

## 2 ILFRACOMBE

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### AREA COVERED

Parish/ward	Population 2000	%age <24 years (NDDC av. = 27.7%)	%age >60 years (NDDC av. = 25.3%)
Ilfracombe Central Ward	4321		
Ilfracombe East Ward	3191		
Ilfracombe West Ward	4438		
Ilfracombe Total	11950	28.2%	24.6%

### PRINCIPAL OPEN SPACE STATISTICS

#### A Breakdown of type of open space – Area in hectares

	Equipped play areas (No.)	Total Sport	Pitches (excluding school)	School sports areas	Other sports	Informal open space	Total recreational open space
Ilfracombe Central Ward	0.8 (5)	1.8	0.9	0.61	0.25	2.3	4.8
Ilfracombe East Ward	0.1 (1)	5.0	2.0	2.00	1.00	7.1	12.1
Ilfracombe West Ward	0.3 (3)	0.5		0.02	0.50	2.6	3.4
Ilfracombe Total	1.1 (9)	7.3	2.9	2.63	1.75	11.9	20.3

#### B Existing standards of provision – Hectares per thousand population

	Equipped play areas	Total Sport	Pitches (excluding school)	Informal open space	Total recreational open space
Ilfracombe Central Ward	0.17	0.41	0.21	0.53	1.11
Ilfracombe East Ward	0.02	1.57	0.63	2.21	3.80
Ilfracombe West Ward	0.07	0.12		0.58	0.77
Ilfracombe Total	0.10	0.61	0.24	0.99	1.70

## C Area of open space (hectares) as classified on Master Database

	<b>Total Area (has)</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>
<b>Allotments</b>	1.16	0.34	0.60	0.22
<b>Burial grounds</b>	4.90	0	0	4.90
<b>Car park</b>	1.04	0.31	0.73	0
<b>Community Parks</b>	3.46	0.50	2.96	0
<b>District Park</b>	7.45	0	5.80	1.65
<b>Mini Park</b>	1.23	0.73	0.10	0.40
<b>Greenways</b>	21.02	0	0	21.02
<b>Open Space</b>	4.35	1.75	1.29	1.31
<b>School Grounds</b>	2.63	0.61	2.00	0.02
<b>Sports</b>	1.22	1.22	0	0
<b>Woodlands</b>	35.14	0	20.14	15.00

### KEY SITES

- Brimlands
- Marlborough Park
- Killacleave
- Bicclescombe Park
- Hillsborough Local Nature Reserve
- Larkstone area
- The Cairn Cycleway

### KEY FINDINGS AND ISSUES

#### Open Space for Sport

- Ilfracombe has the most severe playing pitch deficiency recorded
- There is a gross shortage of football provision in Ilfracombe
- Unmet demand for floodlit training facilities in Ilfracombe
- Shortage of rugby pitches has made it difficult to maintain mini rugby activity in particular
- Lack of sustained provision for, and development of youth cricket

#### Children's Play Areas

- Bicclescombe Park is the main park but some difficulties over allocation of space between young children and much older children wishing to play tag or football.
- East ward has only one play area to serve at least 450 young children.

#### Informal open space

- There is great variation between the different wards, as East ward has access to the Larkstone areas with plentiful supplies of informal open space (and also Hillsborough, although this is a Local Nature Reserve and thus not included)
- The other two wards are relatively poorly provided with informal open space, particularly housing to the north of Bicclescombe Park.

#### **Other open space resources**

- Footpaths not always continuous
- Most people very appreciative of the open space and countryside that there is and for which large parts of Ilfracombe are quite accessible.

#### **General**

- Enhanced facilities required to maintain the status and credibility of the tourism market/urban regeneration
- Improvements to local amenities to address the under provision of suitable car parking and sports facilities.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **New**

- Additional adult, junior and mini soccer pitches and rugby pitches
- Additional rugby pitches
- Floodlit multi-use games area and half-size synthetic turf pitch
- Equipped play areas to serve central and west Ilfracombe
- Facility for young people
- Informal open space in central and west Ilfracombe

##### **Enhancement of existing sites**

- Improvement of links to coast and out to surrounding countryside  
Woodland areas, where issues identified