10 years and offers advice to Parish and Town Councils to develop their own green spaces.

One of the delivery themes is to protect, increase, maintain and celebrate their green spaces. Some aims include:

- ◀ Increase and maintain the quality of green spaces to meet the needs and demand of local communities
- ◀ Improve accessibility to and the facilities on green space for all communities to use, appreciate and enjoy
- ◀ Ensure developers provide sufficient quality green space to meet the needs of new housing provision within the Borough.

Other themes include increasing biodiversity and sustainability, improving green infrastructure and encouraging active and healthy lifestyles. There is an existing Climate Change Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy (2024-2028) which sets out the actions and opportunities that the Council plan to undertake to address the climate change emergency declared in July 2019 and the biodiversity emergency declared in July 2023. The Council is working towards making the Borough carbon neutral (direct council emissions) and ensure the Borough is net zero by 2050.

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PART 2: METHODOLOGY

This section details the methodology undertaken as part of the study. The key stages are:

- ❖ 2.1 - Analysis areas and populations
- ❖ 2.2 - Auditing local provision
- ❖ 2.3 - Quality and value
- ❖ 2.4 - Quality and value thresholds
- ❖ 2.5 - Understanding local provision
- ❖ 2.6 - Provision standards

2.1 Analysis area and population

For mapping purposes and audit analysis, the report utilises analysis areas. These are based on the parishes located within the Borough. In total there are 25 analysis areas.

Table 2.1: Population by analysis area

Analysis area	Population
Bagworth & Thornton	3031
Barlestone	2441
Barwell	9151
Burbage	16509
Cadeby	230
Carlton	364
Dadlington & Sutton Cheney	485
Desford	4599
Earl Shilton	10624
Groby	7383
Higham on the Hill	945
Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton	1023
Market Bosworth	2104
Markfield	4559
Nailstone	565
Newbold Verdon	3256
Non-Parish Area (Hinckley)	34217
Osbaston	253
Ratby	4576
Shackerstone	989
Sheepy	1249
Stanton-under-Bardon	907
Stoke Golding	2001
Twycross	812
Witherley	1367
Total	113,640

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2.2 Auditing local provision (supply)

The KKP Field Research Team undertook the site audit for this assessment between July and September 2024. Open space sites (including provision for children and young people) are identified, mapped and assessed to evaluate site value and quality. Each site is classified based on its primary open space purpose, so that each type of open space is only counted once. The audit, and the report, utilise the following typologies in accordance with best practice:

1. Parks and gardens
2. Natural and semi-natural greenspace
3. Amenity greenspace
4. Provision for children and young people
5. Allotments
6. Cemeteries/churchyards
7. Civic spaces

Best practice recommends a size threshold of 0.2 hectares is applied to the inclusion of some sites within the study. Sites of a smaller size tend to have a different role. Often this is for visual purposes (e.g. small incremental grassed areas) as they can offer less recreational use in comparison to other forms of open space. However, given the rural nature of the borough any sites below 0.2 hectares which are identified by parishes as being of significance are included.

Appendix One details new sites within the borough that are either currently being constructed or planned to be. As they are incomplete, the sites have been excluded from the audit and standards figures.

Database development

All information relating to open spaces is collated in the project open space database (supplied as an Excel electronic file). All sites identified and assessed as part of the audit are recorded within the database. The database details for each site are as follows:

Data held on open spaces database (summary)

- ◆ KKP reference number (used for mapping)
- ◆ Site name
- ◆ Ownership (if known)
- ◆ Management (if known)
- ◆ Typology
- ◆ Size (hectares)
- ◆ Site visit data

Sites are primarily identified by KKP in the audit using official site names, where possible, and/or secondly using road names and locations.

2.3 Quality and value

All play areas, parks, natural/semi-natural greenspace (above two hectares) and amenity greenspace (above two hectares) have been visited and assessed for quality and value. Amenity greenspace, natural/semi-natural greenspace and allotments over 0.5 hectares receive a quality and value score via a desk-based assessment. No cemeteries, civic space or green corridors have been assessed, but are identified within this document. More information about outdoor sports facilities can be found in the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Study.

Sites receiving a quality and value score allows for application of a high and low quality/value matrix to help determine sites for continued protection, as a priority for investment and to identify sites that may be surplus. Quality and value are fundamentally different and can be unrelated. For example, a high-quality site may be inaccessible and, thus, be of little value, whereas a rundown (poor quality) site may be the only one in an area and thus be immensely valuable. As a result, quality and value are also treated separately in terms of scoring.

Analysis of quality

Data collated from site visits is initially based upon those derived from the Green Flag Award scheme (a national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales, operated by Keep Britain Tidy). This is utilised to calculate a quality score for each site visited. Scores in the database are presented as percentage figures. The quality criteria used for the open space assessments carried out for all open space typologies are summarised in the following table.

Quality criteria for open space site visit (score)

- ◆ Physical access, e.g., public transport links, directional signposts
- ◆ Personal security, e.g., a site is overlooked, natural surveillance
- ◆ Access-social, e.g., appropriate minimum entrance widths
- ◆ Parking, e.g., availability, specific, disabled parking
- ◆ Information signage, e.g., presence of up-to-date site information, notice boards
- ◆ Equipment and facilities, e.g., assessment of both adequacy and maintenance of provision such as seats, benches, bins, toilets
- ◆ Location value, e.g., proximity of housing, other greenspace
- ◆ Site problems, e.g., presence of vandalism, graffiti
- ◆ Healthy, safe and secure, e.g., fencing, gates, staff on site
- ◆ Maintenance and cleanliness, e.g., condition of general landscape & features
- ◆ Groups that the site meets the needs of, e.g., young people, families

For the provision for children and young people, criteria are also built around Green Flag. It is a non-technical visual assessment of the whole site, including general equipment and surface quality/appearance plus an assessment of, for example, bench and bin provision.

This differs, for example, from an independent Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) review, which is a more technical assessment of equipment in terms of play and risk assessment grade.

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Analysis of value

Site visit data plus desk-based research is calculated to provide value scores for each site identified. Value is defined in best practice guidance in relation to the following three issues:

- ✦ Context of the site i.e. its accessibility, scarcity value and historic value.
- ✦ Level and type of use.
- ✦ The wider benefits it generates for people, biodiversity and the wider environment.

In addition, the NPPF refers to attributes to value such as beauty and attractiveness of a site, its recreational value, historic and cultural value and its tranquillity and richness of wildlife. These elements are all considered as part of the KKP site assessment criteria. The value criteria set for audit assessment is derived from:

Value criteria for open space site visits (score)

- ✦ Level of use (observations only), e.g., evidence of different user types (e.g. dog walkers, joggers, children) throughout day, located near school and/or community facility
- ✦ Context of site in relation to other open spaces and proximity to housing
- ✦ Structural and landscape benefits, e.g., well located, high quality defining the identity/ area
- ✦ Ecological benefits, e.g., supports/promotes biodiversity and wildlife habitats
- ✦ Educational benefits, e.g., provides learning opportunities on nature/historic landscapes
- ✦ Social inclusion and health benefits, e.g., promotes civic pride, community ownership and a sense of belonging, helping to promote physical and mental well-being
- ✦ Cultural and heritage benefits, e.g., historic elements/links (e.g. historic building, memorial) and high-profile symbols of local area
- ✦ Amenity benefits and a sense of place, e.g., attractive places that are safe and well maintained, helping to create specific neighbourhoods and landmarks
- ✦ Economic benefits, e.g., promotes economic activity and attracts people from near and far

Note: site researchers consider how busy a site is likely to be at peak times for example after school and weekends as well as considering facilities, site size/location and amenities in proximity. For example, a play area may not be in use at mid-morning during the week, however if there are amenities and schools nearby, usage is judged to likely be higher at different times of the day.

Children's and young people play provision is scored for value as part of the audit assessment. Value, in particular is recognised in terms of size of sites and the range of equipment it hosts. For instance, a small site with only one or two items is likely to be of a lower value than a site with a variety of equipment catering for wider age ranges.

2.4 Quality and value thresholds

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by guidance); the results of the site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The primary aim of applying a threshold is to identify sites where investment and/or improvements are required. It can also be used to set an aspirational quality standard to be achieved at some point in the future and to inform decisions around the need to further protect sites from future development (particularly when applied with its respective value score in a matrix format).

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The baseline threshold for assessing quality can often be set around 66%; based on the pass rate for Green Flag criteria (site visit criteria also being based on Green Flag). This is the only national benchmark available for quality of parks and open spaces. However, the site visit criteria used for Green Flag is not appropriate for every open space typology as it is designed to represent a sufficiently high standard of site. Quality thresholds are, thus, worked out so as to better reflect average scores for each typology. Consequently, the baseline threshold for certain typologies is amended to better reflect this.

There is no national guidance on the setting of value thresholds, and instead a 20% threshold is derived from KKP's experience and knowledge in assessing the perceived value of sites.

A high value site is one deemed to be well used and offering visual, social, physical and mental health benefits. Value is also a more subjective measure than assessing the physical quality of provision. Therefore, a conservative threshold of 20% is set across all typologies. Whilst 20% may initially seem low - it is a relative score. One designed to reflect those sites that meet more than one aspect of the criteria used for assessing value (as detailed earlier). If a site meets more than one criterion for value it will score greater than 20%. Consequently, it is deemed to be of higher value.

No quality or value thresholds have been applied to allotments or cemeteries. Such forms of provision have been assessed by a desk-based assessment. These types of provision have a specific role and function which tends, to some extent, to have less impact on quality than is the case for other typologies. However, they have still received an indication as to their quality via desk-based research and where possible via consultation with key contacts and parish councils.

Table 2.2: Quality and value thresholds by typology

Typology	Quality threshold	Value threshold
Parks and gardens	60%	20%
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	45%	20%
Amenity greenspace	50%	20%
Provision for children and young people	60%	20%
Civic spaces	n/a	n/a
Allotments	40%	20%
Cemeteries/churchyards	n/a	n/a
Green corridors	n/a	n/a

2.5 Understanding local provision

Consultation to better understand open space provision has been carried out via a combination of meetings, surveys and telephone interviews with HBBC officers and parish/town councils. In addition, an online community survey was hosted. This was promoted by the council and received 263 responses. The findings of the consultations are used, reviewed and interpreted to further support the results of the quality and value assessment. The responses and trends are set out later in the report.

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2.6 Provision standards

For the purposes of this report, the amount of provision within each parish is compared to the levels of provision across the whole of Hinckley and Bosworth (i.e. parishes and non-parish area combined). This is a useful initial indicator to highlight whether a parish may be sufficient or have a shortfall in certain forms of open space provision. This is presented on a hectare per 1,000 population basis.

Table 2.3: Current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth

Open space type	Hectare per 1,000 population
Parks & gardens	0.36
Amenity greenspace	1.34
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	8.56
Provision for children & young people	0.06
Allotments	0.35
Combined total	10.67

Across the parishes and non-parish areas within this study, there is a total of 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population of open space provision.

For the typologies of civic space and cemeteries, it is difficult to assess such typologies based on a quantity standard approach due to their nature and usage. For cemeteries, provision should be determined by demand for burial space. Civic spaces are more of a practical design feature for larger urban areas. It is not appropriate for either to be assessed on a hectare per 1,000 population basis. However, they still have a role in contributing to overall open space provision.

The figure for natural and semi-natural greenspace is high due to the figure containing numerous large sites including some over 100 hectares. These sites are part of the National Forest and Charnwood Forest areas. Such forms of provision skew the quantity figures especially when comparing between different parishes.

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PART 3: SUMMARY OF SURVEY AND SITE VISITS

This section provides a summary of the responses to the online community survey. It also describes generic trends and findings from the site visit quality and value ratings.

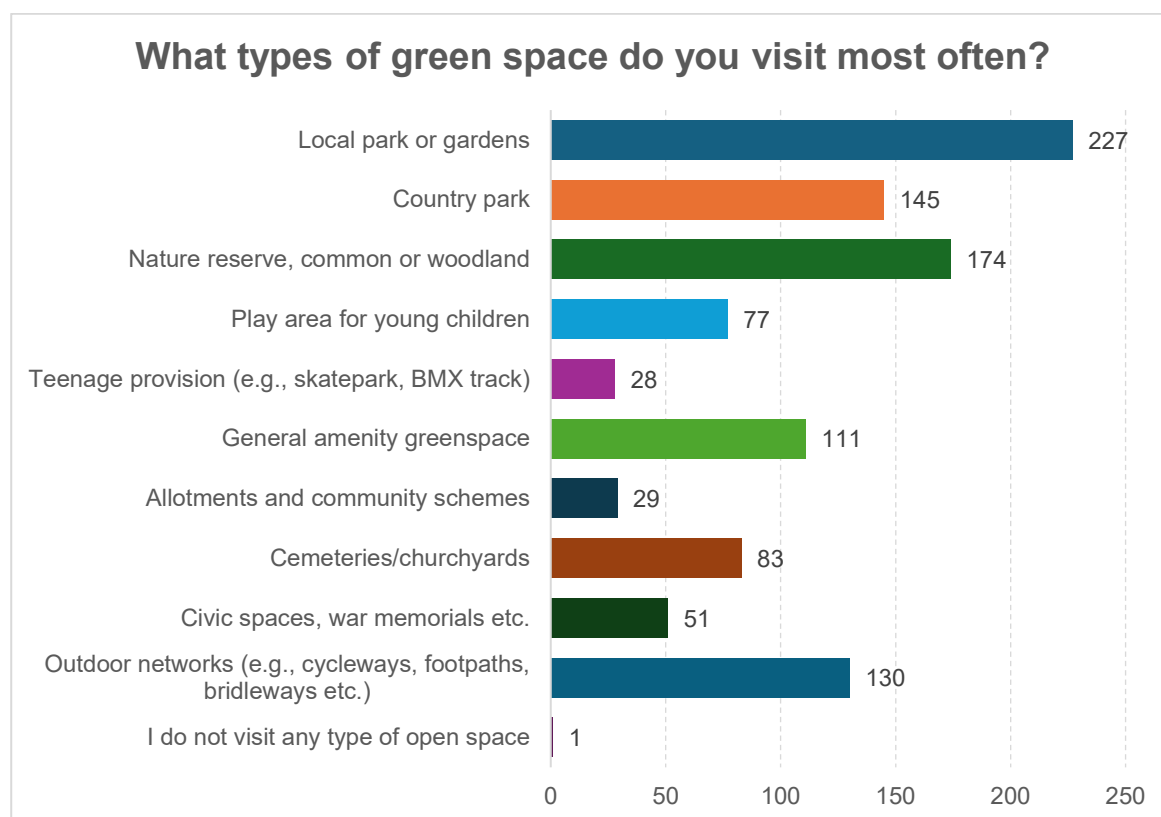
3.1 Community Survey

An online community survey was hosted on the council website and promoted via social media and the councils communication team. A total of 263 responses were received. The findings of the consultations are used, reviewed and interpreted to further support the report findings. A summary of the responses is set out on the following pages. Note that questions were asked to the public relating only to the Borough and not outside Hinckley and Bosworth. Questions included related to quantity, quality and accessibility of open spaces, why respondents visit open spaces and what improvements they would like to see.

3.1.1 Usage

The most popular forms of provision to visit are parks and gardens, (86%), nature reserves, commons or woodlands (66%) and country parks (55%). This is followed by outdoor networks (49%) and amenity greenspaces (42%).

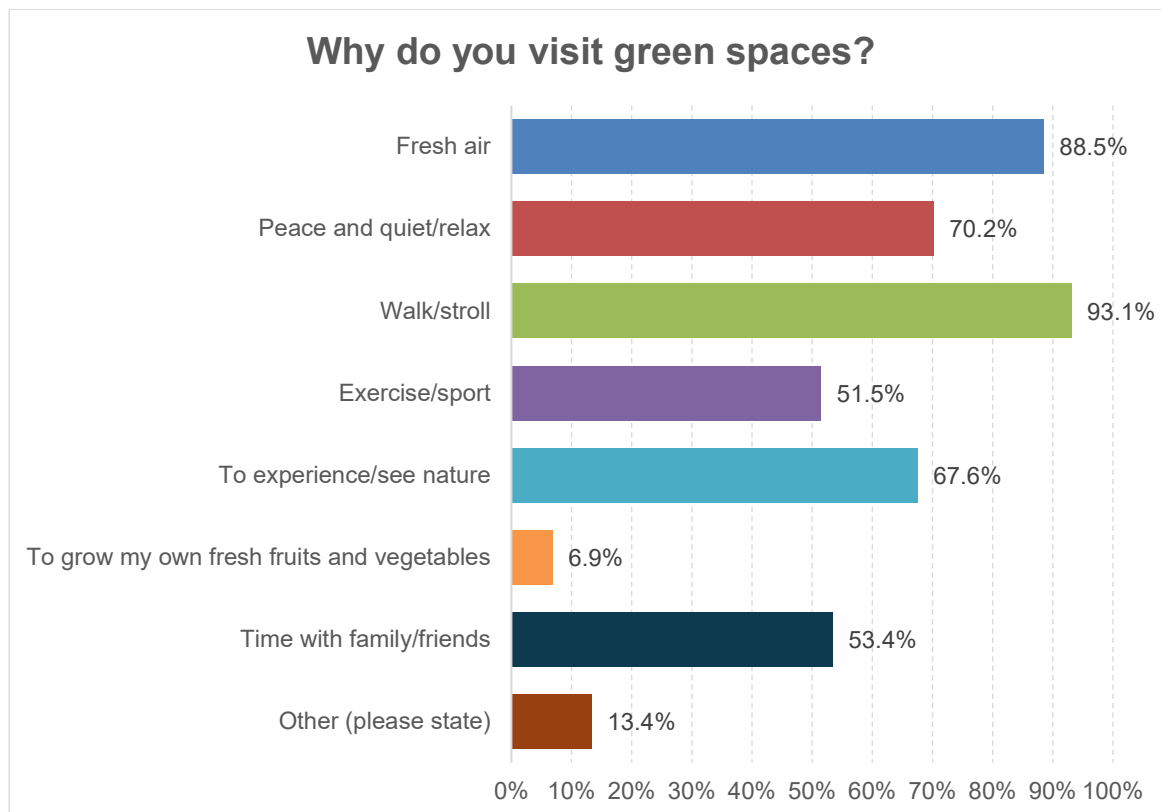
Figure 3.1.1: Visits to open space types



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Most respondents identify visiting sites to walk/stroll (93%), for fresh air (89%), for peace and quiet/relax (70%) and to experience/see nature (68%). This is followed by to spend time with family/friends (53%) and to exercise (52%). Respondents who selected 'other' mainly stated dog walking as a reason.

Figure 3.1.2: Reasons for visiting



Respondents were also asked to name the sites they visit most often. Some of the most frequently visited sites respondents visit include:

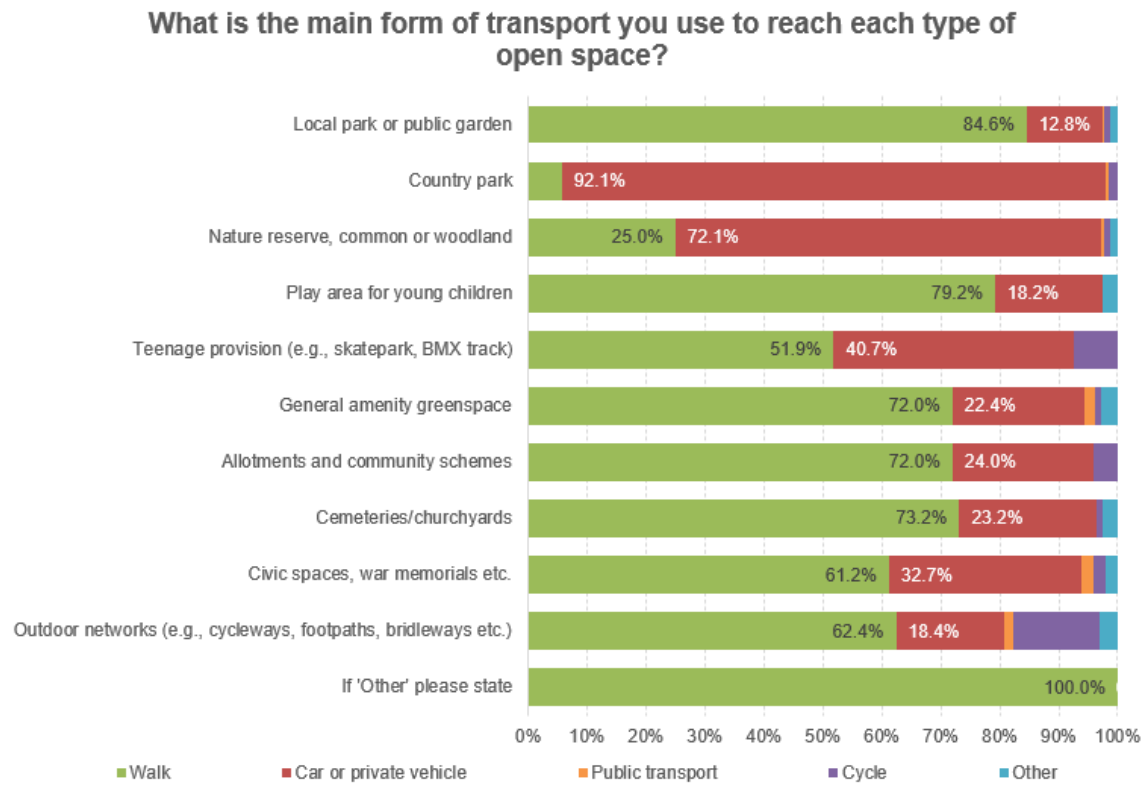
- ◀ Burbage Common (55)
- ◀ Hollycroft Park (41)
- ◀ Clarendon Park (22)

3.1.2 Accessibility

Results from the survey show that most individuals walk to access most types of provision. This is most evident for local parks or gardens (85%), play areas for young children (79%), cemeteries (73%), amenity greenspace (72%), allotments (72%), outdoor networks (62%), civic spaces (61%) and teenage provision (52%). The exceptions to this are for country parks (92%) and nature reserves, commons or woodlands (72%), where a car or private vehicle is the most common method used to access these types of provision.

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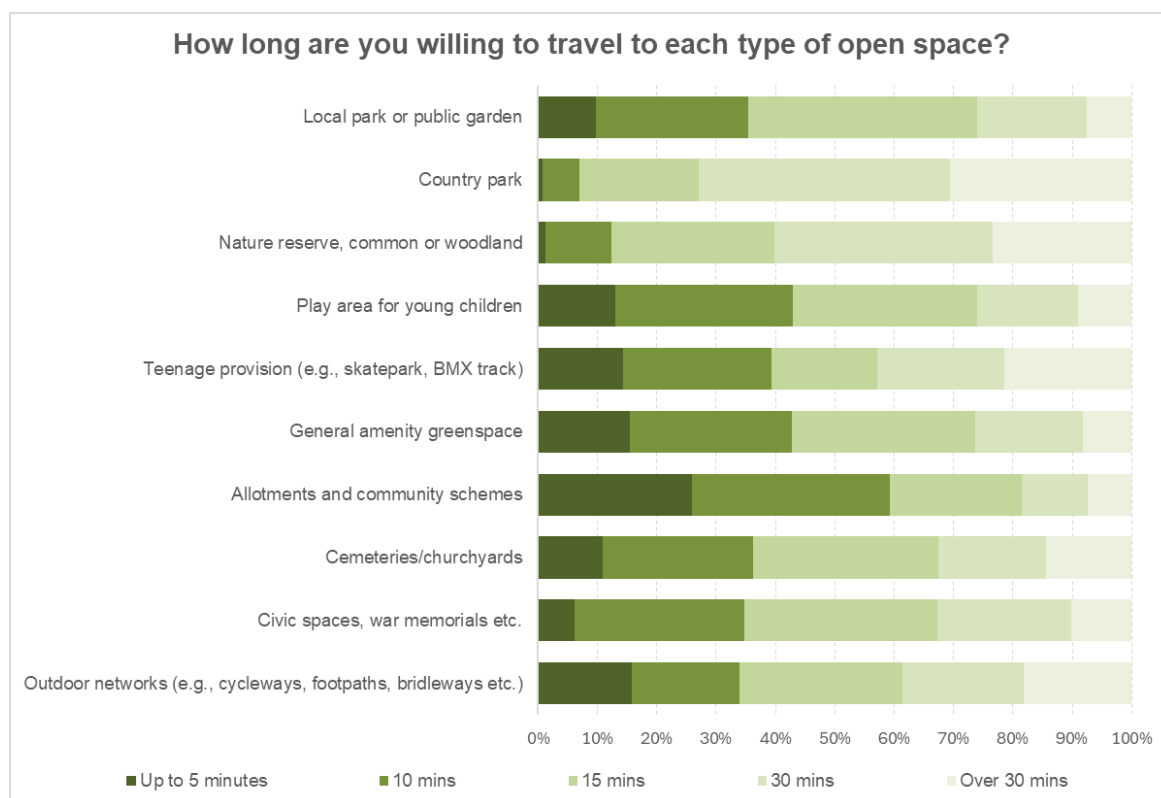
Figure 3.1.3: Mode of travel to open space sites



For most forms of provision, respondents show a willingness to travel between 10 to 15 minutes. The exception is for country parks and nature reserves, commons or woodlands where respondents are willing to travel further distances.

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Figure 3.1.4: Time willing to travel to open space sites



3.1.3 Availability and Quality

In general, nearly half of respondents consider the amount of open space provision in their local area to be quite satisfactory (49%). A noticeable proportion of respondents also rate availability of open space as very satisfactory (25%).

Table 3.1.1: Satisfaction with the amount of open space in your local area

Very satisfactory	Quite satisfactory	Neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory	Quite unsatisfactory	Very unsatisfactory
25.3%	49.0%	14.2%	8.8%	2.7%

Similarly, nearly half of respondents (48%) consider the overall level of access to open space in their local area to be quite satisfactory. Almost a third (29%) of respondents consider the overall level of access to open space in their local area to be very satisfactory. Over half of survey respondents (53%) consider the quality of open space provision that they visit to be quite satisfactory. A further 22% rate quality as very satisfactory. A small proportion of respondents view quality as quite unsatisfactory (8%) or very unsatisfactory (2%).

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Table 3.1.2: Satisfaction with the overall level of access to open space in your local area

Very satisfactory	Quite satisfactory	Neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory	Quite unsatisfactory	Very unsatisfactory
28.7%	48.3%	14.9%	5.7%	2.3%

Table 3.1.3: Satisfaction with quality of open space that you visit

Very satisfactory	Quite satisfactory	Neither satisfactory nor unsatisfactory	Quite unsatisfactory	Very unsatisfactory
22.4%	53.2%	13.7%	8.4%	2.3%

All but seven respondents agreed or strongly agreed that visiting open spaces make you feel better, 73% of which strongly agreed.

Respondents to the survey were asked what they thought would improve green space provision. The most common answers include greater attractiveness (57%) and more wildlife habitats and improved biodiversity (55%). This is followed by better and wider range of facilities (e.g., seating, recycling facilities) (41%). Note that the percentages do not total 100% as respondents could select up to four options. For those respondents who selected 'other', answers included dogs on lead areas, enclosed public dog spaces and better policing.

Table 3.1.4: Which of these options would improve green spaces for you?

Answer option	Count	Percentage of respondents
Greater attractiveness (e.g., trees, wildflower areas and meadows)	145	56.9%
More wildlife habitats and improved biodiversity	140	54.9%
Better and wider range of facilities (e.g., seating, recycling facilities)	104	40.8%
Better maintenance	99	38.8%
Improved personal safety (e.g., lighting, clear sightlines etc.)	69	27.1%
More public events	64	25.1%
Improved access to and within sites	58	22.7%
Greater information on sites	49	19.2%
New or improved toddler/junior play equipment	48	18.8%
Greater community involvement	48	18.8%
New or improved teenage play equipment (such as MUGAs, BMX tracks and wheeled sports)	43	16.9%
Outdoor gym/exercise equipment	39	15.3%
Other (please state below)	25	9.8%

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The final question on the survey asked respondents if they had any further comments to express regarding open space provision within the Borough. Some comments/themes are displayed below.

- ◆ Enclosed spaces for dogs. Out of control dogs can be a deterrent for some users to visit
- ◆ Dogs to be kept on leads to prevent them spoiling wildlife and flowerbeds etc. More dog warden presence to reduce dog foul being left at sites.
- ◆ Outdoor splash area/water attraction
- ◆ Lack of public toilets especially in parks and places people spend a day out at.
- ◆ More play areas and play areas for older ages
- ◆ More regular of Cutting grass areas that aren't left to grow naturally.
- ◆ Sensory gardens, trails and more paths within open spaces to enable better accessibility through the site and connecting to play areas on site for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

3.2 Site Visit Overview

This section summarises the quality and value ratings for each typology. There are 533 open space sites an equivalent to 1294 hectares of open space included within the report. The largest contributor to provision is natural and semi natural (973 hectares).

Table 3.2.1: Overview of open space provision

Open space typology	Number of sites	Total amount (hectares) *
Park and gardens	14	42
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	52	973
Amenity greenspace	233	152
Provision for children & young people	141	7
Allotments	36	40
Cemeteries/churchyards	51	37
Civic space	2	0.08
Green corridors	4	43
TOTAL	533	1294

There are also an additional 65 outdoor sports facility sites identified providing a total of 241 hectares of provision.

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3.2.1 Quality

The methodology for assessing quality is set out in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for open spaces.

Table 3.2.2: Quality scores for assessed open space typologies

Typology	Threshold	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	No' sites below	No' sites above
Park and gardens	60%	41%	57%	81%	8	5
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	45%	12%	52%	90%	16	22
Amenity greenspace	50%	18%	54%	78%	24	34
Provision for children & young people	60%	25%	61%	86%	45	87
Allotments	40%	27%	41%	52%	10	10
Cemeteries/churchyards	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL					103	158

There is generally a good level of quality across all open space sites. This is reflected in over half (60%) of sites scoring high for quality. However, a large number (103) of assessed sites that score below the quality threshold.

Sites rating low for quality often reflect a lack of ancillary facilities (e.g. seating, signage etc). A few sites are also observed as being poorly maintained and/or visually unattractive.

3.2.3 Value

The methodology for assessing value is set out in Part 2 (Methodology). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open spaces.

Table 3.2.3: Value scores for assessed open space typologies

Typology	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	No' sites below	No' sites above
Park and gardens	39%	52%	68%	0	13
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	15%	35%	73%	1	37
Amenity greenspace	12%	41%	70%	1	57
Provision for children & young people	16%	46%	75%	1	131
Allotments	22%	25%	29%	0	20
Cemeteries/churchyards	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-

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Typology	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	No' sites below	No' sites above
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL				3	258

Most sites are assessed as being above the threshold for value, reflecting the role and importance of open space provision to local communities and environments. The provision to rate below the value thresholds often reflect a general lack of maintenance or use at the site (i.e., overgrown, difficult to access).

A high value site is one that is well used by the local community, well maintained (with a balance for conservation), provides a safe environment and has features of interest; for example, good quality play equipment and landscaping. Sites that provide for a cross section of users and have a multi-functional use are considered a higher value than those offering limited functions and viewed as unattractive.

3.3 Summary

- ◀ 533 sites are identified as open space provision; equivalent to 1294 hectares.
- ◀ Of assessed sites, over half (60%) rate above the quality threshold.
- ◀ Sites rating below the thresholds tend to lack ancillary features and are often viewed as having a poor appearance.
- ◀ All but three sites are assessed as above the value threshold; reflecting the importance of provision and its role offering social, environmental and health benefits.

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PART 4: BAGWORTH & THORNTON

4.1 Current Provision

There are 34 open space sites identified in Bagworth and Thornton equating to over 309 hectares of provision. The largest contributor to provision is natural and semi-natural greenspace (288 hectares), this reflects the Parish Council being located within the National Forest and partly within the Charnwood Forest area. There are no identified parks, civic space or green corridors in Bagworth and Thornton. In addition, there are three outdoor sport facilities equating to 35.26 hectares in the area.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such provision on this basis.

Table 4.1: Current open space provision in Bagworth & Thornton

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	10	11.99	3.95
Provision for children and young people	6	0.46	0.15
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	12	288.40	95.15
Allotments	4	7.74	2.55
Cemeteries	2	0.94	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	34	309.53	102.12

There is a total of 102.12 hectares per 1,000 population in Bagworth and Thornton. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough within this study, there is 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish is potentially well served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

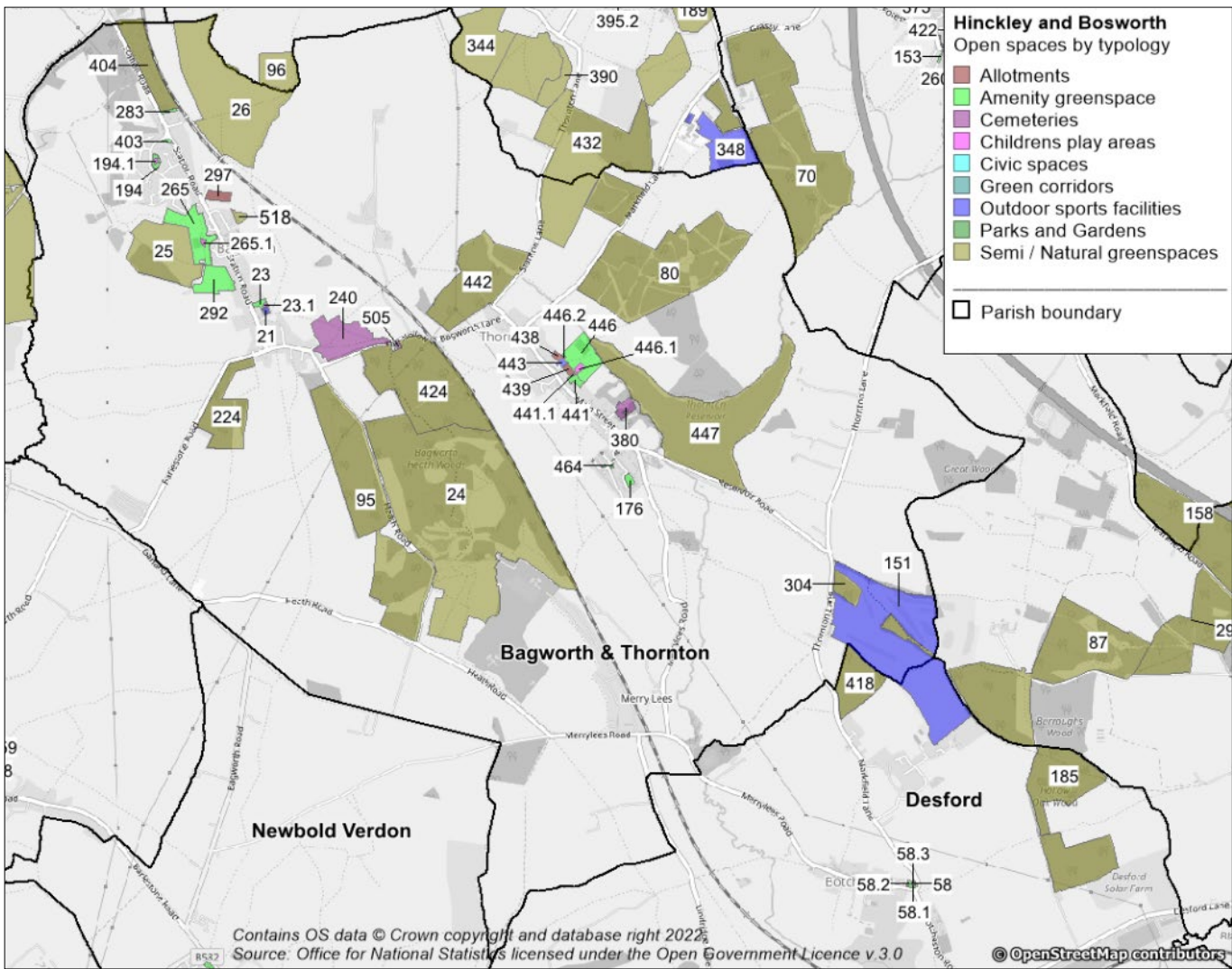
Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Bagworth and Thornton has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace provision (1.34), provision for children and young people (0.06), natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56) and allotments (0.35). No parks exist within the area.

As highlighted above the Parish Council falls within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest boundary and is a key component of the green infrastructure network. The creation of the National Forest is overseen by The National Forest Company, one of the main ways of increasing woodland cover in the area has been tree planting as part of new developments both on and off site. As such planning and development has a key role in the continued creation of the National Forest. Although natural and semi-natural green space is high, this is part of the landscape character of the area and its role within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest.

Figure 4.1 overleaf shows the open space provision within Bagworth and Thornton.

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Figure 4.1: Open space provision mapped in Bagworth and Thornton



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Table 4.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
21	Bagworth Bowling Club, Station Road	Outdoor sports facilities	0.14		
23	Bagworth Community Centre, Station Road	Amenity greenspace	0.28		
23.1	Bagworth Community Centre play area	Children's play areas	0.04	55.0%	50.9%
24	Bagworth Heath Country Park	Semi / Natural greenspaces	80.82	70.6%	30.9%
25	Bagworth New Wood	Semi / Natural greenspaces	11.48	41.8%	30.0%
26	Bagworth Wood	Semi / Natural greenspaces	27.53	41.5%	30.0%
80	Browns Wood, Thornton	Semi / Natural greenspaces	33.31	58.2%	30.0%
95	Centenary Wood and Royal Tigers Wood, Bagworth	Semi / Natural greenspaces	33.75	67.4%	35.5%
151	Forest Hill Golf Course, Markfield Lane, Botcheston	Outdoor sports facilities	34.94		
176	Highfields Amenity Green Space, Thornton	Amenity greenspace	0.30		
194	Jackson Road Amenity Green Space, Bagworth	Amenity greenspace	0.25		
194.1	Jackson Road play area, Bagworth	Children's play areas	0.07	73.9%	34.5%
224	Laurel Farm Wood, Bagworth	Semi / Natural greenspaces	8.49	39.4%	30.0%
240	Community Orchard	Allotments	6.56		
265	Maynards Walk, Bagworth	Amenity greenspace	4.25	66.4%	54.0%
265.1	Maynards Walk play area, Bagworth	Children's play areas	0.10	74.2%	50.9%
283	Northfield Amenity Green Space, Bagworth	Amenity greenspace	0.14		
292	Old Colliery Sports Ground, off Station Road, Bagworth*	Amenity greenspace	2.75	59.5%	21.9%
297	Park Lane Allotments, Bagworth	Allotments	0.75	32.7%	30.0%
304	Polebrook and Crow Wood, Botcheston	Semi / Natural greenspaces	3.36	37.6%	30.0%

* Also included in PPS

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
380	St Peters Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Lane, Thornton	Cemeteries	0.82		
403	Station Road Amenity Green Space, Bagworth	Amenity greenspace	0.08		
404	Station Road Natural Green Space, Bagworth	Semi / Natural greenspaces	6.18	39.0%	30.0%
424	The Hollow Wood, Bagworth	Semi / Natural greenspaces	24.07	61.7%	30.0%
438	Thornton Allotments (North), Main Street	Allotments	0.22		
439	Thornton Allotments (South), Main Street	Allotments	0.21		
441	Thornton Community Centre, Main Street	Amenity greenspace	0.38		
441.1	Thornton Community Centre play area	Children's play areas	0.02	59.1%	38.2%
442	Thornton Plantation	Semi / Natural greenspaces	24.93	24.5%	20.9%
443	Thornton Primary School Playing Fields, Main Street	Outdoor sports facilities	0.18		
446	Thornton Recreation Ground, Main Street	Amenity greenspace	3.44	61.0%	34.0%
446.1	Thornton Recreation Ground play area	Children's play areas	0.21	67.4%	50.9%
446.2	Thornton Recreation Ground basketball	Children's play areas	0.03	67.4%	50.9%
447	Thornton Reservoir	Semi / Natural greenspaces	34.05	74.5%	54.5%
464	Warwick Close Amenity Green Space, Thornton	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
505	Cross Hills Baptist Church, Thornton	Cemeteries	0.12		
518	Round House Close, Bagworth	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.43		
n/a	Daisy Close Green Space, Bagworth*	Semi / Natural greenspaces			

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* As part of the planning permission (12/00127/FUL) for Land south of The Maynard, Station Road and as per the requirement in the legal agreement and approved through the discharge of conditions, a public open space is included as part of the permission. Although the open space on Daisy Close has been provided by the developer, public access to the space is not achievable due to access restrictions. The area is still to remain allocated as open space. If the access restrictions are overcome in the future this space will go back to its original remit as a "public open space" as per the planning permission. For this reason, the open space remains in the Study so that it is not overlooked in the future if the potential to revert to public use is possible.

4.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Bagworth and Thornton. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 4.3: Quality ratings for provision in Bagworth and Thornton

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	60%	62%	66%	0	3
Provision for children and young people	55%	66%	74%	2	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	25%	51%	75%	6	5
Allotments	33%	33%	33%	1	0
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Bagworth and Thornton	25%	53%	75%	9	12

A total of 12 out of the 21 assessed open space sites in Bagworth and Thornton score above the thresholds for quality.

Thornton Reservoir (75%) is the highest scoring site for quality. The site is observed as being very visually appealing featuring car parking (including disabled parking) and good provision of benches and bins. The site has the additional benefits of signage, a path around the reservoir, toilets and a picnic area. There are no identified issues.

Other high scoring sites include Maynards Walk play area and Jackson Road play area, both scoring 74%. Both sites have good boundary fencing, controls to prevent illegal use, seating, litter bins and signage. Maynards Walk play area features more play equipment and scores higher for appearance, surface and equipment quality than Jackson Road play area. Jackson Road play area is identified as a small play area in a new housing development, likely to be predominantly used by local residents.

Thornton Plantation (25%) is the lowest scoring site for quality within Bagworth and Thornton. The site is large and features paths, however, entrances score very low with

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access being on a narrow country road with no path/safe access. User security also scores lower. The site is likely used by locals.

Polebrook and Crow Wood (38%) is another lower scoring semi-natural site. There is a small layby car park however the site is quite difficult to find. The site lacks signage but it benefits from bins by the entrance and a concrete path running through it with a lot of usage by dog walkers.

Park Lane Allotments (33%) also scores below its quality threshold. The site is located on the corner of a narrow road and consequently scores lower for access and entrances. The site lacks signage and other ancillary features however Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council note the site as good quality. The site features 32 plots, has no water supply and no waiting list.

Note that Thornton Recreation Ground basketball is looking slightly tired. Consultation with Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council identifies that money will be allocated for equipped provision for Thornton Community Play Area and Thornton Recreation Ground play area and therefore could be used on both or either of the areas.

Bagworth Community Centre play area (55%) scores slightly below the quality threshold however it is noted as containing good quality equipment within an amenity greenspace to the rear of the community centre. The site features bins, benches, picnic benches and a car park, including disabled parking, further adding to the benefits of the site. Consultation with Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council reflects this, identifying the site as good quality. The site lacks signage which lowers its quality however there are no major issues identified.

4.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Bagworth and Thornton. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 4.4: Value ratings for provision in Bagworth and Thornton

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	34%	41%	54%	0	3
Provision for children and young people	35%	45%	51%	0	6
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	21%	32%	59%	0	11
Allotments	22%	22%	22%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Bagworth and Thornton	21%	35%	59%	0	21

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All assessed open space sites in Bagworth and Thornton score above the threshold for value. This is reflective of the recreational and health benefits these sites offer to residents, as well as providing a sense of place within the parish.

As well as scoring the highest for quality, Thornton Reservoir also rates the highest for value (59%). The site is attractive and features a water feature, numerous trees and wildlife offering high structural landscape benefits and ecological value. Furthermore, the site features interpretational panels/information boards providing educational value to visitors. The paths, seating and car parking (including disabled car parking) provide high amenity benefits and social inclusion.

Maynards Walk play area (51%) scores high for value due to featuring a good amount and range of quality equipment, adding to its amenity and social value. The site offers physical activity opportunities due to featuring a multi-play and trampoline area. The site is well maintained and visually appealing further adding to its benefits. Similarly, Thornton Recreation Ground play area scores high for value and features a climbing unit and spider web climber contributing to physical exercise opportunities. There is also numerous equipment on site providing high amenity and social benefits.

Bagworth Community Centre play area (51%), features unfenced good quality equipment within an amenity greenspace to the rear of Bagworth Community Centre. These features as well as picnic benches and disabled car parking provide high amenity and social value. The site scores slightly below the quality threshold, due to a lack of signage and controls to prevent illegal use, however there are no identified issues.

Information regarding allotments is identified below through consultation with Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council. This suggests demand is being met as demonstrated by there being no waiting lists.

Table 4.5: Allotment information

KKP ref	Site name	Plots	Waiting list	Fresh water supply?
297	Park Lane Allotments, Bagworth	32	0	No
438	Thornton Allotments (North), Main Street	11	0	No
439	Thornton Allotments (South), Main Street	13	0	No

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PART 5: BARLESTONE

5.1 Current Provision

There are 17 open space sites identified in Barlestone equating to over seven hectares of provision. The largest site is Bosworth Road Park at 2.89 hectares. There are an additional two outdoor sport facility sites equating to 3.63 hectares. There are no parks and gardens, civic space or green corridors identified in Barlestone. Note that The Pastures/Lower Manor Fields Amenity Green Space is excluded due to being pasture farmland/not accessible open space.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 5.1: Current open space provision in Barlestone

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	8	4.82	1.97
Provision for children and young people	5	0.17	0.07
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	1	0.53	0.22
Allotments	1	0.97	0.40
Cemeteries	2	1.05	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	17	7.13	2.92

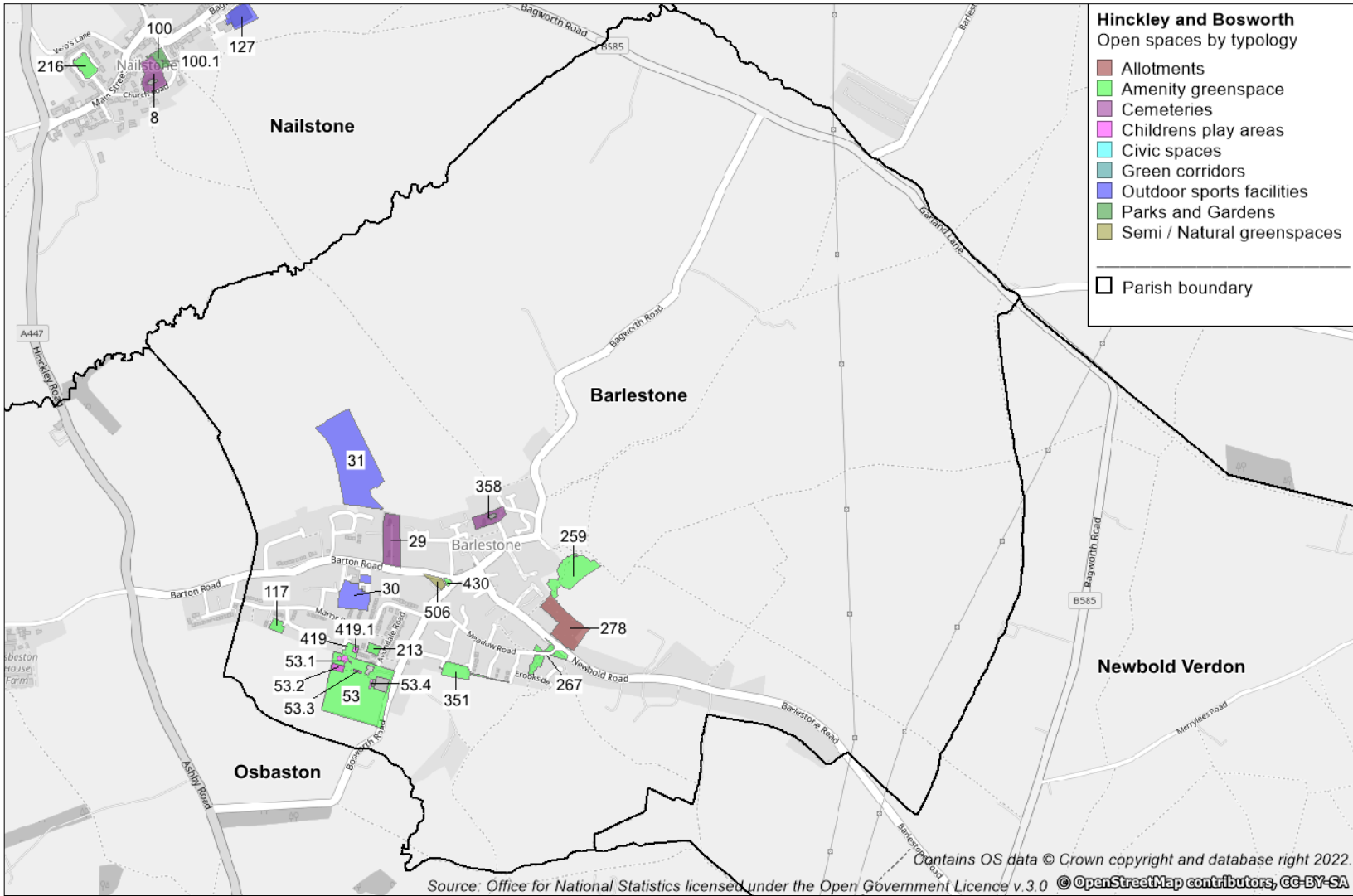
There is a total of 2.92 hectares per 1,000 population in Barlestone. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there is 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Barlestone has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population amenity greenspace (1.34), provision for children and young people (0.06) and allotments (0.35). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56). No parks exist within the area.

Figure 5.1 overleaf shows the open space provision within the Parish of Barlestone.

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Figure 5.1: Open space provision mapped in Barlestone



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Table 5.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (Ha)	Quality score	Value score
29	Barlestone Cemetery, Barton Road	Cemeteries	0.73		
30	Barlestone Primary School & Community Centre Playing Fields	Outdoor sports facilities	0.68		
31	Barlestone St Giles Sports and Social Club, Barton Road	Outdoor sports facilities	2.95		
53	Bosworth Road Park, Barlestone	Amenity greenspace	2.89	70.8%	59.0%
53.1	Bosworth Road Park play area, Barlestone	Children's play areas	0.05	46.0%	50.9%
53.2	Bosworth Road Park MUGA, Barlestone	Children's play areas	0.07	50.2%	41.8%
53.3	Bosworth Road Park skate park, Barlestone	Children's play areas	0.01	50.2%	41.8%
117	Cunnery Close Amenity Green Space, Barlestone	Amenity greenspace	0.13		
213	Kirkman Close Amenity Green Space, Barlestone	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
259	May Meadow and Football Pitch, Barlestone	Amenity greenspace	0.91	24.8%	23.0%
267	Meadow Road Amenity Green Space, Barlestone	Amenity greenspace	0.31		
278	Newbold Road Allotments, Barlestone	Allotments	0.97	42.9%	27.6%
351	Spinney Drive/Ferrers Croft Amenity Green Space, Barlestone	Amenity greenspace	0.36		
358	St Giles Churchyard, Church Road, Barlestone	Cemeteries	0.31		
419	The Glebe, Barlestone	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
419.1	The Glebe Play Area, Barlestone	Children's play areas	0.03	44.7%	41.8%
430	The Miners Wheel, Barton Road, Barlestone	Amenity greenspace	0.03		
506	The Spinney, Barlestone	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.13		

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5.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Barlestone. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 5.3: Quality ratings for provision in Barlestone

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	25%	48%	71%	1	1
Provision for children and young people	45%	47%	50%	4	0
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	43%	43%	43%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Barlestone	25%	46%	71%	5	2

Most assessed sites in Barlestone rate below the quality thresholds. Bosworth Road Park (71%) is the highest scoring site for quality in Barlestone. The site is identified as having a good range of equipment as well as having parking, seating, bins and appropriate signage. The site features nine pieces of outdoor gym equipment, a play area, MUGA, skate ramp and youth shelter. Furthermore, the site is noted as being well maintained.

Newbold Road Allotments (43%) also scores above its quality threshold. It is noted as being quite large with a wide path through the site and a small car park. The site has the additional benefit of fresh water supply and is noted as being good quality. Barlestone Parish Council note that the site has 25 full size plots divided in halves and quarters and no waiting list. The Parish Council also identifies it as good quality.

Despite Bosworth Road Park play area (46%) scoring just below the quality threshold, Barlestone Parish Council notes the site as good quality. However, site observations note a damaged bench and lack of signage, lowering the quality of the site. The adjacent MUGA is average quality but benefits from lighting. There is a skate park on site consisting of two small ramps and a rail.

May Meadow and Football Pitch (25%) lacks ancillary features and scores low for user security and entrances due to not being overlooked and slightly hidden to the rear of housing.

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5.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Barlestone. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 5.4: Value ratings for provision in Barlestone

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	23%	41%	59%	0	2
Provision for children and young people	42%	42%	42%	0	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	28%	28%	28%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Barlestone	23%	37%	59%	0	7

All assessed sites in Barlestone score above the thresholds for value. This is reflective of the recreational and health benefits each of these sites offer to residents, as well as providing a sense of place within the community.

Bosworth Road Park (59%) scores the highest for value in Barlestone. It has high amenity and social benefits due to featuring a range of play provision including a play area, skate ramps, outdoor gym equipment and a MUGA. The trees and bushes around the site provide some ecological benefits. There is also seating and a community centre on site, further adding to its benefits.

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PART 6: BARWELL

6.1 Current Provision

There are 29 open space sites identified in Barwell equating to over 26 hectares of provision. The largest site is Barwell Park at 10.12 hectares. There are no semi natural greenspace, civic space or green corridors identified. There are an additional four outdoor sport facility sites equating to 23.88 hectares. Note, Elwell Avenue Flood Retention Basin is not a publicly accessible open space and has not been included within this Study.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such provision on this basis.

Table 6.1: Current open space provision in Barwell

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	3	12.30	1.34
Amenity greenspace	12	5.83	0.64
Provision for children and young people	9	0.53	0.06
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-
Allotments	2	2.38	0.26
Cemeteries	3	5.22	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	29	26.27	2.87

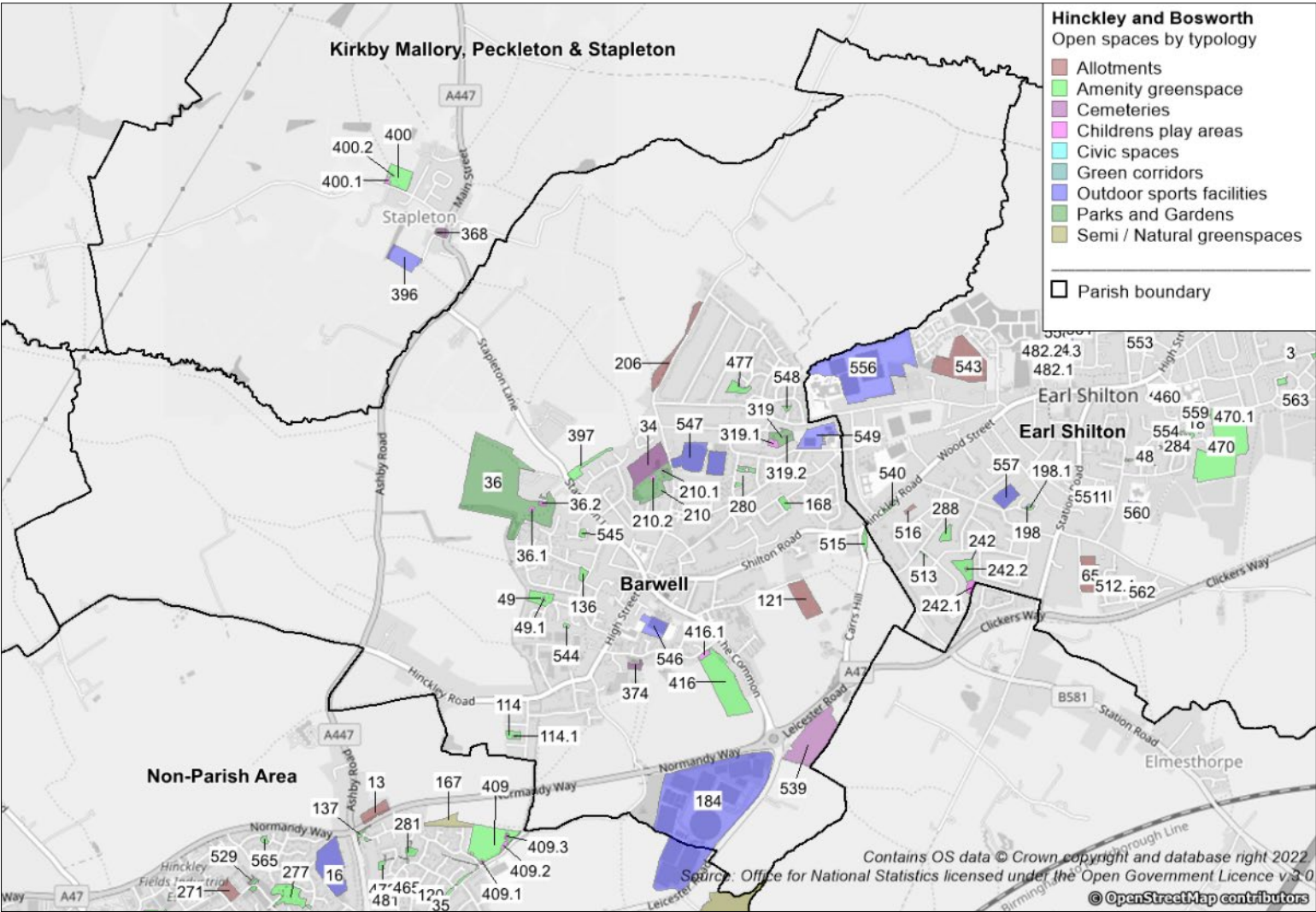
There is a total of 2.87 hectares per 1,000 population in Barwell. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Barwell has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in parks and gardens (0.37). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in amenity greenspace (1.34). The parish is at the current provision levels for provision for children and young people (0.06) and allotments (0.35). No natural or semi-natural greenspace exist within the area.

Figure 6.1 overleaf shows the open space provision within Barwell.

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Figure 6.1: Open space provision mapped in Barwell



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Table 6.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
34	Barwell Cemetery	Cemeteries	1.79		
36	Barwell Park	Parks and gardens	10.12	44.9%	52.7%
36.1	Barwell Park play area	Children's play areas	0.05	64.6%	47.3%
36.2	Barwell Park Skate park	Children's play areas	0.07	39.2%	47.3%
49	Boston Way Recreational Ground, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.57	45.0%	33.0%
49.1	Boston Way Recreational Ground play area, Barwell	Children's play areas	0.02	82.5%	50.9%
114	Crabtree Road, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.20		
114.1	Crabtree Road play area, Barwell	Children's play areas	0.03	58.8%	50.9%
121	Dawson's Lane Allotment, Barwell	Allotments	1.34	48.0%	28.6%
136	Fairacre Road Amenity Green Space, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.19		
168	Hastings Drive Amenity Green Space, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.20		
184	Hinckley Sports Ground, Leicester Road	Outdoor sports facilities	19.42		
206	Kirkby Road Allotments, Barwell	Allotments	1.04	38.8%	21.9%
210	Kirkby Road Recreational Ground, Barwell	Parks and gardens	1.64	54.4%	63.6%
210.1	Kirkby Road Recreational Ground play area, Barwell	Children's play areas	0.04	82.5%	54.5%
210.2	Kirkby Road Recreational Ground MUGA, Barwell	Children's play areas	0.05	50.2%	50.9%
280	Newlands Road Amenity Green Space, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.21		
319	Radford Park, Barwell	Parks and gardens	0.55	47.7%	39.1%
319.1	Radford Park play area, Barwell	Children's play areas	0.14	81.1%	50.9%
319.2	Radford Park half MUGA, Barwell	Children's play areas	0.02	28.9%	29.2%
374	St Mary's Churchyard, Church Lane, Barwell	Cemeteries	0.17		
397	Stapleton Lane Flood Retention Basin, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.46		
416	The Common Recreational Ground, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	3.23	52.4%	28.0%

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
416.1	The Common Recreational Ground play area, Barwell	Children's play areas	0.12	35.1%	38.2%
477	Willow Tree Close Amenity Green Space, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.36		
515	Leicester Road, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.18		
539	Leicester Road Crematorium, Barwell	Cemeteries	3.26		
544	Charleston Crescent Amenity Green Space, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.06		
545	Russett Close Amenity Green Space, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
546	Barwell Church of England Junior School Playing Field	Outdoor Sports Facility	0.87		
547	Barwell Sports and Social Club	Outdoor Sports Facility	2.35		
548	Saffron Close Amenity Green Space, Barwell	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
549	Newlands Primary School	Outdoor Sports Facility	1.24		

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6.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Barwell. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 6.3: Quality ratings for provision in Barwell

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	45%	49%	55%	3	0
Amenity greenspace	45%	49%	52%	1	1
Provision for children and young people	29%	60%	83%	5	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	36%	42%	48%	1	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Barwell	29%	50%	83%	10	6

Most sites in Barwell score below the thresholds for quality. All three parks score below the quality threshold however, no significant issues are identified. Kirkby Road Recreational Ground (54%) is observed as an attractive, welcoming site with good signage, wide paths through the site, planting, benches and bins. It also has the additional benefits of a play and MUGA. There are no picnic tables, parking or lighting which may explain the lower rating. The site could benefit from more benches.

Likewise, Radford Park (48%) is observed as a good recreational ground with good entrances, paths and signage. It has the additional benefits of benches, a picnic table, a play area and MUGA.

Barwell Park (45%) scores lower for entrances, user security and number of benches. However, the site benefits from a play area and skate park and scores well for maintenance and paths.

Kirkby Road Recreational Ground play area (83%) is the joint highest scoring site in Barwell. The site benefits from good entrances, user security, controls to prevent illegal use, benches, bins and good signage. Furthermore, the site scores well for surface quality, equipment quality, site appearance and overall maintenance.

Boston Way Recreational Ground play area (also 83%) scores high for quality due to featuring good boundary fencing, controls to prevent illegal use, signage, bench and bin Surface, equipment quality and drainage all score high too. Despite scoring high for quality, it is noted as a small play area with a limited amount and range of equipment.

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6.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Barwell. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 6.4: Value ratings for provision in Barwell

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	39%	52%	64%	0	3
Amenity greenspace	28%	31%	33%	0	2
Provision for children and young people	29%	47%	55%	0	9
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	22%	25%	29%	0	2
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Barwell	22%	39%	64%	0	16

All assessed open space sites in Barwell rate above the thresholds for value. This is reflective of the recreational and health benefits each of these sites offer to residents, as well as having a sense of place within the community.

Kirkby Road Recreational Ground play area (55%), one of the highest scoring sites for value, has high amenity benefits providing a good quality site that is welcoming and has seating. The site features a path to the play area and one within with a wide entrance enabling pram and wheelchair access contributing to high social inclusion.

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PART 7: BURBAGE

7.1 Current Provision

There are 64 open space sites identified in Burbage equating to over 75 hectares of provision. The largest site is the portion of Burbage Common and Woods in the area at 22.91 hectares. There are no parks identified in Burbage. In addition, there are six outdoor sport facility sites equating to 8.26 hectares. There are also two sites, Frezenberg Close and Jubilee Way, not included in the audit as they are SUDs and not accessible open space.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such provision on this basis.

Table 7.1: Current open space provision in Burbage

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	34	26.89	1.63
Provision for children and young people	18	0.56	0.03
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	5	39.57	2.40
Allotments	3	5.95	0.36
Cemeteries	2	2.79	-
Civic space	1	0.01	0.006
Green corridors	1	0.10	0.01
Total	64	75.87	4.59

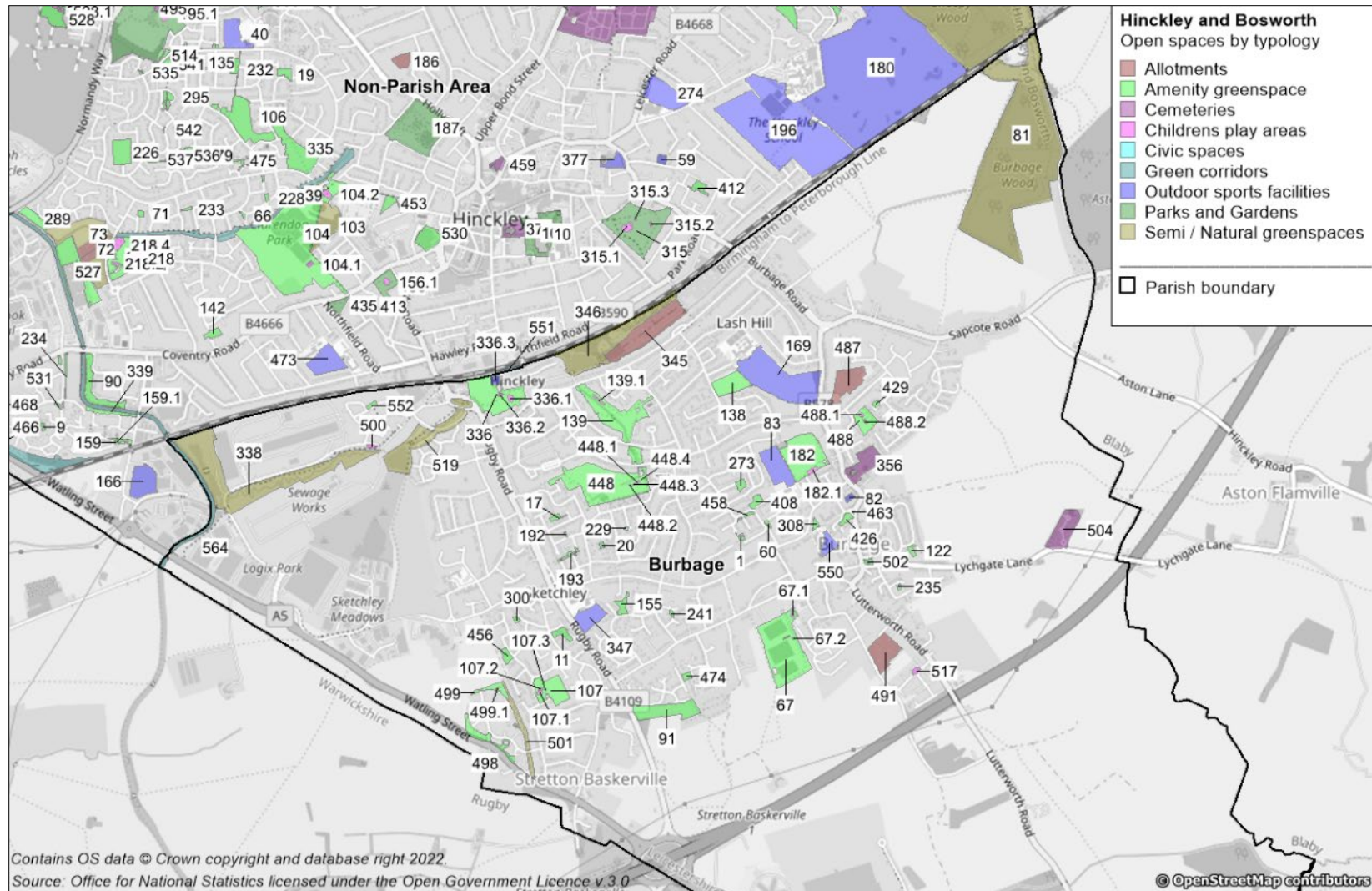
There is a total of 4.59 hectares per 1,000 population in Burbage. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision. Furthermore, the parish is one of the areas with a larger population (16,509).

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Burbage has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace (1.34) and allotments (0.35). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in provision for children and young people (0.06) and natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56). No parks and gardens exist within the area.

Figure 7.1 overleaf shows the open space provision within Burbage.

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Figure 7.1: Open space provision mapped in Burbage



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Table 7.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (Ha)	Quality score	Value score
1	Abbots Green Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
11	Armour Close Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.28		
17	Aster Way Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
20	Azalea Walk Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.04		
60	Bowman Green Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.05		
67	Britannia Road Recreation Ground, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	4.68	46.2%	48.0%
67.1	Britannia Road Recreation Ground play areas, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.03	76.3%	50.9%
67.2	Britannia Road Recreation Ground basketball, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.007	33.0%	20.0%
81	Burbage Common and Woods*	Semi / Natural greenspaces	22.91		
82	Burbage Constitutional Bowls Club, Church Street	Outdoor sports facilities	0.10		
83	Burbage Junior School Playing Field, Grove Road	Outdoor sports facilities	1.57		
91	Canberra Way Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	1.71	57.5%	33.0%
107	Colts Close Recreation Ground, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	1.36	74.5%	50.0%
107.1	Colts Close Recreation Ground play area, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.04	75.3%	50.9%
107.2	Colts Close Recreation Ground outdoor gym, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.02	75.3%	50.9%
107.3	Colts Close Recreation Ground basketball, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.003	75.3%	50.9%
122	De-La-Bere Crescent Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.11		
138	Far Lash Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	1.19	43.5%	28.0%
139	Farm Road Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	3.21	66.1%	45.0%
139.1	Farm Road Amenity Green Space outdoor gym, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.05	37.1%	41.8%
155	Grange Drive Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.29		

* Quality and value rating is attributed to part of site within the non-parish area

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (Ha)	Quality score	Value score
169	Hastings High School Playing Field, St Catherines Close, Burbage	Outdoor sports facilities	4.96		
182	Hinckley Road Recreation Ground, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	2.82	58.7%	40.0%
182.1	Hinckley Road Recreation Ground play area, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.07	77.7%	50.9%
192	Hyacinth Way Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.02		
193	Iris Close Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.13		
229	Lilac Close Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.02		
235	Lychgate Close Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.03		
241	Maple Close Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.04		
273	Millers Green Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.15		
300	Pennant Road Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.06		
308	Pughes Paddock, Grove Road, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
336	Rugby Road Recreation Area, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	2.72	63.1%	23.0%
336.1	Rugby Road Recreation Area play area, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.06	67.0%	54.5%
336.2	Rugby Road Recreation Area MUGA, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.03	38.5%	47.3%
336.3	Rugby Road Recreation Area bowling green, Burbage	Outdoor sports facilities	0.15		
338	Sketchley Brook Green Corridor, Burbage	Semi / Natural greenspaces	11.30	39.4%	30.9%
345	Sketchley Brook Allotments, Burbage	Allotments	3.09	34.7%	28.6%
346	Sketchley Brook Recreational Corridor, Burbage	Semi / Natural greenspaces	4.52	30.9%	33.6%
347	Sketchley Hill Primary School Playing Field, Sketchley Road, Burbage	Outdoor sports facilities	1.01		
356	St Catherine's Churchyard, Church Street, Burbage	Cemeteries	1.29		
408	Swains Green Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.22		
426	The Horsepool, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.18		
429	The Meadows Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.06		

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (Ha)	Quality score	Value score
448	Sketchley Hill Farm Recreation Ground, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	4.78	61.4%	50.0%
448.1	Sketchley Hill Farm Recreation Ground play area, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.02	65.6%	47.3%
448.2	Sketchley Hill Farm Recreation Ground basketball, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.007	35.7%	38.2%
448.3	Sketchley Hill Farm Recreation Ground tyre swing, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.004		
448.4	Sketchley Hill Farm Recreation Ground youth shelter, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.002		
456	Troon Way Flood Retention Basin, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.23		
458	Twycross Road Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
463	War Memorial Garden, Burbage	Civic spaces	0.01		
474	Westminster Drive Amenity Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
487	Woodland Avenue Allotments, Burbage	Allotments	1.42	51.0%	28.6%
488	Woodland Avenue Green Space, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.72	60.4%	45.0%
488.1	Woodland Avenue play area, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.03	78.0%	50.9%
488.2	Woodland Avenue MUGA, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.02		
491	Workhouse Lane Allotments, Burbage	Allotments	1.44	36.7%	21.9%
498	Kensington Avenue, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.76		
499	Highgrove Close, Burbage	Amenity greenspace	0.39		
499.1	Highgrove Close play area, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.009	33.3%	38.2%
500	Amber Way play area, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.06		
501	Kensington Avenue woodland, Burbage	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.84		
502	Burbage Library	Amenity greenspace	0.08		
504	Burbage Cemetery	Cemeteries	1.51		
517	Flanders Close/Passchendaele Drive Play Area, Burbage	Children's play areas	0.08		
519	Sketchley Brook Green Corridor (East), Burbage	Semi / Natural greenspaces	3.13	39.4%	30.9%

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (Ha)	Quality score	Value score
550	Burbage Church of England Infant School	Outdoor Sports Facilities	0.47		
551	Station Road Nature Corridor, Burbage	Green Corridor	0.10		
552	Indigo Drive, Burbage	Amenity Green Space	0.08		

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7.2 Quality

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Table 7.3: Quality ratings for provision in Burbage

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	44%	59%	75%	2	7
Provision for children and young people	33%	56%	78%	6	10
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	31%	35%	39%	3	0
Allotments	35%	41%	51%	2	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Burbage	31%	48%	78%	13	18

Most open space provision in Burbage score above the thresholds for quality, suggesting a reasonably high standard of open space provision within the parish.

Sketchley Brook Recreational Corridor (31%) scores the lowest for quality due to being identified as a long strip of unmanaged woodland. The site features a bench but scores low for its condition. The site is devoid of signage and scores low for user security. However, the site benefits from a path running through the site and as an area for habitats.

Highgrove Close Play Area (33%) scores below the quality threshold. The site features wooden agility equipment on a small grass area within new housing. It also contains a path beside the equipment, a bench and bin. However, the site has no fencing or signage lowering its score. It is perceived as reasonably used but does not contain a lot of equipment.

High scoring sites include Woodland Avenue play area (78%) and Hinckley Road Recreation Ground play area (78%). Both sites benefit from good entrances, boundary fencing, controls to prevent illegal use, user security, benches, litter bins and signage. Both play areas are also perceived as well used. Woodland Avenue play area is observed as featuring a reasonable amount of provision within a small recreation ground. There is also a MUGA. This rates low for quality due to containing loose gravel and faded line markings.

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Hinckley Road Recreation Ground play area has the additional benefit of car parking, including disabled car parking further adding to its benefits. Consultation with Burbage Parish Council identifies that the play equipment at Hinckley Road Recreation Ground play area has been upgraded.

Other play areas within the parish have been upgraded. Burbage Parish Council highlights play equipment at Tilton Road Recreation Ground play area (66%) and Rugby Road Recreation Area play area (67%) have been upgraded. Both sites score high for quality and have good ancillary features including bins, benches and signage.

Sketchley Hill Farm Recreation Ground (61%) provides a useful amenity greenspace for families and children containing a range of play provision. This large recreation ground features a play area, tyre swing, basketball area and youth shelter. It has the additional benefits of good entrances, a car park, good access within the site, numerous benches and bins. Burbage Parish Council note that the play equipment has been upgraded and a new pathway installed improving the overall appearance and quality of the site.

Woodland Avenue allotments (51%), which has 79 plots on site, scores high for quality. It contains good pathways around and through the site, well-maintained plots, a car park and a gardening club store. Burbage Parish Council note that the site has the additional benefit of fresh water supply. The site is very high in demand with 70 people on the waiting list. There is another allotment site in the parish (Workhouse Lane Allotments) scoring 37% which is below the quality threshold. Plot numbers and waiting lists are unknown for this site.

7.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Burbage. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 7.4: Value ratings for provision in Burbage

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	23%	40%	50%	0	9
Provision for children and young people	20%	45%	55%	0	16
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	31%	32%	34%	0	3
Allotments	22%	26%	29%	0	3
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Burbage	20%	36%	55%	0	31

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All assessed sites in Burbage score above the threshold for value. This is reflective of the recreational and health benefits each of these sites offer to residents, as well as having a sense of place within the community.

Colts Close Recreation Ground (50%) scores high for value due to featuring a wide range of play equipment including a play area, outdoor gym equipment and a basketball area providing high amenity and social benefits and physical activity. The wide paths and entrances enhance social inclusivity, and the site helps serve the residential area.

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PART 8: CADEBY

8.1 Current Provision

There are three open space sites identified in Cadeby equating to over 17 hectares of provision. The Grounds of Cadeby Hall, Main Street is excluded due to being private grounds and not publicly accessible. In addition, there is one outdoor sport facility equating to 3.36 hectares.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such provision on this basis.

Table 8.1: Current open space provision in Cadeby

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	1	0.13	0.57
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	1	16.82	73.13
Allotments	-	-	-
Cemeteries	1	0.21	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	3	17.16	74.60

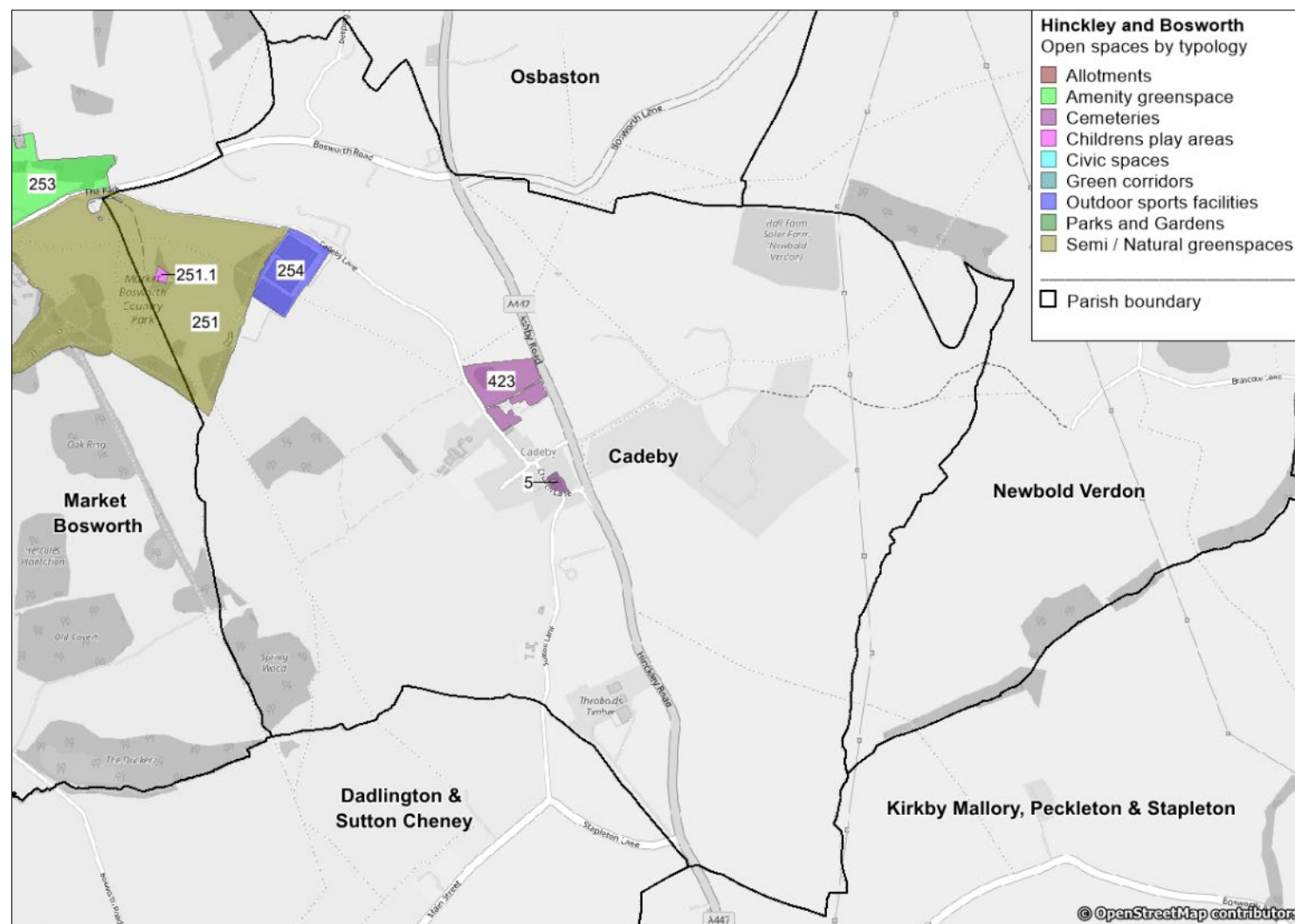
There is a total of 74.60 hectares per 1,000 population in Cadeby. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be well served in terms of quantity of open space provision. However, the population is relatively small at 230 residents.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Cadeby has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56) and provision for children and young people (0.06), however the park is located away from Cadeby Village within Market Bosworth Country Park. No parks and gardens, amenity greenspace or allotments exist within the area.

Figure 8.1 overleaf shows the open space provision within Cadeby.

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Figure 8.1: Open space provision mapped in Cadeby



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Table 8.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
5	All Saints Churchyard and Cemetery, Cadeby	Cemeteries	0.21		
251.1	Market Bosworth Country Park play area, Market Bosworth	Children's play areas	0.13	79.4%	50.9%
254	Market Bosworth Rugby Club, Cadeby Lane	Outdoor sports facilities	3.36		

Market Bosworth Country Park is included within the sites for Market Bosworth.

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8.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Cadeby. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 8.3: Quality ratings for provision in Cadeby

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	79%	79%	79%	0	1
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Cadeby	79%	79%	79%	0	1

The only site assessed in Cadeby is Market Bosworth Country Park play area which rates above the quality threshold. It is identified as visually appealing, with good entrances, controls to prevent illegal use, user security, benches and litter bins. It has the additional benefits of signage, car parking sufficient disabled access, good surfaces and equipment. It appears to be a popular play area within a popular country park adding to its benefits.

8.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Cadeby. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

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Table 8.4: Value ratings for provision in Cadeby

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	51%	51%	51%	0	1
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Cadeby	51%	51%	51%	0	1

Market Bosworth Country Park play area (51%) scores above the value threshold. Located in an attractive country park and with most of the equipment wooden, this adds to the aesthetics and structural landscape benefits. The site has high social and amenity benefits due to being a popular site providing opportunities for children and families to interact with one another, however the park has better geographical relationship to the settlement of Market Bosworth.

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PART 9: CARLTON

9.1 Current Provision

There are four open space sites identified in Carlton equating to almost a hectare of provision. The largest site is St Andrew's Church Carlton at 0.25 hectares. There are no parks and gardens, natural/semi-natural greenspace, allotments, outdoor sports facilities, civic space or green corridors identified in the parish.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such provision on this basis.

Table 9.1: Current open space provision in Carlton

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	2	0.26	0.71
Provision for children and young people	1	0.01	0.03
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-
Cemeteries	1	0.25	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	4	0.52	1.43

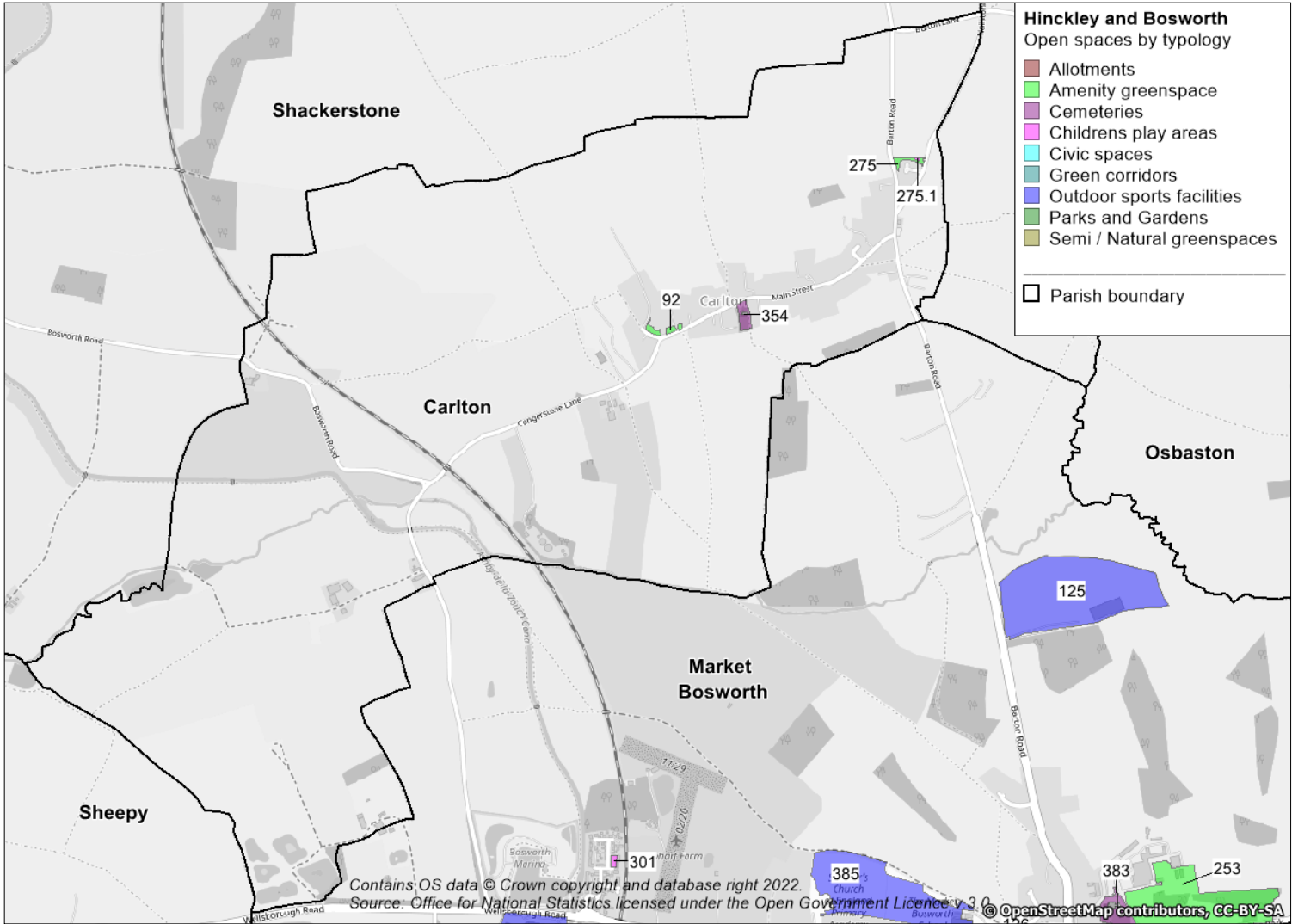
There is a total of 1.43 hectares per 1,000 population in Carlton. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Carlton is below the current provision levels in amenity greenspace (1.34) and provision for children and young people (0.06). No other open space types exist within the parish, other than the cemetery.

Figure 9.1 overleaf shows the open space provision within Carlton.

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Figure 9.1: Open space provision mapped in Carlton



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Table 9.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
92	Carlton Village Green, Shackerstone Walk	Amenity greenspace	0.15		
275	Nailstone Road Amenity Green Space, Carlton	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
275.1	Nailstone Road play area, Carlton	Children's play areas	0.01	72.2%	25.5%
354	St Andrew's Church, Carlton	Cemeteries	0.25		

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9.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Carlton. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 9.3: Quality ratings for provision in Carlton

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	72%	72%	72%	0	1
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Carlton	72%	72%	72%	0	1

Nailstone Road play area scores high for quality and is observed as a small play area in a quiet location. It is likely to be predominantly used by small children who live in the immediate area. In addition, the site is noted as featuring good quality equipment and signage. There are also benches and litter bins further adding to the quality of the site.

Despite not being assessed, Carlton Parish Council cites Nailstone Road Amenity Green Space as a good quality site. It is also known as Carlton Diamond Jubilee Orchard.

9.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Carlton. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

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Table 9.4: Value ratings for provision in Carlton

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	26%	26%	26%	0	1
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Carlton	26%	26%	26%	0	1

Nailstone Road play area rates above the threshold for value. This is reflective of the recreational and health benefits the site offers to residents, as well as having a sense of place within the community. It is a small site however, it is the only play area in the parish of Carlton, therefore provides an important role.

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PART 10: DADLINGTON & SUTTON CHENEY

10.1 Current Provision

There are six open space sites identified in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney equating to over 112 hectares of provision. The largest site is Bosworth Battlefield Country Park at 110.67 hectares. There are no outdoor sports facilities identified in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such provision on this basis.

Table 10.1: Current open space provision in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	1	0.69	1.42
Provision for children and young people	-	-	-
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	1	110.67	228.19
Allotments	1	0.15	0.31
Cemeteries	3	0.68	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	6	112.19	231.32

There is a total of 231.32 hectares per 1,000 population in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be well served in terms of quantity of open space provision. However, it is important to note that this is mostly due to the large natural and semi-natural site of Bosworth Battlefield Country Park.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Dadlington and Sutton Cheney has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace (1.34) and natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in allotments (0.35). No parks or play areas exist within the parish.

Figure 10.1 overleaf shows the open space provision within Dadlington and Sutton Cheney.

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Figure 10.1: Open space provision mapped in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney



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Table 10.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
45	Blacksmiths Lane Allotments, Sutton Cheney	Allotments	0.15		
52	Bosworth Battlefield Country Park	Semi / Natural greenspaces	110.67	53.5%	72.7%
119	Dadlington Village Green	Amenity greenspace	0.69	60.5%	33.0%
359	St James Churchyard and Cemetery, Bosworth Road, Sutton Cheney	Cemeteries	0.33		
362	St James Churchyard and Cemetery, The Green, Dadlington	Cemeteries	0.16		
363	St John the Evangelist Churchyard and Cemetery, Shenton	Cemeteries	0.19		

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10.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 10.3: Quality ratings for provision in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	61%	61%	61%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	-	-	-	-	-
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	54%	54%	54%	0	1
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Dadlington and Cheney	54%	58%	61%	0	2

Dadlington Village Green and Bosworth Battlefield Country Park are the only assessed sites in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney. Both score high for quality. Dadlington Village Green (54%) is observed as being a well-maintained site with ancillary features such as bins, seating and signage. It is also noted as having high quality landscaping, making the site more attractive. The site features trees, a noticeboard and is overlooked. There are no specific paths, however, the grass is maintained.

Bosworth Battlefield Country Park is the second largest site in the Borough and rates high for quality (60%). The site is popular for visitors and an excellent national amenity. The site benefits from numerous benches, bins, car parking and good pathways. It scores high for overall maintenance and cleanliness, drainage and design. The country park is a historic site that has the additional benefits of a heritage centre offering guided battlefield walks and children's activities. A café and toilets are also on site, further adding to its benefits.

10.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

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Table 10.4: Value ratings for provision in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	33%	33%	33%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	-	-	-	-	-
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	73%	73%	73%	0	1
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Distington	33%	53%	73%	0	2

Both assessed sites score above the threshold for value. Dadlington Village Green (33%) offers a relaxing place to sit. Furthermore, it is attractive and features trees and bushes offering ecological value and structural landscape benefits.

Bosworth Battlefield Country Park (73%) scores very high for value due to offering a range of facilities and features for a range of users. The site has good paths, plenty of benches and good parking providing health and amenity benefits. The café offers enhanced economic value. Historical landmarks Richard III Sundial and King Richard III Well plus the heritage centre provide high cultural value. On site is the discovery zone and family fun and award-winning exhibition, providing high amenity and educational benefits. There are also a variety of habitats within the country park providing ecological value.

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PART 11: DESFORD

11.1 Current Provision

There are 28 open space sites identified in Desford equating to over 38 hectares of provision. The largest contributors of provision are natural/semi-natural greenspace (28 hectares), this reflects the Parish Council being located within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest area. The largest site is Hollow Oak Wood (21.56 hectares). There are no parks identified in Desford. In addition, there are three outdoor sports facilities equating to 11.36 hectares.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 11.1: Current open space provision in Desford

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	13	7.71	1.68
Provision for children and young people	10	0.36	0.08
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	2	27.97	6.08
Allotments	1	1.76	0.38
Cemeteries	2	0.81	0.18
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	28	38.61	8.40

There is a total of 8.40 hectares per 1,000 population in Desford. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be underserved in terms of quantity of open space provision.

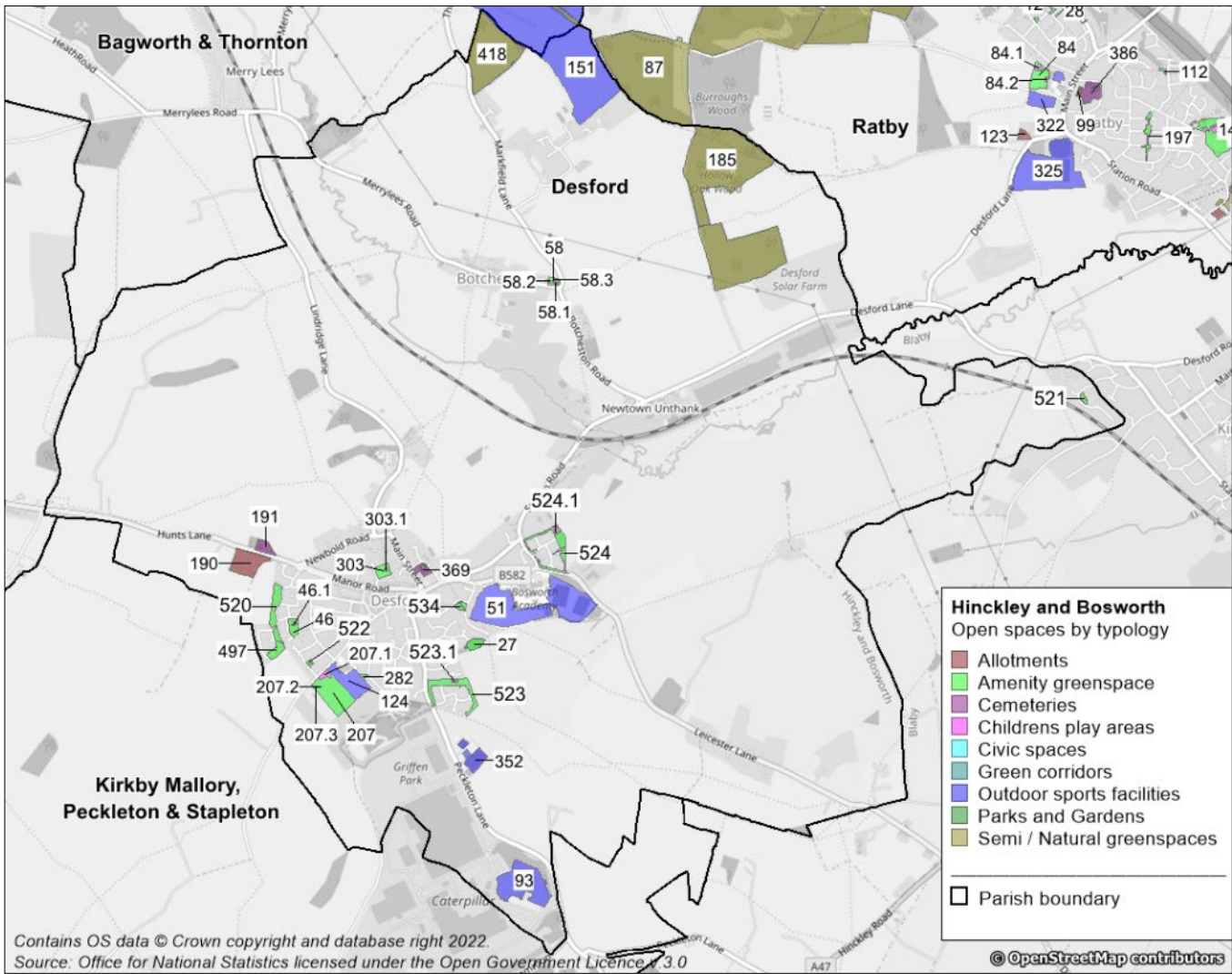
Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Desford has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace (1.34), provision for children and young people (0.06) and allotments (0.35). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in natural and semi-natural greenspace provision (8.56). No parks and gardens exist within the area.

As highlighted above part of the Parish Council area falls within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest boundary and is a key component of the green infrastructure network. The creation of the National Forest is overseen by The National Forest Company, one of the main ways of increasing woodland cover in the area has been tree planting as part of new developments both on and off site. As such planning and development has a key role in the continued creation of the National Forest. Although natural and semi-natural green space is high, this is part of the landscape character of the area and its role within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest.

Figure 11.1 shows the open space provision within Desford

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Figure 11.1: Open space provision mapped in Desford



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Table 11.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
27	Bambrook Close Flood Retention Basin, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.23		
46	Bluebell Green, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.38		
46.1	Bluebell Green play area, Desford	Children's play areas	0.03	50.9%	34.5%
51	Bosworth Academy Playing Fields, Leicester Lane, Desford	Outdoor sports facilities	8.57		
58	Botcheston Playing Field, Main Street	Amenity greenspace	0.20		
58.1	Botcheston Playing Field play areas	Children's play areas	0.03	54.3%	38.2%
58.2	Botcheston Playing Field outdoor gym	Children's play areas	0.008	54.3%	38.2%
58.3	Botcheston Playing Field basketball	Children's play areas	0.002	54.3%	38.2%
93*	Caterpillar Sporting Facilities, Peckleton Lane	Outdoor sports facilities	3.96		
124	Desford Primary School Playing Fields, Kirkby Road	Outdoor sports facilities	1.76		
185	Hollow Oak Wood, Botcheston	Semi / Natural greenspaces	21.56		
190	Hunts Lane Allotments, Desford	Allotments	1.76	45.9%	22.9%
191	Hunts Lane Cemetery, Desford	Cemeteries	0.49		
207	Kirkby Road Recreation Ground, Desford	Amenity greenspace	2.40	70.8%	49.0%
207.1	Kirkby Road Recreation Ground play area, Desford	Children's play areas	0.16	71.1%	54.5%
207.2	Kirkby Road Recreation Ground basketball, Desford	Children's play areas	0.004	71.1%	54.5%
207.3	Kirkby Road Recreation Ground outdoor gym, Desford	Children's play areas	0.01	71.1%	54.5%
282	Norfolk Road Amenity Green Space, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
303	Pleasure Grounds Recreation Area, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.42		
303.1	Pleasure Grounds play area, Desford	Children's play areas	0.02	73.2%	34.5%

* Caterpillar pitches (KKP 93) are no longer available for community use. Please refer the Hinckley and Bosworth Playing Pitch Strategy (2025) for further information.

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
352	Sport in Desford Facility, Peckleton Lane, Desford	Outdoor sports facilities	1.04		
369	St Martins Churchyard, Main Street	Cemeteries	0.32		
418	The Coppice, Botcheston	Semi / Natural greenspaces	6.41	58.5%	30.0%
497	Tumblin Fields Close, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.60	46.5%	28.0%
520	Lockeymead Drive, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.75		
521	Barons Close, Kirby Muxloe	Amenity greenspace	0.13		
522	Warwick Close, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.08		
523	Lowdell Way, Desford	Amenity greenspace	1.12		
523.1	Lowdell Way play area, Desford	Children's play areas	0.04		
524	Barns Way, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.98		
524.1	Barns Way play area, Desford	Children's play areas	0.07		
534	Forest Rise/Drovers Way, Desford	Amenity greenspace	0.19		

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11.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Desford. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 11.3: Quality ratings for provision in Desford

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	47%	59%	71%	1	1
Provision for children and young people	51%	63%	73%	4	3
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	59%	59%	59%	0	1
Allotments	46%	46%	46%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Desford	46%	57%	73%	5	6

Most assessed sites in Desford rate above the thresholds set for quality suggesting a positive standard of quality. Pleasure Grounds play area (73%) is the highest scoring site. The site benefits from good signage, benches, bins and good user security. It is a small play area and scores reasonably well for overall site appearance.

Kirkby Road Recreation Ground and its play areas all score high for quality. The site is well maintained and features an array of play provision including play equipment, outdoor gym and a small basketball area. The play equipment is unfenced however it has a natural aesthetic to it with most of the equipment being wooden adding to its visual appeal and benefits. The site also has car parking (albeit no markings), a football pitch, benches and bins. It is noted that it could benefit from a couple more benches due to its size and what it offers. In addition, there is a sports clubhouse on site and rocks and trees on the border providing an attractive, welcoming site.

The Coppice (59%) is another site scoring above the quality threshold. It is identified as a visually appealing semi-natural site part of the National Forest. The site features pathways used by walkers and joggers and contains numerous trees and wildlife. The site provides bins and signage however no benches.

Botcheston Playing Field play areas (54%) scores just below the quality threshold. It is perceived to be quite well used with reasonably good quality equipment and variety but lacks signage. The site benefits from benches, a picnic table, litter bins, six pieces of outdoor gym equipment and a small football area and basketball post.

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Likewise, Bluebell Green play area (51%) also scores below the quality threshold due to a lack of signage, controls to prevent illegal use and lack of equipment. The site is perceived as reasonably used and is located in a new housing area with wide entrances, paths, benches, bins and good quality equipment.

11.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Desford. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 11.4: Value ratings for provision in Desford

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	28%	39%	49%	0	2
Provision for children and young people	35%	41%	55%	0	7
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	30%	30%	30%	0	1
Allotments	23%	23%	23%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Desford	23%	33%	55%	0	11

All assessed sites rate above the value thresholds. Kirkby Road Recreation Ground play area (55%) is highest scoring site for value in Desford. This well used site has a good range of equipment, including a climbing unit and zip wire, maintained to a high standard providing high amenity, social and health benefits. The equipment is wooden, providing a natural aesthetic enhancing structural landscape benefits.

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PART 12: EARL SHILTON

12.1 Current Provision

There are 38 open space sites identified in Earl Shilton equating to over 17 hectares of provision. The largest site is Weavers Springs Recreational Ground at 4.98 hectares. There are no semi-natural greenspace, civic space or green corridors. In addition, there are six outdoor sports facilities equating to 12.20 hectares.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such provision on this basis.

Table 12.1: Current open space provision in Earl Shilton

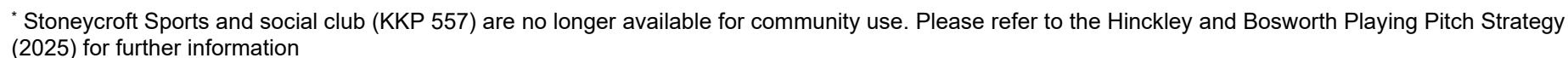
Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	2	3.16	0.30
Amenity greenspace	17	7.68	0.72
Provision for children and young people	11	0.75	0.07
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-
Allotments	4	3.81	0.36
Cemeteries	4	2.43	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	38	17.83	1.68

There is a total of 1.68 hectares per 1,000 population in Earl Shilton. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Earl Shilton has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in provision for children and young people (0.06) and allotments (0.35). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in parks and gardens (0.37) and amenity greenspace (1.34). No natural and semi-natural greenspace exist within the area.

Figure 12.1 overleaf shows the open space provision within Earl Shilton.

Figure 12.1: Open space provision mapped in Earl Shilton*



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Table 12.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
3	Alexander Avenue Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.20		
18	Astley Road Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.34		
48	Borrowdale Close Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.25		
65	Breach Lane Allotments, Earl Shilton	Allotments	1.23	48.0%	27.6%
198	Jubilee Drive, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.08		
198.1	Jubilee Drive Play Area, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.01	79.4%	47.3%
201	Keats Lane Allotments, Earl Shilton	Allotments	2.80	40.8%	22.9%
204	King Richards Hill Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
242	Maple Way Park, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.60	52.1%	40.0%
242.1	Maple Way Park play area, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.18	68.0%	50.9%
242.2	Maple Way Park half MUGA, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.02	47.4%	29.1%
272	Mill Lane Cemetery	Cemeteries	1.46		
284	Northleigh Way Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
288	Oakdale Road Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.24		
313	Queen Elizabeth Hall Fields, Earl Shilton	Parks and gardens	1.52	53.2%	45.5%
313.1	Queen Elizabeth Hall Fields play area, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.04	73.9%	50.9%
388	St Simon and St Judes Churchyard, Almeys Lane, Earl Shilton	Cemeteries	0.56		
460	United Reform Church Allotments, Earl Shilton	Allotments	0.06		
461	United Reform Church Churchyard, High Street, Earl Shilton	Cemeteries	0.27		
470	Weavers Springs Recreational Ground, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	4.98	31.9%	38.0%
470.1	Weavers Springs Recreational Ground play area, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.16	47.4%	47.3%

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
482	Wood Street Community Park, Earl Shilton	Parks and gardens	1.64	52.4%	54.5%
482.1	Wood Street Community Park play area, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.18	72.5%	54.5%
482.2	Wood Street Community Park skate park, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.06	39.9%	47.3%
482.3	Wood Street Community Park pump track, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.06	45.4%	47.3%
482.4	Wood Street Community Park basketball, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.03	45.4%	50.9%
511	Hurst Road Pocket Park, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.05		
511.1	Hurst Road Pocket Park play area, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.008		
512	Oaklands Way Pocket Park, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
512.1	Oaklands Way Pocket Park play area, Earl Shilton	Children's play areas	0.008		
513	Elmdale Road, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.03		
516	Heath Court Allotments, Earl Shilton	Allotments	0.09		
540	Hinckley Road Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
553	Carrs Road Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity Green Space	0.10		
554	Peggs Close Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity Green Space	0.08		
555	St Peters Voluntary Academy, Earl Shilton	Outdoor Sports Facility	0.44		
560	Townlands Church of England Primary School, Earl Shilton	Outdoor Sports Facility	0.68		
559	St Simon and St Judes Primary School, Earl Shilton	Outdoor Sports Facility	0.72		
556	Heath Lane Academy, Earl Shilton	Outdoor Sports Facility	8.48		
557	Stoneycroft Sports and social club, Earl Shilton*	Outdoor Sports Facility	0.71		
558	Earl Shilton Cricket Club, Keats Lane	Outdoor Sports Facility	1.73		
561	Kingscroft Bowling Club, Kings Walk	Outdoor Sports Facility	0.15		
562	Masefield Drive Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity Green Space	0.10		
563	Montgomery Road Amenity Green Space, Earl Shilton	Amenity Green Space	0.24		

* No longer available for community use. Please refer to the Hinckley and Bosworth Playing Pitch Strategy (2025) for further information

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
543	Heath Lane Allotment	Allotments	3.24		

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12.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Earl Shilton. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 12.3: Quality ratings for provision in Earl Shilton

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	52%	53%	53%	2	0
Amenity greenspace	32%	40%	48%	2	0
Provision for children and young people	40%	58%	79%	5	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	41%	44%	48%	0	2
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Earl Shilton	32%	49%	57%	9	6

Most open space provision in Earl Shilton (60%) scores below the thresholds for quality. Weavers Springs Recreational Ground (32%) is observed as a large site with a play area however no other facilities are noted. The site lacks litter bins, seating and signage. Earl Shilton Town Council note that there are plans for new equipment. Weavers Springs Recreational Ground play area (47%) scores lower for quality, but new equipment is likely to enhance its quality and score. The site rates lower for overall appearance and surfaces. Despite featuring a bench, the site could benefit from more.

Wood Street Community Park skate park (40%) also lacks ancillary features such as seating and signage, thus scores below the quality threshold. The wider park (Wood Street Community Park) scores 52% which is slightly below the quality threshold. Consultation with Earl Shilton Town Council identifies it is owned by the Town Council and has suffered from vandalism and litter issues. However, the site benefits from multiple entrances/access points, good paths and access through the site, some signage, a picnic bench, litter bins and a range of play provision including a large play area, pump track, MUGA and skate park. The play area (73%) scores high for quality.

Both assessed allotments Breach Lane Allotments (51%) and Keats Lane Allotments (41%) score above the quality threshold. Both have reasonable boundary fencing, a wide entrance, some signage and are well maintained. They are perceived as well used due to their size and location.

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Other sites of high quality to note include Jubilee Drive Play Area (79%) and Queen Elizabeth Hall Fields play area (74%). The former site is a fairly small play area in a residential area however it provides a useful amenity. It benefits from good entrances, signage, a bench and bin. The surface is noted as good quality and the site has good drainage.

Queen Elizabeth Hall Fields play area (74%) benefits from good boundary fencing, entrances, user security, benches, litter bins and signage. Furthermore, it has the additional benefits of good overall site appearance, equipment, surface and drainage. The site is perceived as well used.

12.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Earl Shilton. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 12.4: Value ratings for provision in Earl Shilton

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	46%	50%	53%	0	2
Amenity greenspace	38%	39%	40%	0	2
Provision for children and young people	29%	47%	55%	0	9
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	23%	25%	28%	0	2
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Earl Shilton	23%	40%	53%	0	15

All open space provision in Earl Shilton rates above the thresholds for value. This is reflective of the recreational and health benefits sites offer to residents.

The highest scoring sites for value are Wood Street Community Park (55%) and Wood Street Community Park play area (55%). Wood Street Community Park is observed as a town centre park with good recreational facilities such as a play area, MUGA, pump track and skate park. The site features accessible pathways through the site, litter bins, benches, a picnic bench and signage.

Wood Street Community Park play area features a good amount and variety of equipment providing high amenity, health and social benefits.

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PART 13: GROBY

13.1 Current Provision

There are 35 open space sites identified in Groby equating to over 47 hectares of provision. The largest contributor is natural/semi-natural provision (30 hectares), this reflects the Parish Council being located partly within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest area. There are no civic spaces or green corridors provision. Note that Groby Cemetery and Butlers Field are in Ratby Parish as they fall just outside the parish boundary of Groby. In addition, there are two outdoor sports facilities equating to 1.78 hectares

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 13.1: Current open space provision in Groby

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	1	6.72	0.91
Amenity greenspace	16	7.39	1.00
Provision for children and young people	9	0.46	0.06
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	6	30.48	4.13
Allotments	2	2.47	0.33
Cemeteries	1	0.41	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	35	47.93	6.49

There is a total of 6.49 hectares per 1,000 population in Groby. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Groby has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in parks and gardens (0.37), and amenity greenspace (1.34). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in amenity greenspace (1.34), allotments (0.35) and natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56).

As highlighted above part of the Parish Council area falls within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest boundary and is a key component of the green infrastructure network. The creation of the National Forest is overseen by The National Forest Company, one of the main ways of increasing woodland cover in the area has been tree planting as part of new developments both on and off site. As such planning and development has a key role in the continued creation of the National Forest. Although natural and semi-natural green space is high, this is part of the landscape character of the area and its role within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest.

Figure 13.1: Open space provision mapped in Groby



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Table 13.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
41	Beacon Field, Groby	Amenity greenspace	1.48	59.0%	40.0%
47	Bluebell Drive	Amenity greenspace	0.31		
61	Branting Hill Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.29		
61.1	Branting Hill play area, Groby	Children's play areas	0.03	70.1%	25.5%
134	Elizabeth Woodville Primary School Playing Fields, Glebe Road, Groby	Outdoor sports facilities	0.73		
149	Flaxfield Close Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.28		
150	Forest Close Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.05		
152	Forest Rise Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.15		
157	Foxglove Drive	Amenity greenspace	0.08		
158	Grey Lodge Wood, Ratby	Semi / Natural greenspaces	9.68	57.8%	30.9%
161	Greys Drive Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.26		
162	Groby Pool	Semi / Natural greenspaces	12.56	75.2%	34.5%
163	Groby Pool Nature Area	Semi / Natural greenspaces	2.00	48.9%	26.4%
214	Lady Jane Grey Primary School Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.33		
223	Laundon Way Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.42		
225	Lawnwood Road Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.04		
245	Marina Park, Groby	Parks and gardens	6.72	60.3%	43.6%
245.1	Marina Park play areas, Groby	Children's play areas	0.10	77.3%	41.8%
245.2	Marina Park play area 2, Groby	Children's play areas	0.01	78.4%	47.3%
245.3	Marina Park youth shelter, Groby	Children's play areas	0.0009	78.4%	47.3%
245.4	Marina Park BMX track, Groby	Children's play areas	0.09	78.4%	47.3%

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
256	Markfield Road Allotments, Groby	Allotments	0.36		
257	Martinshaw Primary School Playing Fields, Forest Rise, Groby	Outdoor sports facilities	1.04		
268	Queen Elizabeth II Park, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.93	46.5%	35.0%
268.1	Queen Elizabeth II Park play area, Groby	Children's play areas	0.08	71.1%	34.5%
305	Poplars Close Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.06		
309	Quarry Park, Groby	Amenity greenspace	2.49	55.8%	43.0%
309.1	Quarry Park play area, Groby	Children's play areas	0.06	80.1%	50.9%
309.2	Quarry Park basketball court, Groby	Children's play areas	0.07	80.1%	50.9%
309.3	Quarry Park outdoor gym, Groby	Children's play areas	0.02	80.1%	50.9%
323	Ratby Road Allotments, Groby	Allotments	2.11	52.0%	28.6%
324	Ratby Road Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.09		
387	St Philips and St James Churchyard, Markfield Road, Groby	Cemeteries	0.41		
392	Stamford Memorial Park	Parks and gardens	3.81		
406	Stephenson Way North Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.06		
407	Stephenson Way South Amenity Green Space, Groby	Amenity greenspace	0.04		
431	The Old Mineral Line, Groby	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.36		
434	The Pinfold Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.44		
436	The Spinney	Semi / Natural greenspaces	4.24	61.7%	30.0%
525	Groby Meadow, Groby	Semi / Natural greenspaces	1.65		

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13.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Groby. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 13.3: Quality ratings for provision in Groby

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	60%	60%	60%	0	1
Amenity greenspace	47%	55%	59%	1	2
Provision for children and young people	34%	59%	80%	1	8
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	49%	61%	75%	0	3
Allotments	52%	52%	52%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Groby	34%	60%	80%	2	15

All but two sites in Groby rates above the thresholds set for quality suggesting a high standard of quality.

Meadow Way Amenity Green Space (49%) scores below the quality threshold. It does only score slightly below the quality threshold. The site benefits from good entrances, user security, signage, seating, litter bins and some play equipment. There are no specific paths however, the site appears well maintained and benefits from trees and other planting.

Marina Park BMX track (35%) scores below the quality threshold due to poor surfaces, overgrown grass and is poorly maintained. Groby Parish Council note plans to upgrade and resurface the track to make it more accessible for other users (i.e., skateboard, scooters). In contrast, Marina Park play areas (77%) scores high for quality due to good entrances and ancillary features such as bins, seating, signage and controls to prevent illegal use. Note some of the wetpour surface is observed as being worn in areas.

Quarry Park play area (80%) is the highest scoring site for quality in Groby. The site features a good range of good quality equipment, boundary fencing, user security, benches, litter bins and signage. Furthermore, the site has the additional benefits of car parking, including disabled car parking and sufficient disabled access. The site is located near to Groby Martinshaw Primary School thus, likely to be well used. Adjacent to the play area is an outdoor gym containing eight pieces of equipment as well as a MUGA.

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13.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Groby A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 13.4: Value scores for provision in Groby

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	44%	44%	44%	0	1
Amenity greenspace	35%	39%	43%	0	3
Provision for children and young people	26%	40%	51%	0	9
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	26%	31%	35%	0	3
Allotments	29%	29%	29%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Groby	26%	37%	51%	0	17

All assessed sites rate above the value threshold. The highest scoring site for value, Quarry Park play area, is also the highest scoring for quality. The site has good physical activity opportunities featuring a multi play climbing equipment, a MUGA and outdoor gym equipment.

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PART 14: HIGHAM ON THE HILL

14.1 Current Provision

There are eight open space sites identified in Higham on the Hill equating to over three hectares of provision. The largest site is King George V Playing Field, Main Street at nearly one hectare. There are currently no parks, green corridors or civic space provision. In addition, there are four outdoor sports facility sites equating to 4.08 hectares.

Cemeteries does not have a current provision level as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 14.1: Current open space provision in Higham on the Hill

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	1	0.90	1.74
Provision for children and young people	4	0.12	0.13
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	1	1.34	1.42
Allotments	1	0.73	0.77
Cemeteries	1	0.43	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	8	3.52	3.72

There is a total of 3.72 hectares per 1,000 population in Higham on the Hill. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

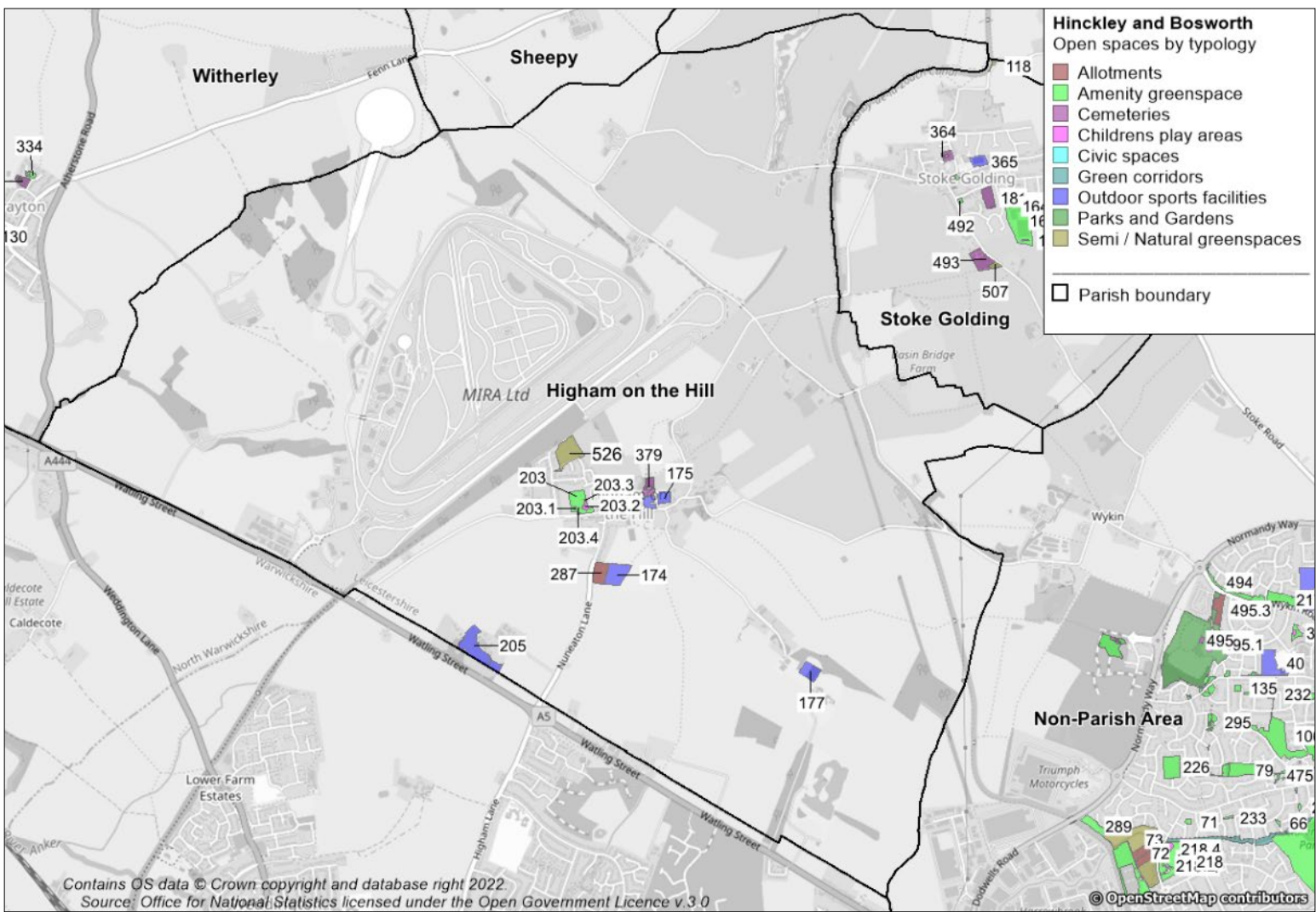
Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Higham on the Hill has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace (1.34), provision for children and young people (0.06) and allotments (0.35). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in provision for natural and semi-natural greenspace provision (8.56). No parks and gardens exist within the area.

The parish is also likely to be served to some extent by sites in Stoke Golding and Hinckley.

Figure 14.1 shows the open space provision within Higham on the Hill.

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Figure 14.1: Open space provision mapped in Higham on the Hill



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Table 14.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
174	Higham on the Hill Cricket Club, Nuneaton Lane	Outdoor sports facilities	1.08		
175	Higham on the Hill Primary School Playing Fields, Main St	Outdoor sports facilities	0.64		
177	Hijaz College, Watling Street	Outdoor sports facilities	0.64		
203	King George V Playing Field, Main Street, Higham on the Hill	Amenity greenspace	1.00	57.0%	50.0%
203.1	King George V Playing Field play area, Higham on the Hill	Children's play areas	0.02	61.5%	60.0%
203.2	King George V Playing Field play area 2, Higham on the Hill	Children's play areas	0.02		
203.3	King George V Playing Field skate park, Higham on the Hill	Children's play areas	0.08		
203.4	King George V Playing Field half MUGA, Higham on the Hill	Children's play areas	0.01		
205	Kings Lodge Training Centre, Watling Street	Outdoor sports facilities	1.72		
287	Nuneaton Lane Allotments, Higham on the Hill	Allotments	0.73	33.7%	21.9%
379	St Peter's Churchyard and Cemetery, Main Street, Higham on the Hill	Cemeteries	0.43		
526	Hilary Bevins Close, Higham on the Hill	Semi / Natural greenspaces	1.34		

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14.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Higham on the Hill. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 14.3: Quality ratings for provision in Higham on the Hill

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	57%	57%	57%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	62%	62%	62%	0	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	34%	34%	34%	1	0
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Higham on the Hill	34%	51%	62%	1	5

Almost all the sites in Higham on the Hill rate above the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a high standard of quality. Nuneaton Lane Allotments (34%) scores below the quality threshold due to poor entrances with no path beside the road to access the site safely.

King George V Playing Field, Main Street (57%) and its featured play areas (62%) score high for quality. The amenity greenspace is noted as a good quality site featuring entrance signage, a path around the site, picnic benches, a dog bin and litter bin. In addition, the site features extensive play provision including a play area, half unfenced MUGA, zip wire and skate ramps, further adding to its benefits. The site is well used by locals and dog walkers.

Despite the play areas scoring above the quality threshold, it is noted that some of the equipment and surfaces are outdated. Furthermore, the skate ramps are observed as being rusty.

14.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Higham on the Hill. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

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Table 14.4: Value scores for provision in Higham on the Hill

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	50%	50%	50%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	60%	60%	60%	0	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	22%	22%	22%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Higham on the Hill	22%	44%	60%	0	6

All assessed sites score above the value threshold. King George V Playing Field play area (60%) scores the highest for value in Higham on the Hill. The site provides high social benefits through interaction through play and the site has physical activity opportunities providing a good local amenity for its users. It is within an attractive greenspace enhancing structural landscape benefits.

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PART 15: KIRKBY MALLORY, PECKLETON & STAPLETON

15.1 Current Provision

There are nine open space sites identified in Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton equating to 3.83 hectares of provision. The largest open space site is The Leys, Main Street, Kirkby Mallory (1.67 hectares). In addition, there is an outdoor sports facility site equating to 1.02 hectares.

Table 15.1: Current open space provision in Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	3	2.70	2.64
Provision for children and young people	3	0.13	0.13
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-
Cemeteries	3	1.00	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	9	3.83	3.74

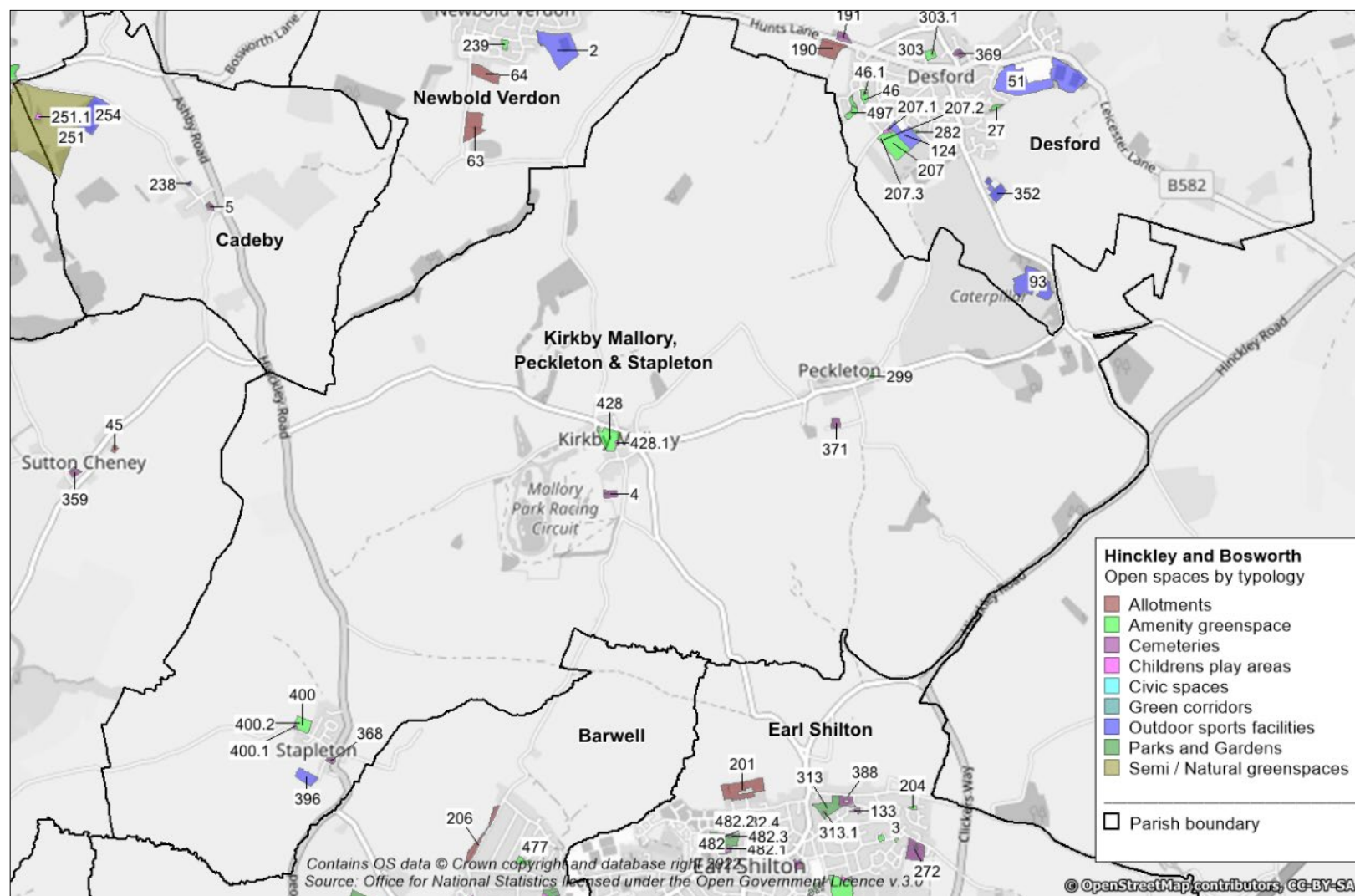
There is a total of 3.74 hectares per 1,000 population in Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be underserved in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton. has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace (1.34) and provision for children and young people (0.06). No other types of open space exist within the area other than three cemeteries.

Figure 15.1 shows the open space provision within Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton.

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Figure 15.1: Open space provision mapped in Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton



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Table 15.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
4	All Saints Church, Church Road, Kirkby Mallory	Cemeteries	0.41		
299	Peckleton Common Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.11		
368	St Martins Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Lane, Stapleton	Cemeteries	0.18		
371	St Mary Magdalene's Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Road, Peckleton	Cemeteries	0.40		
396	Stapleton Cricket Club, Church Lane	Outdoor sports facilities	1.02		
400	Stapleton Recreation Ground, Dadlington Lane	Amenity greenspace	0.91	44.2%	38.0%
400.1	Stapleton Recreation Ground play area	Children's play areas	0.07	45.4%	38.2%
400.2	Stapleton Recreation Ground half MUGA	Children's play areas	0.008	24.7%	16.4%
428	The Leys, Main Street, Kirkby Mallory	Amenity greenspace	1.67	46.9%	39.0%
428.1	The Leys play area, Kirkby Mallory	Children's play areas	0.06	65.6%	47.3%

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15.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 15.3: Quality ratings for provision in Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	44%	46%	47%	2	0
Provision for children and young people	25%	45%	66%	2	1
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Kirby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton	25%	46%	66%	4	1

The Leys play area, Kirkby Mallory (66%) is the only site to score above its quality threshold. It is observed as a reasonably sized play area within a spacious amenity greenspace. The site benefits from good boundary fencing, controls to prevent illegal use, user security, litter bins and signage. There are also benches installed however it could benefit from additional seating. Moreover, the site features natural equipment adding to its benefits.

Stapleton Recreation Ground half MUGA (25%) scores below the quality threshold due to being observed as a small court with poor surfaces. Further to this, the site lacks signage, benches and bins and scores lower for entrances. Consequently, it is perceived as hardly used.

Similarly, Stapleton Recreation Ground play area (45%) also scores below the quality threshold due to limited equipment, no benches or bins. However, the site benefits from signage.

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15.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 15.4: Value ratings for provision in Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	38%	39%	39%	0	2
Provision for children and young people	16%	34%	47%	1	2
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Kirby Mallory, Peckleton & Stapleton	16%	37%	47%	1	4

The majority of assessed sites rate above the thresholds for value. Stapleton Recreation Ground half MUGA scores low for value to being small and with a poor surface limiting play benefits and use.

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PART 16: MARKET BOSWORTH

16.1 Current Provision

There are 21 open space sites identified in Market Bosworth equating to nearly 30 hectares of provision. There are currently no parks or green corridors. In addition, there are five outdoor sports facility sites equating to 17.85 hectares.

Station Road Green Space (MKBOS28) was included in the previous 2016 study. However, the land is not accessible to the public. It is therefore not included in this study.

Cemeteries does not have a current provision level as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 16.1: Current open space provision in Market Bosworth

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	12	9.40	4.47
Provision for children and young people	3	0.16	0.08
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	1	18.36	8.73
Allotments	2	0.45	0.21
Cemeteries	2	1.16	-
Civic space	1	0.07	0.03
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	21	29.60	14.07

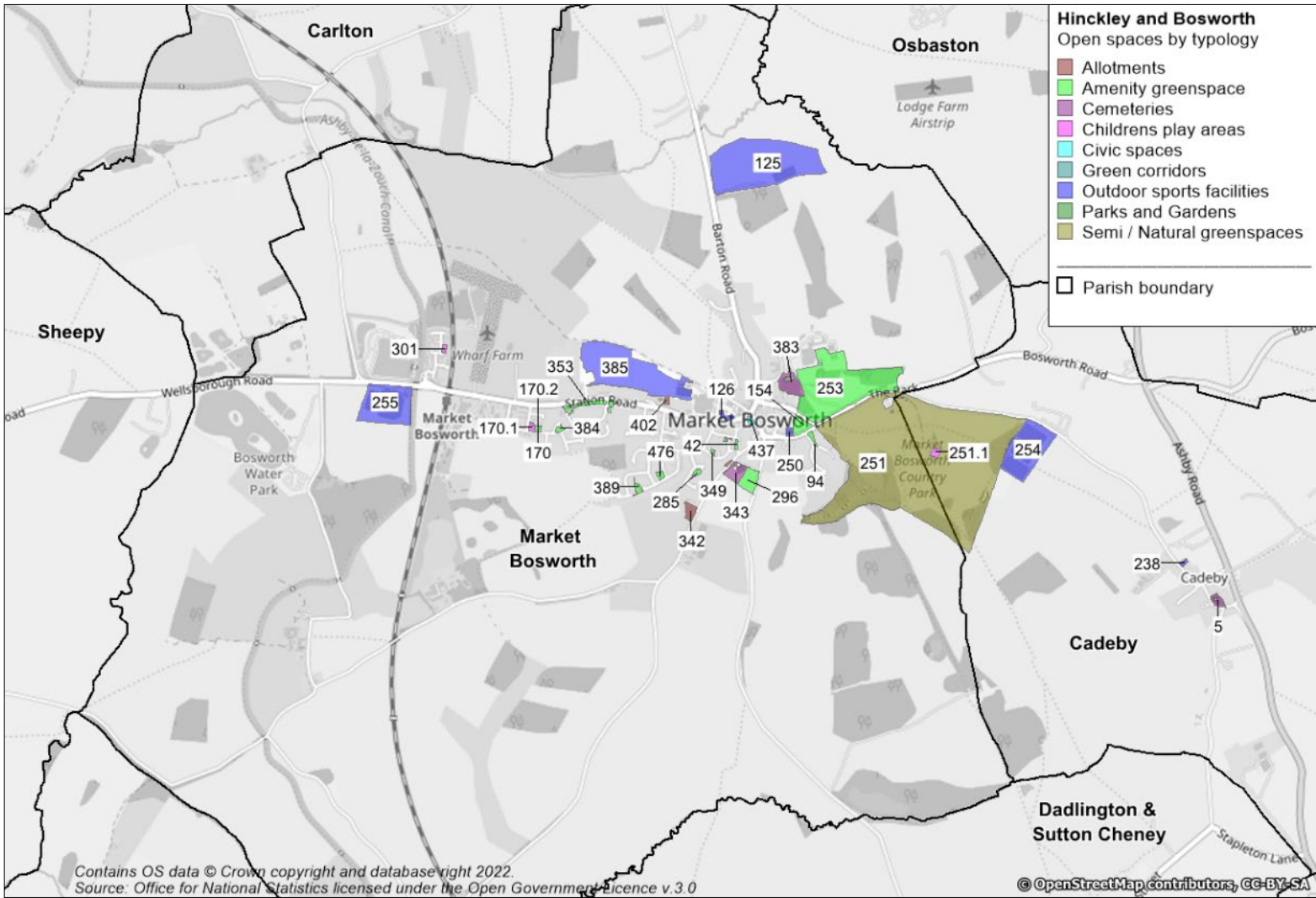
There is a total of 14.07 hectares per 1,000 population in Market Bosworth. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Market Bosworth has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace (1.34), provision for children and young people (0.06), natural and semi-natural and greenspace provision (8.56). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in allotments (0.35). No parks and gardens exist within the area.

Figure 16.1 shows the open space provision within Market Bosworth.

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Figure 16.1: Open space provision mapped in Market Bosworth



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Table 16.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
42	Beckett Avenue Amenity Green Space, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.09		
94	Cedar Drive Amenity Green Space Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
125	Dixie Grammar Sch. Playing Fields & Market. Bosworth Tennis Club	Outdoor sports facilities	8.21		
126	Dixie Grammar School Courts, Station Road, Market Bosworth	Outdoor sports facilities	0.12		
154	Garden of Remembrance and Parish Field, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.43		
170	Heath Road Green Space, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
170.1	Heath Road Green Space play area, Market Bosworth	Children's play areas	0.10	76.3%	47.3%
170.2	Heath Road Green Space basketball, Market Bosworth	Children's play areas	0.003	76.3%	47.3%
250	Market Bosworth Bowling Club Green	Outdoor sports facilities	0.10		
251	Market Bosworth Country Park	Semi / Natural greenspaces	18.36	89.7%	63.6%
253	Market Bosworth Hall	Amenity greenspace	7.60	78.4%	70.0%
255	Market Bosworth Sports & Social Club, Wellsborough Road	Outdoor sports facilities	3.31		
285	Northumberland Avenue Amenity Green Space, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
296	Parish Field, Sutton Lane, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.61	17.7%	12.0%
301	Pipistrelle Drive Children's Play Area, Market Bosworth	Children's play areas	0.06	79.4%	34.5%
342	Shenton Lane Allotments, Market Bosworth	Allotments	0.36		
343	Market Bosworth Cemetery	Cemeteries	0.45		
349	Southfield Way Amenity Green Space, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.04		

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
353	Springfield Avenue Amenity Green Space, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.38		
383	St Peters Churchyard, Church Street, Market Bosworth	Cemeteries	0.71		
384	St Peters Close Amenity Green Space, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.09		
385	St Peters Primary School & Market Bosworth High School Playing Fields	Outdoor sports facilities	6.11		
389	Stanley Road Amenity Green Space, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
402	Station Road Allotments, Market Bosworth	Allotments	0.07		
437	The Square, Market Bosworth	Civic spaces	0.07		
476	Weston Drive Amenity Green Space, Market Bosworth	Amenity greenspace	0.09		

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16.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Market Bosworth. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 16.3: Quality ratings for provision in Market Bosworth

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	18%	48%	78%	1	1
Provision for children and young people	50%	67%	76%	1	2
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	90%	90%	90%	0	1
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Market Bosworth	18%	68%	90%	2	4

Most assessed sites (67%) in Market Bosworth rate above the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a positive standard of quality.

Market Bosworth Country Park (90%) is the highest scoring site for quality in the parish. It is also the highest scoring site for quality in the whole borough. The site is fantastic for locals and visitors offering a wide range of facilities and features. It features plenty of benches, picnic benches, bins, excellent signage, is well maintained and very visually appealing. It also has the additional benefits of car parking (including disabled car parking) and cycle parking. There is an arboretum, lakes, ponds, wildflower meadows, a play area and accessible paths further adding to its benefits and a great place for a range of users. The arboretum contains a collection of exotic tree species such as Japanese maples and the wildflower meadows within the parkland contribute to greater biodiversity and attract a wide range of pollinating insects in the spring and summer months. The site also contains a bird feeding station which is visited by great spotted woodpeckers and nuthatches. Unsurprisingly, Market Bosworth Country Park is very well used and scores very high for quality.

Opposite to Market Bosworth Country Park is Market Bosworth Hall (78%) which also scores high for quality. It is identified as an attractive, well maintained and well used site. It benefits from plants and flowers as well as the historical landmark of Bosworth Hall Water Tower. Benches, picnic tables, litter bins, car parking and good signage are present on site adding to its benefits.

Despite not being assessed, Garden of Remembrance and Parish Field, adjacent to Market Bosworth Country Park and Market Bosworth Hall, is highlighted by Market Bosworth Parish Council as an open space and formal garden with information boards. The Parish Council note it to be of good quality.

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Heath Road Green Space play area (76%) scores above the quality threshold due to featuring good quality equipment, signage, litter bins, boundary fencing and controls to prevent illegal use. However, the surface is worn in parts. The site's score is reflected in the views of the parish council who also identify the site as being good quality. There is also a basketball post within Heath Road Green Space that is highlighted as average quality. The area is small, limiting its use.

Pipistrelle Drive Children's Play Area (79%) is observed as a small play area in the middle of a new housing development. The site features good quality equipment, a bench, picnic bench, great signage and bins. It has two entrances and is overlooked on each side enhancing the perception of safety. There are no identified issues.

Although not assessed, Market Bosworth Parish Council identifies Market Bosworth Cemetery as good quality.

In contrast, Parish Field, Sutton Lane (18%) scores low for quality due to a lack of ancillary features and poor access. The site is not the most welcoming and is accessed by a narrow road. The site is quite spacious with the potential to be improved with added ancillary features. Adding features such as flowers, trees and a bench could enhance it.

16.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Market Bosworth. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 16.4: Value ratings for provision in Market Bosworth

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest %score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	12%	41%	70%	1	1
Provision for children and young people	35%	39%	47%	0	3
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	68%	68%	68%	0	1
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Market Bosworth	12%	49%	70%	1	5

All but one site rates above the value thresholds. Parish Field, Sutton Lane 12% scores below the value threshold due to being a basic greenspace with no facilities. Entrances score low and access within and through the site is poor. There is no signage, paths, benches or bins, limiting its amenity and social inclusion benefits.

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Market Bosworth Country Park and Market Bosworth Hall are the highest scoring sites for value in Market Bosworth. Both sites have high ecological value as featuring an abundance of wildlife and various trees and plants. Both also offer historic value; Market Bosworth Country Park has a historic parkland landscape and Market Bosworth Hall contains Bosworth Hall Water Tower, a historic landmark. These features provide cultural and heritage value as well as educational benefits.

Market Bosworth Country Park has very high ecological and biological benefits. The park incorporates a Bow Pool Lake and a series of ponds, supporting diverse habitats for a wide range of species. The wildflower meadows within the site offer greater biodiversity and attract a range of pollinating insects spring and summer. Works with a local beekeeper has provided the creation of two mature hives and honey production.

The site also has the additional benefit of a visitor centre further enhancing its value. It contains accessible paths, car parking including disabled car parking providing high amenity and health benefits as well as social inclusion. Furthermore, it hosts a weekly park run providing further amenity benefits to the public.

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OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT

PART 17: MARKFIELD

17.1 Current Provision

There are 23 open space sites identified in Markfield equating to over 83 hectares of provision. The largest contributor of provision is natural/semi-natural greenspace (75 hectares), this reflects the Parish Council being located within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest area. In addition, there are two outdoor sports facility sites equating to 3.56 hectares.

Cemeteries does not have a current provision level as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 18.1: Current open space provision in Markfield

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	11	5.73	1.26
Provision for children and young people	4	0.11	0.02
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	4	75.29	16.51
Allotments	1	0.92	0.20
Cemeteries	3	1.58	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	22	83.63	18.34

There is a total of 18.34 hectares per 1,000 population in Markfield. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be well served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

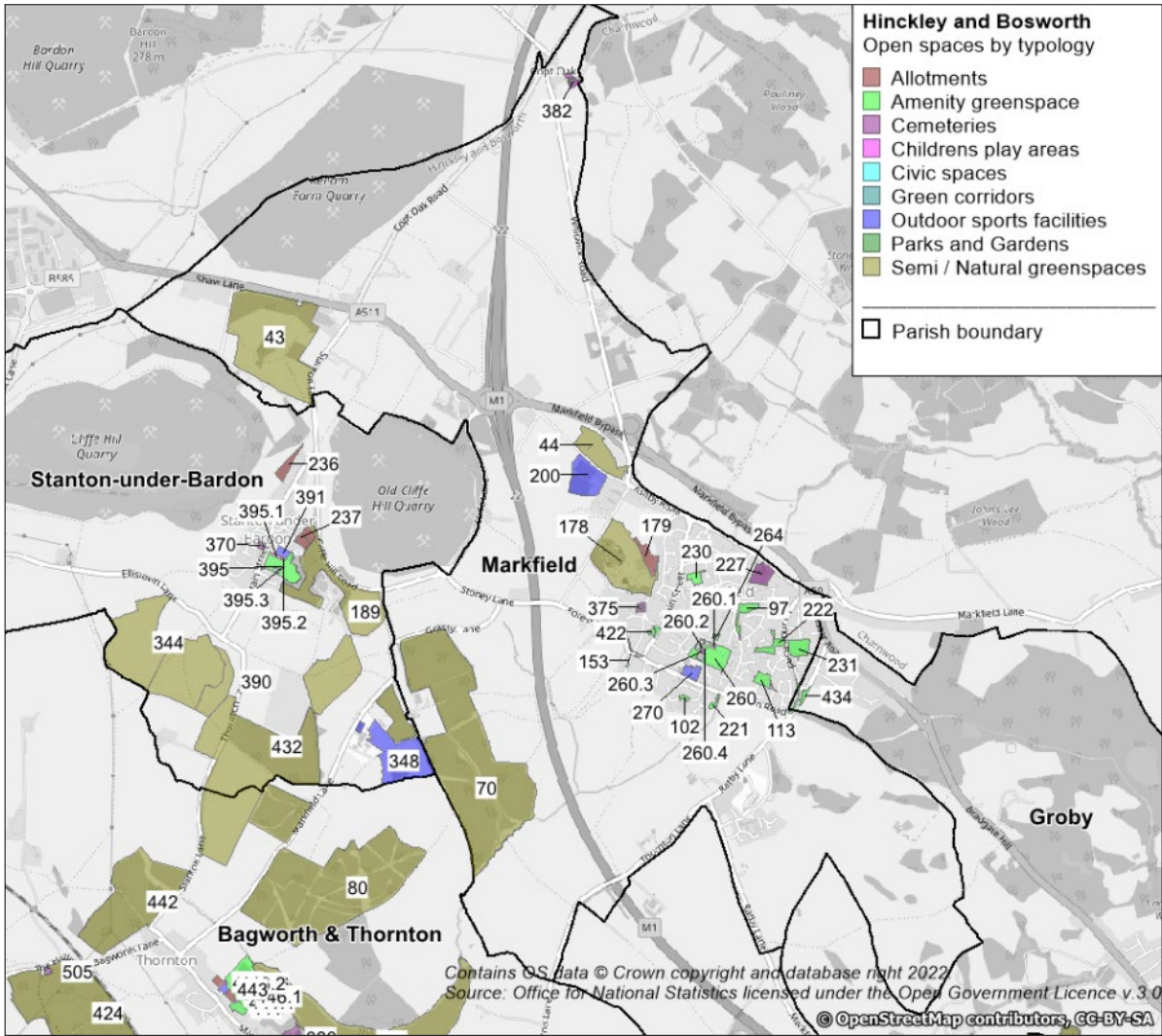
Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Markfield has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in natural and semi-natural greenspace provision (8.56). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in amenity greenspace (1.34), provision for children and young people (0.06) and allotments (0.35). No parks and gardens exist within the area.

As highlighted above part of the Parish Council area falls within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest boundary and is a key component of the green infrastructure network. The creation of the National Forest is overseen by The National Forest Company, one of the main ways of increasing woodland cover in the area has been tree planting as part of new developments both on and off site. As such planning and development has a key role in the continued creation of the National Forest. Although natural and semi-natural green space is high, this is part of the landscape character of the area and its role within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest.

Figure 18.1 shows the open space provision within Markfield.

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Figure 18.1: Open space provision mapped in Markfield



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Table 4.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
43	Billa Barra Hill, Markfield	Semi / Natural greenspaces	20.58	67.7%	34.5%
44	Blacksmith's Field and Altar Stones, Markfield	Semi / Natural greenspaces	3.29	45.0%	39.1%
70	Broad Lane Woodland, Markfield	Semi / Natural greenspaces	43.12	36.9%	29.1%
97	Chitterman Way Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.61	50.6%	38.0%
102	Chapman Close, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
113	Countryman Way Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.55	47.0%	28.0%
153	Forest Road Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.15		
178	Hill Hole Quarry, Markfield	Semi / Natural greenspaces	8.30	65.2%	44.5%
179	Hill Hole Quarry Allotments, Hill Lane, Markfield	Allotments	0.92	26.5%	21.9%
200	Jubilee Playing Fields, Altar Stones Lane, Markfield	Outdoor sports facilities	2.98		
221	London Road Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.16		
222	Launde Road Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.61	45.5%	39.0%
227	Leicester Road Cemetery, Markfield	Cemeteries	1.05		
230	Lillingstone Close Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.43		
231	Link Rise Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.93	59.0%	34.0%
260	Mayflower Close Recreation Ground, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	1.90	73.5%	60.0%
260.1	Mayflower Close Recreation Ground play area, Markfield	Children's play areas	0.04	80.8%	60.0%
260.2	Mayflower Close Recreation Ground skate park, Markfield	Children's play areas	0.04	48.8%	41.8%
260.3	Mayflower Close Recreation Ground basketball, Markfield	Children's play areas	0.02	80.8%	60.0%
260.4	Mayflower Close Recreation Ground outdoor gym, Markfield	Children's play areas	0.009		
264	Mayflower Court Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.07		

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
270	Mercenfeld Primary School Playing Fields, Oakfield Avenue, Markfield	Outdoor sports facilities	0.58		
375	St Michael & All Angels Churchyard, The Green, Markfield	Cemeteries	0.21		
382	St Peters Churchyard and Cemetery, Whitwick Road, Copt Oak	Cemeteries	0.32		
422	The Green Amenity Green Space, Markfield	Amenity greenspace	0.21		

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18.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Markfield. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 18.3: Quality ratings for provision in Markfield

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	46%	55%	74%	2	3
Provision for children and young people	49%	65%	81%	1	2
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	37%	54%	68%	1	3
Allotments	27%	27%	27%	1	0
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Markfield	27%	50%	81%	5	8

Over half (62%) of sites in Markfield rate above the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a reasonably positive level of quality.

The highest quality sites to note are Mayflower Close Recreation Ground play area (81%) and Mayflower Close Recreation Ground (74%). The play area is observed as visually appealing, well maintained and containing a good range of equipment including a spider web climber, multi play and climbing units and toddler and junior swings. Play equipment also includes an accessible roundabout adding to its level of inclusivity. The site benefits from good signage, sufficient disabled access, litter bins, benches and good user security. Furthermore, the site has parking including disabled parking. The site and the recreation ground seem popular. However, consultation with Markfield Parish Council highlights that there are litter problems around the park and some tired play equipment. The parish council also flag there to be a lack of equipment such as a BMX track.

The outdoor gym equipment at Mayflower Close Recreation Ground is located in front of the skate park and is noted as being good quality. The skate park has a good selection of ramps although poor surfaces. The parish council highlights the skate park as requiring urgent attention. The MUGA, adjacent to the skate park, is noted as being good quality however Markfield Parish Council also identifies that its fences require raising.

Amenity greenspace Link Rise (59%) scores above the quality threshold due to featuring good entrances, access within and through the site, user security, signage, benches and bins maintained to a good standard. This reasonably spacious greenspace features a path, trees and bushes and is likely used by dog walkers and locals.

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There are five assessed sites within Markfield that score below their quality thresholds. Hill Hole Quarry Allotments, Hill Lane (27%), owned by HBBC, scores low for quality due to the site being located down a narrow track road, not being overlooked and low fencing. Consequently, access, entrances and user security scores are low. There is also a lack of ancillary features. Markfield Parish Council also express the site is in poor condition.

Despite Countryman Way Amenity Green Space scoring below the quality threshold, there are no identified issues. The site features a reasonably good path with lighting and there are trees and bushes on site adding to it. There is also a litter bin, however, there is no signage or seating. The site serves as a good visual amenity and cut through for local walkers and residents.

17.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Markfield. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 17.4: Value ratings for provision in Markfield

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	28%	40%	60%	0	5
Provision for children and young people	42%	51%	60%	0	3
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	29%	37%-	44%	0	4
Allotments	22%	22%	22%	0	1
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Markfield	22%	39%	60%	0	13

All sites rate above the value threshold due to having high amenity, social and health benefits. Mayflower Close Recreation Ground and play area rate the highest for value. The site includes a range of ancillary features and facilities which provide a variety of uses and benefits.

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PART 18: NAILSTONE

18.1 Current Provision

There are five open space sites identified in Nailstone equating to over 85 hectares of provision. The largest open space site is Land at Nailstone Colliery (84 hectares). There are no allotments or civic space identified in Nailstone. In addition, there is an outdoor sports facility equating to 0.45 hectares.

Table 18.1: Current open space provision in Nailstone

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	1	0.20	0.35
Amenity greenspace	1	0.29	0.51
Provision for children and young people	1	0.003	0.005
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	1	84.48	149.52
Allotments	-	-	-
Cemeteries	1	0.49	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	5	85.46	151.26

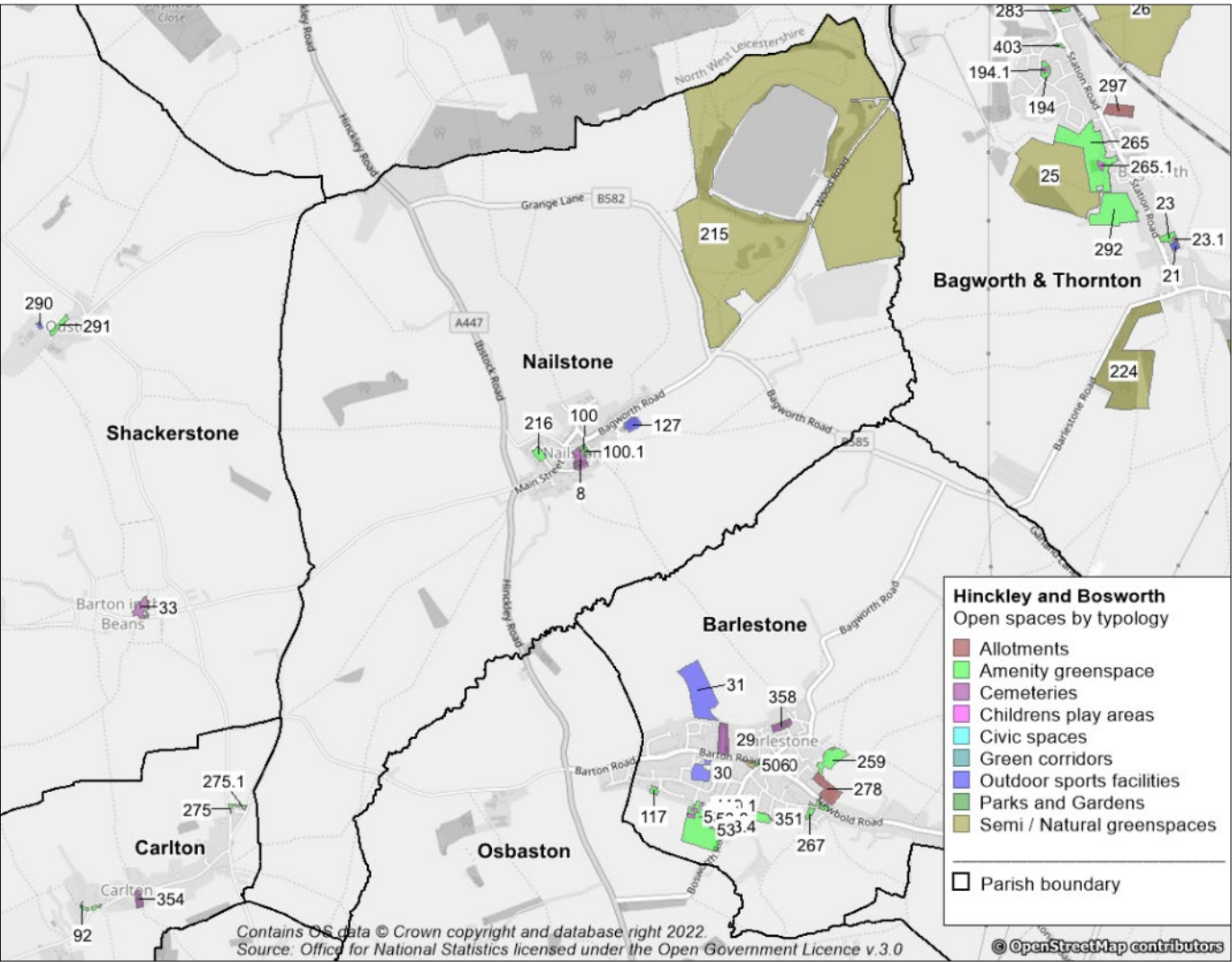
There is a total of 151.26 hectares per 1,000 population in Nailstone. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could be well served in terms of quantity of open space provision. However, most of this figure is skewed by the Land at Nailstone Colliery site. The parish population is also relatively small at 565 residents.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Nailstone has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in natural and semi-natural greenspace provision (8.56). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in parks and gardens (0.37) amenity greenspace (1.34) and provision for children and young people (0.06). No allotments exist within the area.

Figure 18.1 shows the open space provision within Nailstone.

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Figure 18.1: Open space provision mapped in Nailstone



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Table 4.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
8	All Saints Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Road, Nailstone	Cemeteries	0.49		
100	Church Road Park, Nailstone	Parks and gardens	0.20	60.3%	37.3%
100.1	Church Road Park play, Nailstone	Children's play areas	0.003	76.3%	38.2%
127	Dove Bank Primary School Playing Fields, Bagworth Road, Nailstone	Outdoor sports facilities	0.45		
215	Land at Nailstone Colliery	Semi / Natural greenspaces	84.48	57.1%	30.0%
216	Land at The Oval Amenity Green Space, Nailstone	Amenity greenspace	0.29		

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18.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Nailstone. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 18.3: Quality ratings for provision in Nailstone

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	60%	60%	60%	0	1
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	76%	76%	76%	0	1
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	57%	57%	57%	0	1
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Lowca	57%	64%	76%	0	3

All assessed sites in Nailstone rate above the thresholds set for quality, demonstrating a positive level of quality. Church Meadow and Memorial Garden, Nailstone (60%) scores just above its quality threshold. It is observed as a small visually appealing garden that is well maintained and features an attractive array of plants and trees. The site also benefits from signage, benches, bins and a path around and through the site. There is also a small multi play area (scoring 76% for quality) that is wooden adding to the natural aesthetic of the site. No issues are identified.

The largest site in Nailstone is Land at Nailstone Colliery. This semi-natural site scores 57% for quality and is highlighted as a visually appealing site. The site benefits from paths, signage and litter bins however no seating is present and the site scores lower for user security.

Despite not being assessed, Nailstone Parish Council would like to explore open space improvements to improve the amenity value of Land at The Oval Amenity Green Space.

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18.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Lowca. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 18.4: Value ratings for provision in Nailstone

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	46%	46%	46%	0	1
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	47%	47%	47%	0	1
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	30%	30%	30%	0	1
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Nailstone	30%	41%	47%	0	3

All assessed sites rate above the value thresholds. Church Meadow and Memorial Garden (46%), features wooden play equipment, good accessible paths and seating providing high amenity and social inclusion benefits. The site is attractive containing flowers and trees enhancing structural landscape benefits and some ecological value.

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PART 19: NEWBOLD VERDON

19.1 Current Provision

There are 13 open space sites identified in Newbold Verdon equating to over seven hectares of provision. The largest site is Top Close Allotments equating to 2.09 hectares. There are no parks, natural/semi natural greenspace, civic space or green corridors identified in the parish. In addition, there are two outdoor sports facilities equating to 5.84 hectares.

Cemeteries does not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 19.1: Current open space provision in Newbold Verdon

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	6	2.72	0.84
Provision for children and young people	4	0.69	0.21
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-
Allotments	2	3.51	0.21
Cemeteries	1	0.83	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	13	7.75	2.38

There is a total of 2.38 hectares per 1,000 population in Newbold Verdon. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Newbold Verdon has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in provision for children and young people (0.06).

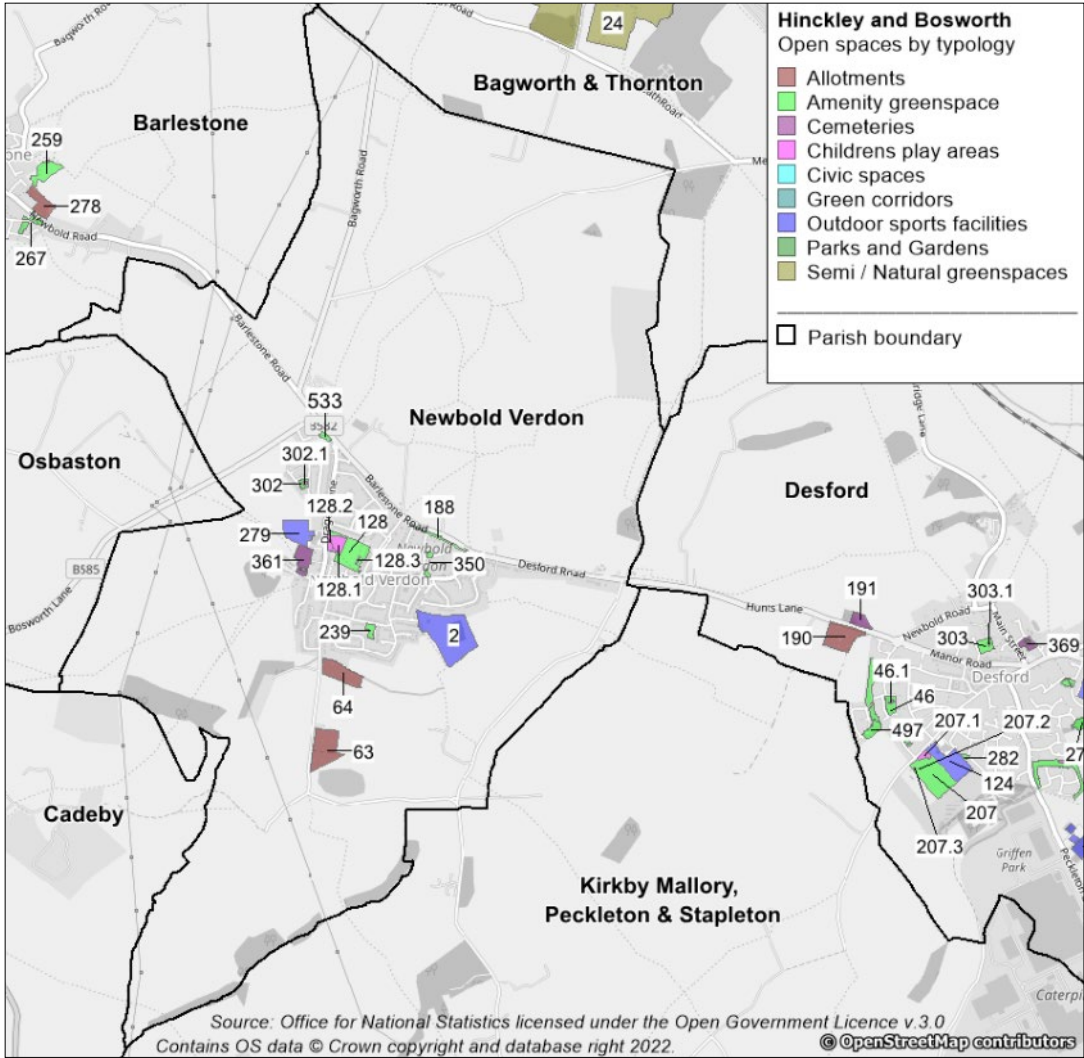
The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in amenity greenspace (1.34) and allotments (0.35). No parks and gardens or natural and semi-natural greenspace exist within the area.

The parish is also likely to be served to some extent by the neighbouring parishes of Barlestone and Desford.

Figure 19.1 shows the open space provision within Newbold Verdon.

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Figure 19.1: Open space provision mapped in Newbold Verdon



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Table 19.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
2	Alans Way Playing Fields, Newbold Verdon	Outdoor sports facilities	4.49		
63	Top Close Allotments, Newbold Verdon	Allotments	2.09	51.0%	27.6%
64	The Bog Allotments, Newbold Verdon	Allotments	1.42	48.0%	27.6%
128	Dragon Lane Greenspace, Newbold Verdon	Amenity greenspace	1.95	59.4%	50.0%
128.1	Dragon Lane play area, Newbold Verdon	Children's play areas	0.45	77.0%	50.9%
128.2	Dragon Lane toddler play area, Newbold Verdon	Children's play areas	0.18	35.1%	41.8%
128.3	Dragon Lane outdoor gym, Newbold Verdon	Children's play areas	0.02		
188	Hornbeam Road Amenity Green Space, Newbold Verdon	Amenity greenspace	0.29		
239	Mallory Close Amenity Green Space, Newbold Verdon	Amenity greenspace	0.25		
279	Newbold Verdon Primary School Playing Fields, Dragon Lane	Outdoor sports facilities	1.35		
302	Old Farm Lane Green Space, Newbold Verdon	Amenity greenspace	0.15		
302.1	Old Farm Lane play area, Newbold Verdon	Children's play areas	0.04	62.9%	74.5%
350	Sparkenhoe Amenity Green Space, Newbold Verdon	Amenity greenspace	0.14		
361	St James Churchyard and Cemetery, Main Street, Newbold Verdon	Cemeteries	0.83		
533	Barns Way, Newbold Verdon	Amenity greenspace	0.14		

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19.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Newbold Verdon. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 19.3: Quality ratings for assessed provision in Newbold Verdon

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	59%	59%	59%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	35%	57%	72%	1	2
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	48%	50%	51%	0	2
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Newbold Verdon	35%	56%	72%	1	5

Most assessed sites in Newbold Verdon rate above the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a positive standard of quality.

Dragon Lane toddler play area is the only assessed site to score below the quality threshold. The site is located within a good quality play park (Dragon Lane Greenspace). Equipment is reasonable in terms of quality and amount. However, there is no signage, bin or benches.

The other play area on site, Dragon Lane play area (72%), is the highest scoring site for quality in Newbold Verdon. The site features a large play area and MUGA featuring good quality equipment. The site benefits from signage, picnic tables, litter bins. There is also outdoor gym equipment beside the path at the recreation ground.

Dragon Lane Greenspace features a play area, MUGA and outdoor gym equipment as noted above. The site scores 59% for quality and benefits from numerous benches, picnic tables and numerous play equipment. There are all weather footpaths, dog bins, signage, and a community orchard further adding to its quality. Moreover, there are multiple access points/entrances enhancing the perception of user security. Consultation with Newbold Verdon Parish Council identifies it as a very good quality site.

The other play area within the parish is Old Farm Lane play area (63%), which scores above the quality threshold. The site is observed as an attractive play area within a small amenity greenspace in a new housing area. It contains wooden/natural style equipment, picnic benches, benches, bins small trees and bushes. There is also a path, two entrances with good access and is overlooked on all sides, enhancing user security.

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Both Top Close Allotments (51%) and The Bog Allotments (48%) score above the quality threshold. Consultation with Montague Charity identifies there are 65 plots at Top Close Allotments and a mains water supply with five standpipes. The Bog Allotments has 39 plots with two people on a waiting list. There is one vacant plot noted. Note waiting lists and vacant plots change over time and these figures are correct at the time of writing.

19.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Newbold Verdon. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 19.4: Value ratings for assessed provision in Newbold Verdon

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	50%	50%	50%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	42%	56%	75%	0	3
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	28%	28%	28%	0	2
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Newbold Verdon	28%	45%	75%	0	6

All assessed sites rate above the value thresholds.

Old Farm Lane play area (75%) is the highest scoring site for value in Newbold Verdon. It has high structural landscape benefits due to being observed as an attractive play area featuring wooden/natural equipment. The site has good amenity, social and physical activity benefits.

Dragon Lane Greenspace (50%) also scores high for value due to featuring numerous benches, picnic tables, paths and play equipment offering high health, social and amenity benefits. In addition, there is a community orchard and trees around the site enhancing ecological benefits.

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PART 20: NON-PARISHED AREA (HINCKLEY)

20.1 Current Provision

There are 103 open space sites identified in the non-parish area of Hinckleys equating to over 160 hectares of provision. The largest contributors of provision are green corridors (43 hectares), amenity greenspace (42 hectares) and natural and semi-natural greenspace (42 hectares). There is no civic space identified. In addition, there are 12 outdoor sports facilities equating to 69.86 hectares.

Cemeteries does not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 20.1: Current open space provision in non-parish areas

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	6	19.13	0.56
Amenity greenspace	56	42.07	1.23
Provision for children and young people	26	1.65	0.05
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	4	41.71	1.22
Allotments*	5	3.18	0.09
Cemeteries	3	9.37	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	3	43.15	1.26
Total	103	160.26	4.68

There is a total of 4.68 hectares per 1,000 population in non-parish area of Hinckley. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the area could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision. The population is high at 34,217.

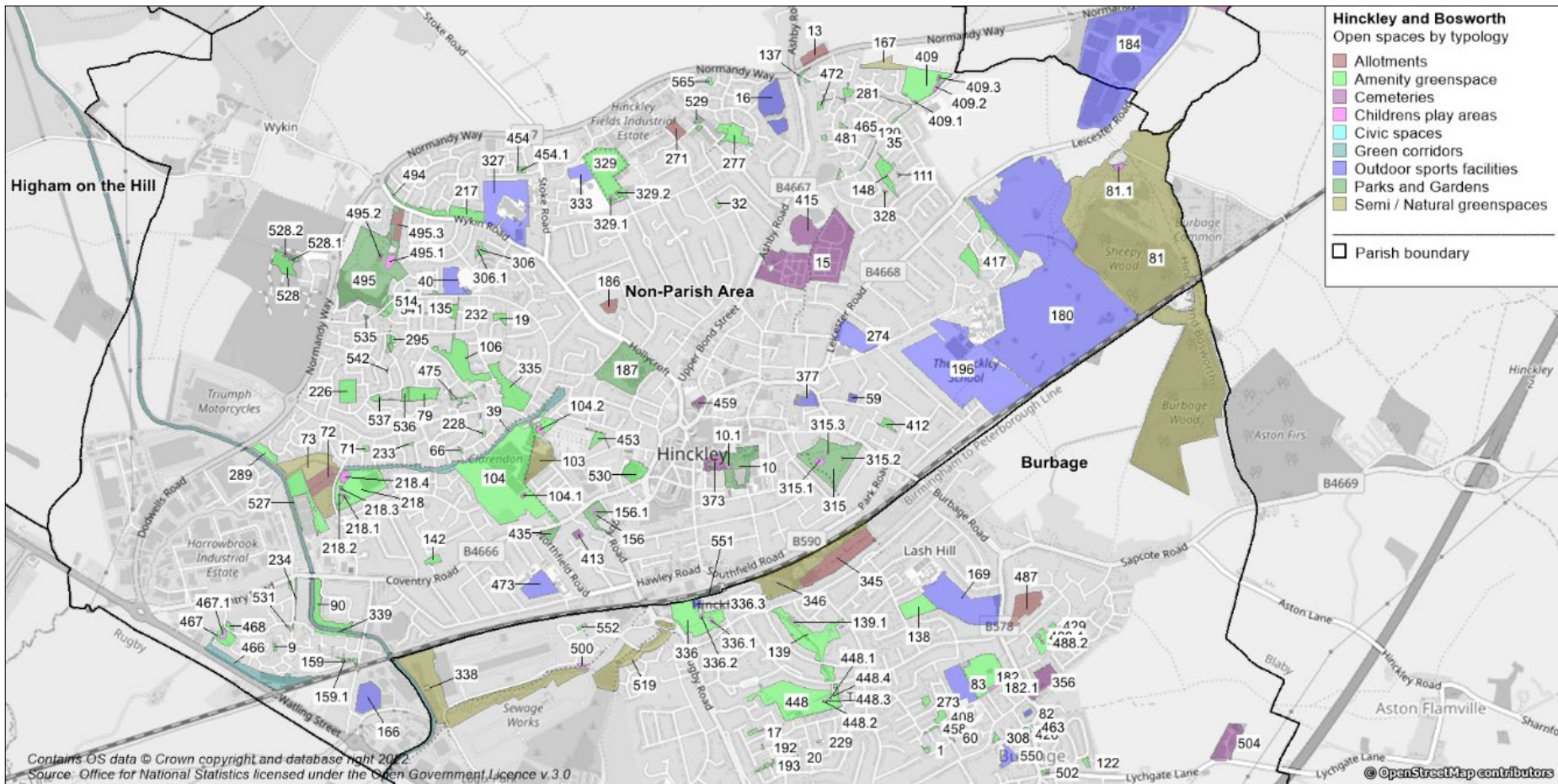
Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, the non-parish area of Hinckley has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in parks and gardens (0.37). The area is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in amenity greenspace (1.34), provision for children and young people (0.06), natural and semi-natural greenspace provision (8.56) and allotments (0.35).

Figure 20.1 shows the open space provision within the area.

* An allotment also exists at Hollycroft Grange Park but due to it not showing on maps/aerial images it cannot be drawn

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Figure 20.1: Open space provision mapped in Hinckley



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Table 20.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
9	Applebees Walk Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.04		
10	Argents Mead and Memorial Garden	Parks and Gardens	2.04	76.8%	68.2%
10.1	Argents Mead and Memorial Garden play area	Children's play areas	0.06		
13	Ashby Road Allotments	Allotments	0.63	34.7%	18.1%
15	Ashby Road Cemetery	Cemeteries	8.61		
16	Ashby Road Sports Club	Outdoor sports facilities	2.13		
19	Aulton Way Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.25		
32	Barrie Road Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
35	Barwell Lane Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.35		
39	Battling Brook Green Corridor	Green corridors	2.27		
40	Battling Brook Junior and Infant School Playing Field	Outdoor sports facilities	1.10		
59	Bowling Green, Bowling Green Road	Outdoor sports facilities	0.15		
66	Brenfield Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.04		
71	Brodick Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.06		
72	Brodick Road Allotments	Allotments	1.09	39.8%	22.9%
73	Brodick Road Green Space	Semi / Natural greenspaces	3.20	43.3%	35.5%
79	Brosdale Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.83	67.5%	34.0%
81	Burbage Common and Woods	Semi / Natural greenspaces	59.14	74.1%	72.7%
81.1	Burbage Common and Woods play area	Children's play areas	0.11	74.2%	63.6%
90	Canal Way Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	1.11	49.6%	30.0%
103	Clarendon Park Natural Walk	Semi / Natural greenspaces	1.64	35.1%	35.5%
104	Clarendon Park Rec. Ground & North Warks Coll. Playing Field	Amenity greenspace	11.82	71.5%	55.0%

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
104.1	Clarendon Park MUGA	Children's play areas	0.05	41.6%	41.8%
104.2	Clarendon Park Rec. Ground play area	Children's play areas	0.11	81.1%	50.9%
106	Clifton Way Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	2.05	59.4%	39.0%
111	Coppice Walk Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.02		
120	Darwin Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
135	Erskine Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
137	Falmouth Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.13		
142	Ferndale Grove Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.23		
148	Field Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.74	68.5%	44.0%
156	Granville Road Recreation Ground	Parks and Gardens	0.78	49.7%	43.6%
156.1	Granville Road Recreation Ground play area	Children's play areas	0.06	71.1%	50.9%
159	Greyhound Croft Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.15		
159.1	Greyhound Croft play area	Children's play areas	0.02	35.1%	16.4%
166	Hammonds Sports Pitch	Outdoor sports facilities	1.44		
167	Harwood Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.65	11.7%	14.5%
180	Hinckley Golf Club, Leicester Road	Outdoor sports facilities	42.56		
186	Hollycroft Allotments	Allotments	0.40		
187	Hollycroft Park	Parks and Gardens	4.13	81.0%	59.1%
196	John Cleveland College Playing Fields	Outdoor sports facilities	13.71		
217	Landseer Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.77	48.4%	28.0%
218	Langdale Park Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace	3.03	59.7%	45.0%
218.1	Langdale Park Recreation Ground play area	Children's play areas	0.03	81.8%	50.9%
218.2	Langdale Park Recreation Ground outdoor gym	Children's play areas	0.01		
218.3	Langdale Park Recreation Ground MUGA	Children's play areas	0.04		

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
218.4	Langdale Park Recreation Ground BMX track	Children's play areas	0.19		
226	Laxford Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.90	31.9%	28.0%
228	Leven Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
232	Linwood Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.26		
233	Lochmore Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.04		
234	Long Meadow Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.16		
271	Middlefield Lane Allotments	Allotments	0.48		
274	Hinckley Parks Primary School	Outdoor sports facilities	1.74		
277	Netherley Court and Jelico Way Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	1.08	63.4%	39.0%
281	Newquay Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.22		
289	Odstone Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.50	32.4%	33.0%
295	Gallus Drive	Amenity greenspace	0.94	46.5%	28.0%
306	Preston Road	Amenity greenspace	0.21		
306.1	Preston Road play area	Children's play areas	0.04	77.0%	50.9%
315	Queens Park	Parks and gardens	3.81	61.4%	54.5%
315.1	Queens Park play area	Children's play areas	0.14	70.1%	54.5%
315.2	Queens Park skatepark	Children's play areas	0.01	25.8%	50.9%
315.3	Queens Park outdoor gym	Children's play areas	0.009		
327	Redmoor High School & Dorothy Goodman School Playing Field	Outdoor sports facilities	4.23		
328	Ribblesdale Avenue Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.03		
329	Richmond Park	Amenity greenspace	3.36	66.8%	60.0%
329.1	Richmond Park play area	Children's play areas	0.04	86.3%	50.9%
329.2	Richmond Park MUGA	Children's play areas	0.03		

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
329.3	Richmond Park BMX	Children's play areas	0.06		
333	Richmond Primary School Playing Field	Outdoor sports facilities	0.73		
335	Roston Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	1.88	51.9%	35.0%
339	Sansome Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.34		
373	St Mary's Churchyard	Cemeteries	0.53		
377	St Peter's Catholic Primary School Playing Field, London Rd.	Outdoor sports facilities	0.49		
409	Swallows Green Recreation Ground	Amenity greenspace	2.39	46.2%	49.0%
409.1	Swallows Green Recreation Ground play area	Children's play areas	0.03	81.1%	50.9%
409.2	Swallows Green Recreation Ground outdoor gym	Children's play areas	0.06		
409.3	Swallows Green Recreation Ground MUGA	Children's play areas	0.04	40.2%	47.3%
412	The Carriages Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.25		
417	The Greens Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.65	41.8%	28.0%
435	The Rock Gardens	Parks and Gardens	0.36	57.9%	41.8%
453	Trinity Vicarage Road Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.32		
454	Triumph Road	Amenity greenspace	0.13		
454.1	Triumph Road play area	Children's play areas	0.02	71.8%	50.9%
459	Unitarian Chapel Green Space	Cemeteries	0.24		
465	Warwick Gardens Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.06		
466	Waterside Green Corridor	Green corridors	2.38		
467	Waterside Park	Amenity greenspace	0.50		
467.1	Waterside Park play area	Children's play areas	0.10	54.6%	47.3%
468	Waterside Park Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
472	Wendover Drive Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.13		

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
473	Westfield County Infant and Junior School Playing Field	Outdoor sports facilities	1.42		
475	Weston Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.21		
481	Woburn Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.05		
494	Wykin Linear Park Amenity Green Space	Amenity greenspace	0.58	45.5%	40.0%
495	Wykin Park	Parks and Gardens	8.06	60.4%	59.1%
495.1	Wykin Park play area	Children's play areas	0.25	84.2%	47.3%
495.2	Wykin Park basketball	Children's play areas	0.04	48.1%	47.3%
495.3	Wykin Park allotments	Allotments	0.58	33.7%	28.6%
514	Outlands Drive/Mulberry Way	Amenity greenspace	0.37		
527	Trinity Marina	Amenity greenspace	1.77		
528	Hollycroft Grange Park	Amenity greenspace	0.89		
528.1	Hollycroft Grange Park play areas	Children's play areas	0.05		
528.2	Hollycroft Grange Park MUGA	Children's play areas	0.02		
529	Middlefield Lane	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
530	Coventry Road	Amenity greenspace	0.86		
531	Long Meadow Drive/Paddock Way	Amenity greenspace	0.05		
535	Juno Close	Amenity greenspace	0.03		
536	Faray Drive	Amenity greenspace	0.24		
537	Kinross Way	Amenity greenspace	0.15		
541	Outlands Drive/Mulberry Way	Amenity greenspace	0.20		
542	Jovian Drive	Amenity greenspace	0.01		
565	Hawkins Close Amenity Green Space	Amenity Green Space	0.09		

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20.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Hinckley. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 20.3: Quality ratings for provision in Hinckley

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	50%	64%	81%	2	4
Amenity greenspace	32%	53%	72%	8	8
Provision for children and young people	26%	64%	86%	6	16
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	12%	38%	61%	3	1
Allotments	34%	36%	40%	3	0
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Non-parish areas	12%	50%	86%	22	29

Just over half (57%) of assessed sites in Hinckley rate above the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a mixed standard of quality.

High quality sites to note include Richmond Park play area (86%) which appears well maintained and contains a good amount of equipment. There is also a MUGA and BMX track on site, also both good quality. The play area is likely to be well used due to it being adjacent to Richmond Primary School. The site has the additional benefits of signage, benches, bins, boundary fencing and car parking including disabled car parking. It also has good surfaces and drainage. Consultation with HBBC highlight plans to add table tennis and improve the football pitches and MUGA.

Wykin Park play area (84%) also scores high for quality. The site has good entrances, fencing, controls to prevent illegal use, user security, benches, bins and signage.

Similarly, Langdale Park Recreation Ground play area (82%) also scores well for quality and contains signage, seating, litter bins, car parking, fencing and controls to prevent illegal use. However, the site could benefit from additional seating. The floodlit MUGA and outdoor gym equipment at the recreation ground are also noted as good quality.

Another high-quality site is Swallows Green Recreation Ground play area (81%). Despite being a small play area, it contains good provision at the edge of a recreation ground and benefits from good drainage, surfaces, entrances, fencing, user security, signage and controls to prevent illegal use. The site also features benches and bins adding to its quality.

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Hollycroft Park (81%) is a high scoring Green Flag Award site. It is very attractive and well maintained with a range of good facilities and wildlife areas. The site also features a car park, tennis courts, wide welcoming entrances, CCTV, a bowling green, signage, an abundant supply of benches, picnic tables, litter bins, toilets and paths. Furthermore, this excellent park contains a bandstand and sculpture. The council highlight that a pitch and putt has been installed adding to its benefits. The tennis courts are good quality and have been relined and repainted. The Friends of Hollycroft Park, a registered charity, host events in the park such as music concerts and have received two People's Choice Awards.

Cemeteries have not been assessed in this report however if Ashby Road Cemetery were to be scored, it would be high quality and value. The site is owned and managed by HBBC and features a book of remembrance room, two garden of rests with rose beds and a child burial area. There are approximately 95 years of burial capacity and the natural burial area is starting up. There is also a dedicated Muslim burial area. One of the gardens of rest has been improved and there is an annual memorial testing.

In contrast, there are 23 assessed sites scoring below the threshold generally due to poorer maintenance and/or lack of ancillary features. For example, semi-natural site Harwood Drive (12%) scores very low for quality due to being quite overgrown with poor access. Consequently, the site is perceived as hardly used, limiting its benefits. However, improvements are scheduled to be made to site quality during 2025.

Queens Park skatepark lacks signage, seating, bins and controls to prevent illegal use. Surfaces and overall site quality scores lower too. Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Play areas receive weekly inspections and an annual, external report from RoSPA. Staff are now trained on repairing gates and have had a wet pour repair course recently. More in-house projects have enabled sites to be fixed quicker and save costs. When new play areas are constructed, the council is trying to evaluate and include inclusive equipment.

Wykin Park allotments (34%) benefits from a fresh water supply, a reasonable entrance and access. However, it lacks signage and the fencing is noted as being quite low, increasing the likelihood of vandalism. Consultation with HBBC reflects this, with vandalism being highlighted. There are 34 plots on site at the time of consultation (three being overgrown). These figures can fluctuate throughout the year.

Brodick Road Allotments (40%) is observed as a large site containing 67 plots with fresh water supply. HBBC highlight the site contains three overgrown plots however no issues of vandalism are identified. This site scores slightly higher than Wykin Park allotments and benefits from higher fencing, better security and a wide entrance.

There are three parks scoring below the quality threshold.

- ◆ The Rock Gardens (57.9%)
- ◆ Granville Road Recreation Ground (50%)

No significant issues are identified at these three parks however they score lower against some criteria in comparison to other parks in the Borough. The Rock Gardens (58%) scores just below the quality threshold. It is highlighted as being well maintained featuring lots of benches, bins and good paths. It has great entrances, access, user security and contains trees and other attractive planting, adding to its benefits. It is noted that the site does not feature lighting, picnic tables, car parking or toilets which likely contribute to why

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it does not score above the threshold. However, this small attractive site offers a good place to sit and relax.

Granville Road Recreation Ground (50%) also features play provision as well as good paths, benches, entrances and access within the site. It contains good signage and numerous trees adding to the benefits of the site. However, it scores slightly lower for overall maintenance and for the condition of the litter bins.

Landseer Drive Amenity Green Space (48%) is identified as a reasonably sized greenspace mainly used by local residents and local dog walkers. There is a path in the middle of the site, some bins and small trees. The site could benefit from floral planting. The site is more of a visual amenity and therefore lacks some features such as signage and benches. No major issues are highlighted.

Laxford Close Amenity Green Space (32%) scores below the quality threshold. This is due to a lack of seating, litter bins and due to having narrow gated entrances. The site is quite spacious and has potential to improve. It is likely to be quite well used by local dog walkers. Planned improvements are scheduled to take place on this park during the financial year 2025/26 as set out in the Green Spaces Strategy.

20.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in non-parish areas. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 20.4: Value ratings for provision in Hinckley

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	42%	54%	68%	0	6
Amenity greenspace	28%	38%	60%	0	16
Provision for children and young people	26%	50%	64%	0	22
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	15%	40%	73%	1	3
Allotments	23%	25%	29%	0	3
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Non-parish areas	15%	41%	68%	1	50

The majority of assessed sites rate above the value thresholds. Only one site (Harwood Drive) scores below the value threshold. The site is overgrown with poor access through the site and low user security limiting usage and its benefits.

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Despite Greyhound Croft play area (26%) scoring above the value threshold, it is noted as featuring limited provision. The site contains two junior swings, static play equipment and a small wooden climbing unit. However, it is a useful local amenity for the new housing area but would benefit from additional equipment as well as a bench and signage to encourage greater use and provide enhanced benefits to its users.

Burbage Common and Woods (73%) scores the highest for value. The site is observed as a beautiful country park with an extensive network of paths and range of facilities attracting numerous visitors to the site. The site provides a variety of habitats enhancing ecological value and structural landscape benefits. HBBC highlight it is the largest site it manages. The Borough Council are also responsible for the maintenance of the park which extends outside the administrative boundary into Blaby District and includes the land known as Burbage Common Extension and Elmesthorpe Plantation. As well as being a Local Nature Reserve, sections of the site are designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). New hedgerows and trees were planted at Burbage Common and Woods last year. One of the aims of HBBC is for sites to feature hedge planting rather than fencing. Some young whips have been planted along boundaries of some sites across Hinckley.

The site offers high educational value due to featuring interpretation boards and a visitor centre. A coffee shop on site provides some economic value and there is a play area providing additional amenity and social benefits.

The council highlight that there are sensory boards at the play area enhancing social inclusivity which they are trying to improve. The play area was completely refurbished last year with new signage being incorporated. Old signs within the country park were replaced with new finger posts, directional signs and interpretation boards further adding to the sites quality and value. A surfaced path has also been added from the visitor's centre to the meadow to enhance social inclusion. Other inclusive measures looking to be implemented include more ramps instead of steps at sites and positioning equipment lower to enable better usage for all.

Argents Mead and Memorial Garden (68%), owned and managed by HBBC, also scores very high for value. This attractive park located in the centre of Hinckley Town Centre, is well used and well maintained providing high structural and landscape benefits. The site features numerous trees, hedges, bushes and a water feature in the form of the remains of the castle Moat. These add to the ecological value of the site as well as visual benefits. Consultation with HBBC identifies that the wetland areas where the old castle used to be located, was refurbished a few years ago and this is positively encouraging semi-aquatic wildlife.

The site also has high cultural value due to containing a bandstand, war memorial and the mound on which Hinckley Castle once stood. The park hosts annual events including Feast Hinckley and the Snap Dragon Children and Families Festival. Consultation with HBBC highlights that the three-day event Feast Hinckley features at least 40 different food outlets and is a popular event. The interpretation boards offer educational value. Overall, this Green Flag Award site is a fantastic asset to Hinckley and all the Borough.

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PART 22: RATBY

22.1 Current Provision

There are 24 open space sites identified in Ratby equating to over 169 hectares of provision. The largest contributor of provision is semi-natural provision (162 hectares) with the largest site Martinshaw Wood equating to 106 hectares, this reflects the Parish Council being located partly within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest area. There are no parks, green corridors or civic space identified in Ratby. In addition, there are three outdoor sports facility sites equating to 20.41 hectares.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 22.1: Current open space provision in Ratby

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	7	5.69	1.24
Provision for children and young people	6	0.28	0.06
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	6	161.74	35.34
Allotments	3	0.57	0.12
Cemeteries	2	1.69	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	24	169.97	37.14

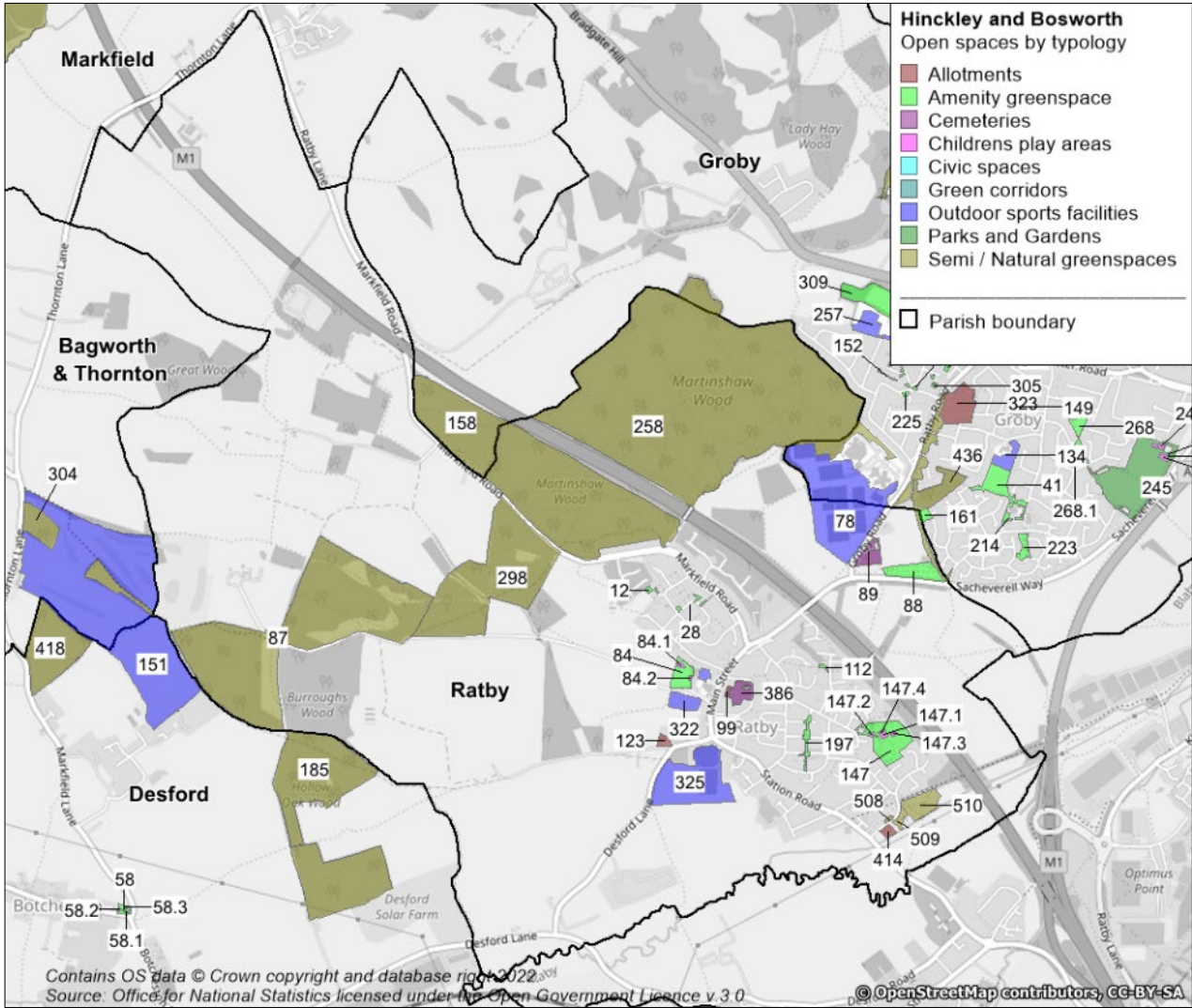
There is a total of 37.14 hectares per 1,000 population in Ratby. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could be served in terms of quantity of open space provision. However, the majority of this is due to the large amount of natural and semi-natural greenspace.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Ratby has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in natural and semi-natural greenspace provision (8.56). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in amenity greenspace (1.34) and allotments (0.35). The parish is level of the current provision levels for provision for children and young people (0.06). No parks and gardens exist within the area.

As highlighted above part of the Parish Council area falls within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest boundary and is a key component of the green infrastructure network. The creation of the National Forest is overseen by The National Forest Company, one of the main ways of increasing woodland cover in the area has been tree planting as part of new developments both on and off site. As such planning and development has a key role in the continued creation of the National Forest. Although natural and semi-natural green space is high, this is part of the landscape character of the area and its role within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest.

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Figure 22.1: Open space provision mapped in Ratby



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Table 22.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
12	Ash Close Amenity Green Space, Ratby	Amenity greenspace	0.09		
28	Bradgate Drive Amenity Green Space, Ratby	Amenity greenspace	0.12		
78	Brookvale Groby Learning Campus Playing Fields, Groby	Outdoor sports facilities	12.67		
84	Burroughs Road Green Space, Ratby	Amenity greenspace	0.93	47.7%	40.0%
84.1	Burroughs Road play area 1, Ratby	Children's play areas	0.06	43.3%	38.2%
84.2	Burroughs Road play area 2, Ratby	Children's play areas	0.02	64.9%	38.2%
87	Burroughs Wood, Ratby	Semi / Natural greenspaces	35.96	67.0%	40.0%
88	Butlers Field Amenity Green Space, Ratby Road, Groby	Amenity greenspace	1.51	37.4%	28.0%
89	Groby Parish Cemetery, Groby	Cemeteries	0.84		
99	Church Lane Allotments, Ratby	Allotments	0.09		
112	Cottage Close Amenity Green Space, Ratby	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
123	Desford Lane Allotments, Ratby	Allotments	0.25		
147	Ferndale Park, Ferndale Drive, Ratby	Amenity greenspace	2.60	73.5%	59.0%
147.1	Ferndale Park play area 1, Ratby	Children's play areas	0.08	78.0%	60.0%
147.2	Ferndale Park play area 2, Ratby	Children's play areas	0.05	47.4%	50.9%
147.3	Ferndale Park skate park, Ratby	Children's play areas	0.04		
147.4	Ferndale Park MUGA, Ratby	Children's play areas	0.03		
197	Journeymans Green, Ratby	Amenity greenspace	0.37		
258	Martinshaw Wood, Ratby	Semi / Natural greenspaces	106.03	61.0%	35.5%
298	Pear Tree Wood, Ratby	Semi / Natural greenspaces	17.94	66.7%	35.5%
322	Ratby Primary School Playing Fields, Burroughs Road	Outdoor sports facilities	1.14		
325	Ratby Sports Club, Desford Lane, Ratby	Outdoor sports facilities	6.59		

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Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
386	St Philip & St James Churchyard & Cemetery, Church Lane, Ratby	Cemeteries	0.85		
414	Taverner Drive Allotments, Ratby	Allotments	0.24		
508	Ratby Apple Orchard	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.07		
509	Balance Pond Field	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.27		
510	Taverner Drive	Semi / Natural greenspaces	1.46		

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22.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Ratby. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 22.3: Quality ratings for provision in Ratby

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	48%	53%	74%	2	1
Provision for children and young people	43%	58%	78%	2	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	61%	64%	67%	0	3
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Ratby	43%	65%	78%	4	8

Most assessed sites in Ratby rate above the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a good standard of quality.

The highest scoring site is Ferndale Park play area 1 (78%). This is reflected in views from Ratby Parish Council who also identify it as a good quality site. The site benefits from good quality equipment, signage, litter bins, a bench and good fencing. It also has the additional benefits of a car park, sufficient disabled access, an accessible roundabout and panels on the multi-play. In addition, there is a separate play area, aimed at older children that is noted as containing good quality equipment. It is unfenced and features no signage; however, it does have security cameras facing the site. There is an adjacent MUGA and skate park at the recreation ground, both are good quality, the skate park appearing new and featuring a variety of ramps.

Burroughs Wood (67%) also scores above its quality threshold. The site is observed as a visually appealing site with no issues. It features a small car park, footpath, remembrance statue and bench. It appears well used, has signage and good entrances. All other semi-natural sites also score above the quality threshold. All benefit from plenty of trees and wildlife. Martinshaw Wood and Pear Tree Wood are located opposite to one another, both featuring a car park, signage, seating, litter bins, paths and are well maintained. Both are noted as visually appealing wooded areas. Note that the car park at Pear Tree Wood is very small, scoring lower for quality and scores lower for the number of benches.

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Burroughs Road play area 1 rates below the quality threshold due to being observed as a small, unfenced play area with no signage or controls to prevent illegal use. The site has litter bins and seating. Consultation with Ratby Parish Council highlights the site as being of adequate quality and the equipment being tired and old, requiring constant repairs. Ongoing issues with dog fouling, vandalism and anti-social behaviour at the site and recreation ground are also reported. The Parish Council expresses it would like to access Section 106 grants to install a new play area/sports equipment and enhance greenspaces locally. It highlights that greenspace in the area is continuing to decline and there is an urgent need for more play areas for younger people and event hosting. It cites the proposals to remove large areas of open countryside and Burroughs Road Play Area, along with a growing population is a threat to the amount of open space and recreational space in Ratby.

Burroughs Road Greenspace features two picnic tables, some signage and bins. The site has a car park however, it is very small. Despite scoring above the quality threshold, the site scores lower for site appearance, surface and equipment quality. Ratby Parish Council note the site as adequate quality which suffers from ongoing issues regarding vandalism, anti-social behaviour and tired equipment.

No allotments were assessed however Ratby Parish Council note Desford Lane Allotments contains 12 plots and Taverner Drive Allotments features 14 plots. A single waiting list with 20 individuals covers both sites.

22.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Ratby. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 22.4: Value ratings for provision in Ratby

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	28%	42%	59%	0	3
Provision for children and young people	38%	47%	60%	0	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	30%	35%	40%	0	3
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Ratby	28%	41%	60%	0	10

All assessed sites rate above the value thresholds.

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Ferndale Park (59%) and its featured play provision score the highest for value. The site is observed as a visually appealing and well-maintained open space with numerous trees and bushes, providing ecological value. It contains a good number of benches and bins and the footpath is noted as good quality enhancing amenity and social benefits. The site features a MUGA, play area and skate park including an accessible roundabout and play panels providing greater physical activity, inclusive play and educational value.

Ratby Parish Council note that Burroughs Road Green Space and its play areas are key open space sites which are under threat from development.

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PART 23: SHACKERSTONE

23.1 Current Provision

There are nine open space sites identified in Shackerstone equating to over two hectares of provision. The largest site is St Mary the Virgin Churchyard and Cemetery, Main Street, Congerstone (0.56 hectares). There are no allotments, parks, natural/semi-natural greenspace, green corridors or civic space. In addition, there is one outdoor sports facility site equating to 0.56 hectares.

Table 23.1: Current open space provision in Shackerstone

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	4	0.70	0.71
Provision for children and young people	2	0.05	0.05
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-
Cemeteries	3	1.43	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	9	2.19	2.21

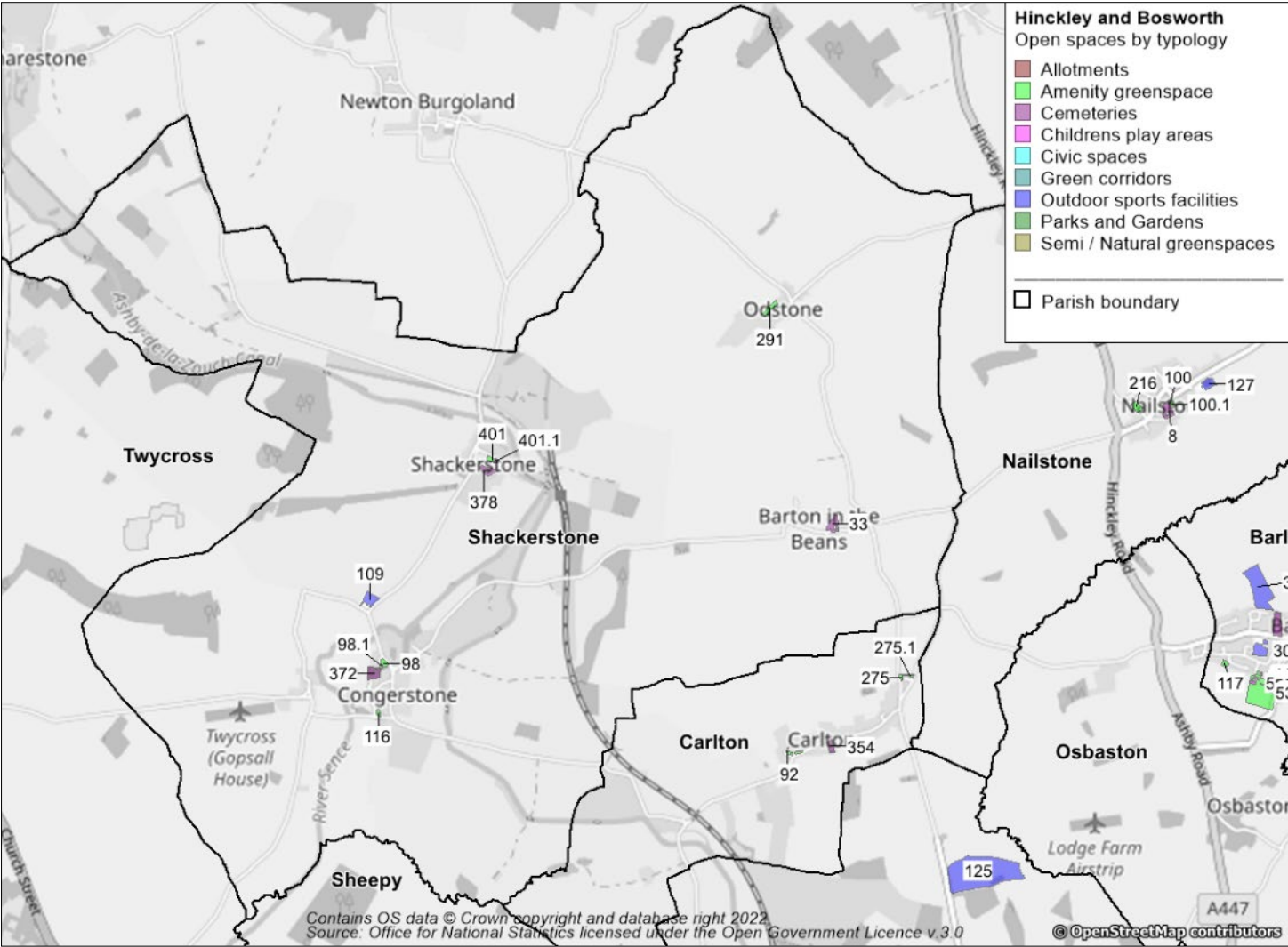
There is a total of 2.21 hectares per 1,000 population in Shackerstone. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Shackerstone is below the current provision levels for amenity greenspace (1.34) and provision for children and young people (0.06). No parks and gardens, natural and semi-natural greenspace or allotments exist within the area.

Figure 22.1 shows the open space provision within Shackerstone.

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Figure 23.1: Open space provision mapped in Shackerstone



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Table 23.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
33	Bartis Fabis Baptist Chapel Churchyard & Cemetery, Main Street, Barton in the Beans	Cemeteries	0.50		
98	Church Field, Shackerstone Road, Congerstone	Amenity greenspace	0.19		
98.1	Church Field basketball, Congerstone	Children's play areas	0.01	40.2%	34.5%
109	Congerstone Primary School Playing Fields, Shackerstone Road	Outdoor sports facilities	0.56		
116	Crown Meadows Amenity Green Space, Congerstone	Amenity greenspace	0.10		
291	Odstone Playing Field, Hall Lane	Amenity greenspace	0.26		
372	St Mary the Virgin Churchyard and Cemetery, Main Street, Congerstone	Cemeteries	0.56		
378	St Peter's Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Road, Shackerstone	Cemeteries	0.37		
401	Station Road, Shackerstone	Amenity greenspace	0.16		
401.1	Station Road Play Area, Shackerstone	Children's play areas	0.04	68.7%	43.6%

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23.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Shackerstone. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 23.3: Quality ratings for provision in Shackerstone

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	40%	55%	69%	1	1
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Shackerstone	40%	55%	69%	1	1

The two sites assessed in Shackerstone Parish are both play areas. Church Field basketball, Congerstone (40%) scores below the quality threshold due to a lack of signage and controls to prevent illegal use. It scores lower for surfaces, equipment quality, usage and overall site appearance. However, security, entrances and features such as seating and bins score well.

Station Road Play Area, Shackerstone (69%) scores above the quality threshold due to featuring a good supply of bins and benches, two of which are picnic tables. The site also benefits from reasonable drainage, signage and sufficient disabled access. However, it is identified that some of the equipment is quite tired, particularly the springies. The bark surface has grass growing through in some areas.

22.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Shackerstone. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

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Table 23.4: Value ratings for provision in Shackerstone

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	35%	39%	44%	0	2
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Shackerstone	35%	39%	44%	0	2

Both play areas rate above the value threshold. Both sites offer physical activity benefits with Station Road Play Area, Shackerstone (44%) featuring an agility area and multi-play. It also features play panels offering enhanced cognitive/educational value. The two play areas have amenity benefits to the local area.

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PART 24: SHEEPY

24.1 Current Provision

There are seven open spaces identified in Sheepy equating to 3.25 hectares. There are no parks, allotments, civic space or green corridors identified in Sheepy. In addition, there is an outdoor sports facility equating to 0.31 hectares.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 24.1: Current open space provision in Sheepy

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	1	1.33	1.06
Provision for children and young people	2	0.07	0.06
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	2	1.02	0.82
Allotments	-	-	-
Cemeteries	2	0.83	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	7	3.25	2.60

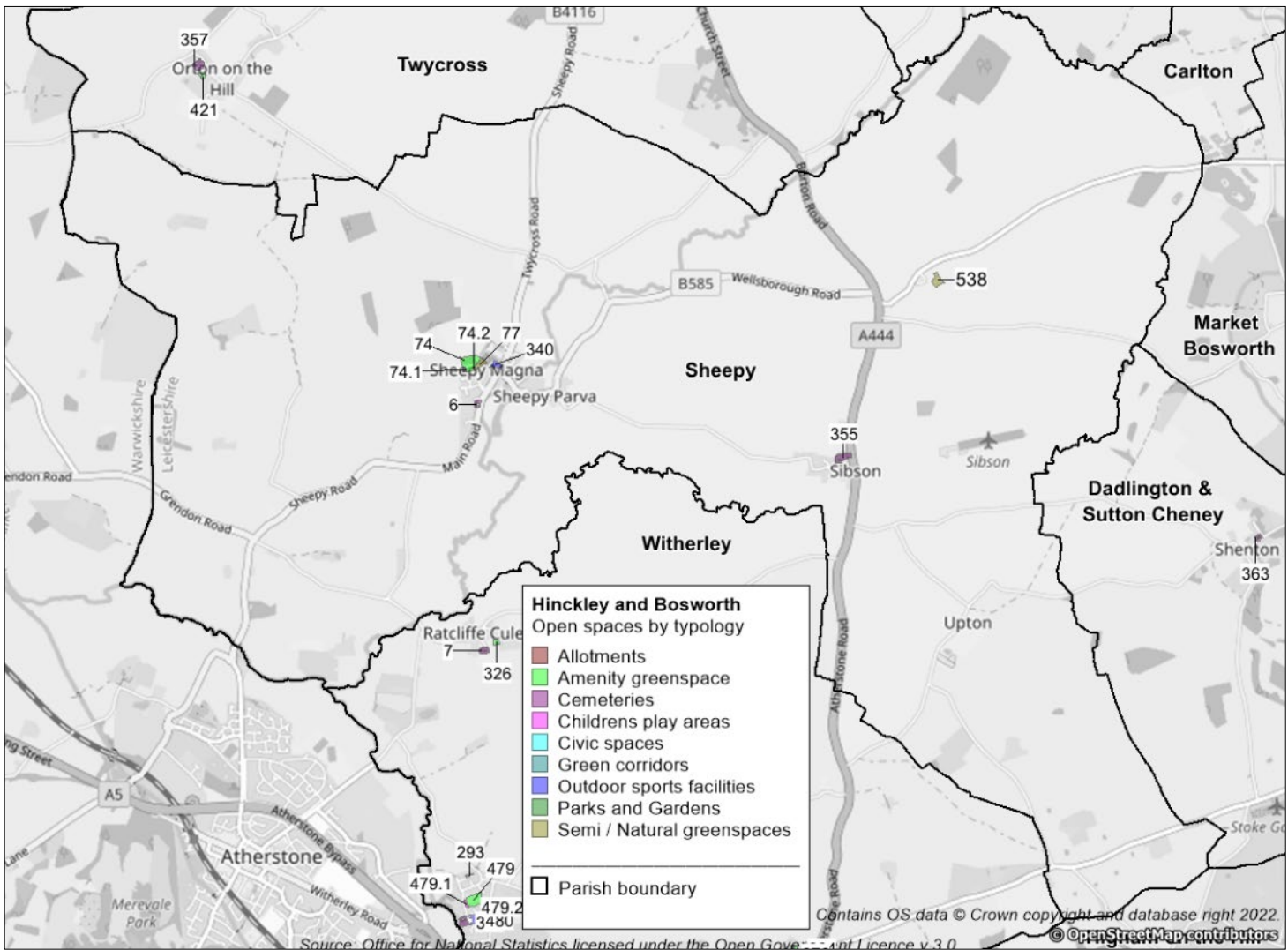
There is a total of 2.60 hectares per 1,000 population in Sheepy. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Sheepy is below the current provision levels in amenity greenspace (1.34) and natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56). The parish has an equal amount of provision in provision for children and young people (0.06). No parks and gardens or allotments exist within the area.

Figure 24.1 shows the open space provision within Sheepy.

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Figure 24.1: Open space provision mapped in Sheepy



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Table 24.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
6	All Saints Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Lane, Sheepy Magna	Cemeteries	0.23		
74	Brookside Place Green Space, Sheepy Magna	Amenity greenspace	1.33	34.1%	44.0%
74.1	Brookside Place play area, Sheepy Magna	Children's play areas	0.06	65.6%	50.9%
74.2	Brookside Place outdoor gym, Sheepy Magna	Children's play areas	0.008		
77	Brookside Place Woodland, Sheepy Magna	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.42		
340	Sheepy Magna Primary School Playing Field, Twycross Road	Outdoor sports facilities	0.31		
355	St Botolph's Churchyard and Cemetery, Sheepy Road, Sibson	Cemeteries	0.60		
538	Hornsey Rise, Wellesborough	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.60		

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24.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Sheepy. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 24.3: Quality ratings for provision in Sheepy

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	40%	40%	40%	1	0
Provision for children and young people	66%	66%	66%	0	2
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Sheepy	40%	53%	66%	1	2

Two of the three assessed sites in Sheepy score above the threshold for quality. Brookside Place play area, Sheepy Magna (66%) and Brookside Place outdoor gym, Sheepy Magna both score high for quality. Note these are assessed under the same form. The site benefits from reasonable user security, a car park, benches, litter bins and signage. General site appearance, surface, equipment and drainage all score well. The site is perceived as well used.

Brookside Place Green Space, Sheepy Magna (40%) scores below its quality threshold due to scoring lower for entrances, access and user security. The site also lacks signage. However, it benefits from benches, bins, good drainage and a car park. There is a play area and outdoor gym equipment as well as trees and bushes adding to the overall quality of the site.

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24.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Sheepy. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 24.4: Value ratings for provision in Sheepy

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	44%	44%	44%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	51%	51%	51%	0	2
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Sheepy	44%	48%	51%	0	3

All three sites rate above the value threshold due to having high amenity, social and health benefits. Brookside Place Green Space, Sheepy Magna features football goals and play equipment providing high amenity and health benefits. The presence of trees and bushes on the edge of the site and its location adjacent to a semi-natural site (Brookside Place Woodland, Sheepy Magna) provides added ecological value.

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PART 25: STANTON-UNDER-BARDON

25.1 Current Provision

There are 14 open space sites identified in Stanton-under-Bardon equating to almost 78 hectares of provision. The majority of provision (95%) is natural/semi-natural provision, this reflects the Parish Council being located within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest area. The largest open space site is The Partlings Wood (38 hectares). There are no parks, green corridors or civic space identified. In addition, there are two outdoor sports facility sites equating to 6.78 hectares.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 25.1: Current open space provision in Stanton-under-Bardon

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	1	1.75	1.93
Provision for children and young people	5	0.17	0.19
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	5	74.35	81.97
Allotments	2	1.35	1.49
Cemeteries	1	0.14	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	14	77.75	85.72

There is a total of 85.72 hectares per 1,000 population in Stanton-under-Bardon. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be well served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

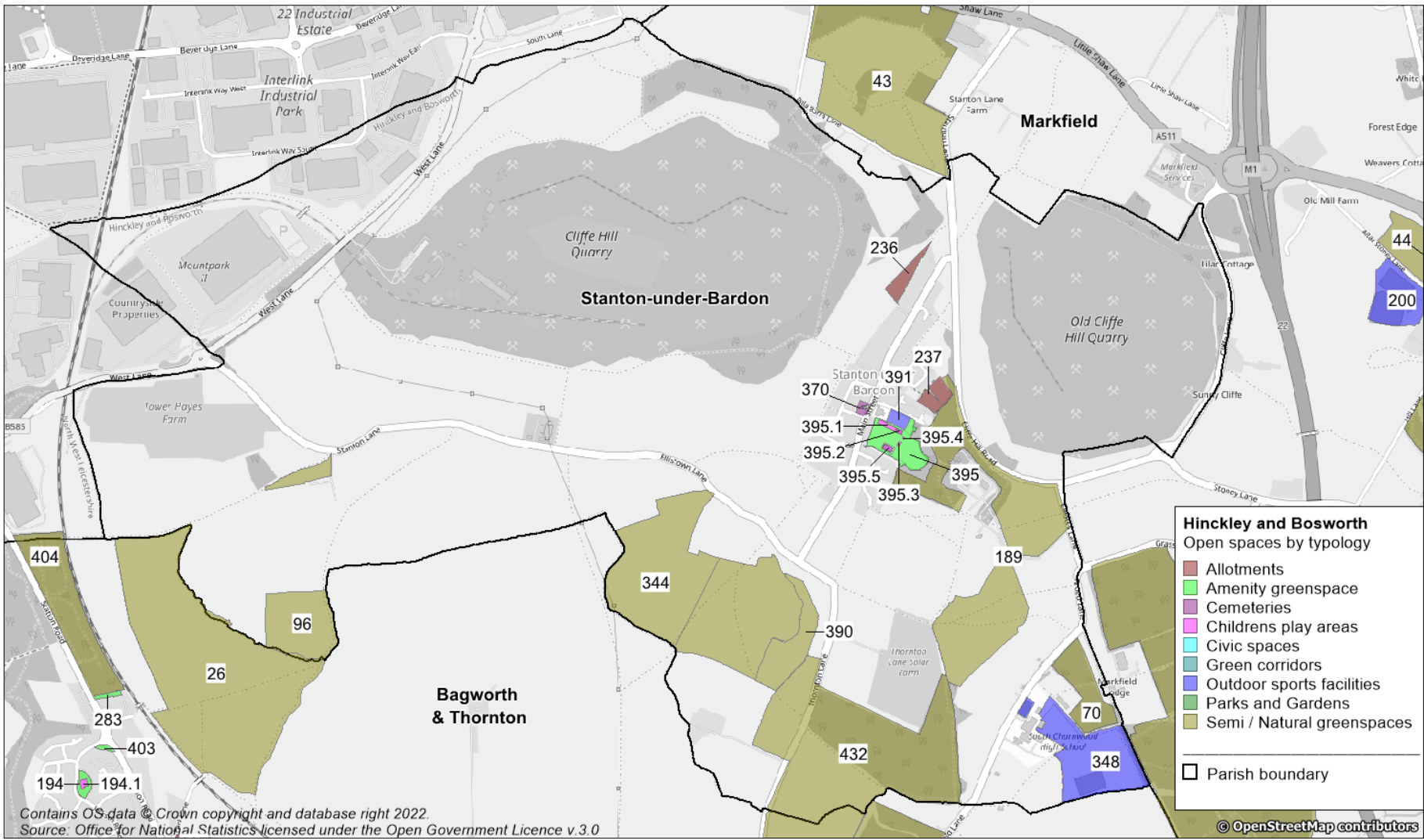
Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Stanton-under-Bardon has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace (1.34), provision for children and young people (0.06), natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56) and allotments (0.35). No parks and gardens exist within the area.

As highlighted above part of the Parish Council area falls within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest boundary and is a key component of the green infrastructure network. The creation of the National Forest is overseen by The National Forest Company, one of the main ways of increasing woodland cover in the area has been tree planting as part of new developments both on and off site. As such planning and development has a key role in the continued creation of the National Forest. Although natural and semi-natural green space is high, this is part of the landscape character of the area and its role within the National Forest and Charnwood Forest.

Figure 25.1 shows the open space provision within Stanton-under-Bardon.

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Figure 25.1: Open space provision mapped in Stanton-under-Bardon



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Table 25.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
96	Chestnut Glebe, Bagworth	Semi / Natural greenspaces	5.39	41.8%	30.0%
189	Horsepool Grange Woodland, Stanton Under Bardon	Semi / Natural greenspaces	16.25	50.7%	30.0%
236	Main Street Allotments (North), Stanton Under Bardon	Allotments	0.66	28.6%	21.9%
237	Main Street Allotments (South), Stanton Under Bardon	Allotments	0.69	38.8%	21.9%
344	Shilcraft Wood	Semi / Natural greenspaces	11.36	52.5%	29.1%
348	South Charnwood High School Playing Fields, Broad Lane	Outdoor sports facilities	6.47		
370	St Mary and All Saints Churchyard, Main Street, Stanton Under Bardon	Cemeteries	0.14		
390	Stanton Sewage Works	Semi / Natural greenspaces	2.86	39.4%	24.5%
391	Stanton Under Bardon Primary School Playing Fields, Main Street	Outdoor sports facilities	0.31		
395	Stanton Under Bardon Recreation Ground, Main Street	Amenity greenspace	1.75	40.5%	50.0%
395.1	Stanton Under Bardon Recreation Ground play area	Children's play areas	0.09	79.4%	63.6%
395.2	Stanton Under Bardon Recreation Ground MUGA	Children's play areas	0.02	79.4%	63.6%
395.3	Stanton Under Bardon Recreation Ground outdoor gym	Children's play areas	0.01	79.4%	63.6%
395.4	Stanton Under Bardon Recreation Ground basketball	Children's play areas	0.004	32.0%	38.2%
395.5	Stanton Under Bardon Recreation Ground MUGA 2	Children's play areas	0.04	79.4%	63.6%
432	The Partlings Wood, Stanton Under Bardon	Semi / Natural greenspaces	38.49	40.1%	30.0%

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25.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Stanton-under-Bardon. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 25.3: Quality ratings for provision in Stanton-under-Bardon

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	41%	41%	41%	1	0
Provision for children and young people	32%	56%	79%	1	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	39%	45%	52%	3	2
Allotments	29%	34%	40%	2	0
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Stanton under Bardon	29%	44%	79%	7	6

Over half of assessed sites (54%) in Stanton under Bardon rate below the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a mixed standard of quality.

High quality sites to note include Stanton-under-Bardon Recreation Ground play area, Stanton-under-Bardon Recreation Ground MUGA and Stanton-under-Bardon Recreation Ground outdoor gym. Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Council also identifies these sites as good quality. The play area benefits from good entrances, fencing, controls to prevent illegal use, user security, benches, litter bins and signage. It has the additional benefits of excellent wet pour surfaces, drainage and scores high for overall site appearance. The play areas appear well used and are adjacent to Stanton-under-Bardon Community Primary School and feature sufficient disabled access. However, the basketball post is noted as looking tired.

Stanton-under-Bardon Recreation Ground, Main Street (41%) scores below the quality threshold. However, Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Council note it as good quality. Although, it does highlight that the site has dog fouling issues and tired signs requiring a clean. The site benefits from seating, litter bins, paths, a range of play provision and is bordered by trees.

Horsepool Grange Woodland (51%) scores above its quality threshold. It is identified as a well-maintained wooded area with a footpath, signage, fencing and reasonable user security.

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Adjacent to this site is Off St John Cole Crescent Allotments (42%) which scores just above the quality threshold. This is a reasonably sized site with good entrances, access and user security. Furthermore, it features a wide path through the middle of the site and contains fresh water supply. Consultation with Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Council identifies it is a good quality site with 26 plots.

The other allotment in the area is Main Street Allotments (North) (29%) which rates below the quality threshold. The site is located down a narrow track road and features low boundary fencing. Paths and signage also score lower. However, it is overlooked and easy to view. The site scores quite well for overall maintenance and cleanliness. Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Council state it is good quality.

Despite The Partlings Wood (40%) scoring just below the quality threshold, no issues are noted with the site appearing well maintained. The site scores lower for entrances with it accessed via a busy road with no paths/safe access. It also lacks signage and benches but does feature bins and reasonable pathways.

25.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Stanton-under-Bardon. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 25.4: Value ratings for provision in Stanton-under-Bardon

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	50%	50%	50%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	38%	51%	64%	0	5
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	25%	29%	30%	0	5
Allotments	22%	22%	23%	0	2
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Stanton under Bardon	22%	38%	64%	0	13

All assessed sites rate above the value thresholds. As well as being the highest scoring site for quality, Stanton-under-Bardon Recreation Ground play area (79%) also rates the highest for value. The site features a good amount and quality of equipment. Surfaces are excellent and it is adjacent to a primary school which is likely to mean it is well used, offering high amenity, health and social benefits.

Despite scoring below the quality threshold, Stanton-under-Bardon Recreation Ground, Main Street (50%) scores high for value due to the high amenity and social benefits the site provides including a range of play provision, pathways and seating.

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PART 26: STOKE GOLDING

26.1 Current Provision

There are 15 open space sites identified in Stoke Golding equating to 4.97 hectares of provision. The largest open space site is Hall Drive Recreation Ground (2.31 hectares). There are no parks, civic space or green corridors identified in the parish of Stoke Golding. In addition, there are two outdoor sports facility sites equating to 5.14 hectares.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 26.1: Current open space provision in Stoke Golding

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	4	2.51	1.25
Provision for children and young people	5	0.23	0.11
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	2	0.20	0.10
Allotments	1	0.45	0.22
Cemeteries	3	1.58	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	15	4.97	2.48

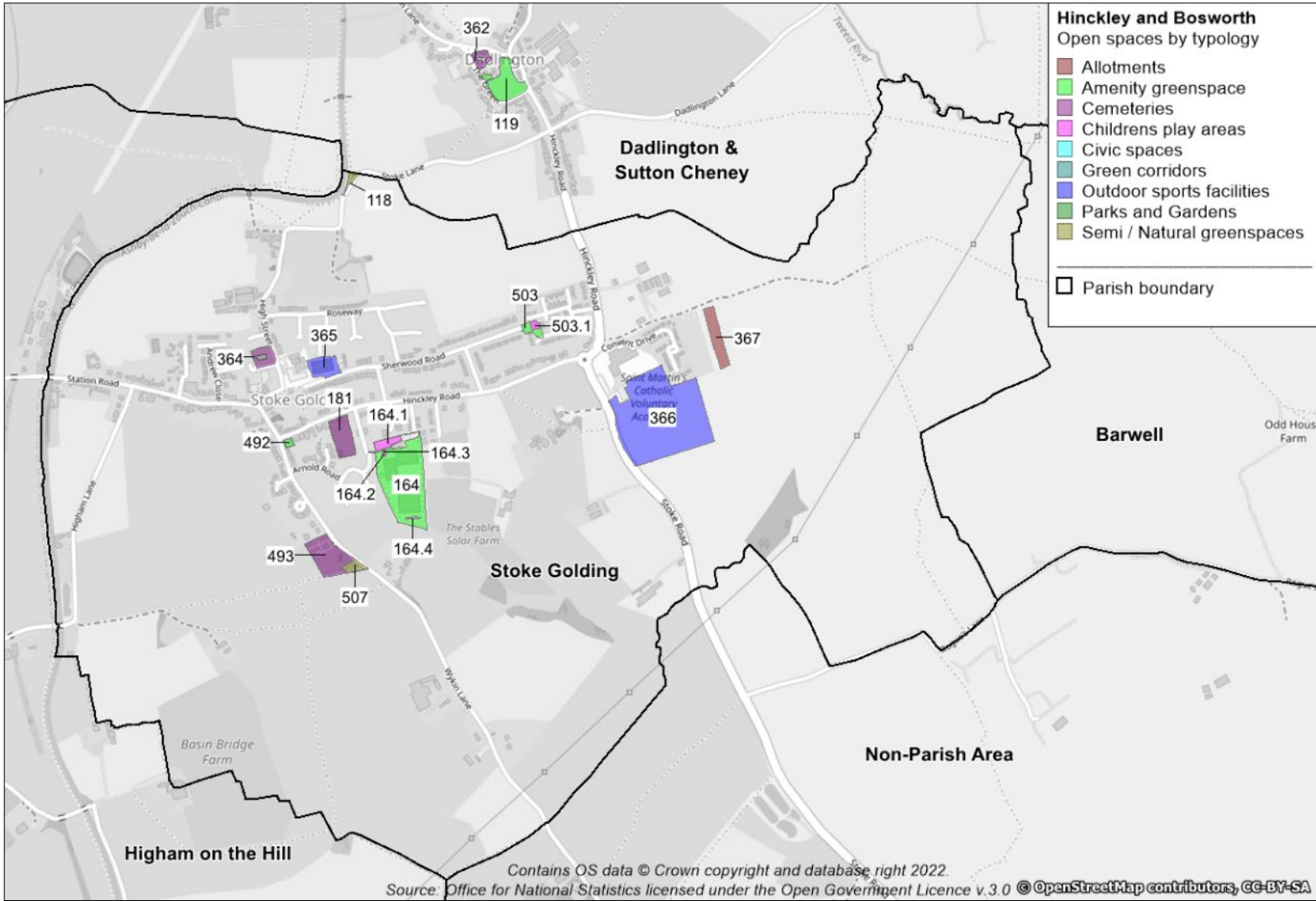
There is a total of 2.48 hectares per 1,000 population in Stoke Golding. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Stoke Golding has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in provision for children and young people (0.06). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in amenity greenspace (1.34), natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56) and allotments (0.35). No parks and gardens exist within the area.

Figure 26.1 shows the open space provision within Stoke Golding.

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Figure 26.1: Open space provision mapped in Stoke Golding



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Table 26.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
118	Dadlington Bathpiece	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.07		
164	Hall Drive Recreation Ground, Stoke Golding	Amenity greenspace	2.31	50.9%	60.0%
164.1	Hall Drive Recreation Ground play area, Stoke Golding	Children's play areas	0.16	80.8%	50.9%
164.2	Hall Drive Recreation Ground half MUGA, Stoke Golding	Children's play areas	0.007		
164.3	Hall Drive Recreation Ground table tennis, Stoke Golding	Children's play areas	0.002		
164.4	Hall Drive Recreation Ground outdoor gym, Stoke Golding	Children's play areas	0.02		
181	Hinckley Road Cemetery, Stoke Golding	Cemeteries	0.52		
364	St Margaret of Antioch Churchyard, High Street, Stoke Golding	Cemeteries	0.24		
365	St Margarets Primary School Playing Fields, High Street, Stoke Golding	Outdoor sports facilities	0.39		
366	St Martins Academy Playing Fields, Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding	Outdoor sports facilities	4.75		
367	St Martins Allotments, Stoke Golding	Allotments	0.45		
492	Wykin Lane Amenity Green Space, Stoke Golding	Amenity greenspace	0.05		
493	Wykin Lane Cemetery, Stoke Golding	Cemeteries	0.95		
503	Ryelands Crescent	Amenity greenspace	0.11		
503.1	Ryelands Crescent play area	Children's play areas	0.05	69.4%	41.8%
507	Wykin Lane Woodland and Nature Area	Semi / Natural greenspaces	0.12		
532	Laburnum Cottage Orchard	Amenity greenspace	0.04		

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26.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Stoke Golding. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 26.3: Quality ratings for provision in Stoke Golding

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	51%	51%	51%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	69%	75%	81%	0	5
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Stoke Golding	51%	63%	81%	0	6

All assessed sites in Stoke Golding rate above the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a positive standard of quality.

High quality sites to note include Hall Drive Recreation Ground play area, table tennis and outdoor gym (81%). The site features a range of equipment, good entrances, fencing, user security and signage. It has the additional benefits of a car park, a picnic bench, litter bins and good drainage. The site is maintained to a good standard and perceived to be well used.

Hall Drive Recreation Ground (51%) scores above the quality threshold and benefits from a range of play provision including a play area, half MUGA, table tennis, dirt track and outdoor gym. The site also contains numerous benches, some picnic tables, a cricket pitch, litter bins, a car park and a village hall. Moreover, the site is attractive and well maintained, featuring good paths and appearing to be well used by a variety of users.

Ryelands Crescent serves the local residents in a new housing area. The site is visually appealing, features signage, good quality equipment and overlooked on all sides, adding to the perception of user security. There are wide paths around the site providing links to the housing and the play area. In addition, the site benefits from fencing, a bin and bench.

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26.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Stoke Golding. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 26.4: Value ratings for provision in Stoke Golding

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	60%	60%	60%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	42%	46%	51%	0	5
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Stoke Golding	42%	51%	60%	0	6

All sites rate above the value thresholds, reflecting the role and uses of the identified provision.

Hall Drive Recreation Ground (60%) scores the highest for value due to featuring a range of facilities and features providing high amenity, health and social benefits. In addition, the site is observed as an attractive greenspace featuring trees and hedges providing ecological value as well as landscape benefits.

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PART 27: TWYXCROSS

27.1 Current Provision

There are 10 open space sites identified in Twycross equating to 2.58 hectares of provision. St Edith's Churchyard and Cemetery, Orton on the Hill, The Green, Orton on the Hill is the largest open space identified in Twycross. In addition, there are two outdoor sports facility sites equating to 5.28 hectares.

Hallfields (TWY04) was included in the previous 2016 study. However, the land is not accessible to the public. It is therefore not included in this study.

Cemeteries do not have a current provision level (ha per 1,000 population) figure in the last column as it is not appropriate to analyse such forms of provision on this basis.

Table 27.1: Current open space provision in Twycross

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	5	1.23	1.51
Provision for children and young people	2	0.06	0.07
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-
Cemeteries	3	1.29	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	10	2.58	3.18

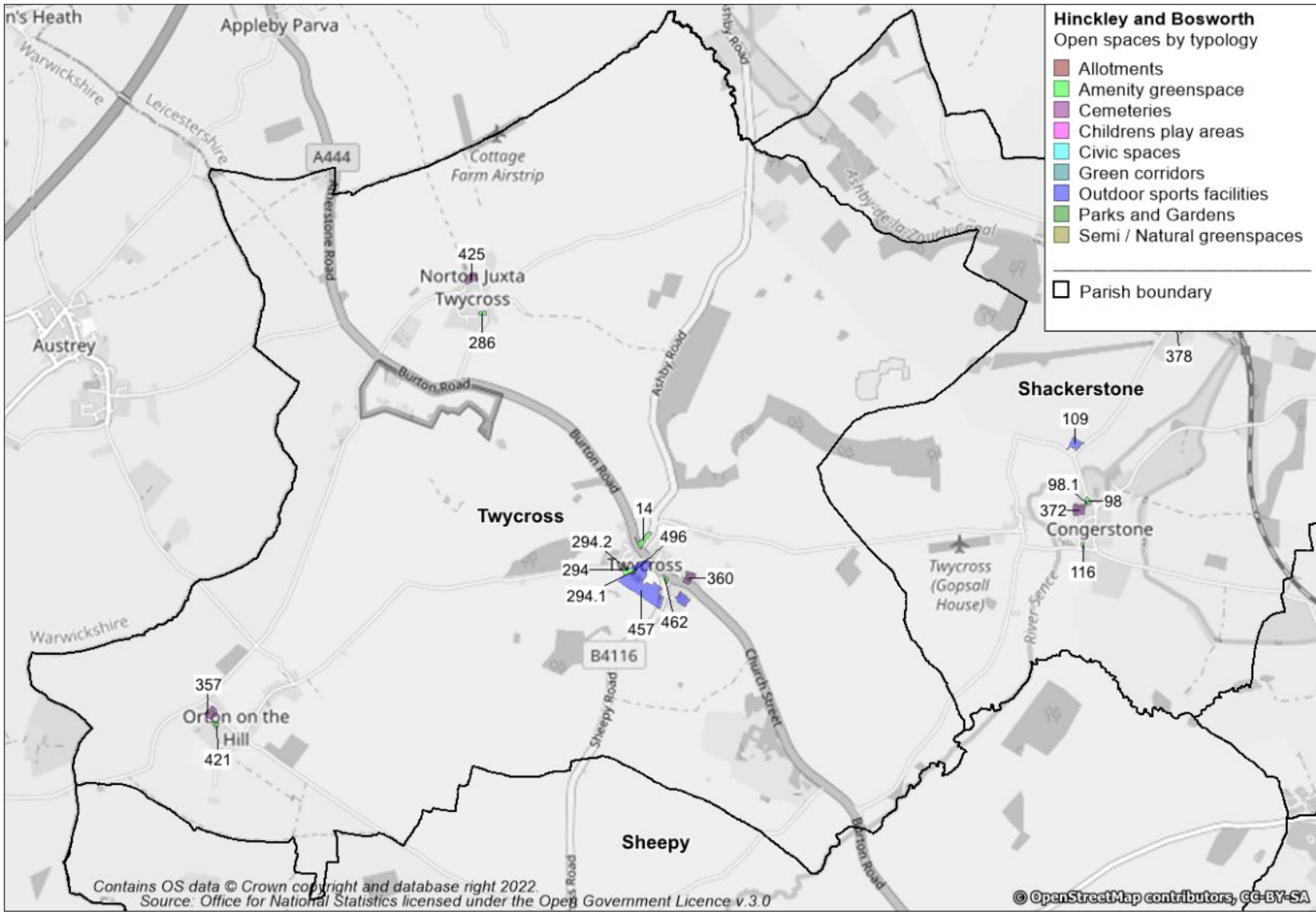
There is a total of 3.18 hectares per 1,000 population in Twycross. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be underserved in terms of quantity of open space provision. The population is relatively small at 812 residents.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Twycross has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in amenity greenspace (1.34) and provision for children and young people (0.06). No parks and gardens, natural and semi-natural greenspace or allotments exist within the area.

Figure 26.1 shows the open space provision within Twycross.

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Figure 27.1: Open space provision mapped in Twycross



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Table 27.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
14	Ashby Road Amenity Green Space, Twycross	Amenity greenspace	0.46		
286	Norton Juxta Twycross Playing Field, Main Street	Amenity greenspace	0.16		
294	Orton Lane Playing Fields, Twycross	Amenity greenspace	0.33		
294.1	Orton Lane Playing Fields MUGA, Twycross	Children's play areas	0.01	37.8%	38.2%
294.2	Orton Lane Playing Fields play area, Twycross	Children's play areas	0.05	37.8%	38.2%
357	St Edith's Churchyard and Cemetery, The Green, Orton on the Hill	Cemeteries	0.48		
360	St James Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Street, Twycross	Cemeteries	0.42		
421	The Green, Orton on the Hill	Amenity greenspace	0.16		
425	The Holy Trinity Churchyard and Cemetery, Orton Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross	Cemeteries	0.39		
457	Twycross House School Playing Fields, The Green, Twycross	Outdoor sports facilities	4.25		
462	Village Green, Main Road Amenity Green Space, Twycross	Amenity greenspace	0.13		
496	Twycross Cricket Club	Outdoor sports facilities	1.03		

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27.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Twycross. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 27.3: Quality ratings for provision in Twycross

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	38%	38%	38%	2	0
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Twycross	38%	38%	38%	2	0

Both assessed play areas in Twycross rate below the threshold set for quality. This is due to a lack of signage and scoring lower for overall appearance and surfaces. However, the site benefits from benches, bins and good drainage. The quality of equipment is adequate.

27.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Twycross. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

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Table 27.4: Value ratings for provision in Twycross

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Provision for children and young people	38%	38%	38%	0	2
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Twycross	38%	38%	38%	0	2

Both assessed play sites rate above the value thresholds. This reflects their role and uses. The sites are the only play provision in Twycross further enhancing their value.

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PART 28: WITHERLEY

28.1 Current Provision

There are 12 open space sites identified in Witherley equating to 2.84 hectares of provision. Amenity greenspace accounts for most of the open space provision identified. There are no parks, natural/semi-natural greenspace or allotments in Witherley. In addition, there is an outdoor sports facility equating to 0.33 hectares.

Table 28.1: Current open space provision in Witherley

Typology	Number of sites	Total hectares	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Parks & gardens	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	5	1.65	1.21
Provision for children and young people	4	0.22	0.16
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-
Cemeteries	3	0.97	-
Civic space	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-
Total	12	2.84	2.08

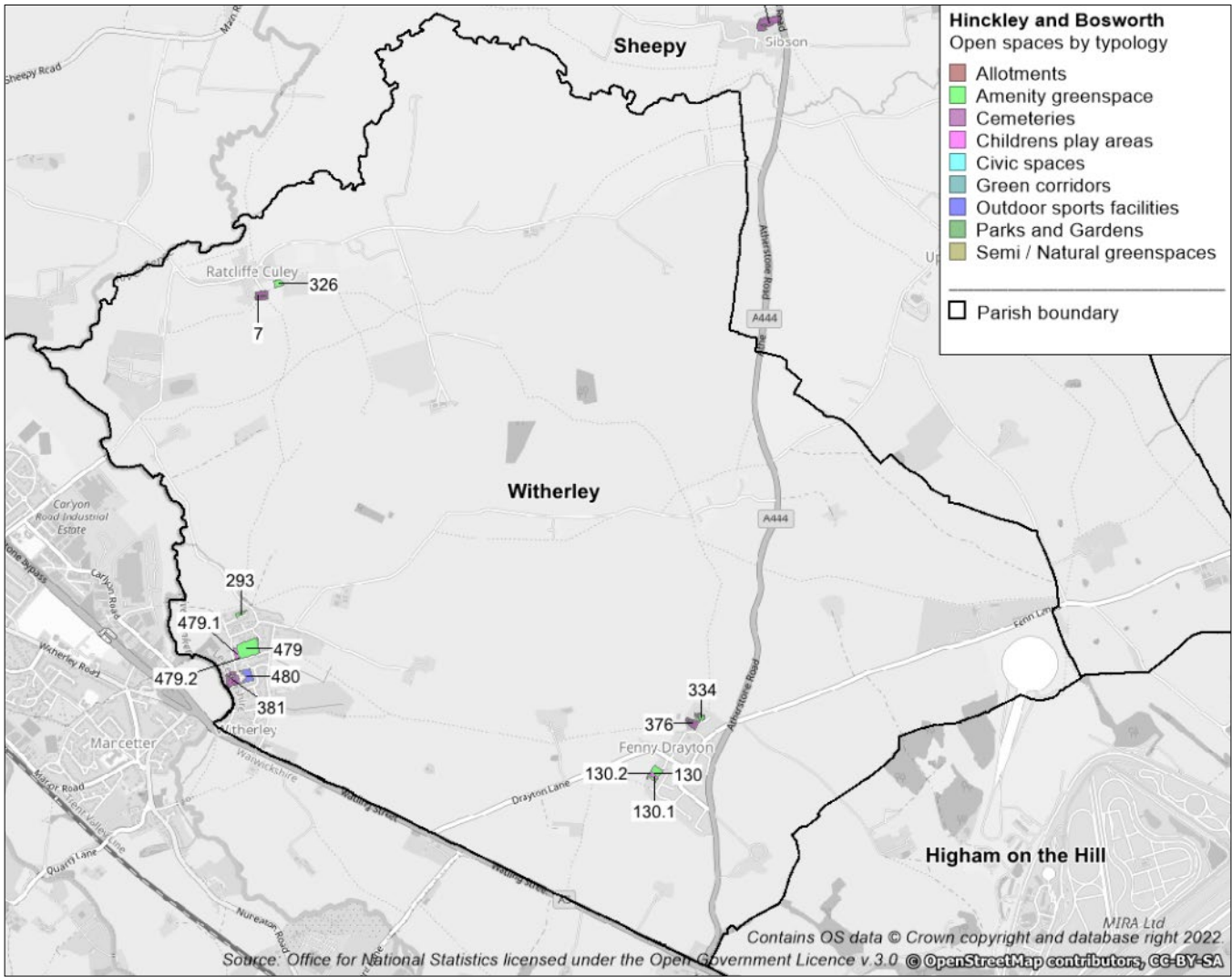
There is a total of 2.08 hectares per 1,000 population in Witherley. Across the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, there are 10.67 hectares per 1,000 population. This suggests the parish could potentially be under served in terms of quantity of open space provision.

Compared to the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough, Witherley has a greater amount of provision per 1,000 population in provision for children and young people (0.06). The parish is below the current provision levels for all Hinckley and Bosworth Borough in amenity greenspace (1.34). No parks and gardens, natural and semi-natural greenspace provision or allotments exist within the area.

Figure 28.1 shows the open space provision within Witherley.

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Figure 28.1: Open space provision mapped in Witherley



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Table 28.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Typology	Size (ha)	Quality score	Value score
7	All Saints Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Lane, Ratcliffe Culey	Cemeteries	0.29		
130	Drayton Close, Fenny Drayton	Amenity greenspace	0.30		
130.1	Drayton Close play area, Fenny Drayton	Children's play areas	0.10	71.1%	50.9%
130.2	Drayton Close Basketball, Fenny Drayton	Children's play areas	0.01		
293	Orchard Close Amenity Green Space, Witherley	Amenity greenspace	0.07		
326	Ratcliffe Culey Playing Field, Ormes Lane	Amenity greenspace	0.16		
334	Rookery Close Amenity Green Space, Fenny Drayton	Amenity greenspace	0.13		
376	St Michael's & All Angels Cemetery & Churchyard, Church Lane, Fenny Drayton	Cemeteries	0.25		
381	St Peters Churchyard and Cemetery, Church Road, Witherley	Cemeteries	0.42		
479	Witherley Memorial Grounds, Church Road	Amenity greenspace	0.98	60.4%	65.0%
479.1	Witherley Memorial Grounds play area	Children's play areas	0.10	61.2%	50.9%
479.2	Witherley Memorial Grounds outdoor gym	Children's play areas	0.004		
480	Witherley Primary School Playing Fields, Church Road	Outdoor sports facilities	0.33		

Note that some play areas have been assessed in the same assessment form.

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28.2 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the quality assessment for provision in Witherley. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 28.3: Quality ratings for provision in Witherley

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	60%	60%	60%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	61%	66%	71%	0	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Green corridors	-	-	-	-	-
Witherley	60%	63%	71%	0	5

All assessed sites in Witherley rate above the thresholds set for quality, suggesting a positive standard of quality.

Drayton Close play area, Fenny Drayton (71%) is the highest scoring site for quality. The site features a good amount and range of equipment including a rota web climber, double springy, multi-play, climbing unit, junior and toddler swings. One of the junior swings was missing at the time of assessment. In addition, the site benefits from good entrances, user security, benches, litter bins, signage, good drainage, surfaces and overall maintenance.

Close to the play area is a half-court basketball area and two pieces of outdoor gym equipment which are also of a good quality. There are football goals on the grass within the amenity greenspace adding to the quality of the site.

28.3 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), the scores from the site assessments have been colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table below summarises the results of the value assessment for open space provision in Witherley. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of how the value scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

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Table 28.4: Value ratings for provision in Witherley

Typology	Lowest % score	Average % score	Highest % score	Below	Above
Parks & gardens	-	-	-	-	-
Amenity greenspace	65%	65%	65%	0	1
Provision for children and young people	51%	56%	60%	0	4
Natural/semi-natural greenspace	-	-	-	-	-
Allotments	-	-	-	-	-
Cemeteries	-	-	-	-	-
Civic space	-	-	-	-	-
Witherley	51%	61%	65%	0	5

All assessed sites rate above the value thresholds, reflecting the role and uses of the identified provision.

Drayton Close play area (60%) is the highest scoring site for value. The site features wooden/natural equipment located in an attractive greenspace providing structural and landscape benefits. There is a good range of equipment including a basketball area and outdoor gym on site providing high amenity, physical activity and social benefits.

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PART 29: PROVISION STANDARDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

This chapter sets out the approach and considerations relating to the provision standards and contributions for open spaces. It utilises and reviews existing approaches to help inform the future requirements of open space provision.

29.1 Standards setting

Provision standards focus on Quantity, Accessibility and Quality to help inform future requirements and needs in a local area.

Quantity

To set a quantity standard it is useful to compare current levels of provision identified as part of the study against national benchmarks and existing standards.

Guidance on quantity levels is published by Fields In Trust (FIT). The guidance provides standards for three types of provision: parks and gardens, amenity greenspace and natural and semi-natural greenspace. FIT also suggests guideline quantity standard for play provision including equipped/designated playing space and other outdoor provision (MUGAs and skateboard parks).

The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) offers guidance on allotments (suggesting 0.25 hectares per 1,000 population).

The table below sets out the quantity figures for current provision levels identified, existing standards, and any relevant national benchmarks. This is presented on a hectares per 1,000 population.

Table 29.1: Comparison of standards (hectares per 1,000 population)

Open space type	2025	Policy 19	FIT
Parks & gardens	0.36	0.70*	0.80
Amenity greenspace	1.34		0.60
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	8.56	2.00	1.80
Provision for children & young people	0.06	0.15	0.25/0.30
Allotments	0.35	n/a	0.25
Combined total	10.67	2.85	4.30

Overall, the total current provision level (2025) of 10.67 is greater than the total figures cited in Policy 19 (2.85) and FIT (4.00). However, this is due to the large current provision level associated with natural and semi-natural greenspace (8.56). Policy 19 does not set a figure for allotments.

Combined the Policy 19 figures are less than the combined total from FIT. The main differences being due to the FIT standards suggested for parks, amenity and play. Conversely, the Policy 19 figures have a greater level set out for natural greenspace and allotments.

* Referred to as casual/informal play space

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The general approach is for current provision levels to be used. However, there are some exceptions to this. The recommendation for each type of provision is provided below.

Table 29.2: Justification for recommended standards

Type	Recommendation	Justification
Parks and gardens	Current provision	Reflects up to date provision figures, which have been reviewed as part of study.
Amenity greenspace	Current provision	Reflects up to date provision figures, which have been reviewed as part of study.
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	Existing standard	Current provision level unlikely to be achievable in areas of new development. Therefore, retaining use of existing standard is recommended.
Provision for children & young people	FIT	Current provision level significantly below FIT and Policy 2019 figures. FIT widely recognised/accepted as a quantity standard figure for play provision
Allotment	Current provision	Reflects up to date provision figures, which have been reviewed as part of study.

In summary, the following quantity standards are recommended.

Table 29.3: Recommended standards for the Local Plan Review

Type	Quantity Standard (recommended) (Ha per 1,000 population):
Parks & gardens	0.36
Amenity greenspace	1.34
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	2.00
Provision for children & young people	0.25 (younger) 0.30 (youth)
Allotment	0.35
Total	4.60

Accessibility

Accessibility catchments can be used as a tool to identify access to open space in a local area. This is achieved by applying a distance catchment.

There is an element of subjectivity resulting in time / distance variations. This is to be expected given that people walk at different speeds depending on a number of factors including height, age, levels of fitness and physical barriers on route. Therefore, there will be an element of 'best fit'.

The accessibility catchments from FIT are recommended for use to help guide, for example, where off-site contributions may need to be used to enhance the quality of and/or access to existing provision within an acceptable distance to a development.

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Table 29.4: Accessibility catchment distances

Open space type	Catchment
Parks & gardens	9-minute walk time (710m)
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	9-minute walk time (720m)
Amenity greenspace	6-minute walk time (480m)
Provision for children and young people (LAP)	1-minute walk time (100m)
Provision for children and young people (LEAP)	5-minute walk time (400m)
Provision for children and young people (NEAP)	12.5-minute walk time (1000m)
Provision for children and young people (Informal provision e.g., MUGA, Skate park)	9-minute walk time (700m)
Allotments	No standard set
Cemeteries	No standard set

No standard is set for the typologies of allotments or cemeteries. For cemeteries, new provision should be informed by demand for burial space.

Quality

As part of the Open Space Assessment several sites receive a score for quality. The quality scoring should be used to measure the need for enhancement of existing facilities. It helps to identify high quality provision for benchmarking and low-quality provision for targeting as part of any potential improvements.

29.2 Approach to contributions

The following section reviews and considers the approach to contributions in light of the provision standards being reviewed. As part of the Local Plan process the figures/approach will be tested for viability as part of the whole plan viability process.

The provision for play and open space as outlined in Policy 19 of the Core Strategy has been broken down into the required provision per dwelling (based on an average of 2.4 people per dwelling taken from CENSUS):

- Equipped Children's Play Space - 3.6 sqm
- Casual/informal Play Space - 16.8 sqm
- Outdoor Sports Provision - 38.4 sqm
- Accessibility Natural Green Space - 40 sqm
- **Total of 4.12 hectares per 1000 pop (if sports included)**
- **Total of 2.52 hectares per 1000 pop (if sports excluded)**
 - 60.4 sqm (excluding sports) per 2.4 people, Per 1000 people = 25,167 sqm, Per 1000 people = 2.52 ha per 1000 population

Table 29.5 shows the equivalent breakdown using the new recommended quantity figures. Table 29.6 shows that compared to the existing approach, the 2025 figures are an increase.

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Table 29.5: Recommended standards for the Local Plan Review converted square metres per dwelling

Type	Ha per 1,000 population	Sqm per dwelling*
Parks & gardens	0.36	8.6
Amenity greenspace	1.34	32
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	2.00	48
Provision for children & young people	0.25 & 0.30	6 & 7
Allotment	0.35	8.4
Total	4.60	110

Table 29.6: Comparison of recommended standards to existing figures (Sqm per dwelling)

Type	2025 figures	Policy 2019
Parks & gardens	8.6	16.8
Amenity greenspace	32	
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	48	40
Provision for children & young people	6 & 7	3.6
Allotment	8.4	n/a
Total	110	60.4

Approach to offsite contributions

Existing costs are cited in the Open Space and Recreational Facilities Study (2016) as:

30.18 The current figures for provision and maintenance per metres squared are as follows:

	Provision rate* per m ²	Maintenance annual rate* per m ²
Equipped children's play space	£181.93	£8.78
Casual/informal play space	£4.44	£0.54
Outdoor sports provision	£9.05	£0.43
Accessibility natural green space	£4.09	£0.71

*Please note the rates will be reviewed annually to account for changes in inflation.

30.19 For developments of 40 dwellings or more on site equipped children's play space should be provided and the maintenance rate applied. If the applicant can demonstrate that it is not feasible to do so they can pay for the provision off site and pay a maintenance contribution towards it.

30.20 Financial contributions for play and open space are requested for developments of more than 10 dwellings or with floorspace of 1,000 square meters (this floor space calculation should include all incidental and ancillary buildings). This is outlined in the planning practice guidance Paragraph: 031 Reference ID: 23b-031-20161116.

* Hectare per 1000 population x 10,000 / 1000 x 2.4

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2025 updated figures

Using Bank of England inflation calculator* and old typologies/original 2017 costs the following updated costs are calculated:

Table 29.7: 2017 typology costs inflated using Bank of England calculator

Type	Original provision rate per m2	Updated provision rate per m2
Equipped children's play	£181.93	£242.49
Casual/informal	£4.44	£6.66†
Outdoor sports	£9.05	£11.99
Accessible natural greenspace	£4.09	£5.33

Notes:

- Sports/Natural directly relate to the new 2025 typologies.
- Casual/informal to be used for Amenity
- Allotments/Parks not derivable from 2017 figures – but are included in the 2021 s106 contributions excel (£6/£21 respectively)
- Play can be split into the two 2025 categories (see table overleaf).

Table 29.8: Play provision inflated using Bank of England calculator

Equipped Children's Play = total 2017 cost for NEAP (113,508) / minimum area for informal play (1000) = 113 Apply Bank of England interest calculator = £150.56
Provision for Young People = total 2017 cost for MUGA (67,889) / minimum area for informal play (800) = 85 Apply Bank of England interest calculator = £113.25

Consequently, the following updated rates are calculated:

Table 29.9: Updated typology costs (2025)

Type	Source of original rate	Updated provision rate per m2
Parks and Gardens	2021	£25.93
Amenity Greenspace	2017	£6.66
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspaces (accessible)	2017	£5.33
Equipped Children's Play Space	2017	£150.56
Provision for Young People	2017	£113.25
Allotments	2021	£7.41
Outdoor Sports Provision	2017	£11.99

*Please note the rates will be reviewed annually to account for changes in inflation.

* [Inflation calculator | Bank of England](#)

† Using £5 as starting cost
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The monetary provision contribution for equipped play is for the equipment and not just the footprint of the POS.

Maintenance contributions

Using the same approach, the following updated maintenance figures are calculated:

Table 29.10: Updated typology maintenance costs (2025)

Type	Source of original rate	Updated provision rate per m2
Parks and Gardens	2021	£1.42
Amenity Greenspace	2017	£1.33
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspaces (accessible)	2017	£0.95
Equipped Children's Play Space	2017	£7.99
Provision for Young People	2017	£5.33
Allotments	2021	£0.28
Outdoor Sports Provision	2017	£0.57

*Please note the rates will be reviewed annually to account for changes in inflation.

Financial contributions for play and open space are requested for developments of more than 10 dwellings or with floorspace of 1,000 square meters (this floor space calculation should include all incidental and ancillary buildings).

Worked examples

The following steps sets out the process that should be considered when determining contributions in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility of open space provision. The provision standards should be used to help determine the requirements for open space provision as part of a development.

All residential developments are expected to contribute to the provision of open space.

Step 1. Calculate population generated by housing development

Step 2. Calculate open space requirement generated by housing development

Step 3. Determine if provision should be on-site or off-site

Step 4. Calculate the financial off-site contribution

Step 5. Identify which sites could benefit from an off-site contribution

An Excel base calculator has been created to assist in the process of determining open space requirements.

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Step 1. Calculate population generated by housing development

To determine the requirements for open space provision, the starting point is to calculate the level of demand (additional population) generated by that development.

Housing figures are provided in terms of the number of dwellings allocated per development. The indicative population figures are based on the assumption that population growth will average 2.4* persons per dwelling. If available, occupancy rates for different dwelling sizes could be used.

Step 2. Calculate open space requirement generated by housing development

To then determine the open space requirement for each form of open space the associated population is multiplied by the recommended quantity standards for each relevant typology. The following calculation should be used:

New/additional population from development x quantity standard / 1000 = hectares required

(To convert to square metres required = hectares required x 10,000)

For example, a hypothetical development of 50 dwellings would require the following amount of amenity greenspace:

**New/additional population from development (50 x 2.4 = 120) x amenity greenspace quantity standard (1.34) / 1000 = 0.16 hectares
(=1,600 sqm)**

Step 3. Determine if provision should be on-site or off-site

To ensure open space provision is both sufficient in scale and practical in delivery, it is necessary to apply quantity standards alongside minimum on-site provision thresholds. Quantity standards, expressed in hectares per 1,000 population, establish the overall level of provision required to meet the needs of new development. These standards are used to calculate the total amount of open space generated by residential growth and to guide strategic planning and infrastructure delivery.

However, whether provision should be made on-site or via an off-site contribution is dependent on the size and scale of the development. In the case of larger-scale residential developments, it is expected that provision will be provided on-site. Larger residential developments will have a critical mass of population and should provide all typologies of open space on-site in order to serve the additional population as a result of the development. In contrast, smaller developments may not meet the minimum area thresholds required to deliver usable and sustainable open space on-site.

* Source: ONS Families and households in the UK: 2022

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Best practice guidance from organisations like FIT, recommends that provision below certain sizes should not be provided as on-site provision as this can result in fragmented, low-value spaces that are difficult to maintain over time. To avoid this, minimum area thresholds—based on dwelling numbers and typology-specific site sizes—are applied to determine when on-site provision is appropriate. Where these thresholds are not met, off-site contributions should be directed to enhance existing provision within the relevant accessibility catchment.

This combined approach ensures that open space is delivered at a strategic scale while also supporting the creation of high-quality, accessible, and sustainable environments.

The following minimum area sizes are required when new provision is to be provided on-site:

Table 29.11: Suggested minimum site areas and number of dwellings

Typology	Minimum area (hectares)	Number of dwellings to warrant open space
Parks and Gardens	1	1,152
Amenity Greenspace	0.1	30
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspaces (accessible)	0.25	52
Equipped Children's Play Space	0.01 (LAP)	10
	0.04 (LEAP)	59
	0.10 (NEAP)	159
Provision for Young People	0.08 (full size MUGA)	105
	0.04 (1/2 size)	49
	0.02 (Game wall or similar)	21
Allotments	0.25	292

FIT cites 500 dwellings should provide all types of play for all ages

To ensure clarity for developers and consistency in delivery, it is recommended that the Fields in Trust (FIT) typologies for play provision are used: Local Area for Play (LAP), Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP), and Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP). These are not hierarchical replacements but serve distinct age groups and spatial functions. Where development exceeds the threshold for a LEAP or NEAP, this does not negate the need for play provision to cater for LAP age groups. Instead, provision should be cumulative, with each typology provided where its respective threshold is met. This ensures that play opportunities are accessible to all age groups within appropriate walking distances.

Provision requirements for any development which does not trigger the on-site contribution will generally be sought as off-site contributions. However, if the development is not within reach of an existing play site than on-site provision will be warranted regardless of the small size of the development.

In instances where local provision is well provided and exceeds minimum standards, maintenance contributions will be calculated proportionally based on the actual area to be provided.

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While individual small-scale residential developments may not meet the thresholds for on-site open space provision, their cumulative impact within a defined area can generate a significant demand for new or enhanced open space. In such instances, it is important to recognise that the combined population growth may warrant provision that would not be justified on a site-by-site basis. Where this occurs, the local authority may require additional developer contributions or seek further on-site provision to address the cumulative need. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, informed by accessibility catchments, existing provision levels, and the overall spatial strategy. The local authority will seek to engage with developers to explore appropriate solutions, which may include contributions, coordinated delivery, or strategic land allocation to ensure that open space provision remains adequate, accessible, and sustainable over time.

It is also important that developments consider the needs of all ages to help deliver mixed, healthy and sustainable communities. Therefore, it is necessary for developments to demonstrate accessible / inclusive child friendly spaces within schemes.

Open space contributions are secured separately from Biodiversity Net Gain. While both contribute to environmental and community benefits, they serve distinct planning functions and are subject to different policy and delivery mechanisms.

Step 4. Calculate the financial off-site contribution

If an off-site contribution is required in lieu of on-site provision, a financial contribution should be calculated.

Table 29.12: Updated off-site contribution costs

Type	Source of original rate	Updated provision rate per m2
Parks and Gardens	2021	£25.93
Amenity Greenspace	2017	£6.66
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspaces (accessible)	2017	£5.33
Equipped Children's Play Space	2017	£150.56
Provision for Young People	2017	£113.25
Allotments	2021	£7.41
Outdoor Sports Provision	2017	£11.99

*Please note the rates will be reviewed annually to account for changes in inflation.

Maintenance contributions

A development needs to make appropriate provision of services, facilities and infrastructure to meet its own needs. New forms of equipment/provision will add to the existing management and maintenance pressures of sites.

Consequently, there continues to be a requirement on developers to demonstrate that where new provision is to be provided it will be managed and maintained accordingly. Developers are therefore required to submit a sum of money in order to pay for the costs of the site's future maintenance. The following table sets this out.

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Table 29.13: Maintenance costs

Type	Source of original rate	Updated provision rate per m2
Parks and Gardens	2021	£1.42
Amenity Greenspace	2017	£1.33
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspaces (accessible)	2017	£0.95
Equipped Children's Play Space	2017	£7.99
Provision for Young People	2017	£5.33
Allotments	2021	£0.28
Outdoor Sports Provision	2017	£0.57

To ensure the long-term sustainability of open space provision, this study recommends continuing to apply the established 10-year and 20-year maintenance contribution periods used by Hinckley and Bosworth. The justification for continuing to use these periods is set out below.

Table 29.14: Length of maintenance periods

Type of provision contribution	Maintenance period
Off site (i.e. for facilities serving the wider community)	10 years
On site (i.e. for facilities primarily serving the development)	20 years

The durations are based on widely accepted practice originating from the principles set out in Circular 05/2005: Planning Obligations. Although the Circular has since been withdrawn, its influence remains evident in case law, appeal decisions, and model planning obligations developed by agencies such as English Partnerships and the Homes and Communities Agency.

The 10-year period is applied to open space typologies that serve the wider community, reflecting the principle that, over time, the public sector may reasonably assume responsibility for their maintenance.

In contrast, the 20-year period is applied to open space that primarily serves the development itself, ensuring that long-term maintenance costs are proportionately borne by the developer or future residents.

This distinction supports fairness and viability, aligning with the original policy tests of necessity, proportionality, and reasonableness. These timeframes have been consistently used by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and remain relevant in the current planning context. The continued use provides clarity for developers, supports financial planning for the Council, and ensures that open space remains functional and well-maintained during its most intensive use period.

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Step 5. Identify which sites could benefit from an off-site contribution

The new population arising from a development will result in increased demand to existing forms of provision; subsequently off-site contributions may need to be used to enhance the quality of and/or access to existing provision within an acceptable distance to the development.

Sites identified as being low quality and value are identified in the Open Space Assessment. Consequently, these sites may benefit most from some form of enhancement. It is also important to engage with PC/TC to ensure an up to date understanding of local needs and quality concerns.

There is a need for flexibility to the enhancement of low quality and/or value sites within proximity to a new housing development. In some instances, a better use of resources and investment may be to focus on facilities further away which offer more suitable sites for enhancement as opposed to trying to enhance a site that is not appropriate or cost effective to do so closer by. However, in some instances, a site (regardless of quality/value) may be the only form of provision serving that area. To support the implementation, it is important that the Local Plan provides clarity on how decisions will be made regarding the prioritisation of on-site versus off-site provision. This includes setting out the criteria for assessing site suitability, cost-effectiveness, and strategic value. Such clarity will assist Officers in securing and justifying POS contributions during the planning process and provide a transparent framework for negotiations with developers.

For allotments, in instances where an off site contribution is required but no existing allotment site is within proximity. Engagement with the local parish council should be sought to establish potential alternative options to the provision of allotments.

Details of the open spaces within the Borough where off-site monetary contributions can be found in the Open Space Assessment Report, which identifies existing sites across the borough and identifies a quality and value score for the open spaces. The audit can be used as a basis for identifying locations where improvements will deliver the greatest benefit to local communities. Applicants are encouraged to refer to the audit when preparing proposals and engaging in discussions with the Local Planning Authority regarding Public Open Space contributions.

29.3 Design principles and considerations

It is essential that the provision and location of open space is considered as a priority from the outset in the planning of residential developments. Once the types and quantities to be provided are confirmed, this should be integrated into the development and designed with the objective of contributing optimally to the quality of life of residents. Developments, in which open space is ‘fitted in’ around the built elements as a secondary consideration, rarely achieve this objective.

In addition to the location and design of the individual facilities, consideration will be given to the connections between them, ensuring that a network of diverse and stimulating accessible open space binds the development together.

The following sets out some of the key considerations to the design/quality for different types of open spaces.

Table 29.15: Park and gardens design principles

Parks and gardens - Accessible, high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events.
• Appropriate design and layout of interest including suitable planting, seating, bins, etc • Larger sites may host other provision types (i.e. formal sport pitches, play and youth facilities) and features. Sites large enough to accommodate pitch sports should be, in part, of a level gradient to accommodate such activities • Larger facilities should offer secure bicycle parking, toilets, café, EV charging etc • Access for passive recreation encouraged through especially generous provision of seating and hard surfaced paths. Particular attention also paid to surveillance • Fencing must integrate aesthetically into the surroundings and be of durable materials. • Signage to welcome users, contact details, and set out any constraints of use • These features are indicative of good practice and may inform discussions around contributions where appropriate, but specific requirements should be determined through site context and planning negotiations.



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Table 29.16: Amenity greenspace design principles

Amenity greenspace - Opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas.
• Closely integrated with any development to provide a greening effect to the environment • Open space provision should be meaningful and at the “heart” of new developments. ‘Meaningful’ in this context refers to spaces that are usable, accessible, and contribute positively to the character and function of the development, rather than being residual or leftover land. • Close positioning of multiple space, can contribute to connectivity and landscape quality • Focus for such provision is for informal recreational activities such as ‘kickabout’ football, sitting, and dog walking etc. Consider appropriate provision of seating, bins etc • Ideally incorporate shade from existing mature trees or planting of new trees • Open views for natural surveillance • Signage to welcome users, contact details, and set out any constraints of use • Grass species to be hard wearing but not rich species for biodiversity which can be provided with a 1m biodiversity edge • To be located adjacent to equipped area of open space • All required sqm of this typology to be provided in one area (not to be made up of small inadequate parcels where left over areas of land which are undevelopable)



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Table 29.17: Natural and semi-natural greenspace design principles

Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace - Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.
• Expected to heavily contribute to green infrastructure by reinforcing existing and creation of new corridors to link and close gaps on the existing networks • Minimise severance impact of road networks on wider green infrastructure • Existing wildlife value protected & enhanced through restoration and creation of new habitats. This should recognise Biodiversity Net Gain requirements and not look to double count land use • Variations in vegetation structure and topography to ensure habitat diversity/landscape effect • SUDS may count towards semi-natural provision only if they are publicly accessible and without restriction • Appropriate footpaths and materials. Main paths should be hard surfaced with tarmac or gravel loose fill material with pathways within grassed areas simply marked by mowing where natural drainage is adequate. For wet areas, timber boardwalks should be installed as appropriate • Fencing and gates/stiles installed as appropriate to reduce user pressure on zones of conservation importance • Appropriate inclusion of ancillary facilities such as, seating, bins, etc • Entrance/Interpretation signage installed as appropriate



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Table 18: Equipped children's space/provision for young people design principles

Equipped Children's Play Space / Provision for Young People - Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, MUGAs, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.

- To be located adjacent or within amenity greenspaces or parks and close enough to pedestrian routes or dwellings to enable natural surveillance
- Incorporate necessary buffer zones (20-30m subject to type of play) from dwellings
- Away from exposure to prevailing winds
- Linked to pedestrian and vehicular routes by hard surfaced paths, accessible for all.
- Larger facilities should offer secure bicycle parking
- Attractive and stimulating environment for both active and passive play; designed for aesthetic cohesion to a unified theme. Active play involves physical movement (e.g. climbing, running), while passive play supports quieter or imaginative activities (e.g. sensory panels, seating areas). Developers can demonstrate this through layout plans and equipment specifications.
- Equipment designed and installed in accordance with EN1176 and EN1177 (or subsequent updates). Equipment selected and positioned to avoid the possibility of views into neighbouring properties. All play features must be continuous with a shared common surface (not grass)
- Features to encourage inclusive play, e.g. wide transfer platforms on multi-play units, roundabouts flush with ground level, back supports on equipment, play panels, handrails, sound chimes and textured surfaces
- Separate zones for younger and older children, possibly within the same activity area, or by means of two distinct activity areas in proximity at the same location
- Maximise opportunities for physical/mental wellbeing such as outdoor gym provision
- Equipped areas of open space to be appropriately fenced. Fencing should be durable, safe, and visually appropriate to the setting. It should support safety without creating a hostile or overly enclosed environment.
- Signage to name the site and welcome users, also to indicate constraints on use and provide contact details. It is essential that dogs are discouraged, at least through the signage, but sometimes also through fencing



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Equipped Children's Play Space / Provision for Young People - Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, MUGAs, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.

- Creatively designed and suitably located seating. This refers to seating that is visually engaging, well-integrated into the play environment, and encourages social interaction or imaginative use.
- Any trees and shrubs should be strategically placed to provide areas of shade and play opportunities without obstructing informal surveillance
- All plants selected are tough and resistant to damage with low maintenance requirements and not poisonous, thorny or otherwise hazardous
- Play features must be sustainable and robust to achieve the longest possible life. Sustainability can be demonstrated through material choice (e.g. recycled or low-maintenance materials), durability, and lifecycle considerations.
- Post installation inspection of the play items must be carried out by an accredited company on completion of the installation



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Table 19: Allotment design principles

Allotments - Opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion. • Linked to pedestrian and cycle paths • Plots should ideally be situated away from the shade of trees • Adhere to the National Allotment Society Guidance – 21st Century Allotments in New Developments • Minimum of one water point • Secure perimeter fencing with rabbit netting and a lockable gate (including vehicular access for larger sites) • Sign/noticeboard detailing any applicable ownership, rules, emergency contact etc • Parking on site. On-site parking is considered an ancillary feature that supports the accessibility and functionality of allotment sites, particularly for users transporting tools or produce. However, it does not contribute to the quantitative provision area required for allotments. The provision area should be calculated based on usable plot space and associated communal areas, excluding infrastructure such as parking.
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Table 20: Outdoor sports design principles

Outdoor Sports - Spaces designed for formal sports activities, including pitches, courts, and associated infrastructure. These may be located within larger parks or standalone sites and should be accessible, well-maintained, and integrated into the wider green infrastructure network. • May include other sport/activity areas outside of pitches or play provision (i.e. tennis courts, bowling greens, athletics etc) • To be located adjacent or within amenity greenspaces or parks and close enough to pedestrian routes or dwellings to enable natural surveillance • Away from exposure to prevailing winds • Linked to pedestrian and vehicular routes by hard surfaced paths, accessible for all. • Larger facilities should offer secure bicycle parking

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APPENDIX ONE: OPEN SPACE SITES UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR PLANNED TO BE CONSTRUCTED

SITE ID	Address		Officer notes	Planning Status
BRW48*	Crabtree Farm	Barwell	No GIS - Relevant planning application reference: 21/00695/FUL & 22/01053/FUL - LEAP Provided. Revised scheme currently going through planning process - 23/01175/FUL includes both sites from previous schemes.	This site is complicated, it currently has full planning permission, but the applicant has come in with a revised scheme which changes the location of the open space to be provided. This application is pending determination, it may be worth leaving this site to be digitised until later on in the Study, as it won't be constructed it would not require a site visit anyway but will need GIS so it can be allocated in the Local Plan as Open Space
EAR55*	Westfield Farm Open Space	Earl Shilton	NO GIS Planning application reference 19/01442/REM – nature reserve, greens, play area (NEAP) and balancing ponds	Status = under construction, approximately 72% of site complete, unlikely that the open space will be in place until the end, site visit therefore may not be required but will require mapping for allocation.
FEN07*	Lindley Wood Open Space	Fenny Drayton	No GIS SUD's (19/00462/REM)	10 units complete, 1 under construction as of 1st April 2024.
HIN194*	Trinity Marina Amenity Green Space	Hinckley	No GIS, Trinity Marina Amenity Green Space (18/00058/OUT)	Status = permission in outline only so not under construction, requires plotting for allocation
HIN195*	Hinckley West Open Space	Hinckley	No GIS, Part of large urban extension relevant planning applications 15/00188/OUT & 20/00527/REM	Status = under construction, aerial photography shows that open space is in situ
HIN198*	Coventry Road Amenity Green Space	Hinckley	NO GIS Coventry Road Amenity Green Space (18/01237/FUL)	Status = Not Started.

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HIN200*	Leicester Road Cematorium	Hinckley	NO GIS Leicester Road Crematorium (18/00751/DEEM)	Status = under construction - will require plotting for allocation
HIN203*	The Big Pit	Hinckley	NO GIS SUD's (HIN111PP) (17/00765/FUL) – Change boundary to new application	Status = under construction - will require plotting for allocation
RAT39*	Jubilee Orchard	Ratby	Jubilee Orchard and RAT 36 (bottom) – Ratby Community Orchard	Existing site not plotted
THO19*	Beech Drive	Thornton	No GIS, Land at Beech Drive 20/00511/FUL Natural Green Space	Status = not started will require plotting for allocation
BARL28*	Land north of Barton Road	Barlestone (Osbaston Parish)	No GIS new site - Land north of Barton Road (21/00096/OUT, contains accessible green space, casual informal play space, equipped provision	Status = Outline permission only will require plotting
BARL29*	Garden Crescent Open Space	Barlestone	No GIS new Site - Land at Garden Farm (20/00470/FUL) LEAP, Informal	Status = Site Completed and open space in situ
BUR80*	Land Opposite Spring Acre Lychgate Lane	Burbage	No GIS, new site with planning permission 22/00192/OUT Equipped and Casual - precise boundaries provided at REM stage. Reserved Matters application currently being considered, POS is same location as outline.	Status = Outline permission only will require plotting, reserved matters planning application approved 25/7/24.

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BUR81*	South West of Lutterworth Road	Burbage	No GIS - new site with planning permission - 21/00502/OUT - includes equipped play and informal. Currently planning application is being considered for this site to form part of a larger scheme	Status = Outline permission only will require plotting
BUR82*	Land West of Workhouse Lane	Burbage	No GIS - new site with planning permission - 20/01012/OUT - Additional On Site Open Space (Equipment and or casual informal and or Outdoor Sports that the owner elects to provide on site	Status = Outline permission only will require plotting
BUR83*	Land South of SKetchley Grange Hotel, off Sketchley Lane	Burbage	No GIS - new site with planning permission - 21/01131/OUT - Reserved matters planning application permitted with a significant amount of open space being provided 23/01204/REM	Status = . Reserved matters planning application has been permitted with a significant amount of open space being provided 23/01204/REM. Not started as of June 2024.
BUR84*	Land to the rear of 5-15 The Coppice	Burbage	No GIS - new site with planning permission - 21/00556/FUL - Small amount of open space to be provided, small scheme.	Status = Pre-commencement (24/00265/DISCON) and variation of condition (24/00818/CONDIT) only approved in Oct 2024, not started.
BUR86*	Land North Of Deepdale Farm Lutterworth Road	Burbage	No GIS - new site with planning permission - 22/00636/REM - equipped play, informal, natural	Status = under construction no completions recorded yet, will need plotting for allocation. Also non-material amendments (24/01159/NMA) awaiting determination as of 7/2/25.
DES33*	Land at Ashfield Farm	Desford	NO GIS, Land at Ashfield Farm (22/01227/OUT) – Natural green space, green corridors and Play Area	Status = Outline permission only will require plotting. Reserved matters (24/00709/REM) and discharge of condition (25/00026/DISCON) currently awaiting determination as of 7/2/25.

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EAR56*	Ashby House Hill top Farm	Earl Shilton	NO GIS Planning application reference 20/00916/FUL – natural green space, play area and balancing ponds	Status = not started construction will require plotting for allocation, most recent discharge of condition (24/00158/DISCON) approved 7/3/24, not started as of April 2024.
EAR57*	Land Off Keats Lane (North Hill Top Farm)	Earl Shilton	NO GIS Planning application reference 21/00135/OUT – accessible green space, equipped play space, informal/casual,	Status = Reserved Matters (24/00496/REM) approved 17/12/24. Numerous pre-commencement discharge of condition applications awaiting decision. Not started.
HIG18*	Land off Wood Lane	Higham on the Hill	No GIS new site, planning permission 23/00712/REM -includes LAP, accessible natural open space, casual/informal	Status = Not started, recently received reserved matters will require plotting.
HIN190*	Hinckley North Land off Normandy Way & East of Stoke Rd	Hinckley	No GIS new site, planning permission 22/00318/OUT-includes NEAP, accessible open space, casual/informal	Status = Outline permission only will require plotting.
HIN191*	Land Off Trinity Lane Hinckley	Hinckley	No GIS new site, planning permission 22/00195/FUL -includes accessible open space, says onsite provision but cannot easily tell where this is being provided.	Status = Not started. Pre-commencement conditions only partially discharged under 23/00996/DISCON
HIN192*	Clarendon & Sweet Pea Club	Hinckley	No GIS new site, planning permission 21/00912/FUL -care home scheme which includes new bowling green	Status = Not Started - Most recent discharge of condition (24/00937/DISCON) only approved 3/12/24.

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HIN193*	Land Adj Hinckley Leisure Centre Coventry Road	Hinckley	No GIS new site, planning permission 18/01237/FUL -care home scheme which includes new bowling green	Status = Not Started, most recent application to discharge only approved 13/5/22 (21/00791/DISCON), will lapse on 12 May 2025.
MARK35*	Land Off Captains Lane /London Road	Markfield	NO GIS (20/01283/FUL 23/00117/CONDIT) – equipped play, casual informal, accessible green space	Status = Under Construction, 8 units complete, 11 under construction as of April 2024.
MKBOS47*	Sedgemere Road Open Space	Market Bosworth	No GIS new site by OWL homes - accessible green space, LAP, Nature activity trail	Status =under construction - will require plotting for allocation
RAT40*	Land South of Markfield Road - Phase 1	Ratby	No GIS new site, this is Phase 1 currently under construction, includes LEAP, casual informal, accessible green space 20/00462/FUL & 22/00884/CONDIT	Status = under construction - will require plotting for allocation. 22 units under construction as of April 2024.
RAT41*	Land South of Markfield Road - Phase 2	Ratby	NO GIS, new site 22/00648/OUT includes equipped, casual/informal, accessible green space	Status = outline planning permission only, will require plotting for allocation. Most recent discharge of condition (24/01073/DISCON) awaiting decision.
STA22*	Stanton Lane	Stanton Under Bardon	New site for storage and distribution includes an area of landscaping 21/00531/HYB	Status = Not Started. Most recent non material amendment application (24/00919/NMA) approved 31 October 2024.

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STG28*	Firebrace Drive Open Space	Stoke Golding	No GIS new site 22/00391/REM includes, casual informal, accessible.	Status = under construction, site will need plotting for allocation. 5 units under construction as of April 2024.
STG29*	Land at Wykin Lane	Stoke Golding	No GIS new site 22/00845/REM includes, casual informal.	Status = not started construction as of April 2024 will require plotting for allocation
STG30*	Land at Roseway	Stoke Golding	No GIS new site 21/01413/REM includes equipped, accessible, casual informal.	Status = under construction will require plotting for allocation. 5 units under construction as of April 2024.
SUT12*	Land at adjacent to Royal Arms Sutton Cheney, Main Street	Sutton Cheney	No GIS new site 21/01038/FUL includes equipped, accessible, casual informal.	Status = Not started. Pre-commencement conditions not yet discharged. Lapses 2/6/26
NOR08*	Land West of Main Street	Norton Juxta Twycross	No GIS - 22/00503/FUL On site POS - Accessible Green Space Provision	Status = Not Started. Most recent non material amendment approved 15/8/24 (24/00704/NMA)
NOR09*	Land at Wood Lane	Norton Juxta Twycross	No GIS - 20/01250/FUL On site POS - Accessible Green Space Provision, casual/informal	Status = 3 no units under construction as of April 2024.
TWY14*	Land off Orton Lane	Twycross	No GIS currently under construction - 19/00798/FUL On site POS - SUDS	Status = under construction will need plotting for allocation
RAT42*	Land off Desford Lane	Ratby	No GIS - New Site 21/01295/OUT -consists of LEAP, Trim Trail, informal	Status = Not Started, outline planning permission only, will require plotting for allocation. Reserved matters (24/01090/REM) awaiting decision.

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	Land East of the Windmill Inn, Brascote Lane,	Newbold Verdon	No GIS – New Site 22/00277/OUT – consists of proposed country park, LEAP, LAP, Trim Trail, informal and parking for Brascote Lane North and Brascote Lane South allotments	Status = Outline planning permission only, will require plotting for allocation. Reserved Matters (24/00854/REM) planning application and discharge of condition (24/01009/DISCON) awaiting decision (7/2/25).
	Land off Wood Lane	Higham on the Hill	No GIS – New Site 23/00712/REM – consists of LAP, amenity green space	Status = Reserved matters application approved, will require plotting for allocation. Non-Material amendment (24/00783/NMA) approved 2/12/24.
	Land Opposite And South Of Pumping Station Aston Flamville Road Burbage Leicestershire	Burbage	Residential development of up to 343 dwellings (Class C3), including provision of public open space, associated infrastructure and all matters (access only) (re-submission of 22/01037/OUT) reserved except access.	Status = Outline permission only will require plotting.
	Land To The West Of Normandy Way Hinckley Leicestershire	Hinckley	Full planning application for 153 dwellings with a vehicular access from the factory access road and existing roundabout on the A47, drainage, landscaping, public open space, ground remodelling and supporting infrastructure and utilities.	Status = Not started, will require plotting for allocation

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APPENDIX TWO: KNOWN ALLOTMENT INFORMATION

KKP ref	Site name	Plots	Waiting list	Overgrown plots	Other information
63	Top Close Allotments	65			Mains water supply with 5 standpipes.
64	The Bog Allotments	69	2		1 vacant plot.
72	Brodick Road Allotments/Langdale, Hinckley	67	58		No vandalism. Fresh water.
123	Desford Lane Allotments, Ratby	12	See ID 414		
179	Hill Hole Quarry Allotments, Hill Lane, Markfield	56	14	8	No vandalism. Fresh water.
186	Hollycroft Allotments, Hinckley	23	44	1	No vandalism. Fresh water.
236	Main Street Allotments (North), Newbold Verdon	19			
237	Off St John Cole Crescent Allotments	26			Fresh water.
271	Middlefield Lane Allotments, Hinckley	20	48	1	No vandalism. Fresh water.
278	Newbold Road Allotments, Barlestone	25	0		Fresh water.
297	Park Lane Allotments, Bagworth	32	0		No fresh water.
367	St Martins Allotments, Stoke Golding	19	3		No water supply.
414	Taverner Drive Allotments, Ratby	14	20		combined waiting list with Desford Lane
438	Thornton Allotments (North), Main Street	11			
439	Thornton Allotments (South), Main Street	13			
487	Woodland Avenue Allotments, Burbage	79	70		Fresh water.
495.3	Wykin Park allotments, Hinckley	34	37	3	Vandalism. Fresh water.