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Glossary

DCLG	Department for 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

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

This is the Open Space Assessment Report prepared by Knight Kavanagh & Page (KKP) for the three authorities making up Central Lancashire (Preston City Council, Chorley Council and South Ribble Council). 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, consultation, site assessments, data analysis and GIS mapping undertaken as part of the study.

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, disused churchyards and other burial grounds	Quiet contemplation and burial of the dead, often linked to the promotion of wildlife conservation and biodiversity.
Green corridors	Areas or route which provide walking, cycling or horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel. May also offer opportunities for wildlife mitigation.
Civic Space	Including civic and market squares, and other hard surfaced areas designed for pedestrians

The study also considers the future requirements for provision based upon population distribution, planned growth and consultation findings. The Standards Paper (to follow the assessment report) will give direction on the future provision of accessible and high quality provision for open spaces.

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.

Under paragraph 96 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.

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

1.1 Report structure

Open spaces

This report considers the supply and demand issues for open space provision across Central Lancashire. Each part contains relevant typology specific data. Further description of the methodology used can be found in Part 2. The report as a whole covers the predominant issues for all open spaces as defined in best practice guidance:

Part 3:	Summary of consultation and site visits
Part 4	Parks and Gardens
Part 5:	Natural/semi-natural Greenspace
Part 6:	Amenity Greenspace
Part 7	Provision for children/young people
Part 8:	Allotments
Part 9:	Cemeteries
Part 10:	Green Corridors
Part 11:	Civic Space

1.2 National 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 97 of the NPPF states that existing open space, sports and recreation sites, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

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

1.3 Local context

This study is intended to assist in the Councils review of its Core Strategy and Local Plans for the area. This will in turn support strategic policies and site allocations relating to open spaces, leisure, health and well-being and green infrastructure in the emerging Central Lancahire Local Plan. It will also provide an evidence base to help inform developer contributions through section 106 agreements, community infrastructure levy (CIL) and to support day to day decision making. Consequently, it is important for the Councils to have clarity over existing levels of open space and what types of provision should be delivered.

The open space document should be read in conjunction with the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) which is also being undertaken by KKP (provided in a separate report). The associated PPS covers the provision and need of formal outdoor sports. The PPS is undertaken in accordance with the methodology provided in Sport England's Guidance 'Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance' for assessing demand and supply for outdoor sports facilities (October, 2013).

Any site recognised as sports provision but with a clear multifunctional role (i.e. available for wider community use) is included in this study as a type of open space. Provision purely for sporting use are included within the PPS. For sites with a dual use (e.g. a recreation ground with playing pitches), no double counting between the two studies occurs as the PPS looks at the number of pitch facilities at a site (as prescribed in Sport England Guidance) and not hectares of land (as utilised for open space studies). In such cases, the hectares forming the pitches would contribute to the total hectares for the wider site; reflecting the multi-functional role of such land. The pitches would also be identified within the PPS capacity analysis.

PART 2: METHODOLOGY

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

- 2.1: Analysis areas
- 2.2: Auditing local provision
- 2.3: Quality and value
- 2.4: Quality and value thresholds
- 2.5: Identifying local need
- 2.6: Accessibility standards

2.1 Analysis area and population

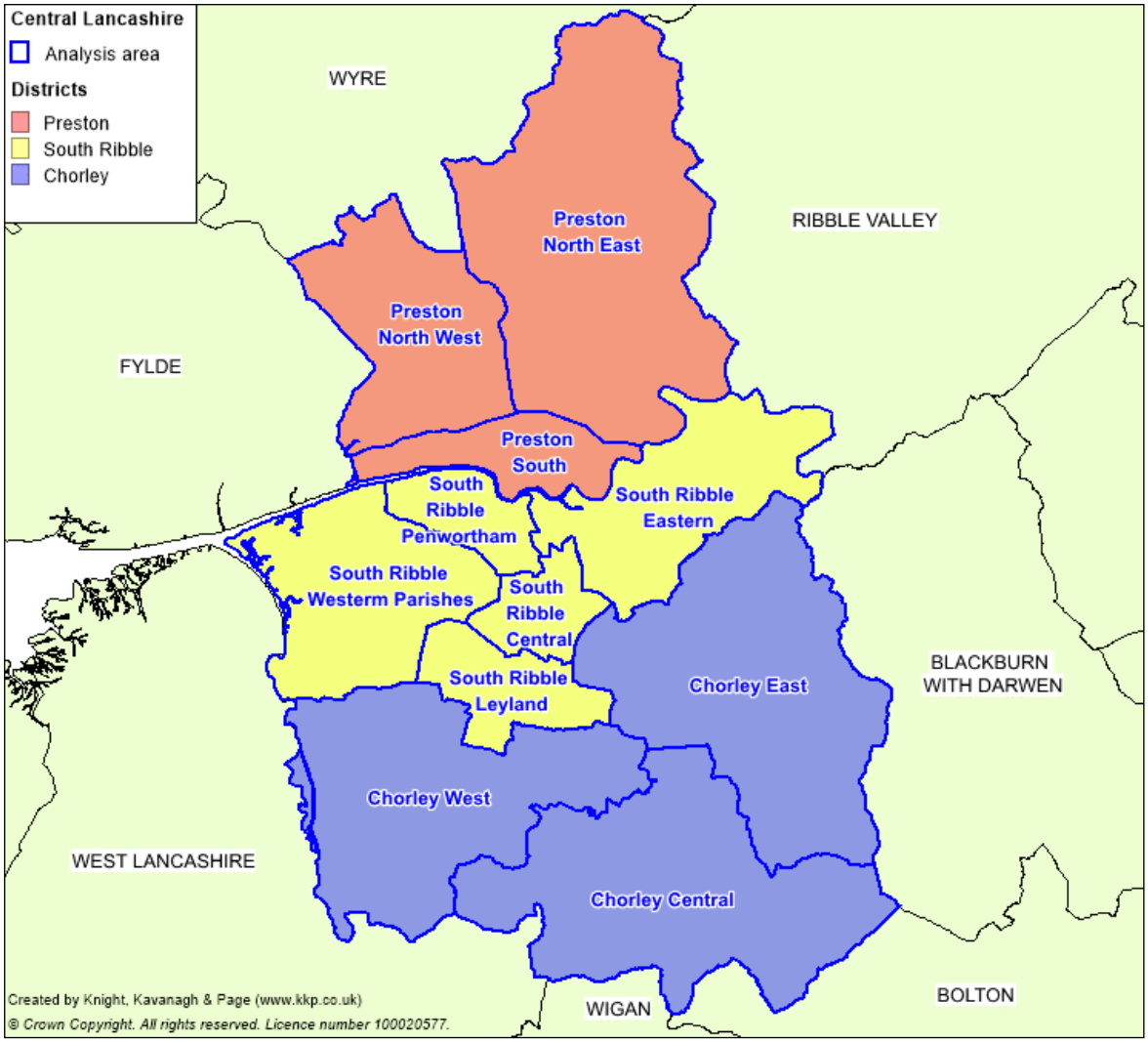
For mapping purposes and audit analysis, the Central Lancashire area is divided into 11 sub-analysis areas (based on sub areas of the three local authorities). In the subsequent Standards Paper, a more detailed analysis will take place, identifying recommendations and standards for each local authority. Central Lancashire is identified as having a population of 367,518

Table 2.1: Population by analysis area

Analysis area	Population (2017)
Chorley	***115,772***
Chorley Central	57,959
Chorley East	29,490
Chorley West	28,323
Preston	**141,346**
Preston North East	43,791
Preston North West	37,211
Preston South	60,344
South Ribble	**110,400**
South Ribble Central	11,275
South Ribble Eastern	27,305
South Ribble Leyland	33,160
South Ribble Penwortham	22,909
South Ribble Western Parishes	15,751
CENTRAL LANCASHIRE	**367,518**

Figure 2.1 overleaf shows the map of analysis areas with population density.

Figure 2.1: Analysis areas



2.2 Auditing local provision (supply)

All known open space sites (including provision for children and young people) are identified and mapped. A focus of inclusion is on those sites publicly accessible (i.e. generally private sites or land, which people cannot access, are not included). Each site is classified based on its primary open space purpose, so that each type of open space is only counted once. A total of 798 sites are identified and included within the study. The audit, and the report, utilise the following typologies in accordance with best practice:

- Parks & gardens
- Natural & semi-natural greenspace
- Amenity greenspace
- Provision for children & young people
- Allotments
- Cemeteries/churchyards
- Green corridors
- Civic space

As part of the study all publically accessible open space sites across the three authorities were assessed. Approximately 798 open space sites were visited and assessed. These were undertaken by the KKP Research Team between March and June 2018.

In accordance with best practice recommendations, a size threshold of 0.2 hectares is applied to the inclusion of some typologies within the study. Sites of a smaller size, particularly for the typologies of amenity greenspace and natural and semi-natural greenspace tend to have a different role. Often this is for visual purposes (e.g. small incremental grassed areas such as highway verges) and is therefore considered as offering less recreational use in comparison to other forms of open space. Subsequently sites below 0.2 hectares for these typologies are not audited.

Database development

All information relating to open spaces is collated in the project open space database (to be 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)
- Access (whether a site has restricted access)
- Site visit data (if included in sample visits)

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

Each type of open space (included within the sample audit) receives separate quality and value scores. This also allows for application of a high and low quality/value matrix to further help determine prioritisation of investment and to identify sites that may be surplus within and to a particular open space typology.

Quality and value are fundamentally different and can be unrelated. For example, a high quality space may be inaccessible and, thus, be of little value; whereas a rundown (poor quality) space 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. 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. adequacy and condition of provision such as seats, benches, bins, toilets
- 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. elderly, young people

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.

The value criteria set for audit assessment is derived as:

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. listed building, statues) 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., enhances property values, promotes economic activity and attracts people from near and far

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 may be required. It can also be used to set an aspirational quality standard to be achieved 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).

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, adjusted to better reflect average scores for each typology. In our experience this works effectively as a locally reflective method to distinguish between high and low quality sites. Consequently, the baseline threshold for certain typologies is amended to better reflect this.

Table 2.2: Quality and value thresholds by typology

Typology	Quality threshold	Value threshold
Parks and gardens	55%	20%
Natural and semi-natural greenspace	40%	20%
Amenity greenspace	65%	20%
Provision for children and young people	60%	20%
Allotments	45%	20%
Cemeteries/churchyards	55%	20%
Green corridors	60%	20%
Civic spaces	55%	20%

For value, there is no national guidance on the setting of thresholds. The 20% threshold applied is derived from our experience and knowledge in assessing the perceived value of sites. Whilst 20% may initially seem low it is a relative score - designed to reflect those sites that meet more than one aspect of the criteria used for assessing value (as detailed earlier).

2.5 Identifying local need (demand)

Consultation to identify local need for open space provision has been carried out via a combination of face-to-face meetings, surveys and telephone interviews. It has been conducted with key local authority officers and town/parish councils. An online community survey was also hosted. This was promoted by the Council and received 265 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.

2.6 Accessibility catchments

Accessibility catchments for different types of provision are a tool to identify communities currently not served by existing facilities. It is recognised that factors that underpin catchment areas vary from person to person, day to day and hour to hour. For the purposes of this process, this problem is overcome by accepting the concept of 'effective catchments', defined as the distance that would be travelled by the majority of users.

Results of the community survey have been used to set initial accessibility catchments. These are presented in Table 2.3 and are applied to help inform potential deficiencies in each form of open space provision.

No catchments are set for the typologies of cemeteries or green corridors. It is difficult to assess such typologies against catchment areas due to their nature and usage. For cemeteries, provision should be determined by demand for burial space.

Table 2.3: Accessibility catchments from respondents

Open space type	Accessibility catchment
Parks & Gardens	15-minute walk time
Natural & Semi-natural Greenspace	30-minute drive time
Amenity Greenspace	10-minute walk time
Play areas & provision for young people	10-minute walk time
Allotments	15-minute drive time

PART 3: SUMMARY OF SURVEY AND VISITS

This section provides a summary of the responses to the online community survey. It also describes generic trends and findings from the quality and value ratings for the sample of site visits undertaken. Site specific and typology issues are covered in the relevant sections later in this report.

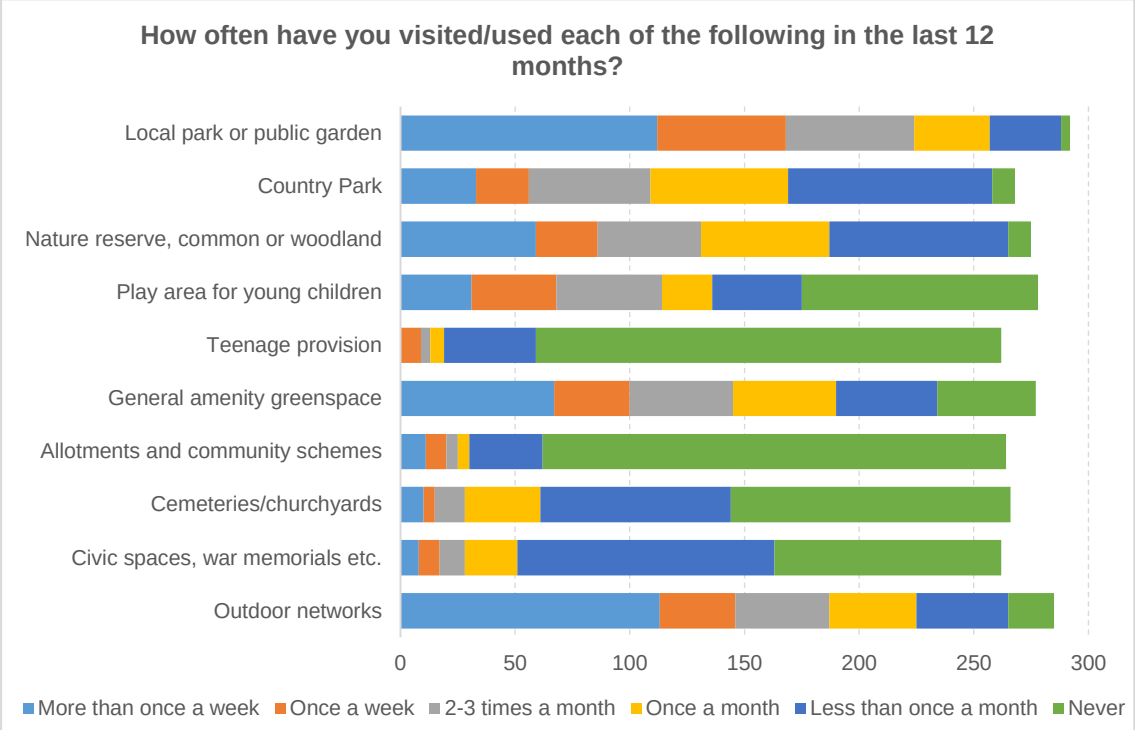
3.1 Community Survey

An online community survey was hosted on the Council website and promoted via social media and the Councils communication team. A total of 265 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.

3.1.1 Usage

The most popular forms of provision to visit on a more frequent basis (i.e. more than once a week) are outdoor networks, parks or amenity greenspace. This is followed by nature reserves. Respondents identify that they generally visit outdoor networks (39%), parks (39%), amenity greenspace (24%) and nature reserves (20%) more than once a week.

Figure 3.1.1: Frequency of visits to open space typologies in last 12 months[*]



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Half of respondents (50%) report that they regularly visit open space provision outside of Central Lancashire. Some of the most popular sites and areas for visiting outside of the study area are:

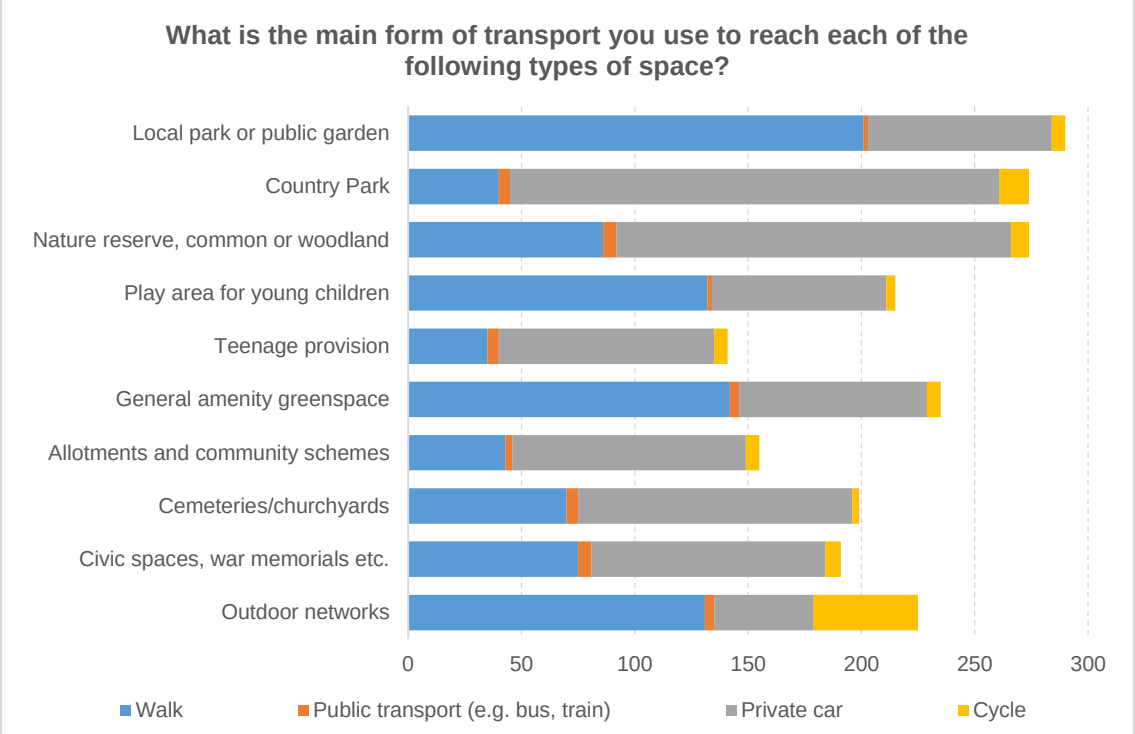
- Lake District National Park
- Lytham St Annes
- Moss Bank Park, Bolton
- Williamson Park, Lancaster

3.1.2 Accessibility

Results from the survey shows that the majority of individuals use private car to access most types of provision. This is most evident for country parks (80%) and nature reserves (65%), allotments (67%), teenage provision (68%), cemeteries (61%) and civic space (55%).

The exception to this is for parks (71%), amenity greenspace (62%) and children's play provision (63%) and outdoor networks (58%) which individuals are willing to walk to.

Figure 3.1.2: Mode of travel to open space sites

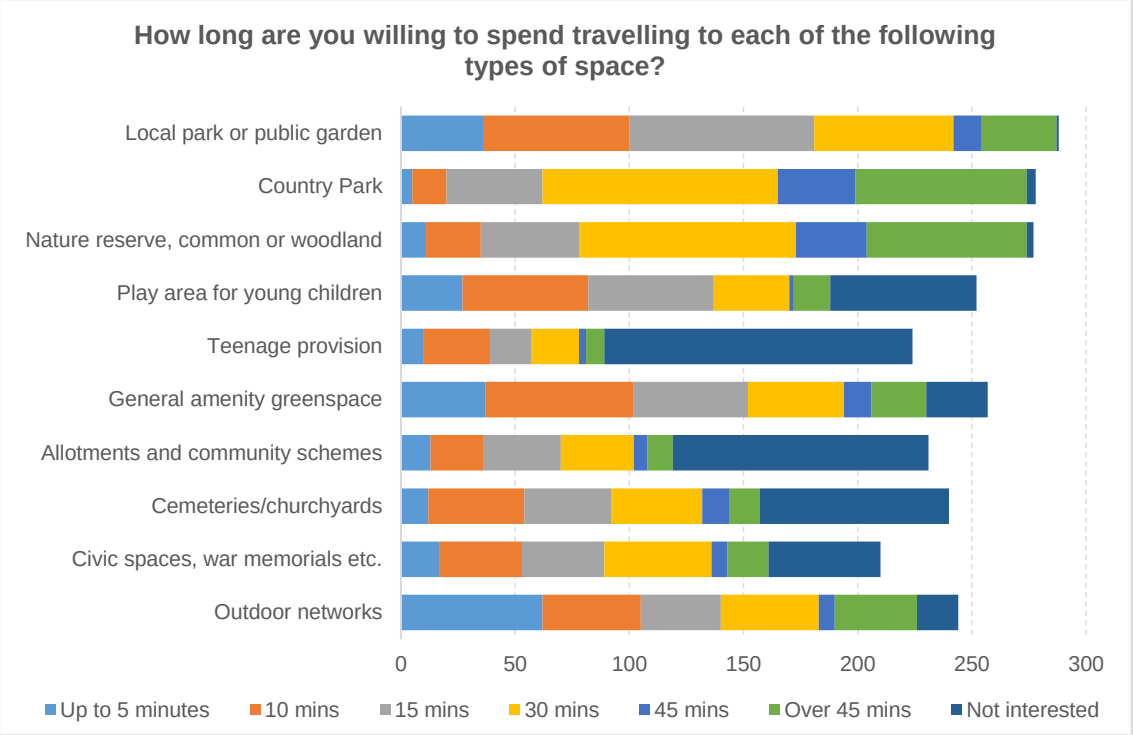


For some provision such as nature reserves and country parks, there is a willingness to travel further distances; with 36% of respondents stating they would travel up to 30 minutes to access a country park and 35% willing to travel 30 minutes to a nature reserve.

For other forms of provision, respondents show a willingness to travel a shorter amount of time (i.e. 10 to 15 minutes). This is particularly noticeably for play provision, amenity greenspace and parks.

These results have helped inform the catchment mapping for each typology later in the report.

Figure 3.1.3: Time willing to travel to open space sites



3.1.3 Availability

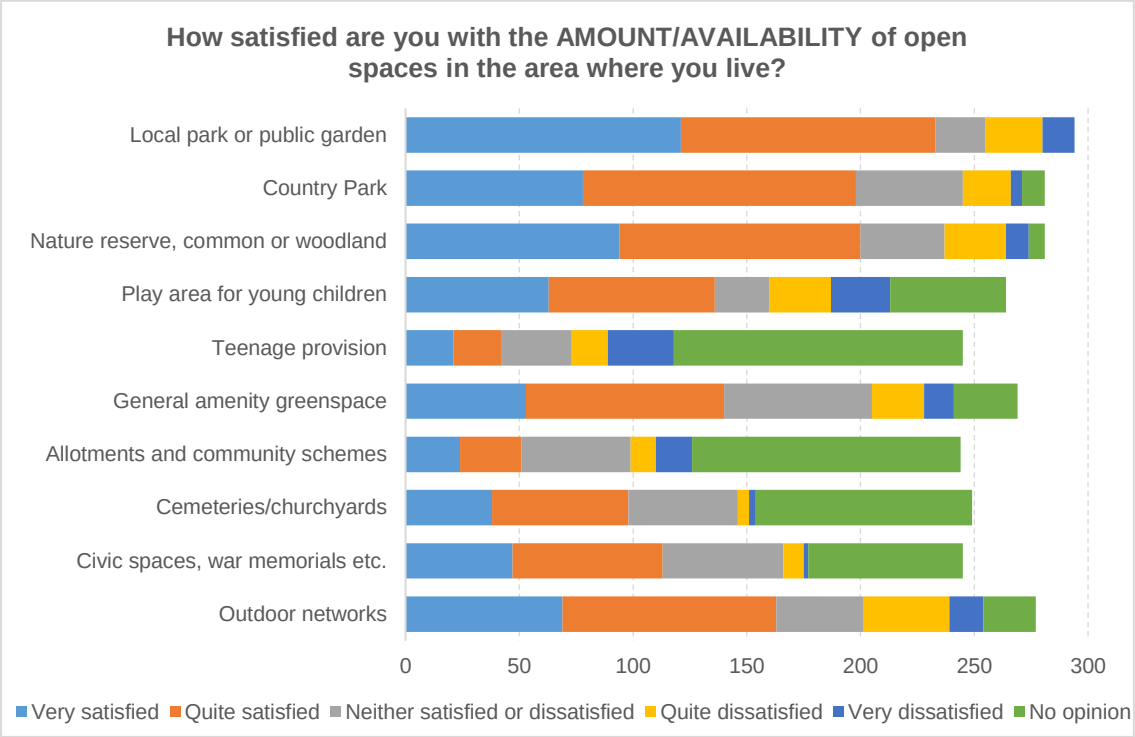
In general, respondents consider the amount of provision to be quite satisfactory for most typologies. In some cases, a noticeable proportion of respondents also view availability as very satisfactory.

Both parks, country parks and nature reserves are types of open space viewed as predominantly being very or quite satisfactory. A total of 38% of respondents rate the availability of parks provision as quite satisfactory with a further 41% rating availability as very satisfactory. A similar trend can be seen in the responses to nature reserves with most respondents rating availability as quite satisfactory (36%) or very satisfactory (33%). Country parks also receive a good response; with 42% of respondents very satisfied and a further quite satisfied and a further 27% quite satisfied with availability.

For amenity greenspace (31%), play areas for young people provision (29%) and cemeteries (25%), most respondents rate availability as quite satisfactory.

There are a greater proportion of respondents who have no opinion to availability of allotment provision (49%) and teenage provision (54%). However, this is likely to reflect the niche use and user numbers of these types of spaces.

Figure 3.1.4: Satisfaction with availability of open spaces



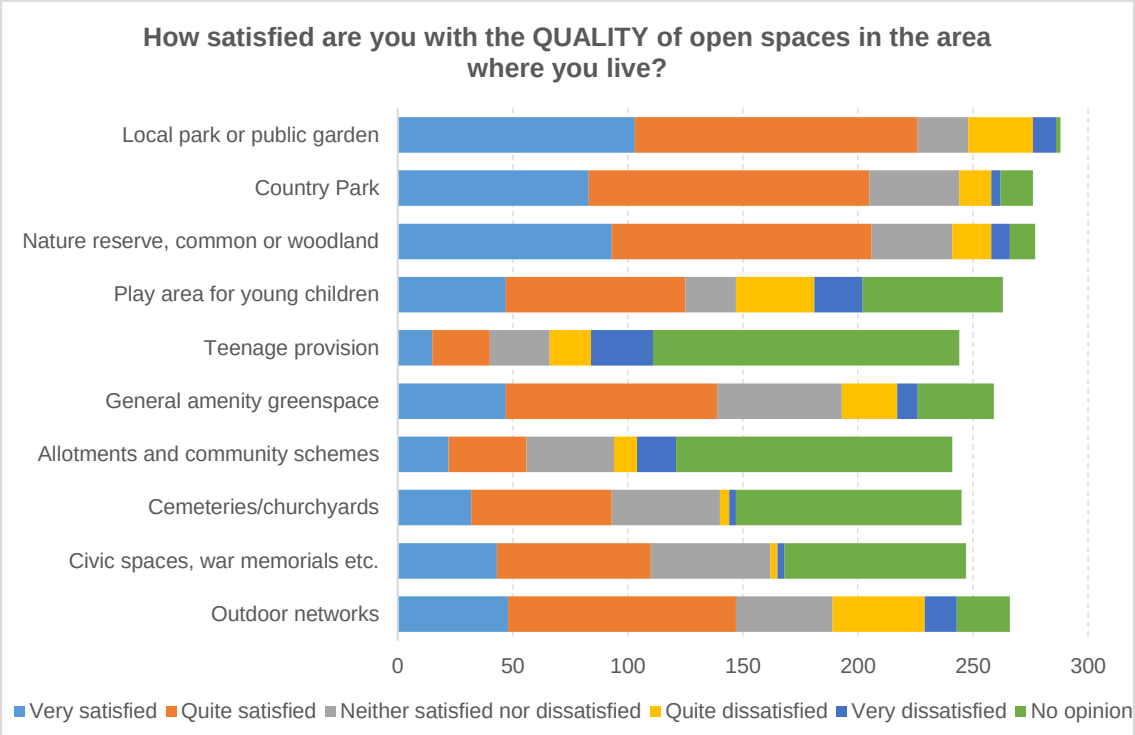
3.1.4 Quality

Respondents consider the quality of provision to be generally quite satisfactory for most types of open space.

Country parks (45%), parks (44%), nature reserves (40%), amenity greenspace (35%) and play areaa for young children (31%) are viewed by respondents as mostly being quite satisfactory. For the typologies of parks (34%), nature reserves (33%) and country parks (29%) a noticeable proportion of respondents also rate quality as very satisfactory.

Similar to the trend for availability, there are a greater proportion of respondents who have no opinion to the quality of teenage provision (56%) and allotment provision (51%). This is likely to reflect the niche use and user numbers of these types of spaces. There are also a noticeable proportion of respondents who give no opinion towards the quality of cemeteries (41%) and civic spaces (31%). Again, this is likely to reflect individual's use of such forms of provision.

Figure 3.1.5: Satisfaction with quality of open spaces



Respondents to the survey were asked what they thought was most important for green spaces. The most common answers include maintenance and improvements (56%), cleanliness (49%) and attractiveness of sites (46%).

Table 3.1.1: What is important for open space provision?

Answer option	Percentage of respondents
Attractiveness of the site, flowers, trees etc	46%
Maintenance and improvement of footpaths, seats, shelters etc	56%
Good access to spaces	21%
Cleanliness	49%
Community involvement	16%
Increasing the amount of open spaces	26%
New facilities at existing spaces	33%
Use of open spaces for events etc	23%
Good public information about spaces and events	26%
More natural wildlife environments	37%
To incorporate a feeling of safety through lighting, fencing etc	24%
Other (please state below)	13%

3.2 Site Visit Overview

This section describes trends from the quality and value ratings for each typology. Within Central Lancashire, there are 800 sites an equvilent to just underr 2,281 hectares of open space. The largest contributor to provision is natural and semi natural (1,260 hectares). A total of 798 sites receive a quality and value score. This is due to two sites being unable to be located or accessed at the time of the visit. Such sites are identified under each typology section.

Table 3.2.1: Overview of open space provision

Open space typology	Number of sites	Total amount (hectares)*
Park and gardens	59	536
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	111†	1,260
Amenity greenspace	295	311
Provision for children & young people	236	24
Allotments	32	39
Cemeteries/churchyards	42	90
Green corridors	14	20
Civic Space	11	1
TOTAL	**800**	**2,281**

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	Scores (%)			No. of sites	
		Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low	High
Park and gardens	55%	41%	60%	87%	19	40
Natural & semi-natural greenspace	40%	21%	49%	90%	24	87
Amenity greenspace	65%	38%	71%	91%	84	211
Provision for children & young people	60%	31%	67%	88%	57	179
Allotments	45%	30%	52%	72%	8	23
Cemeteries/churchyards	55%	32%	58%	72%	10	31
Green corridors	60%	59%	79%	90%	1	13
Civic Space	55%	54%	62%	70%	2	9
TOTAL					**205**	**593**

* Rounded to the nearest whole number
† If including inaccessible sites; a total of 136 sites (equivalent to 1,339 hectares) is observed

There is generally a good level of quality across all open space sites. This is reflected in just over three quarters (74%) of sites scoring above their set threshold for quality. Proportionally, most green corridors and allotments rate above the quality threshold.

The typology with more sites scoring below the quality threshold is amenity greenspace. This often reflects a lack of ancillary facilities. A few assessed sites are also observed as being poorly maintained and 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	Threshold	Scores (%)			No. of sites	
		Lowest score	Average score	Highest score	Low	High
Park and gardens	20%	22%	51%	91%	0	59
Natural & semi-natural greenspace		17%	38%	84%	1	110
Amenity greenspace		22%	35%	64%	0	295
Provision for children & young people		16%	50%	82%	1	235
Allotments		24%	35%	67%	0	31
Cemeteries/churchyards		31%	51%	74%	0	41
Green corridors		25%	38%	47%	0	14
Civic Space		33%	42%	55%	0	11
TOTAL					**2**	**796**

All but two 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 Natural and semi-natural provision to rate below the value threshold reflects a general lack of maintenance at the site and overgrown paths; with site quality also being observed as below the threshold. The low value play site is a reflection to lack of equipment and use of the site.

A high value site is considered to be 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

- 800 sites are identified as open space provision. This is equivalent to just below 2,281 hectares.
- Of assessed sites, nearly three quarters (74%) rate above the quality threshold.
- All but two sites are assessed as above the value threshold; reflecting the importance of provision and its role offering social, environmental and health benefits.

PART 4: PARKS AND GARDENS

4.1 Introduction

This typology often covers urban parks and formal gardens (including designed landscapes), which provide accessible high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events. Country park sites may also provide opportunities and functions often associated with parks and should therefore be recognised.

4.2 Current provision

There are 59 sites classified as parks and gardens. This is an equivalent of over 535 hectares. No site size threshold has been applied and, as such, all known sites are included within the typology.

Table 4.1: Distribution of parks by analysis area

Analysis area	Parks and gardens		
	Number	Size (ha)	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Chorley Central	12	192.44	3.34
Chorley East	4	1.22	0.04
Chorley West	2	2.86	0.10
Chorley	***18***	***196.52***	***1.72***
Preston North East	10	43.91	1.00
Preston North West	11	96.80	2.60
Preston South	12	114.55	1.90
Preston	***33***	***255.26***	***1.81***
South Ribble Central	2	8.42	0.75
South Ribble Eastern	1	1.08	0.04
South Ribble Leyland	1	44.92	1.35
South Ribble Penwortham	3	29.49	1.29
South Ribble Western Parishes	1	0.14	0.01
South Ribble	***8***	***84.05***	***0.76***
Central Lancashire	**59**	**535.83**	**1.46**

The largest site and biggest contributor to provision is Lever Park at 146.2 hectares in the Chorley Central Analysis Area. This is followed by Worden Park (44.9 hectares) located in the South Ribble Leyland Analysis Area.

The Chorley Central Analysis Area has the greatest amount of provision with 192.44 hectares; accounting for 36% of parks provision across the whole of Central Lancashire. Consequently, it also has the greatest amount of provision per 1,000 population with 3.34 hectares per 1,000 population.

Fields In Trust (FIT) suggests 0.80 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. Overall, Central Lancashire has a current provision level of 1.46 hectares per 1,000 population. The FIT suggested standard is met across Chorley and Preston. A slight shortfall is noted across South Ribble

It is important to recognise that other forms of provision exist, such as country parks, which contribute to the role and use associated with parks. Beacon Fell Country Park (Preston North East Analysis Area), Cuerden Valley Park (Chorley East), Cuerden Valley Park, South Ribble (South Ribble Central) and Yarrow Valley Country Park (Chorley Central) predominantly provide opportunities linked with natural greenspace but which also offer many features associated with parks provision. However, to ensure no double counting of sites, they are primarily classified within the natural and semi-natural greenspace typology.

Table 4.2: Distribution of parks (including country parks) by analysis area

Analysis area	**Parks and gardens (inc country parks)**		
	Number	**Size (ha)**	**Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)**
Chorley Central	13	503.78	8.69
Chorley East	5	251.86	8.54
Chorley West	2	2.86	0.10
Chorley	***20***	***758.50***	***6.55***
Preston North East	11	105.42	2.41
Preston North West	11	96.80	2.51
Preston South	12	114.55	1.91
Preston	***34***	***316.77***	***2.24***
South Ribble Central	3	30.10	2.67
South Ribble Eastern	1	1.08	0.04
South Ribble Leyland	1	44.92	1.35
South Ribble Penwortham	3	29.49	1.29
South Ribble Western Parishes	1	0.14	0.009
South Ribble	***9***	***105.73***	***0.96***
Central Lancashire	**63**	**1,181.00**	**3.21**

If the sites were to be included within the quantity of parks provision, due to their dual role, the current levels of provision would be greatly increased for all three local authorities. This highlights the importance and role which the country park sites provide to the area.

4.3 Accessibility

The community survey found the most common mode of travel to access a park is by walking (71%). This is followed by 26% of respondents that identify accessing parks via private car. For those respondents willing to walk, the most common time willing to be travelled is up to 15 minutes (30%); followed by up to 10 minutes (23%). On this basis, a 15-minute walk has been applied to all parks to reflect the most popular walk time. This is shown in Figure 4.1

Figure 4.1: Parks and gardens mapped against catchments

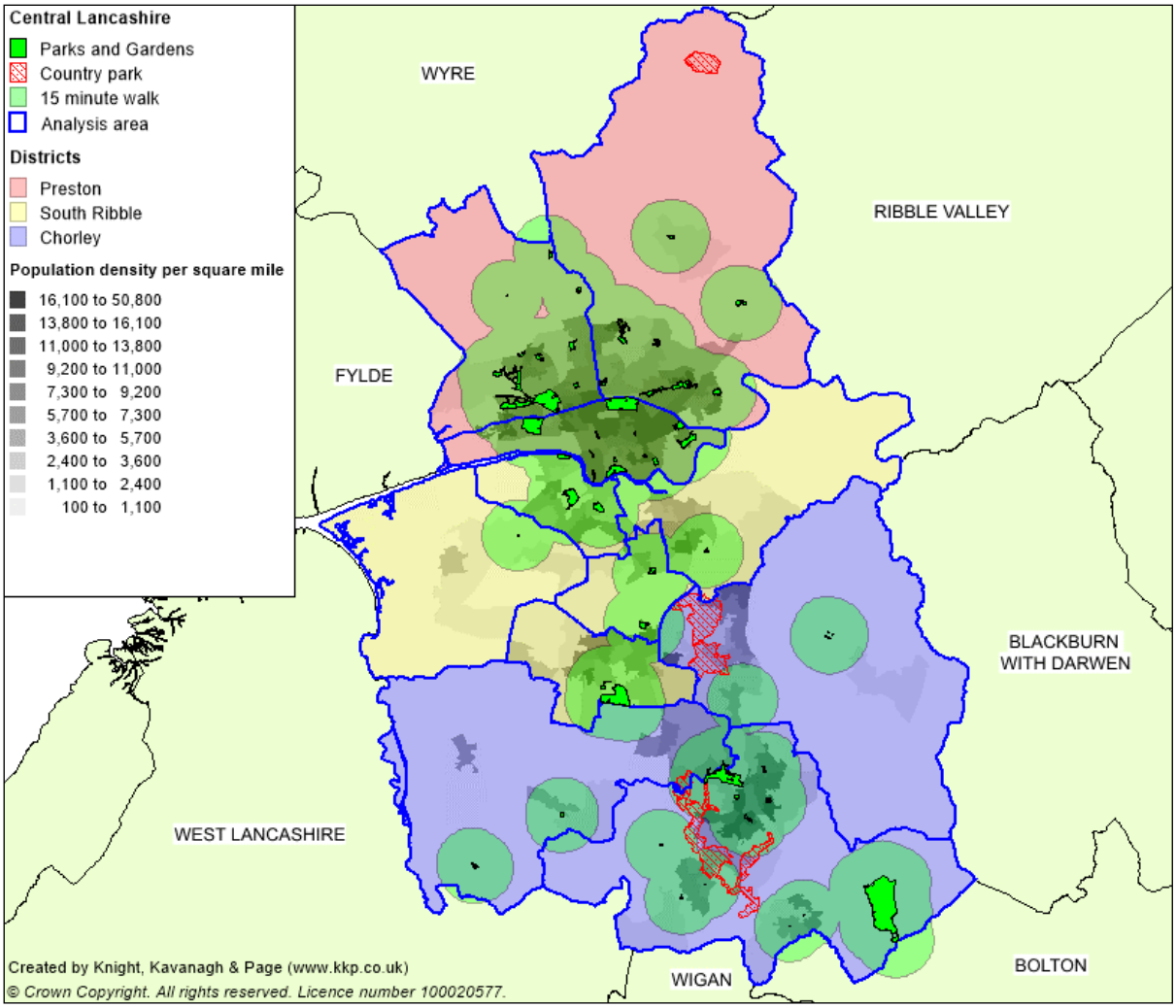


Table 4.3: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
26	Pear Tree Park, Middleforth Green	South Ribble Penwortham	62.9%	45.5%
44	St Catherine's Park	South Ribble Central	70.2%	68.2%
461	Woodplumpton Community Garden	Preston North West	55.2%	43.6%
826	Hurst Grange Park	South Ribble Penwortham	69.7%	68.2%
827	Priory Park	South Ribble Penwortham	60.1%	63.6%
828	Withy Grove House Parks and Gardens	South Ribble Eastern	70.6%	63.6%
829	Rawstorne Crescent Gardens	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	51.8%	32.7%
846	Ribbleton Park	Preston South	67.1%	52.7%
847	Winckley Square Gardens	Preston South	69.2%	59.1%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
848	Ashton Park	Preston South	71.1%	77.3%
849	Goosnargh Village Green	Preston North East	56.2%	37.3%
850	Grimsargh Recreation Ground	Preston North East	50.6%	45.5%
851	Mill Lane Park	Preston North West	68.3%	59.1%
852	Station Lane Playing Fields	Preston North West	54.7%	34.5%
854	Broadgate Park, off Hassett Close	Preston South	46.6%	30.0%
855	Euston Street Park	Preston South	48.1%	37.3%
856	Maudland Bank Park	Preston South	42.3%	21.8%
857	Manor House Lane Park	Preston North East	48.5%	37.3%
858	Sherwood Way Park	Preston North East	48.5%	36.4%
860	Brookfield Park	Preston North East	41.3%	60.0%
865	Conway Park	Preston North West	58.5%	40.9%
866	King George V Playing Field Garstang Road	Preston North West	56.2%	45.5%
867	Highgate Park	Preston North East	47.3%	50.0%
869	Fishwick Recreation Ground	Preston South	65.3%	45.5%
870	Fishwick View Recreation Ground	Preston South	42.0%	40.9%
871	Greenside	Preston North West	64.8%	61.8%
873	Smiths Rec Ground	Preston South	59.6%	30.0%
874	Deepdale Enclosure	Preston South	60.5%	50.9%
877	Cottam Ponds	Preston North West	60.8%	45.5%
878	Cottam Park	Preston North West	62.8%	54.5%
880	Grange Park	Preston North East	55.5%	48.2%
881	Haslam Park	Preston North West	77.4%	77.3%
883	Moor Park	Preston South	70.3%	81.8%
884	Sion Park	Preston North East	41.1%	28.2%
885	Avenham and Miller Parks	Preston South	83.5%	86.4%
886	Savick Park	Preston North West	62.6%	54.5%
887	Clough Copse	Preston North East	46.7%	39.1%
888	Haywood Close Park	Preston North East	51.3%	36.4%
889	Tanterton	Preston North West	56.3%	48.2%
890	Worden Park	South Ribble Leyland	86.7%	77.3%
938	Farington Park	South Ribble Central	55.2%	59.1%
1314	Coronation Recreation Ground, Devonshire Road	Chorley Central	79.7%	54.5%
1320	Harpers Lane Recreation Ground	Chorley Central	69.9%	54.5%
1326	Rangletts Recreation Ground, Brindle Street	Chorley Central	64.0%	63.6%
1330	Tatton Recreation Ground	Chorley Central	61.3%	54.5%
1386	Millennium Green, Red House Lane	Chorley West	63.4%	45.5%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1435	Astley Park	Chorley Central	77.6%	90.9%
1610	Millennium Green, Hurst Green	Chorley West	67.4%	59.1%
1625	Millennium Green, Withnell Fold	Chorley East	66.7%	59.1%
1689	Bothy Garden, Withnell Fold	Chorley East	53.1%	41.8%
1690	Memorial Garden, Withnell Fold	Chorley East	58.7%	50.0%
1744	War Memorial Garden, Railway Road, Adlington	Chorley Central	52.4%	46.4%
1750	Lever Park	Chorley Central	64.3%	59.1%
1978	Coppull Memorial Garden	Chorley Central	58.7%	41.8%
2000	Springfield Leisure Park, Coppull	Chorley Central	64.3%	63.6%
2017	Orchard Garden, Charnock Richard	Chorley Central	49.2%	35.5%
2018	Leonard Fairclough Memorial Gardens, Adlington	Chorley Central	54.9%	41.8%
2020	Berry's garden, Chapel Lane, Coppull	Chorley Central	63.6%	41.8%
2045	Berry Avenue, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	43.4%	35.5%

Catchment mapping shows that areas of a higher population density are generally covered by the catchment area of a park site.

Despite this, gaps in some areas are observed. The Chorley East Analysis Area has a noticeable gap. However, this is likely to be served by other forms of provision such as Cuerden Valley Park (included as natural and semi-natural greenspace). A gap to the South Ribble Eastern Analysis Area is also observed.

The Standards Paper will further explore the gaps and future requirements for parks across Central Lancashire.

No issue with regard to availability of parks is highlighted through the community survey. Nearly half of all respondents (41%) rate being very satisfied with the amount/availability of parks in the area. A further 38% state they are quite satisfied. Further supporting the existing amount of provision is the smaller percentage of respondents that are either quite dissatisfied (9%) or very dissatisfied (5%).

4.4 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by best practice); scores from site assessments are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table overleaf summarises the results of the quality assessment for parks. A threshold of 55% is applied in order to identify high and low quality. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 4.4: Quality ratings for parks

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <55%	High ≥55%
Chorley Central	49%	63%	79%	29%	3	9
Chorley East	43%	55%	67%	24%	2	2
Chorley West	63%	65%	67%	4%	0	2
Chorley	**43%**	**61%**	**79%**	**36%**	***5***	***13***
Preston North East	41%	49%	56%	15%	8	2
Preston North West	55%	62%	77%	23%	1	10
Preston South	42%	60%	83%	41%	4	8
Preston	***41%***	***57%***	***83%***	***42%***	***13***	***20***
South Ribble Central	55%	63%	70%	15%	0	2
South Ribble Eastern	71%	71%	71%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Leyland	87%	87%	87%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Penwortham	60%	64%	70%	10%	0	3
South Ribble Western Parishes	52%	52%	52%	0%	1	0
South Ribble	***52%***	***66%***	***87%***	***35%***	***1***	***7***
Central Lancashire	**41%**	**60%**	**87%**	**46%**	**19**	**40**

There are 19 out of the 59 parks and gardens in the area to rate below the quality threshold. The lowest scoring sites are:

- Brookfield Park (41%)
- Sion Park (41%)
- Fishwick View Recreation Ground (42%)
- Maudland Bank Park (42%)

Brookfield Park and Sion Park are both located in the Preston North East Analysis Area. No specific quality issues are observed. However, the sites are noted as having a lack of ancillary features. Sion Park is also observed as having areas around the perimeter suffering from fly tipping.

Similarly, Fishwick View Recreation Ground has evidence of fly tipping and a bonfire. It scores lower for pathways and surfaces. However, it scores reasonably well for overall maintenance. The site is devoid of benches and bins, further lowering its quality rating.

Maudland Bank Park does not have any major issues but lacks facilities such as benches, bins and signage. However, it does benefit from a play area on site.

Orchard Garden (49%) scores below the quality threshold. Consultation with Charnock Richard Parish Council highlights the site is undergoing improvements and enhancements. Following these improvements, the site will meet the quality threshold.

It is worth acknowledging that some sites such as Station Lane Playing Fields and Leonard Fairclough Memorial Gardens only just score below the quality threshold of 55% (intended to represent a high standard of provision) both with scores of 55%. No particular quality issues are observed at the latter. Station Lane Playing Fields scores lower for drainage with puddles observed at the time of assessment, adversely affecting path quality. However, no other issues are identified. The rating is likely to be a relative score in comparison to the other sites in the area which are of a high standard.

The highest scoring site is Worden Park in South Ribble with 87%. The site has a range of ancillary features and facilities including 11 football pitches, play equipment (for a wide range of ages), crazy golf (not free), a miniature railway, formal gardens, café, arts and craft centre, a hedge maze, toilets and plenty of car parking and seating. There is also an active Friends Group providing additional benefits to the quality and use of the site. Overall appearance and maintenance is observed as excellent. The general quality of the site is reflective of its achievement of being a Green Flag Award winning site.

The second highest scoring site, Avenham and Miller Parks (84%) in Preston is also identified as having an attached Friends Group. The site scores well above the quality threshold. It also has a range of facilities including lots of seating, bins, signage and toilets (although the toilets score lower for appearance). A recent HLF project has helped provide significant investment and refurbishment to the site; including reinstating of historic elements and features. Consultation with the Friends of Avenham and Miller Parks identifies occasional vandalism but highlights overall the excellent quality of the park.

Consultation with the Friends of Haslam Park highlights a desire for investment in its play areas and buildings to better its offer to children and families. The site has no permanently available toilet/baby changing facilities. The park is maintained to a good standard despite having no permanent Ranger and limited investment. There are also no refreshment facilities despite the high levels of usage. The site does have a nature reserve with associated conservation activities including tree and flower planting undertaken by the Friends group. The group highlights occasional issues of graffiti and vehicles being dumped in the car parks. The sites' overall good quality is reflected in its site assessment score (76%).

Consultation with Broughton in Amounderness Parish Council highlights King George V Playing Field Garstang Road (56%) as very poorly drained. Consequently, this impacts on the usage of the site particularly for football. It is understood the site has been handed over to the Parish Council which is planning to invest in the play area and football pitch.

Most respondents to the community survey are generally satisfied with the quality of parks provision. Almost half of respondents' rate quality as quite satisfactory (44%) with just over a further third (34%) rating provision as very satisfactory. There are a small percentage of respondents that are either quite dissatisfied (10%) or very dissatisfied (4%).

Green Flag

The Green Flag Award scheme is licensed and managed by Keep Britain Tidy. It provides national standards for parks and greenspaces across England and Wales. Public service agreements, identified by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) highlight the importance placed on Green Flag status as an indicator of high quality. This in turn impacts upon the way parks and gardens are managed and maintained.

A survey by improvement charity GreenSpace highlights that parks with a Green Flag Award provide more satisfaction to members of the public compared to those without it. Its survey of 16,000 park users found that more than 90% of Green Flag Award park visitors were very satisfied or satisfied with their chosen site, compared to 65% of visitors to non-Green Flag parks.

To gain the award, sites must be maintained and managed to a high standard. There are currently 16 sites within Central Lancashire with the Green Flag Award; most of which are classified in the parks and gardens typology (eight). Note that although Avenham and Miller Parks are as one site mapped and are two Green Flag winning parks.

- Ashton Park
- Astley Park
- Avenham and Miller Parks
- Coronation Rec Ground
- Haslam Park
- Hurst Grange Park
- Moor Park
- Tatton Recreation Ground
- Winckley Square Gardens
- Worden Park

The others are amenity greenspaces or natural/semi-natural greenspaces:

- Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve
- Fishwick Bottoms Nature Reserve
- Withnell Local Nature Reserve
- Yarrow Valley Country Park
- Cuerden Valley Park, Clayton-le-Woods

Of the sites listed above, Moor Park is the most recent to gain Green Flag Award status. Over £2million in Heritage Lottery Funded restoration has been spent on improving the park. It boasts an excellent range of facilities including an Adizone outdoor gym, table tennis tables, football pitch, play area, bowling green, pavilion, toilets, a new regional skatepark and a MUGA also containing a new tennis court. It also has an active Friends Group which contribute to the added benefits of the park.

The role of these friends' groups in complementing the work of the Parks and Streetscene Service Ranger Service is vital to the sites ongoing high standards and continuing achievement of Green Flag Award status.

4.5 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 parks. 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 4.5: Value scores for parks by analysis area

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <20%	High ≥20%
Chorley Central	35%	54%	91%	55%	0	12
Chorley East	35%	47%	59%	24%	0	4
Chorley West	45%	52%	59%	14%	0	2
Chorley	***35%***	***51%***	***91%***	***56%***	***0***	***18***
Preston North East	28%	42%	60%	32%	0	10
Preston North West	35%	51%	77%	43%	0	11
Preston South	22%	51%	86%	65%	0	12
Preston	***22%***	***48%***	***86%***	***64%***	***0***	***33***
South Ribble Central	59%	64%	68%	9%	0	2
South Ribble Eastern	64%	64%	64%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Leyland	77%	77%	77%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Penwortham	45%	59%	68%	23%	0	3
South Ribble Western Parishes	33%	33%	33%	0%	0	1
South Ribble	***33%***	***60%***	***77%***	***44%***	***0***	***8***
Central Lancashire	**22%**	**51%**	**91%**	**69%**	**0**	**59**

All sites score above the threshold for value. The Green Flag site of Astley Park scores the highest for value with 91%. It contains Astley Hall, a Grade I listed historic house and a war memorial; both provide historic value. In addition, the site has a play area, football goals and a café which enhance economic and amenity value. It is also observed as a lovely, attractive park that is well used and maintained therefore, also scores high for structural and landscape benefits. Furthermore, it has an active friends group helping to support its range of benefits.

Moor Park (scoring 82% for value) is Preston's largest and oldest Grade II* listed park. Moor Park is of national significance: It was assigned previously as a Grade II Registered Historic Park. In August 2013, Moor Park was upgraded on the Register from Grade II to Grade II*. It now forms the centre of the recently created Moor Park Conservation Area. Moor Park has recently undergone the first stage of an HLF funded restoration project. The park has been transformed in its appearance and quality and is thriving with events, activities and involvement from numerous groups. For example, the Jeremiah Horrocks Observatory is operated by UCLAN. Situated within Moor Park, it is open to the public at certain events throughout the year.

Another site with historic value is Worden Park (77%). The site is Grade ll listed and contains Victorian gardens, a walled garden, 160 year old hedge maze and Shaw Brook Italian Walk running the entire length of the park close to the southern boundary.

All parks provide opportunities for a wide range of users and demonstrate the high social inclusion, health benefits and sense of place that parks can offer. One of the key aspects of the value placed on parks provision is their ability to function as a multipurpose form of open space provision. Parks provide opportunities for local communities and individuals to socialise and undertake a range of different activities, such as exercise, dog walking and taking children to the play area. Furthermore, parks sites have ecological value, providing habitats for a variety of wildlife. Taking all this into account, parks and gardens are recognised as being heavily integrated into people's everyday lives.

4.6 Summary

Parks and gardens

- There are 59 sites classified as parks and gardens totalling over 535 hectares. This is an equivalent to 1.46 ha per 1,000 population.
- Other forms of open space also contribute to the perception and role of parks; such as sites like Beacon Fell Country Park and Yarrow Valley Country Park. Both sites are classified and included as natural and semi-natural greenspace provision.
- Proportionally, a greater level of provision is located in the Chorley Central Analysis Area (3.32 ha per 1,000 population) compared to the South Ribble Western parishes (0.01 ha per 1,000 population), Chorley East (0.04 ha per 1,000 population) or South Ribble Eastern (0.04 ha per 1,000 population).
- FIT suggests a standard of 0.80 ha per 1,000 population. Chorley (1.72) and Preston (1.78) meet this. South Ribble is just short (0.77). However, Central Lancashire as a whole meets this standard, having 1.48 ha per 1,000 population.
- Catchment mapping shows that most areas of higher population density are covered by the catchments applied (particularly if the multi-functional role of sites such as Cuerden Valley Park is recognised). However, gaps are identified in the Chorley East and South Ribble Eastern analysis areas.
- Most park and garden sites (40) rate above the threshold for both quality and value. This is a reflection of high standards of parks across the three authorities. Sites scoring low for quality tend to lack ancillary features and perceived lower maintenance levels. The high scoring quality and value of most parks are reflected in the amount of Green Flag award sites. There are nine parks, six of which are in Preston, which are Green Flag Award parks.
- All assessed sites score highly for value, with the important social interaction, health benefits, ecological value and sense of place sites offer being recognised.

PART 5: NATURAL AND SEMI-NATURAL GREENSPACE

5.1 Introduction

The natural and semi-natural greenspace typology can include woodland and scrub, grassland, heath or moor, wetlands, wastelands, and bare rock habitats and commons. Such sites are often associated with providing wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.

5.2 Current provision

In total, 136 sites are identified as natural and semi-natural greenspace, totalling over 1,339 hectares of provision. These totals include all identified forms of accessible and inaccessible/restricted sites. Sites considered inaccessible have not been assessed but have been acknowledged as they may still provide a habitat role.

There are 111 accessible sites equating to 1,260 hectares. In addition, a minimum site size threshold of 0.2 hectares has been applied. Sites smaller than this are assumed to be of less or only limited recreational value to residents (unless specifically identified). However, they may still make a wider contribution to local areas, in relation to community viability, quality of life and health and wellbeing.

Bank Hall, Bretherton is being refurbished and not wholly accessible therefore, this has not been assessed or included in the study.

Table 5.1: Distribution of accessible natural and semi-natural by analysis area

Analysis area	**Natural and semi-natural**		
	Number	**Size (ha)**	**Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)**
Chorley Central	14	420.70	7.30
Chorley East	21	283.89	9.78
Chorley West	8	29.22	1.06
Chorley	***43***	***733.80***	***6.42***
Preston North East	13	285.81	6.53
Preston North West	4	12.40	0.33
Preston South	5	28.29	0.47
Preston	***22***	***326.50***	***2.31***
South Ribble Central	6	40.20	3.57
South Ribble Eastern	12	85.33	3.13
South Ribble Leyland	16	43.52	1.31
South Ribble Penwortham	7	18.12	0.79
South Ribble Western Parishes	5	12.93	0.82
South Ribble	***46***	***200.10***	***1.81***
Central Lancashire	**111**	**1260.40**	**3.44**

The biggest contributor to natural and semi-natural provision is Yarrow Valley Country Park at 311 hectares in the Chorley Central Analysis Area. Other noticeably large sites include Cuerden Valley Park (250 hectares), in the Chorley East Analysis Area, and Brockholes Nature Reserve (103 hectares) in the Preston North East Analysis Area.

The Chorley East Analysis Area (9.63) and Chorley Central Analysis Area (7.26) are identified as having the greater levels of provision in terms of hectares per 1,000 population.

Fields In Trust (FIT) suggests 1.80 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard for natural and semi-natural provision. Overall, Central Lancashire has a current provision level of 3.43 hectares per 1,000 population. As a whole, Chorley, Preston and South Ribble are above the FIT standard particularly Chorley.

It is important to recognise that other forms of open space such as parks and amenity greenspace may also provide opportunities and activities associated with natural and semi-natural greenspace. The opportunities provided by such sites will be explored in the Standards Paper.

If inaccessible natural sites are included, a total of 136 sites are identified as natural and semi-natural greenspace, totalling over 1,339 hectares of provision. These totals include all identified forms of provision many of which are either not accessible or have restricted access.

Table 5.2: Distribution of all natural and semi-natural by analysis area

Analysis area	**Natural and semi-natural**		
	Number	**Size (ha)**	**Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)**
Chorley Central	16	422.22	7.33
Chorley East	21	283.89	9.78
Chorley West	9	50.29	1.82
Chorley	***46***	***756.40***	***6.61***
Preston North East	14	287.79	6.57
Preston North West	4	12.40	0.33
Preston South	7	39.22	0.65
Preston	***25***	***339.41***	***2.40***
South Ribble Central	8	42.33	3.75
South Ribble Eastern	17	99.24	3.63
South Ribble Leyland	20	58.02	1.75
South Ribble Penwortham	12	27.69	1.21
South Ribble Western Parishes	8	16.01	1.02
South Ribble	***65***	***243.29***	***2.20***
Central Lancashire	**136**	**1,339.10**	**3.66**

The Chorley Central Analysis Area has the greatest amount of provision with 422 hectares. However, Chorley East Analysis Area has the greatest amount of provision per 1,000 population with 9.63 hectares per 1,000 population. Despite Preston North East Analysis Area (288 hectares) containing more provision in terms of hectares than Chorley East, it has a lower current provision of 6.57 hectares per 1000 population.

Availability of natural provision is generally positive from respondents to the community survey. Over a third (36%) rate being quite satisfied with the availability of nature reserves in the area. A further 33% state they are very satisfied. In addition, 42% rate availability of country parks as quite satisfactory with a further 27% rating it as very satisfactory.

Designations

There are a number of sites recognised as having a protective designation across Central Lancashire. A summary of these is set out below:

Table 5.3: Sites with known designation

Site ID	Site	Designation(s)
1251	Brockholes Wood	LWS
1245	Boilton Wood	LNR
1136	Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve	LNR
1692	Withnell Linear Park, off Bury Lane	LNR
1693	Withnell Linear Park, rear of Railway Park	LNR
1807	Yarrow Valley Country Park	LNR
1468	Blainscough Wood Nature Reserve	LNR
1975	Hic Bibi Nature Reserve	LNR
1248	Fishwick Bottoms Nature Reserve	LNR
881	Haslam Park	LNR
1234	Pope Lane Field	LNR
1236	Grange Valley	LNR
1239	Hills and Hollows	LNR
1288	Willow Farm Wood Nature Reserve	LNR
1194	Priory Meadow Nature Reserve	LNR
430	Brockholes Nature Reserve	LWS
1292	Freeman's Pasture	SSSI

5.3 Accessibility

Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGSt) provides a set of benchmarks for ensuring access to places near to where people live. They recommend that people living in towns and cities should have:

- An accessible natural greenspace of at least two hectares in size, no more than 300 metres (5 minutes' walk) from home.
- At least one accessible 20 hectare site within two kilometres of home.
- One accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home.
- One accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home.
- One hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population.

In some areas, this may be difficult to achieve in the short term, but it could be a long-term aim for all local authorities to work towards this standard.

This study uses locally informed standards derived from consultation in keeping with best practice and as advocated in PPG17.

The community survey found the most common mode of travel to access a nature reserve, woodland or similar form of provision is by private car (65%). A similar trend is also demonstrated for country parks; with 80% of respondents stating they access provision via private car. The most common time willing to be travelled is up to 30 minutes for both a nature reserve or similar (35%) and country park (36%). The second most common time willing to travel to a nature reserve, woodland or similar is 45 minutes.

On this basis, a 30-minute drive time catchment has been applied to those natural and semi-natural greenspaces identified with no restricted access. Figure 5.5 shows the catchment applied.

Figure 5.1: Natural and semi-natural greenspace mapped against 30 minute drive time

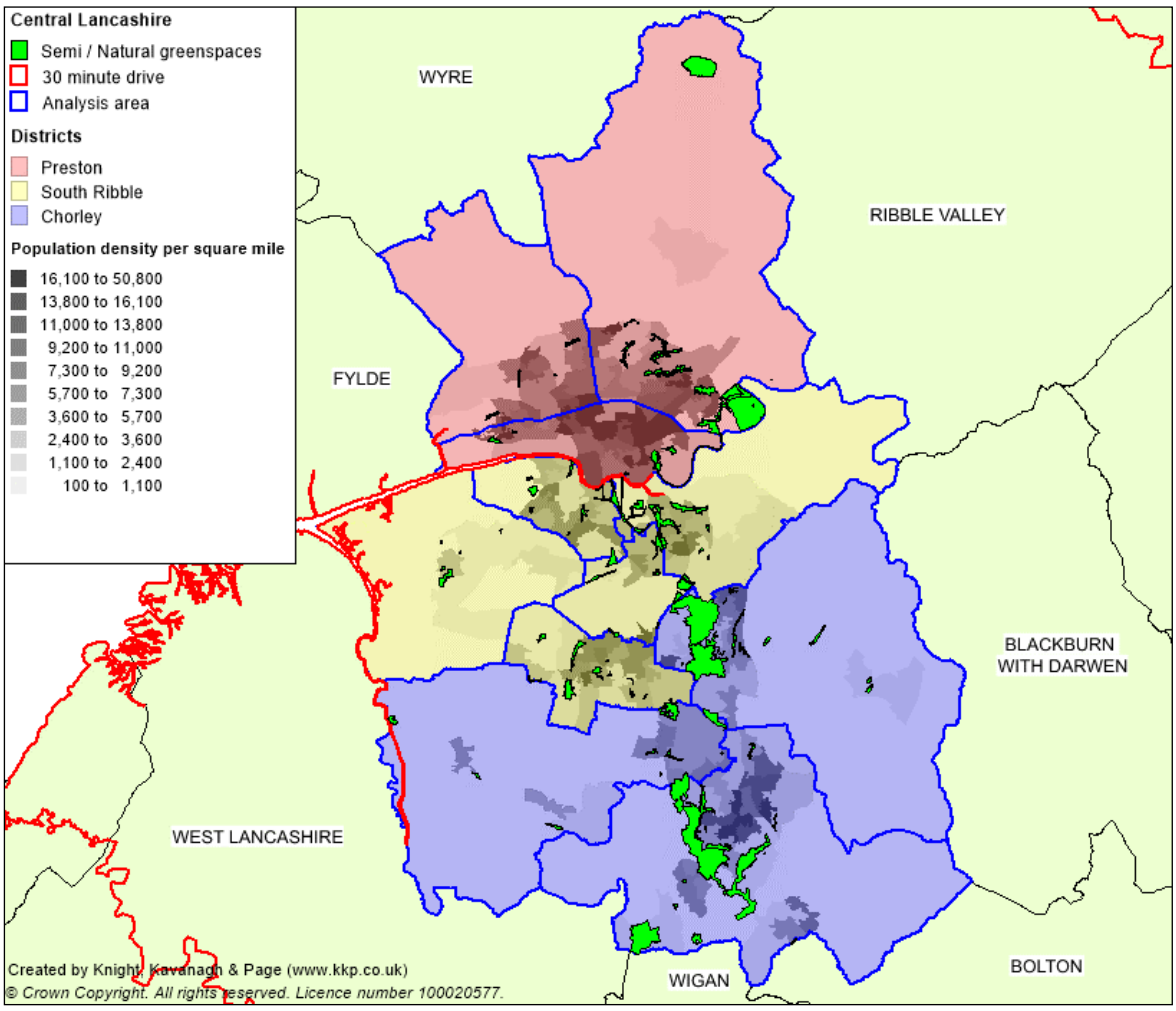


Table 5.4 provides a summary of the sites. The natural sites which do not receive a quality and value score are predominantly identified as either having limited or restricted access.

Table 5.4: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
3	Saunton Walk NSN	South Ribble Leyland	53.5%	34.7%
14	Silverstone Street NSN	South Ribble Leyland	55.6%	34.7%
20	Bluebell Wood	South Ribble Central	66.7%	56.8%
35	Walton Park	South Ribble Eastern	66.3%	42.1%
42	AGS Alongside Schleswig Way - 3	South Ribble Leyland	64.6%	35.8%
425	Lower Greenfield (Rear)	Preston North West	23.2%	29.5%
430	Brockholes Nature Reserve	Preston North East	73.4%	63.2%
824	Beacon Fell Country Park	Preston North East	72.1%	63.2%
825	Cuerden Valley Park, South Ribble	South Ribble Central	62.6%	47.4%
1134	Tam Wood	South Ribble Penwortham	54.5%	35.8%
1135	Hurst Grange Burial Grounds NSN (proposed area only)	South Ribble Penwortham		
1136	Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve	South Ribble Western Parishes	89.9%	84.2%
1137	Longton Grove NSN	South Ribble Western Parishes	66.7%	42.1%
1138	Nixon Lane Wood	South Ribble Leyland	60.9%	35.8%
1140	Flemsburg Way	South Ribble Leyland		
1143	Leyland Way Woodland	South Ribble Leyland		
1144	Beechfield NSN	South Ribble Leyland	52.5%	29.5%
1145	Colt House Wood	South Ribble Leyland	43.4%	35.8%
1146	Langdale Road NSN	South Ribble Leyland	31.3%	28.4%
1147	Farrington Lodge NSN	South Ribble Central		
1149	St Davids Road NSN	South Ribble Central		
1151	Schlesing Way Natural Area	South Ribble Leyland	58.9%	36.8%
1152	Spring Gardens, Lancaster Gate	South Ribble Leyland	43.4%	35.8%
1153	Pinewood Crescent NSN	South Ribble Leyland	50.5%	35.8%
1154	High Green/low Green/wood	South Ribble Leyland	44.4%	29.5%
1158	St Catherine's Wetland and Woodland Reserve	South Ribble Central	66.7%	41.1%
1160	Carr Wood	South Ribble Eastern	38.4%	34.7%
1161	Oakland Glen NSN	South Ribble Eastern	39.4%	36.8%
1162	Carrwood Road NSN	South Ribble Eastern	51.5%	34.7%
1163	London Way NSN 1	South Ribble Eastern		
1164	Springwood Close Woodland Area	South Ribble Eastern	37.4%	35.8%
1165	Chorley Road West NSN	South Ribble Eastern		
1166	Hampshire Road NSN	South Ribble Eastern		
1167	Holland Wood	South Ribble Eastern	40.4%	34.7%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1168	Blashaw Wood	South Ribble Penwortham	51.5%	35.8%
1170	Church Wood	South Ribble Penwortham	44.8%	34.7%
1171	Penwortham Brow	South Ribble Penwortham		
1173	Ribble Siding	South Ribble Penwortham	52.2%	31.6%
1174	Woodland Grange NSN	South Ribble Penwortham	48.5%	35.8%
1176	Goldenway NSN South	South Ribble Penwortham	49.5%	35.8%
1177	Preston Junction Nature Preserve	South Ribble Eastern	45.1%	34.7%
1178	Dismantled Railway NSN	South Ribble Penwortham		
1179	Dale Avenue Pond & NSN	South Ribble Western Parishes		
1180	Longton Library NSN	South Ribble Western Parishes	48.5%	29.5%
1181	Meadow Reach NSN West	South Ribble Penwortham		
1182	Meadow Reach NSN	South Ribble Penwortham		
1183	Nan Holes Wood	South Ribble Western Parishes		
1184	Saunders Lane NSN Hutton	South Ribble Western Parishes	56.6%	40.0%
1186	Farington Lodge, Farington	South Ribble Central	68.3%	35.8%
1187	Withy Grove House NSN	South Ribble Eastern	51.5%	36.8%
1188	Furtherfield NSN	South Ribble Eastern	36.4%	40.0%
1189	Brennard Close NSN	South Ribble Eastern		
1190	Seven Sands NSN	South Ribble Western Parishes	40.4%	33.7%
1191	Mosney Wood	South Ribble Eastern	24.2%	29.5%
1192	Walton-le-dale High School NSN	South Ribble Eastern	48.5%	36.8%
1193	Vehicle Test Track (North) NSN	South Ribble Leyland	21.2%	22.1%
1194	Priory Meadow Nature Reserve	South Ribble Penwortham	47.8%	42.1%
1196	Sound Mound	South Ribble Central	25.3%	16.8%
1197	Shrugg Wood Nature Reserve	South Ribble Leyland	60.6%	42.1%
1200	Farington Hall Wood	South Ribble Leyland	48.5%	42.1%
1206	Kennels Wood	South Ribble Western Parishes		
1207	Mill Brook NSN	South Ribble Leyland	40.4%	36.8%
1208	Holt Brow Wood (South of Runshaw College)	South Ribble Leyland		
1209	London Way NSN 2	South Ribble Central	44.4%	36.8%
1210	Cockshott Wood	South Ribble Eastern	32.7%	34.7%
1211	Bannister Drive NSN	South Ribble Leyland		
1232	Fishwick Bottoms Open Space	Preston South		
1233	Throslock Wood	Preston South	44.1%	30.5%
1234	Pope Lane Field	Preston North East	49.5%	40.0%
1235	Tom Benson Walk	Preston North West	33.3%	24.2%
1236	Grange Valley	Preston North East	47.5%	45.3%
1237	Asda Wood	Preston North East		
1238	Fishwick Phase 3	Preston South		

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1239	Hills and Hollows	Preston North East	45.5%	34.7%
1240	Frenchwood Knoll	Preston South	63.3%	35.8%
1241	Sandybrook Wood	Preston North East	47.5%	29.5%
1242	Fulwood Hall Lane	Preston North East	28.3%	28.4%
1243	Stoney Butts	Preston South	26.3%	28.4%
1244	Ribble Way and Cycle Route 6	Preston South	51.5%	36.8%
1245	Boilton Wood	Preston North East	41.1%	62.1%
1246	Moss Leach Wood	Preston North East	34.3%	28.4%
1247	Savick Way NSN	Preston North West	45.5%	37.9%
1248	Fishwick Bottoms Nature Reserve	Preston South	76.8%	63.2%
1249	Fernyhalgh Wood	Preston North East	41.1%	46.3%
1250	Hills and Hollows EP	Preston North East	28.3%	35.8%
1251	Brockholes Wood	Preston North East	40.4%	34.7%
1252	Mason's Wood	Preston North East	60.6%	52.6%
1253	Conway Linear Park	Preston North West	47.8%	42.1%
1288	Willow Farm Wood Nature Reserve	South Ribble Eastern		
1292	Freeman's Pasture	Chorley Central		
1295	Chisnall Hall Nature Reserve	Chorley Central	50.8%	35.8%
1336	Adjacent Chorley North Industrial Park and Laburnum Road	Chorley Central	53.5%	36.8%
1368	Carr Brook Linear Park, Adjacent Birch Field/Clover Field	Chorley East	60.6%	47.4%
1372	Off Tanyard Close	Chorley Central		
1468	Blainscough Wood Nature Reserve	Chorley Central	61.6%	42.1%
1505	Carr Brook Linear Park, Westwood Road	Chorley East	61.6%	36.8%
1509	Carr Brook Linear Park, Clayton Brook Road	Chorley East	37.4%	31.6%
1627	Off Withnell Fold Old Road	Chorley East	54.5%	36.8%
1669	Rear of Larkfield, Eccleston	Chorley West	30.3%	29.5%
1683	Between Broadfields/ Euxton Lane	Chorley West	53.5%	34.7%
1691	Adjacent Leeds Liverpool Canal, Off Marsh Lane	Chorley East	47.5%	42.1%
1694	Lodge Bank, Brinscall	Chorley East	66.0%	57.9%
1696	Rear of Firbank, Euxton	Chorley West	47.5%	36.8%
1697	Adjacent Euxton Hall Gardens	Chorley West	35.4%	29.5%
1701	Denham Hill Quarry, Holt Lane	Chorley East	57.9%	46.3%
1704	Rear of Wilderswood Close, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	40.4%	36.8%
1712	Off Spring Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	62.6%	30.5%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1714	Between Higher Meadow/ Cunnery Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	61.6%	36.8%
1728	Reservoir, Mill Lane, Coppull	Chorley Central	39.4%	26.3%
1730	Chapel Brook, Pear Tree Euxton	Chorley West	41.4%	30.5%
1762	Gillibrand, Nightingale Way	Chorley Central	45.5%	32.6%
1764	Gillibrand, Adjacent Little Wood Close	Chorley Central	41.4%	35.8%
1771	Gillibrand, Adjacent Walletts Wood Court	Chorley Central	27.3%	27.4%
1807	Yarrow Valley Country Park	Chorley Central	81.8%	73.7%
1810	Cuerden Valley Park, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	62.3%	42.1%
1827	Plock Wood, Lower Burgh Way, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	28.3%	31.6%
1828	Copper Works Wood, Stansted Road	Chorley Central	60.3%	42.1%
1829	Adjacent Yarrow Valley Way	Chorley Central	52.5%	42.1%
1852	Rear of Outterside Avenue, Adlington	Chorley Central	33.3%	31.6%
1855	Rear of 41-44 Woodfield, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	43.4%	36.8%
1857	Opposite 34-37 Brow Hey, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	42.4%	34.7%
1858	Opposite 16-44 Carr Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	40.4%	36.8%
1861	Adj Clayton Brook Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	41.4%	34.7%
1875	Rear of 16-28 Bearswood Croft, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	63.6%	47.4%
1876	Adjacent Blackthorn Croft, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	42.4%	29.5%
1952	Between Osborne Drive/ Chorley Old Road	Chorley East	51.5%	36.8%
1953	Between Wood End Road/ Rowan Croft, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	62.0%	42.1%
1975	Hic Bibi Nature Reserve, Coppull	Chorley Central	54.5%	34.7%
2006	Schleswig Way/slater Lane NSN	South Ribble Leyland	51.5%	34.7%
2028	Wilderswood Pond, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	36.4%	34.7%
2036	Amber Drive Woodland	Chorley Central	22.2%	27.4%
2039	Buckshaw Wood	Chorley West		
2040	Worden Brook Close	Chorley West	43.4%	34.7%
2043	Mossfield Plantation Nature Reserve, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	66.7%	41.1%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
2050	Sheep Hill Wood, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	40.4%	34.7%
2053	Croft Field, Croston	Chorley West	69.7%	52.6%

Figure 5.1 shows no gaps in natural and semi-natural greenspace is observed if the 30-minute drive time catchment (based on the responses to the community survey) is applied.

5.4 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance) scores from the 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 natural and semi-natural greenspace. A threshold of 40% is applied in order to identify high and low quality. Further explanation of how the quality scores are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 5.6: Quality ratings for natural and semi-natural greenspace

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <40%	High ≥40%
Chorley Central	22%	47%	82%	60%	5	9
Chorley East	36%	51%	66%	30%	2	19
Chorley West	30%	48%	70%	39%	2	6
Chorley	***22%***	***49%***	***82%***	***60%***	***9***	***34***
Preston North East	28%	47%	73%	45%	3	10
Preston North West	23%	37%	48%	25%	2	2
Preston South	26%	52%	77%	51%	1	4
Preston	***23%***	***45%***	***77%***	***54%***	***6***	***16***
South Ribble Central	25%	56%	68%	43%	1	5
South Ribble Eastern	24%	43%	66%	42%	6	6
South Ribble Leyland	21%	49%	65%	43%	2	14
South Ribble Penwortham	45%	50%	55%	10%	0	7
South Ribble Western Parishes	40%	60%	90%	49%	0	5
South Ribble	***21%***	***51%***	***90%***	***69%***	***9***	***37***
Central Lancashire	**21%**	**48%**	**90%**	**69%**	**24**	**87**

Natural and semi-natural greenspace has a slightly lower quality threshold than some other open space typologies such as parks. This is in order to reflect the wide-ranging characteristics of provision. For instance, some natural and semi-natural sites can be intentionally without ancillary facilities in order to reduce misuse/inappropriate behaviour whilst encouraging greater conservation. Conversely, site can also include a range of facilities.

Of the natural and semi-natural provision assessed, a total of 87 sites (78%) rate above the threshold set for quality. There are 24 sites which rate below the quality threshold applied.

The lowest scoring sites are:

- Vehicle Test Track (North) NSN (21%)
- Lower Greenfield (Rear) (23%)
- Mosney Wood (24%)
- Sound Mound (25%)
- Stoney Butts (26%)

Sites scoring below the threshold for quality tend to lack basic ancillary features such as benches and bins. However, as previously mentioned, this can be due to their primary role as forms of habitat provision. Each score quite low for overall maintenance and cleanliness particularly Vehicle Test Track (North) NSN and Mosney Wood. Vehicle Test Track (North) NSN is noted as having nettles at the narrow entrance and within the site, encroaching over paths whilst the latter has a steep terrain and narrow paths, hindering usage of the site and no disabled access. Likewise, Sound Mound has a narrow entrance and overgrown nettles encroaching on the path and is a mostly impassable site.

Most sites scoring above the threshold are observed as being more attractive due to the perceived higher levels of maintenance and cleanliness as well as the recreational uses on offer. The highest scoring sites are:

- Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve (90%)
- Yarrow Valley Country Park (82%)
- Fishwick Bottoms Nature Reserve (77%)
- Brockholes Nature Reserve (74%)
- Farington Lodge, Farington (68%)

These sites are observed as having excellent access, with well-maintained pathways, good signage and interpretation as well as levels of personal security. Additional ancillary facilities such as toilets and car parking are also available at some of the higher scoring sites. From the list above, Farrington Lodge and Fishwick Bottoms Nature Reserve do not having car parking or toilet facilities. In addition, Yarrow Valley Country Park and Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve are also noted as having a visitor centre. Such forms of provision contribute to the general quality level of a site. Three of the highest scoring sites above (all but Farington Lodge and Brockholes Nature Reserve) are Green Flag Award sites.

Similar to availability, quality of natural provision is for most respondents to the community survey are generally satisfactory. Over a third (40%) rate quality of nature reserves as quite satisfactory with a further 33% rating provision as very satisfactory. Respondents also rate quality of country parks positively; with 45% rating quality as quite satisfactory and 29% rating it as very satisfactory.

Willow Farm Wood Nature Reserve is identified by LWT as a site difficult to access. It does not receive a audit assessment score. There are no facilities however, there are interpretation boards. Similar to Brockholes Nature Reserve, there is sporadic vandalism but both are important LWT sites in term of natural provision.

5.5 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), scores from 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 natural and semi-natural greenspace. 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 5.7: Value scores for natural and semi-natural greenspace

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <20%	High ≥20%
Chorley Central	26%	38%	74%	47%	0	14
Chorley East	29%	39%	58%	28%	0	21
Chorley West	29%	36%	53%	23%	0	8
Chorley	***26%***	***37%***	***74%***	***48%***	**0**	***43***
Preston North East	28%	43%	63%	35%	0	13
Preston North West	24%	33%	42%	18%	0	4
Preston South	28%	39%	63%	35%	0	5
Preston	***24%***	***38%***	***56%***	***29%***	***0***	***22***
South Ribble Central	17%	36%	47%	31%	1	5
South Ribble Eastern	29%	36%	42%	13%	0	12
South Ribble Leyland	22%	34%	42%	20%	0	16
South Ribble Penwortham	32%	36%	42%	11%	0	7
South Ribble Western Parishes	29%	46%	84%	55%	0	5
South Ribble	***17%***	***38%***	***84%***	***67%***	***1***	***45***
Central Lancashire	**17%**	**38%**	**84%**	**67%**	**1**	**110**

All but one (Sound Mound with 17%) of the assessed natural and semi-natural greenspace sites rate above the value threshold. Sound Mound scores low for quality as well as value. This site is not likely to be used much due to narrow paths and overgrown nettles hindering accessibility through the site. However, it is acknowledged as having ecological value.

The sites to rate the highest for value are:

- Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve (84%)
- Yarrow Valley Park (74%)
- Beacon Fell Country Park (63%)
- Brockholes Nature Reserve (63%)

Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve is the highest scoring site for both quality and value. This site is a Green Flag Award and has a dedicated friends group (Friends of Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve) helping to look after the reserve.

Additionally, Rangers run an educational programme for school children and other groups. Therefore, it has high educational, social and ecological value. It benefits from interpretation boards and a visitor centre attracting a wide range of people to the site.

Similarly, Yarrow Valley Country Park benefits from a visitor centre and is a Green Flag Award site. The site also has play equipment enhancing social and amenity value and attracting more families. Its most important ecological feature is the presence of large areas of mature ancient woodland.

Despite Beacon Fell not being a Green Flag award, its visitor centre has been awarded a gold award by the Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS).

Fishwick Bottom Recreation Ground (46%) and Local Nature Reserve (63%) has a Friends Group (Friends of Fishwick and Matthews) who carry out improvements of the nature reserve. Likewise, Walton Park (42%) has a Friends Group. This site does have park features but is classified more as a semi-natural site for this study. The site has additional recreational benefits due to fishing opportunities.

There are four natural and semi-natural greenspaces to achieve a Green Flag Award- Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve, Yarrow Valley Park, Fishwick Bottoms Nature Reserve and Cuerden Valley Park. To gain the award, sites must be maintained and managed to a high standard. There are currently 14 sites within Central Lancashire with the Green Flag Award; most of which are under the parks and gardens typology:

- Ashton Park
- Avenham and Miller Parks
- Haslam Park
- Winckley Square Gardens
- Fishwick Bottoms Nature Reserve
- Astley Park
- Coronation Rec Ground
- Tatton Recreation Ground
- Withnell Local Nature Reserve
- Yarrow Valley Country Park
- Cuerden Valley Park
- Hurst Grange Park
- Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve
- Worden Park

Haslam Park has a nature reserve however, its main function is as a park. As the most naturalised park in Preston, Haslam Park is not only a recreational facility, but an essential wildlife corridor attractive to a wide variety of flora and fauna. The area to the north of the site has achieved Local Nature Reserve (LNR) status.

Several sites are designated as LNR's (Local Nature Reserves):

- Pope Lane Field
- Grange Valley
- Boilton Wood
- Fishwick Bottoms Nature Reserve
- Hills and Hollows
- Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve

Note that Withnell Linear Park is also a LNR, however, it is a former railway and therefore classified is a green corridor. It has been designated as a conservation area and forms an important wildlife corridor.

Consultation with LWT highlight that Brockholes Nature Reserve is nationally important for breeding and migration of birds and classified as a Local Wildlife Site. Volunteers help maintain the nature reserve and help with guided walks with visitors. There are annual open days, a café, conference centre and educational team based there, adding to the high value of the site. It is also identified that there plans build a small building for volunteers.

Some LWT sites have restricted access and therefore limit usage. LWT identify that although Freeman's Pasture is an SSSI and has nationally important wildlife, there is no disabled or wheelchair access and has steep slopes. Thus, this site has not been assessed. This site provides an important conservation role.

Adjacent to Hurst Grange Park is Cop Lane, an LWS. In this study, this is not a separate site but as part of the park itself. Consultation with Lancashire Wildlife Trust identifies this site as having no wheelchair access and steps only to the entrance. It is LCC owned by maintained by LWT.

Sites rating above the value threshold often demonstrate the added benefit natural and semi-natural greenspaces can provide especially in terms of contributing to flora and fauna promotion and habitat opportunities.

5.6 Summary

Natural and semi-natural greenspace summary

- There are 111 natural and semi-natural greenspace sites covering 1,260 hectares. In addition, there further sites considered to have no or restricted access.
- FIT suggests a standard of 1.80 ha per 1,000 population. Using the 111 accessible sites, there are 3.43 ha per 1,000 population across Central Lancashire.
- There is proportionally more provision located in the Chorley East Analysis Area (9.63 ha per 1,000 population) and Chorley Central Analysis Area (7.26 ha per 1,000 population). This is due to large sites such as Cuerden Valley Park, Yarrow Valley Country Park and Chisnall Hall Nature Reserve being located within these areas.
- No gaps in catchment mapping are identified.
- Of the natural and semi-natural sites assessed, a total of 78% rate above the threshold set for quality. There are 24 sites that rate below the quality threshold. However, no particular quality issues are highlighted.
- All but one site (Sound Mound) rates above the threshold for value. The habitat role of many natural sites is widely recognised with some sites also offering extensive recreational opportunities (e.g. Brockholes Nature Reserve, Yarrow Valley Country Park and Longton Brickcroft Nature Reserve). The latter two are Green Flag Award winning sites; reflective of their high quality and value scores.
- The high proportion of sites to rate above the threshold for value, demonstrates the added benefit natural and semi-natural greenspaces can provide especially in terms of contributing to flora and fauna. Larger sites may also provide a good level of recreational offer.

PART 6: AMENITY GREENSPACE

6.1 Introduction

This is defined as sites offering opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas. It includes informal recreation spaces, housing green spaces, village greens and other incidental space.

6.2 Current provision

There are 295 amenity greenspace sites in Central Lancashire equivalent to over 311 hectares of provision. Sites are most often found within areas of housing and function as informal recreation space or open space providing a visual amenity. A number of recreation grounds and playing fields are also classified as amenity greenspace.

Table 6.1: Distribution of amenity greenspace sites

Analysis area	Amenity Greenspace		
	Number	Size (ha)	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Chorley Central	48	36.94	0.64
Chorley East	46	28.07	0.97
Chorley West	37	32.65	1.18
Chorley	***131***	***97.65***	***0.85***
Preston North East	25	32.76	0.75
Preston North West	11	13.90	0.37
Preston South	20	23.03	0.38
Preston	***56***	***69.69***	***0.49***
South Ribble Central	14	15.99	1.42
South Ribble Eastern	18	27.32	1.00
South Ribble Leyland	43	64.30	1.94
South Ribble Penwortham	23	20.03	0.87
South Ribble Western	10	16.53	1.05
South Ribble	***108***	***144.18***	***1.31***
Central Lancashire	**295**	**311.52**	**0.85**

Chorley has the greatest number of sites with 131 (equating to over 97 hectares). However, South Ribble has the greatest amount of provision with 144 hectares (equating to 1.31 hectares per 1,000 population).

In terms of sub areas, South Ribble Leyland Analysis Area has the greatest amount of provision with 64 hectares. Consequently, it has the greatest amount of provision proportionally with 1.94 hectares per 1,000 population. Preston North West Analysis Area (0.37) has the lowest proportion of provision in terms of hectares per 1,000 population.

Fields In Trust (FIT) suggests 0.60 hectares per 1,000 population as a guideline quantity standard. As a whole, Chorley (0.84) and South Ribble (1.31) meet this suggested standard. However, Preston (0.49) falls below.

A large proportion of provision may be considered as being smaller grassed areas or roadside verges. However, there is some variation of sites within this typology. For example, the smallest site is Oxheys Street at 0.03 hectares whilst the largest site is AGS South of Vehicle Test Track at 11.60 hectares.

Larger recreation grounds and playing fields serve a different purpose to smaller grassed areas and verges; often providing an extended range of opportunities for recreational and sporting activities due to their size.

It is important to recognise the role of the associated Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) with regard to such sites. Some playing fields and recreation grounds will be included within the Open Space Study and the PPS if for example they contain pitches available for community use outside of sport (i.e. a football pitch within a recreation ground may be used for match fixtures at certain times of the week whilst being available for wider community/recreational use at other times). These sites are covered by the Open Space Study and the PPS to reflect the multi-functional role of such forms of provision.

6.3 Accessibility

The community survey found the most common mode of travel to access an amenity greenspace is by walking (62%). The most common times willing to be travelled is up to 10 minutes (26%). This is followed closely by those willing to travel up to 15 minutes (20%) and up to 30 minutes (15%).

On this basis, a 10 minute walk catchment has been applied to all amenity greenspace sites. This is shown in Figure 6.1 overleaf.

Figure 6.1: Amenity greenspace with 10 minute walk catchment

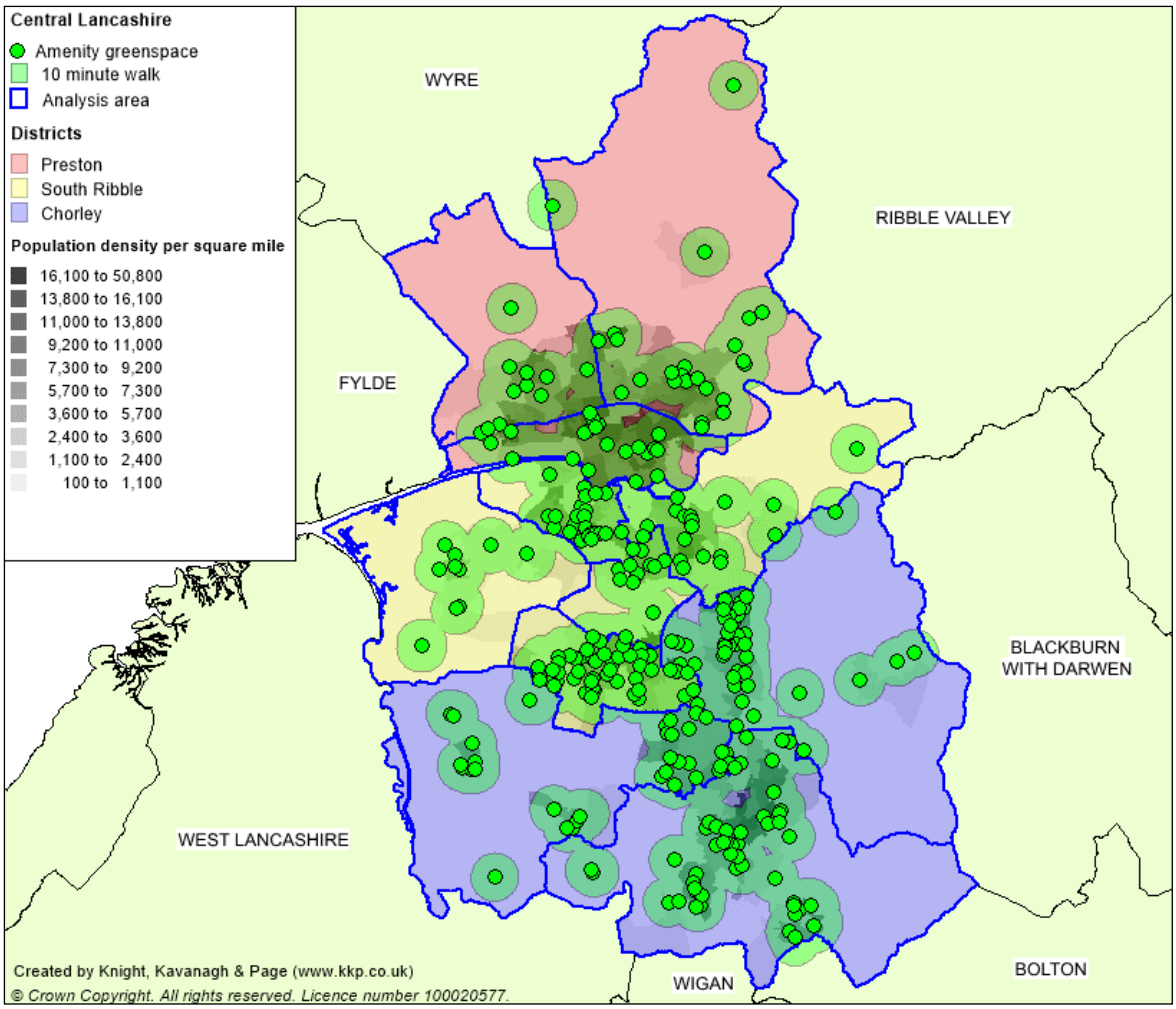


Table 6.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
5	Walnutwood Avenue AGS	South Ribble Eastern	66.4%	33.7%
6	St Cuthbert's Road AGS	South Ribble Central	72.6%	28.6%
8	Havelock Road, Penwortham	South Ribble Penwortham	65.9%	22.4%
9	Western Drive	South Ribble Leyland	65.3%	32.7%
11	Saxon Place AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	58.5%	32.7%
12	Townsway Community Orchard	South Ribble Central	83.3%	38.8%
13	Wigan Road/Central Avenue AGS	South Ribble Leyland	79.4%	44.9%
15	Quins Croft Village Green AGS	South Ribble Leyland	67.0%	32.7%
19	Morris Homes, Wateringpool Lane	South Ribble Eastern	51.8%	28.6%
22	Bank Top Road	South Ribble Penwortham	69.2%	28.6%
23	Rydal Avenue AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	85.0%	35.7%
24	Farfield AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	68.7%	33.7%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
25	Birch Avenue AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	78.2%	35.7%
27	Penwortham Allotments NSN	South Ribble Penwortham	56.3%	33.7%
28	Tardy Gate/croston Rd/william St Recreation Ground	South Ribble Central	80.7%	40.8%
29	Morland Avenue AGS	South Ribble Central	80.3%	40.8%
30	Kingswood Road AGS	South Ribble Leyland	76.0%	45.9%
32	Land off Dawson Lane	South Ribble Leyland	71.1%	35.7%
33	River Lostock Playing Fields	South Ribble Eastern	83.1%	40.8%
34	Industrial Estate AGS 1	South Ribble Eastern	79.9%	35.7%
36	Walmer Bridge Village Hall AGS	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	60.8%	40.8%
37	St James Garden AGS	South Ribble Leyland	73.7%	38.8%
38	AGS Alongside Schleslig Way - 1	South Ribble Leyland	79.9%	35.7%
39	Rosemeade Avenue AGS	South Ribble Central	76.0%	35.7%
40	AGS South of Industrial Estate	South Ribble Leyland	63.6%	28.6%
41	AGS Alongside Schleswig Way - 2	South Ribble Leyland	72.6%	34.7%
43	AGS South of Vehicle Test Track	South Ribble Leyland	78.8%	35.7%
45	East of Ulnes Walton Lane	South Ribble Leyland	69.2%	43.9%
46	Penwortham Broad Oak AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	64.2%	29.6%
47	Seven Sands Amenity Greenspace	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	56.3%	28.6%
48	River Lostock Country Park. Sherdley Wood	South Ribble Central	61.9%	39.8%
49	Bellis Way, Old Tram Road	South Ribble Eastern	78.8%	40.8%
50	St Johns Green	South Ribble Leyland	80.5%	33.7%
51	Coupe Green Amenity Area	South Ribble Eastern	79.7%	43.9%
52	Samlesbury Playing Field	South Ribble Eastern	61.4%	37.8%
53	Millbrook AGS	South Ribble Leyland	79.4%	33.7%
59	King George V Playing Field, South Ribble	South Ribble Penwortham	73.0%	45.9%
60	Greystones AGS	South Ribble Leyland	67.0%	33.7%
64	Cheetham Meadow AGS	South Ribble Leyland	63.0%	28.6%
65	Middlefield Park	South Ribble Leyland	79.4%	45.9%
66	Pintail Close AGS	South Ribble Leyland	70.4%	27.6%
67	AGS Adjacent To Middlefield Park	South Ribble Leyland	65.3%	35.7%
69	St James Church AGS	South Ribble Leyland	56.3%	30.6%
70	Moss Side AGS	South Ribble Leyland	75.4%	61.2%
71	Balcarres Green	South Ribble Leyland	80.7%	23.5%
72	Bent Green	South Ribble Leyland	76.5%	40.8%
74	Bannister Brook AGS	South Ribble Leyland	72.0%	34.7%
75	Colt House Wood (south) AGS	South Ribble Leyland	81.0%	28.6%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
76	Colt House Wood (west) AGS	South Ribble Leyland	65.9%	23.5%
78	Heatherleigh AGS	South Ribble Central	52.9%	26.5%
79	Meadowland AGS	South Ribble Central	72.2%	35.7%
81	Lydiate Lane AGS	South Ribble Central	75.4%	33.7%
83	Hastings Road	South Ribble Leyland	77.7%	34.7%
88	Downham Road AGS	South Ribble Leyland	78.8%	43.9%
91	Leadale Green	South Ribble Leyland	80.5%	33.7%
93	Peacock Hall Green	South Ribble Leyland	82.7%	43.9%
94	Shawbrook Green, Wade Hall	South Ribble Leyland	78.8%	38.8%
97	Springfield Road AGS	South Ribble Leyland	64.2%	28.6%
98	Leyton Green AGS	South Ribble Leyland	77.7%	28.6%
100	Lowerhouse Road AGS	South Ribble Leyland	77.7%	33.7%
102	Leyland Leisure Centre AGS	South Ribble Leyland	65.3%	27.6%
103	West Paddock AGS	South Ribble Leyland	72.6%	34.7%
104	Wood Green AGS	South Ribble Leyland	56.3%	27.6%
105	High School Green AGS	South Ribble Leyland	59.7%	27.6%
106	Haig Avenue AGS	South Ribble Leyland	75.4%	35.7%
113	Moss Bridge Park AGS	South Ribble Central	76.0%	33.7%
117	End of Mercer Road AGS	South Ribble Central	60.2%	27.6%
122	Holland House Road AGS 1	South Ribble Eastern	75.4%	34.7%
123	Devonport Close AGS	South Ribble Eastern	64.7%	34.7%
124	Holland House Road AGS 2	South Ribble Eastern	62.5%	23.5%
126	Longbrook Avenue AGS	South Ribble Eastern	72.6%	28.6%
127	Low Green AGS	South Ribble Leyland	85.2%	38.8%
130	Clock Road AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	83.9%	45.9%
131	Ribble Siding AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	81.6%	51.0%
133	The Maltings AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	54.6%	28.6%
135	Alderfield AGS and Pond	South Ribble Penwortham	71.5%	30.6%
136	Alderfield AGS East	South Ribble Penwortham	61.9%	23.5%
140	Fryer Close AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	74.9%	33.7%
148	Hawkesbury Drive AGS North	South Ribble Penwortham	79.4%	28.6%
149	Martinfield AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	72.6%	38.8%
150	Stonecroft AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	64.7%	28.6%
151	Buckingham Avenue AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	63.6%	28.6%
153	Dickenson Field AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	60.8%	28.6%
154	Longton Victory Memorial Rec Ground	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	66.6%	30.6%
155	Sumpter Croft AGS East	South Ribble Penwortham	71.5%	33.7%
156	Formby Crescent AGS	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	60.8%	26.5%

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157	Longton Playing Fields AGS	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	69.8%	40.8%
158	East & West Square Green	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	77.7%	27.6%
161	Rowan Close AGS	South Ribble Penwortham	72.0%	28.6%
168	North Union View AGS	South Ribble Central	66.4%	33.7%
169	St. Pauls Park AGS	South Ribble Central	84.1%	33.7%
170	Withy Trees AGS	South Ribble Eastern	91.4%	56.1%
171	Bluebell Way AGS	South Ribble Eastern	76.5%	27.6%
172	Furtherfield AGS 2	South Ribble Eastern	68.1%	33.7%
174	Hutton Recreation Ground	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	85.6%	51.0%
180	Stokes Hall Estate	South Ribble Leyland	64.2%	32.7%
181	Mayfield Estate	South Ribble Leyland	76.0%	34.7%
185	Western Drive AGS	South Ribble Leyland	80.5%	32.7%
418	Demming Close	Preston South	63.8%	28.6%
419	Miller Green	Preston North West	73.2%	49.0%
420	The Green	Preston North East	74.7%	33.7%
421	The Green 2	Preston North East	59.7%	33.7%
422	Roman Way Amenity 1	Preston North East	63.0%	38.8%
427	Dunoon Close Amenity	Preston North West	55.7%	32.7%
428	Barton Village Hall playing fields	Preston North East	53.5%	28.6%
432	Dunnock Lane	Preston North West	66.0%	33.7%
442	Ashworth Grove	Preston South	62.3%	27.6%
443	Halstead Road Amenity	Preston North East	58.0%	27.6%
445	Langcliffe Road	Preston North East	70.4%	33.7%
448	Roman Way Amenity 2	Preston North East	63.0%	33.7%
449	Roman Way Amenity 3	Preston North East	57.2%	38.8%
450	Evans Street AGS	Preston South	64.9%	33.7%
451	Barlow Street AGS	Preston South	66.8%	24.5%
458	Brookview-valley bottom	Preston North East	51.8%	28.6%
459	Whernside Crescent	Preston North East	55.7%	28.6%
460	Fishwick Road	Preston South	82.6%	39.8%
462	Haighton Drive AGS	Preston North East	69.8%	38.8%
464	Cottam Hall Lane Amenity	Preston North West	65.3%	34.7%
465	Grange Park Extension	Preston North East	49.0%	36.7%
467	Amenity at River Ribble	Preston South	62.7%	34.7%
468	Layton Road	Preston South	72.6%	28.6%
471	Gamull Lane	Preston North East	66.4%	28.6%
473	Tythe Barn POS	Preston South	63.6%	30.6%
475	Rose Bud POS	Preston South	71.5%	24.5%

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476	Mercer Street Amenity	Preston South	83.1%	28.6%
478	Shelley Road POS	Preston South	61.9%	36.7%
480	Carwags Picnic Area	Preston North East	54.4%	35.7%
481	Sharoe Green Hospital	Preston North East	65.3%	28.6%
482	Fulwood Leisure Centre Amenity	Preston North West	73.0%	30.6%
487	Langport Close Amenity Area	Preston North East	67.4%	28.6%
488	Oxheys Street	Preston South	66.2%	33.7%
489	Peacock Hill Amenity	Preston North East	66.2%	49.0%
490	Bootle Street Amenity	Preston South	80.3%	28.6%
491	Greenthorn Crescent Amenity	Preston North East	52.4%	32.7%
493	Riverside Walk	Preston South	81.0%	51.0%
494	Broadgate Amenity	Preston South	70.6%	25.5%
495	Grimsargh Linear Park	Preston North East	69.2%	27.6%
496	Adelphi Roundabout	Preston South	66.4%	30.6%
497	Aqueduct Street	Preston South	74.5%	33.7%
498	Stanley Street POS	Preston South	69.8%	28.6%
499	Grimsargh Village Hall POS	Preston North East	69.8%	42.9%
681	Seven Stars Road Leyland	South Ribble Leyland	80.3%	43.9%
853	The Square, Bleasedale Road	Preston North East	76.5%	33.7%
859	Oxheys Recreation Ground	Preston South	74.5%	44.9%
861	Garstang Road	Preston North East	70.9%	45.9%
862	Jubilee Park	Preston North West	75.8%	34.7%
863	Dovedale Ave Playing Field	Preston North West	63.0%	35.7%
864	Cromer Place Recreation Ground	Preston North West	67.9%	44.9%
868	Levensgath Avenue Recreation Ground	Preston North East	69.8%	30.6%
872	Grange Ave	Preston North East	71.7%	33.7%
875	Woodplumpton	Preston North West	72.0%	43.9%
879	Frenchwood Recreation Ground	Preston South	81.4%	55.1%
882	Longsands Village Green	Preston North East	88.6%	61.2%
904	Holland House Road	South Ribble Eastern	85.6%	56.1%
922	Kingsfold Playing Fields	South Ribble Penwortham	88.4%	56.1%
925	New Longton Recreation Ground	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	88.4%	64.3%
926	Northern Avenue Recreation Ground	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	84.6%	45.9%
927	Gregson Lane Recreation Area AGS	South Ribble Eastern	86.9%	51.0%
928	Queen Victoria Recreation Ground	South Ribble Eastern	74.9%	40.8%
929	Little Hoole Playing Fields	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	80.5%	34.7%

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988	King George V Playing Field, Higher Walton	South Ribble Eastern	88.9%	59.2%
1283	Adjacent Abbey Mill, Bolton Road, Abbey Village	Chorley East	83.1%	38.8%
1289	Jubilee Recreation Ground, Adlington	Chorley Central	87.2%	56.1%
1290	Rawlinson Lane/ Wigan Lane, Heath Charnock	Chorley Central	64.2%	32.7%
1291	King Georges Field, Adlington, Chorley	Chorley Central	83.3%	45.9%
1294	Village Green, Town Rd/Out Lane, Croston	Chorley West	68.1%	38.8%
1298	Rear of Chester Place/ Croston Avenue, Adlington	Chorley Central	64.2%	30.6%
1301	Bretherton Parish Insitute	Chorley West	73.7%	28.6%
1306	Willow Drive amenity greenspace, Charnock Richard	Chorley Central	78.4%	38.8%
1315	Between 6 and 8 Dorking Road, Great Knowley	Chorley Central	77.1%	35.7%
1316	Opposite 155 Draperfield, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	65.3%	28.6%
1339	Playing Field, Great Greens Lane, Clayton Brook	Chorley East	76.0%	56.1%
1346	Between Oakcroft/ Manor Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	80.9%	40.8%
1348	Off Clayton Green Road	Chorley East	73.2%	40.8%
1349	Clayton Hall, Spring Meadow	Chorley East	72.6%	30.6%
1350	Cunnery Park, Cunnery Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	86.1%	35.7%
1352	Between 107 and 108 Mendip Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	59.1%	23.5%
1354	Between 113 and 152 Mendip Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	71.1%	40.8%
1356	Between 164 and 172 Mendip Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	77.3%	35.7%
1363	Longfield Avenue, Coppull	Chorley Central	67.9%	29.6%
1369	Hurst Brook, Coppull	Chorley Central	81.0%	39.8%
1370	Burwell Avenue, Coppull	Chorley Central	78.2%	34.7%
1373	Byron Crescent, Coppull	Chorley Central	64.2%	29.6%
1380	Croston Rec Ground	Chorley West	76.2%	33.7%
1388	Rear of 42 The Hawthorns, Eccleston	Chorley West	83.1%	40.8%

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1394	Rear of 60 Hawkshead Avenue, Euxton*	Chorley West	63.0%	28.6%
1402	The Meadows AGS, Heskin Green	Chorley Central	80.5%	44.9%
1412	Tarnbeck Drive AGS, Mawdesley	Chorley West	68.7%	32.7%
1416	Wymott Park	Chorley West	72.8%	40.8%
1420	Meadow Street, Wheelton	Chorley East	75.4%	28.6%
1422	Opposite 43-73 Hillside Crescent, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	76.4%	29.6%
1428	Orchard Drive, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	76.0%	34.7%
1432	End of Foxglove Drive, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	67.6%	33.7%
1436	Adjacent 94 Deerfold, Chorley	Chorley West	64.2%	28.6%
1437	Adjacent Buckshaw Primary School, Chancery Road	Chorley West	70.9%	33.7%
1439	Adjacent Derian House, Chancery Road	Chorley West	70.4%	34.7%
1459	Adjacent Cottage Fields, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	83.9%	51.0%
1461	Off Higher Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	72.6%	35.7%
1473	Between Chapel Lane/ Poplar Drive, Coppull	Chorley Central	73.2%	35.7%
1478	Adjacent 9 Kittwake Road, Heapey	Chorley East	70.4%	39.8%
1481	Adjacent 3 Flag Lane, Heath Charnock	Chorley Central	61.4%	31.6%
1483	Jubilee Way, Croston	Chorley West	73.7%	32.7%
1485	Between 3 and 33 Riverside Crescent, Croston	Chorley West	62.5%	22.4%
1487	Croston Walls, Castle Walk	Chorley West	64.7%	30.6%
1490	Opposite the Paddock, Gib Lane	Chorley East	38.3%	27.6%
1494	Balshaw Villa, Balshaw Lane	Chorley West	70.9%	27.6%
1495	The Cherries, Euxton	Chorley West	81.0%	23.5%
1499	Adjacent 275 The Green, Eccleston	Chorley West	86.1%	38.8%
1504	Off Wilderswood, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	68.1%	40.8%
1506	Off Radburn Brow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	61.4%	30.6%
1507	Adjacent Near Meadow, Sandy Lane, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	60.8%	30.6%
1512	Meadow Lane, Off Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	84.4%	56.1%

* At the time of site visit there was no seating or litter bins. Site was also waterlogged. Understood site has now been improved with new paths, seating and a community orchard. Consequently, now likely to rate higher for quality and value

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1515	Adjacent Gardenia Close, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	64.7%	23.5%
1520	Adjacent 26 and 36 Redwood Drive, Cowling	Chorley Central	67.0%	30.6%
1521	Adjacent 77 Redwood Drive, Cowling	Chorley Central	73.2%	23.5%
1528	Rear of Amber Drive, Cowling	Chorley Central	82.7%	28.6%
1533	Middlewood Close, Eccleston	Chorley West	61.4%	29.6%
1535	Rear of Delph Way/ Cross Keys Drive, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	74.3%	27.6%
1540	Between Chancery Road/ Hallgate, Astley Village	Chorley West	81.6%	44.9%
1542	Between Heather Close and Eaves Lane, Chorley	Chorley Central	63.0%	35.7%
1543	Adjacent 57 Cowling Brow/ Rear of Ridge Road	Chorley Central	56.9%	28.6%
1545	Fell View Park, Cowling Brow	Chorley Central	86.1%	40.8%
1546	Mayflower Gardens, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	87.2%	45.9%
1547	Rear of Fir Tree Close, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	56.3%	29.6%
1549	Between Lower Burgh Way/ Draperfield, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	61.4%	28.6%
1550	Adjacent Lower Burgh Way, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	58.5%	26.5%
1554	Adjacent Weldbank House, Weldbank Lane, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	70.9%	28.6%
1556	Clematis Close, Off Euxton Lane	Chorley West	76.9%	39.8%
1558	36 Foxcote AGS, Astley Village	Chorley West	79.4%	40.8%
1609	Between 20 and 26 Riverside Crescent, Croston	Chorley West	64.2%	29.6%
1613	Geoff Witts Memorial Millennium Green, Euxton	Chorley West	80.9%	51.0%
1631	Land off Meadow Lane, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	58.5%	35.7%
1659	Between Preston Road and Church Hill, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	72.1%	40.8%
1660	Adjacent Heather Hill Cottage, Hill Top Lane, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	53.5%	30.6%
1670	Opposite 19 Bannister Lane, Eccleston	Chorley West	63.0%	22.4%
1678	Adjacent 53 Broadfields, Astley Village	Chorley West	66.4%	33.7%
1687	Adjacent Chancery Road/ Wymundsley/ The Farthings	Chorley West	78.2%	30.6%
1688	Adjacent Chancery Road	Chorley West	72.6%	25.5%
1705	Between Wood End Road/ Bearswood Croft	Chorley East	60.8%	33.7%

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1706	Adjacent 19 Holly Close, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	64.2%	29.6%
1710	Off Back Lane, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	63.0%	34.7%
1711	Off Wood End Road, adjacent to reservoir, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	67.4%	28.6%
1734	Between Preston Road and Watkin Road, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	82.5%	51.0%
1739	The Apiary, Adjacent Bretherton Parish Institute, South Road	Chorley West	81.0%	28.6%
1760	Gillibrand, Off Burgh Wood Way	Chorley Central	66.4%	35.7%
1769	Gillibrand, Keepers Wood Way/ Lakeland Gardens	Chorley Central	69.2%	35.7%
1770	Redwing Drive AGS	Chorley Central	87.8%	30.6%
1778	Adjacent 44 Long Acre, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	59.7%	27.6%
1786	Between Carr Meadow/ Carr Barn Brow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	72.6%	38.8%
1788	Adjacent 87 Daisy Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	81.0%	40.8%
1793	Rear of 86-89 Greenwood, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	67.0%	40.8%
1798	Between Forsythia Drive/Homestead, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	83.9%	45.9%
1803	Drapers Avenue Recreation Ground, Eccleston	Chorley West	83.1%	61.2%
1804	Adjacent 80 Princess Way, Euxton	Chorley West	54.0%	35.7%
1815	Adjacent 92 Mile Stone Meadow, Euxton	Chorley West	76.5%	30.6%
1817	Adjacent 16 Gleneagles Drive, Euxton	Chorley West	66.4%	28.6%
1818	Opposite 58-66 Wentworth Drive, Euxton	Chorley West	64.2%	32.7%
1831	Adjacent Fairview Community Centre, Adlington	Chorley Central	77.1%	30.6%
1872	Adjacent Clayton Green Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	73.9%	49.0%
1873	Adjacent 454 Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	70.9%	33.7%
1884	Clancutt Lane, Coppull	Chorley Central	78.2%	33.7%
1897	Rear of 21-41 Empress Way/Pear Tree Lane, Euxton	Chorley West	65.9%	29.6%
1902	End of Pleasant View, Withnell	Chorley East	70.4%	39.8%
1903	Opposite 208-234 Preston Road	Chorley Central	63.0%	34.7%
1921	Adjacent Northgate	Chorley Central	59.7%	27.6%
1928	Eaves Green Road	Chorley Central	73.2%	27.6%

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1940	Rear of 19-21 Sutton Grove, Great Knowley	Chorley Central	70.4%	35.7%
1951	Opposite 4-6 Burghley Close	Chorley East	86.1%	45.9%
1954	Off Cypress Close, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	80.5%	30.6%
1955	Between Spendmore Lane/ Station Road, Coppull	Chorley Central	72.0%	29.6%
1957	Buttermere Avenue, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	82.0%	23.5%
1958	Adjacent Minstrel Pub, Lower Burgh Way, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	74.9%	28.6%
1959	Rear of 27-30 The Cedars, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	72.6%	38.8%
1960	Adjacent 60 The Cedars, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	61.9%	29.6%
1963	Guernsey Avenue, Buckshaw Village	Chorley East	90.6%	51.0%
1968	Rear of Chapel Street/ Park Road, Adlington	Chorley Central	53.5%	23.5%
1971	Rear of Community Centre, Unity Place, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	87.2%	59.2%
1976	Lady Hey Crescent	Preston North West	60.0%	23.5%
1977	Gilhouse Avenue	Preston North West	65.7%	28.6%
1979	Jubilee Gardens, Coppull	Chorley Central	82.5%	43.9%
2007	Maltby Square, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	87.2%	51.0%
2009	Shannon Close, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	81.6%	35.7%
2013	Adjacent Fairview Drive, Heath Charnock	Chorley Central	64.2%	28.6%
2014	Adjacent Meadow View, Heath Charnock	Chorley Central	82.2%	33.7%
2016	Rosewood Close, Cowling	Chorley Central	63.0%	28.6%
2023	Clayton Brook Village Centre	Chorley East	81.0%	33.7%
2030	Brinscall and Withnell Athletic Recreation Association	Chorley East	81.6%	40.8%
2035	Trumpet Park Gardens	South Ribble Central	63.6%	38.8%
2037	Atlas Avenue, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	73.2%	38.8%
2044	Magill Close	Chorley East	51.8%	34.7%
2047	Mortimer Place, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	65.3%	27.6%
2048	Bradfield Close, Clayton-le-Woods*	Chorley East	49.0%	28.6%
2049	Brookfield AGS, Coppull	Chorley Central	65.3%	26.5%
2051	Barrow Nook Grove, Adlington	Chorley Central	57.4%	33.7%
2052	Town Lane, Heskin	Chorley Central	74.5%	57.1%

* At time of site visit, the site was partially inaccessible and still under construction. Site is likely to rate higher for quality following completion of works.

Mapping demonstrates a good distribution of amenity greenspace provision across the area; the majority of areas with a higher population density are being served by a form of amenity provision. There are potentially minor gaps observed to the Preston North West Analysis Area and at the border of the Preston North East and Preston South analysis areas.

Almost a third of all respondents (31%) to the community survey rate being quite satisfied with the amount/availability of general amenity greenspace in the area. A further 19% state they are very satisfied. However, 25% are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. Further supporting the existing amount of provision is the smaller percentage of respondents that are either quite dissatisfied (8%) or very dissatisfied (5%). An additional 11% of respondents had no opinion.

6.4 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance); the scores from 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 quality assessment for amenity greenspaces. A threshold of 65% is applied in order to identify high and low quality. Further explanation of how the quality scores and thresholds are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 6.3: Quality ratings for amenity greenspace

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <65%	High ≥65%
Chorley Central	53%	71%	88%	34%	17	31
Chorley East	38%	71%	91%	52%	13	33
Chorley West	54%	73%	87%	33%	9	28
Chorley	***38%***	***73%***	***91%***	**53%**	***39***	***92***
Preston North East	49%	65%	89%	40%	11	14
Preston North West	56%	67%	76%	20%	3	8
Preston South	62%	71%	83%	21%	6	14
Preston	***49%***	***67%***	***89%***	40%	**20**	**36**
South Ribble Central	53%	72%	84%	31%	4	10
South Ribble Eastern	52%	75%	91%	40%	4	14
South Ribble Leyland	56%	73%	85%	29%	7	36
South Ribble Penwortham	55%	70%	88%	34%	8	15
South Ribble Western Parishes	56%	73%	88%	32%	3	7
South Ribble	***52%***	***73%***	***91%***	***39%***	***26***	***82***
Central Lancashire	**38%**	**71%**	**91%**	**53%**	**85**	**210**

A total of 71% of assessed amenity greenspace sites rate above the threshold for quality. The highest scoring sites for quality are:

- Withy Trees AGS (91%)
- Guernsey Avenue (91%)
- Harpers Lane Recreation Ground (90%)
- King George V Playing Field, Higher Walton (89%)
- Rangletts Recreation Ground, Brindle Street (89%)
- Longsands Village Green (89%)

The sites are observed as having high standards of maintenance and cleanliness, resulting in a good overall appearance. In addition, they provide good levels of user security as well as recreational opportunities including for example play provision. The exception is Withy Trees AGS which does not contain a play area. However, it connects to Withy Grove Park.

Harpers Lane Recreation Ground and Rangletts Recreation Ground have additional benefits of a play area, MUGA and skatepark. King George V Playing Field, Higher Walton also has a MUGA and play area on site. All six sites have sufficient seating and bins including dog foul bins whilst Harper's Lane Recreation Ground also contains picnic benches and lighting.

Despite Kingsfold Playing Fields (88%) scoring above the threshold for quality, consultation with Penwortham Town Council highlight that the pitches had drainage issues last year. However, it is well used and contains a play area, MUGA and fitness equipment.

Likewise, despite Tarnbeck Drive (69%) scoring above the threshold for quality, this site also has poor drainage. Signs at this site and play area illustrated that it is proposed to remove the play equipment and retain the site as an amenity greenspace. The path is to be resurfaced and the play area at millennium green to be improved. The Meadows AGS (81%) also scored low for drainage due to the ground being saturated in parts. However, it scores well above the threshold due to good signage, seating, picnic tables and bins. Additional benefits on site include the set of small football goals, play equipment, a skatepark and basketball post.

Consultation with Much Hoole Parish Council highlights that drainage on the Northern Avenue Recreation Ground is considered poor. Consequently, it is prone to flooding. The drainage has been improved but it still remains an issue. Football clubs use the 11-a-side pitch whereas the 5 a side pitch is used for more recreational use. There are changing rooms albeit poor quality. Nevertheless this site benefits from good signage, bins, benches, a play area, MUGA and youth shelter. Trafalgar Garden in the site adds to the aesthetics of the site. overll it rates highly for quality and value.

Larger amenity greenspace sites such as recreation grounds and playing fields often lend themselves to greater sporting and recreational opportunities such as football. These opportunities as well as other added features on site, such as good quality play areas, provide increased reasons for people to visit such provision. Consequently, the quality of such sites is often to a higher standard. Of the sites highlighted as a recreation ground or playing field, 23 out of the 27 (85%) are rated as being above the quality threshold. The three to rate below the quality threshold are Samlesbury Playing Field, Barton Village Hall Playing Field and Dovedale Avenue Playing Field. All the sites are noted as not containing seats or bins. In addition, the fencing and goal posts at Barton Village Hall Playing Field are observed as being damaged.

The lowest scoring amenity greenspace sites are:

- Grange Park Extension (49%)
- Brookview-valley bottom (52%)
- Greenthorn Crescent Amenity (52%)
- Heatherleigh AGS (53%)

These sites all lack ancillary features such as bins and seating. However, they score well for accessibility and overall maintenance. Heatherleigh AGS is noted as having no issues but is just a small grass area near new housing and serves more as a visual amenity than anything else. Brookview scores low for paths and drainage. Grange Park extension is a small site adjacent to Grange Park with a lack of ancillary features. It scores low for usage but does score well for overall maintenance.

Rear of Chapel Street/Park Road (55%) is observed as an unattractive, run down site with some litter. There is evidence of a previous play area but presently just the play area surface and fencing exists but no equipment.

Adjacent 80 Princess Way (39%) scores below the threshold due to poor drainage, no specific paths and poor surfaces. This site is generally not well maintained with long grass and signs being worn away. There are football goals however, this is likely to be rarely used due to the poor conditions of the surface and flooding. This is mirrored in consultation with Euxton Parish Council who highlight that drainage is a significant issue on this site that requires good drainage. They also identify that the goals are not used with walking on the site proofing difficult. There is an opporutntiy to improve footpath network and habitat quality.

Some sites score just below the threshold for quality. There are 29 sites which score between 63% and 65%. One of these sites, Springfield Road AGS, has no benches, bins or boundary fencing. However, it scores well for entrances, personal security, overall maintenance and cleanliness and paths. It is noted as being a small amenity with a path and a faded sign. However, no significant issues are observed.

Most respondents to the community survey are generally satisfied with the quality of general amenity greenspace. More than a third view quality as quite satisfactory (35%) with a further 17% rating provision as very satisfactory. There are a small percentage of respondents that are either quite dissatisfied (10%) or very dissatisfied (4%). An additional 22% of respondents are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the quality of amenity greenspace.

6.5 Value

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

Table 6.4: Value ratings for amenity greenspace

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <20%	High ≥20%
Chorley Central	23%	34%	57%	34%	0	48
Chorley East	23%	36%	56%	33%	0	46
Chorley West	22%	35%	61%	39%	0	37
Chorley	***22%***	***35%***	***61%***	39%	***0***	***131***
Preston North East	28%	35%	61%	34%	0	25
Preston North West	23%	36%	49%	26%	0	11
Preston South	24%	33%	55%	31%	0	20
Preston	***23%***	***35%***	***61%***	***38%***	***0***	***56***
South Ribble Central	27%	35%	41%	14%	0	14
South Ribble Eastern	23%	39%	59%	36%	0	18
South Ribble Leyland	23%	35%	61%	38%	0	43
South Ribble Penwortham	22%	34%	56%	34%	0	23
South Ribble Western Parishes	27%	39%	64%	38%	0	10
South Ribble	***22%***	***36%***	***64%***	***42%***	**0**	**108**
Central Lancashire	**22%**	**35%**	**64%**	**42%**	**0**	**295**

All amenity greenspaces rate above the threshold for value. The highest scoring sites for value are:

- New Longton Recreation Ground (64%)
- Moss Side AGS (61%)
- Longsands Village Green (61%)
- Drapers Avenue Recreation Ground, Eccleston (61%)
- Moss Side AGS (61%)

These sites scoring high for value also score high for quality. They all appear well used and are recognised as providing social and health benefits with suitable ancillary facilities to enable a range of people to use.

Each contain a play area. They also each, except New Longton Recreation Ground, contain a MUGA. However, New Longton Recreation Ground does have a basketball area and small skate ramp, enhancing health and social benefits.

Despite Moss Side AGS being one of the highest scoring sites for value, at the time of assessment, there was glass and litter by the benches, reducing the aesthetics of the site. Nevertheless, it appears well used and has a play area and a floodlit MUGA.

Amenity greenspace should be recognised for its multi-purpose function, offering opportunities for a variety of leisure and recreational activities. It can often accommodate informal recreational activity such as casual play and dog walking. Many sites are likely to offer a dual function and are amenity resources for residents as well as being visually pleasing. These attributes add to the quality, accessibility and visibility of amenity greenspace. Combined with the presence of facilities (e.g. benches, landscaping and trees) this means that the better-quality sites are likely to be more respected and valued by the local community.

6.6 Summary

Amenity greenspace summary

- There are 295 amenity greenspace sites equating to over 311 hectares of provision.
- FIT suggests a standard of 0.60 hectares per 1,000 population. Overall, Central Lancashire (0.8**5** ha per 1,000 population) meets the FIT standard. Individually, Chorley (0.8**5**) and South Ribble (1.31) meet this. However, Preston (0.49) is below.
- Proportionally, more provision is located in South Ribble Leyland Analysis Area (1.94 ha per 1,000 population) compared to other areas. However, most amenity greenspaces are located in Chorley Central Analysis Area (48).
- Mapping demonstrates a good distribution of amenity greenspace across the area. Very minor gaps from catchment mapping are noted to the Preston areas.
- Just under three quarters of amenity sites assessed rate above the threshold for quality. The majority of sites to score lower for quality is due to a lack of ancillary features or poor maintenance.
- In addition to its multifunctional role, amenity greenspace makes a valuable contribution to visual aesthetics for communities – hence all sites rate above the value threshold.

PART 7: PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7.1 Introduction

This includes areas designated primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters.

Provision for children is deemed to be sites consisting of formal equipped play facilities typically associated with play areas. This is usually perceived to be for children under 12 years of age. Provision for young people can include equipped sites that provide more robust equipment catering to older age ranges incorporating facilities such as skateparks, BMX, youth shelters and Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs).

7.2 Current provision

A total of 236 play facility sites are identified. This equates to a total of nearly 24 hectares. The table below shows the distribution of provision in Central Lancashire by analysis area. No threshold has been applied and as such, all provision (regardless of ownership) is identified and included within the audit.

Table 7.1: Distribution of provision for children and young people

Analysis area	Provision for children and young people		
	Number	Size (ha)	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Chorley Central	52	7.19	0.12
Chorley East	31	1.48	0.05
Chorley West	25	2.09	0.08
Chorley	***108***	***10.77***	***0.09***
Preston North East	21	1.68	0.04
Preston North West	21	1.42	0.04
Preston South	31	3.17	0.05
Preston	***73***	***6.27***	***0.04***
South Ribble Central	8	0.65	0.06
South Ribble Eastern	15	1.50	0.05
South Ribble Leyland	16	2.77	0.08
South Ribble Penwortham	6	1.20	0.05
South Ribble Western Parishes	10	1.04	0.07
South Ribble	***55***	***7.16***	***0.06***
Central Lancashire	**236**	**24.21**	**0.07**

Chorley contains the greatest amount of play facility sites with 108. It also has the largest amount of provision proportionally with 0.09 hectares per 1,000 population. This is predominantly due to the Chorley Central sub area having a noticeable amount of provision (0.12 hectares per 1,000 population).

South Ribble is level with the figure for Central Lancashire (0.06 hectares per 1,000 population). Preston is below the Central Lancashire figure with a current provison level of 0.04 hectares per 1000 population.

7.3 Accessibility

The community survey found the most common travel time willing to be travelled by respondents is a 10 or 15-minute walk (both 23%) for play areas. This is followed by a 30-minute walk (11%).

For teenage provision, 62% of respondents were not interested. This is likely a reflection of the niche use of such forms of provision. Excluding this, a 10-minute walk (13%) and a 15-minute walk (8%) are the most common responses.

Figure 7.1: Provision for children and young people mapped against catchments

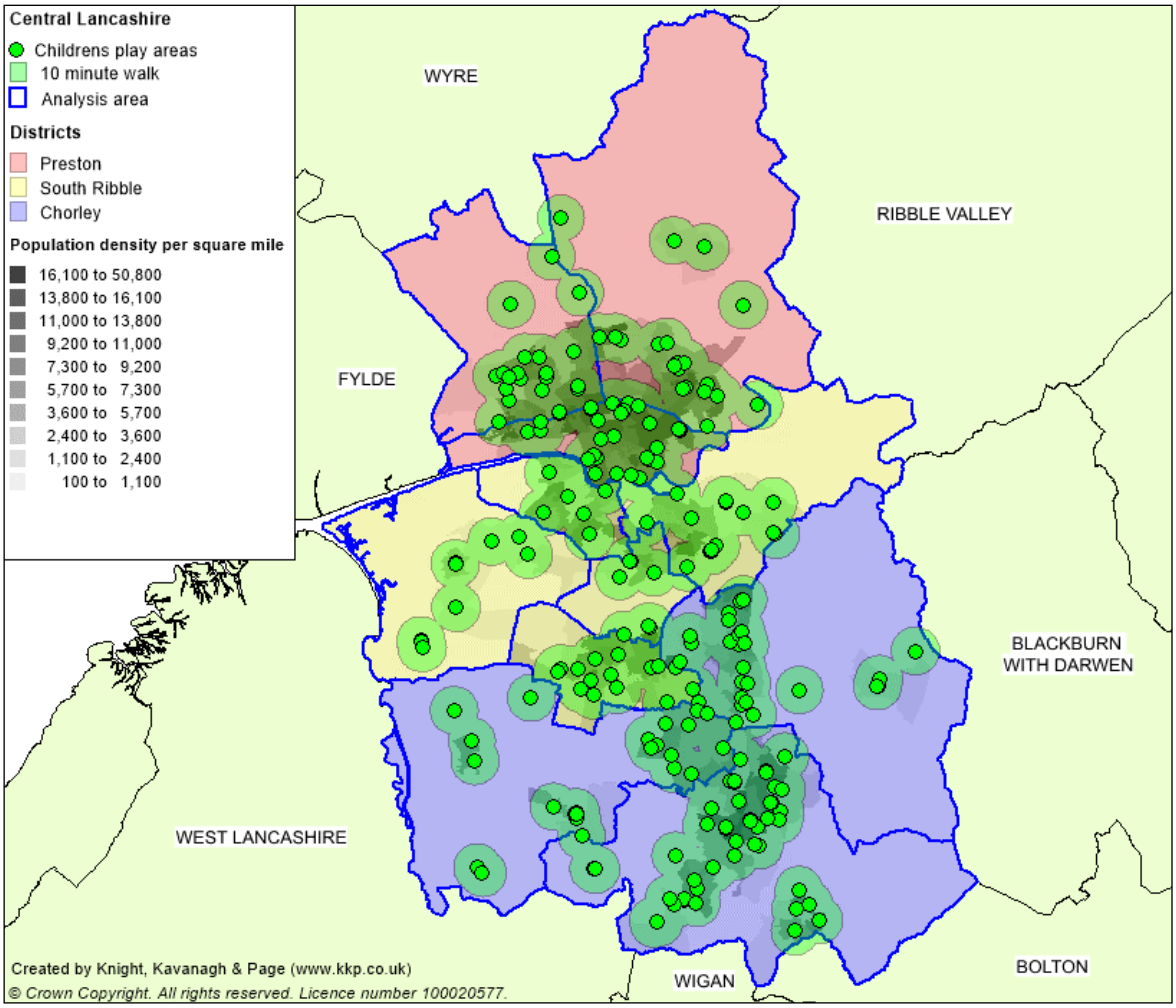

Table 7.4 overleaf provides a summary of the sites. Sites that have multiple forms of play on one site have been completed under one assessment form, hence why scores of some sites listed below have been merged.

Table 7.4: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
2	BMX track off Smithy Lane	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	61.5%	41.8%
25.1	Birch Avenue Play Area	South Ribble Penwortham	79.4%	54.5%
28.1	Tardy Gate/Croston Rd/William St Recreation Ground Play Area 1	South Ribble Central	85.6%	54.5%
28.2	William St Recreation Ground play area 2	South Ribble Central		
28.3	William St Recreation Ground MUGA	South Ribble Central		
32.1	Anderton Crescent play area	South Ribble Leyland	77.3%	54.5%
33.1	River Lostock Play Area	South Ribble Eastern	75.6%	50.9%
33.2	River Lostock MUGA	South Ribble Eastern		
44.1	St Catherine's Park play area	South Ribble Central	66.3%	47.3%
49.1	Bellis Way, Old Tram Road, Play Area	South Ribble Eastern	44.3%	38.2%
51.1	Coupe Green Play Area	South Ribble Eastern	80.1%	54.5%
59.1	King Georges Play Area	South Ribble Penwortham	74.2%	54.5%
70.1	Slater Lane Play Area	South Ribble Leyland	60.8%	63.6%
70.2	Slater Lane MUGA	South Ribble Leyland		
72.2	Bent Green MUGA	South Ribble Leyland	63.9%	41.8%
73	Ryden Green play area	South Ribble Leyland	76.3%	54.5%
88.1	Downham Road Ball Court	South Ribble Leyland	79.7%	47.3%
91.1	Leadale Green Play Area	South Ribble Leyland	60.8%	38.2%
91.2	MUGA at Leadale Green	South Ribble Leyland		
93.1	Peacock Hall Green MUGA	South Ribble Leyland	47.4%	38.2%
94.1	Shawbrook Green MUGA	South Ribble Leyland	52.2%	41.8%
106.1	Haig Avenue Play Area	South Ribble Leyland	61.9%	45.5%
106.2	Haig Avenue MUGA	South Ribble Leyland		
131.1	Ribble Siding Play Area	South Ribble Penwortham	55.0%	45.5%
136.1	Alderfield Play Area	South Ribble Penwortham	44.3%	38.2%
157.1	Longton Play Area	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	72.5%	54.5%
157.2	Longton Playing Fields Youth Shelter	South Ribble Westerm Parishes		
169.1	St. Pauls Park Play Area	South Ribble Central	75.3%	41.8%
174.1	Hutton Recreation Ground Play Area	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	84.2%	54.5%
423	Withy Grove Park play area	South Ribble Eastern	87.6%	72.7%
423.1	Withy Grove Park skatepark	South Ribble Eastern		
423.2	Withy Grove Park MUGA	South Ribble Eastern		
426	Forest Grove play area	Preston North East	60.8%	38.2%
429	Field Maple Drive play area	Preston North East	73.2%	38.2%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
430.1	Brockholes Nature Reserve play area	Preston North East	65.3%	54.5%
431	Moor Lane MUGA	Preston South	62.9%	50.9%
432.1	Dunock Lane play area	Preston North West	48.5%	38.2%
433	Williams Lane-Ladybank Avenue	Preston North East	61.9%	50.9%
434	Hartington Road MUGA	Preston South	57.7%	38.2%
435	Moor Park South MUGA	Preston South	38.1%	38.2%
451.1	Barlow Street	Preston South	66.0%	50.9%
460.1	Fishwick Road MUGA	Preston South	50.9%	50.9%
462.1	Haighton Drive	Preston North East	46.0%	47.3%
532	Hawthorpe Avenue Play Area	South Ribble Eastern	72.2%	38.2%
627	Dovedale Close	Preston North West	79.4%	47.3%
632	Maple Crescent Play Area	Preston South	70.1%	47.3%
636	Whinsands 1	Preston North East	50.2%	47.3%
637	Whinsands 2	Preston North East	40.2%	47.3%
638	Leesands	Preston North East	66.3%	47.3%
669	Brockholes Wood Play Area	Preston North East	67.4%	50.9%
681.1	Seven Stars Road play area	South Ribble Leyland	45.4%	41.8%
682	West Paddock Youth Centre Basketball Court	South Ribble Leyland	67.7%	41.8%
684	Walton-le-dale Youth and Community Centre	South Ribble Eastern	71.1%	41.8%
685.1	Castleton Road	Preston South	82.5%	47.3%
685.2	Castleton Road MUGA	Preston South		
826.1	Hurst Grange Play Area	South Ribble Penwortham	78.4%	45.5%
829.1	Halliwell Crescent Play Area	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	49.5%	38.2%
846.1	Ribbleton Park play area	Preston South	70.1%	54.5%
846.2	Ribbleton Park Skatepark	Preston South		
846.3	Ribbleton Park MUGAs	Preston South		
848.1	Ashton Park North	Preston South	80.4%	54.5%
848.3	Ashton Park tennis/MUGA	Preston South		
848.2	Ashton Park South	Preston South	54.6%	41.8%
848.4	Ashton Adizone	Preston South	71.8%	45.5%
849.1	Goosnargh Green	Preston North East	75.6%	54.5%
850.1	Grimsargh Green	Preston North East	81.8%	54.5%
851.1	Mill Lane under 7's	Preston North West	74.6%	81.8%
851.2	Mill Lane under 12's	Preston North West		
852.1	Station Lane	Preston North West	77.0%	47.3%
853.1	The Square play area	Preston North East	68.0%	47.3%
854.1	Taylor Street	Preston South	50.9%	47.3%
855.1	Euston Street	Preston South	71.5%	54.5%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
856.1	Maudland Bank	Preston South	68.4%	47.3%
858.2	Sherwood Green	Preston North East	68.0%	54.5%
859.1	Oxheys Rec	Preston South	73.2%	50.9%
859.2	Oxheys Rec MUGA	Preston South		
860.1	Brookfield	Preston North East	40.5%	47.3%
860.2	Brookfield Park MUGA	Preston North East	45.4%	47.3%
861.1	Garstang Road	Preston North East	67.7%	50.9%
862.1	Jubilee Avenue	Preston North West	78.4%	50.9%
863.1	Dovedale Ave Playing Field play area	Preston North West	62.9%	65.5%
864.1	Cromer Place Recreation Ground play area	Preston North West	46.0%	45.5%
865.1	Conway Drive	Preston North West	56.7%	54.5%
866.1	King George V	Preston North West	86.6%	47.3%
868.1	Levensgath Avenue	Preston North East	62.2%	54.5%
869.1	Fishwick BMX track	Preston South	80.1%	60.0%
871.1	Village Green	Preston North West	72.2%	47.3%
871.2	Cottom Local Centre	Preston North West	68.0%	47.3%
872.1	Grange Ave play area	Preston North East	67.7%	50.9%
873.1	Smiths Rec	Preston South	67.0%	50.9%
873.2	Smiths Rec MUGA	Preston South	45.7%	47.3%
875.1	Woodplumpton	Preston North West	76.3%	54.5%
877.1	Cottam Ponds	Preston North West	67.4%	47.3%
878.1	The Gables	Preston North West	74.2%	47.3%
878.2	Roseberry Avenue	Preston North West	68.7%	47.3%
878.3	The Horse Riding Path play area	Preston North West	56.7%	38.2%
879.2	Frenchwood Rec MUGA	Preston South	49.5%	50.9%
879.3	Frenchwood Rec	Preston South	82.8%	54.5%
880.1	Grange Park Play Area	Preston North East	73.2%	50.9%
881.1	Haslam Park play area	Preston North West	79.4%	63.6%
881.2	Haslam Park MUGA	Preston North West		
882.1	Longsands MUGA	Preston North East	68.0%	50.9%
883.1	Moor Park South	Preston South	78.0%	63.6%
883.2	Moor Park North	Preston South	58.1%	54.5%
883.3	Moor Park North MUGA	Preston South	54.3%	47.3%
883.4	Moor Park Skatepark	Preston South	62.2%	45.5%
883.5	Moor Park Adizone	Preston South	66.0%	54.5%
885.1	Avenham Park Play Area	Preston South	68.7%	45.5%
886.1	Summertrees	Preston North West	73.2%	47.3%
887.1	Wiilliams Lane	Preston North East	60.5%	47.3%
889.1	Tanterton Green	Preston North West	70.1%	54.5%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
890.1	Worden Park Play Area	South Ribble Leyland	86.6%	72.7%
904.1	Holland House Road Play Area	South Ribble Eastern	81.4%	54.5%
922.1	Kingsfold Drive Play Area	South Ribble Penwortham	86.6%	54.5%
925.1	New Longton Recreation Ground play area	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	84.2%	54.5%
925.2	New Longton Ball and Skatepark	South Ribble Westerm Parishes		
926.1	Northern Avenue Play Area	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	81.8%	54.5%
926.2	Northern Avenue MUGA Kickabout	South Ribble Westerm Parishes		
927.1	Gregson Lane Play Area	South Ribble Eastern	82.8%	54.5%
927.2	Gregson Lane MUGA	South Ribble Eastern		
928.1	Queen Victoria Recreation Ground Play Area	South Ribble Eastern	87.3%	54.5%
929.1	Little Hoole Playing Fields Play Area	South Ribble Westerm Parishes	77.3%	54.5%
938.1	Kew Gardens Play Area/Farington Park Children's Play Area	South Ribble Central	81.4%	54.5%
938.2	Farington Park MUGA	South Ribble Central		
988.1	King George's Playing Field - Play Area, South Ribble	South Ribble Eastern	86.3%	54.5%
988.2	King Georges MUGA	South Ribble Eastern		
1282	Adjacent Abbey Mill play area	Chorley East	83.2%	54.5%
1284	Grey Heights View play area	Chorley Central	56.4%	38.2%
1285.1	Greenside Playing Field MUGA, Euxton	Chorley West	30.9%	34.5%
1289.1	Jubilee Park MUGA, Adlington	Chorley Central	85.6%	54.5%
1289.2	Jubilee Park skate park, Adlington	Chorley Central		
1289.3	Jubilee Park play area (Chorley) Adlington	Chorley Central		
1291.1	King George's Field Playground, Adlington	Chorley Central	73.2%	54.5%
1300	Bretherton Parish Institute Playground, South Road	Chorley West	88.3%	54.5%
1306.1	Play area adjacent 40 Leeson Avenue, Charnock Richard	Chorley Central	70.1%	54.5%
1314.1	Coronation Recreation Ground playground*	Chorley Central	83.5%	63.6%
1321.1	Harpers Lane Recreation Ground play area	Chorley Central	65.6%	54.5%

* Note that in January 2019, this play area was completed therefore, likely to score higher than at the time of assessment.

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1321.2	Harpers Lane Recreation Ground MUGA	Chorley Central		
1321.3	Harpers Lane Recreation Ground skatepark	Chorley Central		
1323	Knowley Brow play area, Heapey Road	Chorley Central	86.6%	45.5%
1326.1	Rangletts Recreation Ground Play area, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	79.4%	63.6%
1326.3	Rangletts Recreation Ground MUGA, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central		
1326.4	Rangletts Recreation Ground skatepark, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central		
1330.1	Tatton Recreation Ground Play Area	Chorley Central	59.4%	54.5%
1330.2	Tatton Recreation Ground Playground	Chorley Central		
1339.1	MUGA, Great Greens Lane, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	61.9%	54.5%
1339.2	Off Gough Lane play area, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East		
1339.3	Great Greens Lane playground, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East		
1346.1	Manor Road playground, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	59.1%	38.2%
1350.1	MUGA Rear of 72 Higher Meadow, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	61.9%	54.5%
1350.2	Cunnery Park play area, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East		
1354.1	Mendip Road Playground, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	57.4%	38.2%
1363.1	Play area adjacent 105 Longfield Avenue, Coppull	Chorley Central	54.6%	41.8%
1368.1	Carr Brook Adventure Trail 1, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	69.1%	63.6%
1368.2	Carr Brook Adventure Trail 2, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East		
1368.3	Carr Brook Adventure Trail 3, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East		
1368.4	Carr Brook Adventure Trail 4, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East		
1369.1	Hurst Brook Play Area, Coppull	Chorley Central	55.0%	38.2%
1370.1	Play area rear of 19 Tansley Avenue, Coppull	Chorley Central	60.8%	54.5%
1373.1	Byron Crescent Play Area, Coppull	Chorley Central	51.2%	41.8%
1373.2	Byron Crescent MUGA, Coppull	Chorley Central		
1380.1	Station Road Playground, Croston	Chorley West	66.0%	54.5%
1388.1	Play Area Rear of 42 The Hawthorns	Chorley West	64.6%	43.6%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1390	James Moorcroft Memorial Play Area, Balshaw Lane	Chorley West	81.1%	54.5%
1390.1	Euxton Skatepark, Southport Road	Chorley West	85.2%	45.5%
1392	Lucy Branston Play Area, Greenside	Chorley West	73.2%	50.9%
1402.1	The Meadows Playground	Chorley Central	58.4%	54.5%
1402.2	The Meadows skatepark/basketball	Chorley Central		
1407.1	Hurst Green Playground	Chorley West	76.3%	50.9%
1416.1	Wymott Park Playground	Chorley West	59.5%	54.5%
1419	Meadow St Playground	Chorley East	67.0%	54.5%
1423.1	Play area adjacent Whittle and Clayton Scout Hut, Chorley Old Road	Chorley East	78.0%	54.5%
1424	Union Street Play Area, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	82.5%	54.5%
1428.1	Orchard Drive playground, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	59.8%	38.2%
1430	Harvest Drive play area, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	56.7%	38.2%
1431	The Ridings play area, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	50.9%	16.4%
1432.1	Play area rear of 79 Foxglove Drive, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	70.1%	47.3%
1435.1	Astley Park Play Area	Chorley Central	83.5%	72.7%
1435.2	Astley Park Playground	Chorley Central		
1435.3	Astley Park Destination Playground	Chorley Central		
1462	Play area opposite 9-11 Dahlia Close, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	84.5%	45.5%
1467	Mid Lancs BMX Track, Chisnall Lane	Chorley Central	60.1%	50.9%
1472	Play area opposite 14 Manor Way, Coppull	Chorley Central	59.8%	50.9%
1483.1	Jubilee Way Playground, Croston	Chorley West	54.3%	38.2%
1496	The Cherries Playground, Euxton	Chorley West	53.6%	41.8%
1510	Play area adjacent 5-7 Waterford Close, Heath Charnock	Chorley Central	51.5%	38.2%
1513	Meadow Lane playground, Off Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	57.4%	41.8%
1526	Play area opposite 1-2 The Willows, Eaves Green	Chorley Central	67.0%	54.5%
1529	Play area opposite 21 Amber Drive	Chorley Central	85.6%	45.5%
1532	Play area adjacent 21 The Bowers	Chorley Central	72.2%	41.8%
1533.1	Middlewood Close Playground, Eccleston	Chorley West	60.8%	38.2%
1535.1	Play area opposite 17 Delph Way, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	51.5%	34.5%
1544	Fell View playground, Cowling Brow	Chorley Central	56.4%	29.1%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1556.1	Clematis Close Playground, Off Euxton Lane	Chorley West	57.7%	38.2%
1559	Play area rear of 36 Foxcote, Astley Village	Chorley West	53.6%	50.9%
1591.1	Primrose Hill Road Play Area, Euxton	Chorley West	74.9%	54.5%
1610.1	Millennium Green Skate Park, Mawdesley	Chorley West	62.9%	47.3%
1610.2	Millennium Green Playground, Mawdesley	Chorley West		
1693.1	MUGA Withnell Park, Railway Road	Chorley East	73.2%	63.6%
1694.1	Lodge Bank Playground 1, School Lane, Brinscall	Chorley East	63.9%	54.5%
1694.2	Lodge Bank Playground 2, School Lane, Brinscall	Chorley East		
1715	Play area adjacent Broom Close, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	56.0%	29.1%
1770.1	Redwing Drive Play Area	Chorley Central	77.3%	54.5%
1803.1	Drapers Avenue Park play area, Eccleston	Chorley West	82.1%	54.5%
1803.2	Drapers Avenue Park skate park, Eccleston	Chorley West		
1803.3	Drapers Avenue Park MUGA, Eccleston	Chorley West		
1807.1	Adjacent 2 Stansted Road	Chorley Central	78.0%	60.0%
1815.1	Playground adjacent 92 Mile Stone Meadow, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	49.5%	50.9%
1952.1	Play Area between Osborne Drive, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	79.4%	63.6%
1957.1	Buttermere Avenue Playground 1, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	80.8%	54.5%
1957.2	Buttermere Avenue Playground 2, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central		
1957.3	Buttermere Avenue MUGA, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central		
1957.4	Buttermere Avenue skate park, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central		
1963.1	Guernsey Avenue Play Area, Buckshaw Village	Chorley East	62.9%	54.5%
1974	Spurrier Square play area, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	69.1%	50.9%
1996	Fairview Community Centre Play Area, Adlington	Chorley Central	81.1%	54.5%
1997	Maltby Square Play Area, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	61.9%	63.6%
1998	Redwood Drive play area, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	62.9%	38.2%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality score	Value score
1999	Library Road Skate Park, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	54.0%	45.5%
2000.1	Springfield Leisure Park MUGA, Coppull	Chorley Central	81.4%	54.5%
2000.2	Springfield Leisure Park skate park, Coppull	Chorley Central		
2000.3	Springfield Leisure Park play area, Coppull	Chorley Central		
2000.4	Springfield Leisure Park outdoor gym, Coppull	Chorley Central		
2001	Yarrow Valley Play Area, Copull	Chorley Central	77.3%	72.7%
2002	Duxbury Manor Way play area, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	70.1%	41.8%
2003	Hazel Close Play Area, Clayton-le-Woods	Chorley East	60.8%	38.2%
2004	Unity Place Play Area, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	80.4%	63.6%
2005	Bracken Close Play Area	Chorley Central	50.9%	38.2%
2009.1	Shannon Close Play Area Toddlers Play, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	80.4%	54.5%
2009.2	Shannon Close Play Area Teen Play, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West		
2021	Eaves Green Community Centre Playground	Chorley Central	86.6%	54.5%
2022	Langton Close Play Area	Chorley Central	60.8%	41.8%
2035.1	Trumpet Park Gardens Play Area	South Ribble Central	78.4%	50.9%
2038	Dunnerholme Avenue Play Area	South Ribble Leyland	59.8%	41.8%
2046	Berry Avenue Play Area, Whittle-le-Woods *	Chorley East	46.4%	40.0%
2051.1	Barrow Nook Grove Play Area, Adlington	Chorley Central	74.2%	54.5%

Greater population density areas are shown to be served by some form of play provision. There are minor gaps in provision in the Preston North East and Preston North West Analysis Areas.

Nearly a third of all community survey respondents (29%) rate being quite satisfied with the amount/availability of play areas for children. A further 24% state they are very satisfied. The percentage of respondents that are either quite dissatisfied (11%) or very dissatisfied (10%) is slightly higher than for most other typologies. An additional 19% had no opinion.

For teenage provision, most respondents (54%) had no opinion. A low percentage of respondents are quite satisfied (7%) or very satisfied (7%). The results are likely a reflection to the role and use of such provision to older aged respondents.

* At the time of site visit, the site was fenced off and under construction. However, it is in the process of being created as a new play area. Likely to rate higher for quality and value.

Consultation with Euxton Parish Council highlight the need for more MUGAS and in general a need for more facilities catering for older children. The parish council also highlights a limit in play facilities for girls over 11. Farrington Parish Council and Barton Parish Council also highlight a lack of facilities for the mid-range young people.

7.4 Quality

In order to determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by 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 quality assessment for play provision for children and young people. A threshold of 60% is applied in order to identify high and low quality. Further explanation of the quality scoring and thresholds can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 7.5: Quality ratings for provision for children and young people

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <60%	High ≥60%
Chorley Central	51%	69%	87%	36%	13	39
Chorley East	46%	64%	85%	38%	12	19
Chorley West	31%	66%	88%	57%	9	16
Chorley	***31%***	***66%***	***88%***	***57%***	***34***	***74***
Preston North East	40%	62%	82%	42%	5	15
Preston North West	46%	69%	87%	41%	4	18
Preston South	38%	65%	83%	45%	9	22
Preston	***38%***	***66%***	***87%***	**49%**	***18***	***55***
South Ribble Central	66%	77%	86%	19%	0	8
South Ribble Eastern	44%	77%	88%	44%	1	14
South Ribble Leyland	45%	65%	87%	41%	3	13
South Ribble Penwortham	44%	70%	87%	43%	2	4
South Ribble Western Parishes	49%	73%	84%	35%	1	9
South Ribble	***44%***	***74%***	**88%**	***44%***	***7***	***48***
Central Lancashire	31%	67%	88%	57%	**59**	**177**

Overall, quality of provision is generally good with 75% of sites rating above the quality threshold. There are 59 sites rating below the threshold. Noticeably, there is a significant spread (57%) between the highest and lowest scoring sites in Chorley; both located in the Chorley West Analysis Area.

Proportionally, Preston (75%) and South Ribble (87%) have more sites to rate above the threshold for quality. In comparison, Chorley is lower (69%) as it has a higher proportion of sites (31%) to rate below the quality threshold.

The majority of sites do however rate above the threshold. Some of the highest scoring sites include:

- Withy Grove Park Play Area (88%)
- Bretherton Parish Institute Playground, South Road (88%)
- King George V, Preston (86%)
- Worden Park Play Area (86%)
- Knowley Brow Play Area, Heapey Road (86%)
- Eaves Green Community Centre Playground (86%)

These sites are all noted as having an excellent range and imaginative forms of equipment catering for different ages. In addition, the equipment is in great condition as are the other features on site such as seating and bins. Moreover, each has car parking and good signage.

Proportionally, the larger play sites tend to score higher for quality. This is often due to a wider variety of equipment being present which caters towards a greater range of age groups.

The three lowest scoring sites for quality are:

- Greenside Playing Field MUGA (31%)
- Moor Park South MUGA (38%)
- Whinsands Play Area 2 (40%)

The lowest scoring site for quality, Greenside Playing Field MUGA, scores low for general site appearance, surface and equipment quality. The small MUGA has no fencing and appears to share its function with a car park. Whinsands Play Area 2 has limited play equipment and no litter bins.

It is worth highlighting that several sites score just below the threshold. For example, Moor Park North MUGA (54%) scores below the threshold due to a poor surface with loose stone and cracks noted. However, it is recognised as being a large and well used MUGA with excellent boundary fencing and good personal security. There is a potential lack of signage and bins but there is a bench just outside the MUGA. At the time of assessment, the MUGA contained football and basketball play, however, it is understood that there is now a tennis court where the basketball area used to be and new line markings across the whole MUGA. The fencing has been repainted too. This will have improved the site however, the surface remains poor in parts. Despite the basketball area now being a tennis court, there are still two courts providing basketball at the MUGA.

Despite Play Area Rear of 42 the Hawthorns (65%) scoring above the quality threshold, it is noted as having a lack of equipment and scores lower for general site appearance and equipment quality. However, it does have seating, a bin and signage.

7.5 Value

To determine whether sites are high or low value (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), site assessment scores are colour-coded against a baseline threshold (high being green and low being red). The table overleaf summarises the results of the value assessment for children and young people. A threshold of 20% is applied in order to identify high and low value. Further explanation of the value scoring and thresholds can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 7.6: Value ratings for provision for children and young people

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <20%	High ≥20%
Chorley Central	29%	50%	73%	44%	0	52
Chorley East	16%	47%	64%	47%	1	30
Chorley West	35%	50%	64%	29%	0	25
Chorley	***16%***	***49%***	***73%***	***57%***	***1***	***107***
Preston North East	38%	49%	55%	16%	0	20
Preston North West	38%	51%	82%	44%	0	22
Preston South	38%	50%	64%	25%	0	31
Preston	***38%***	***50%***	***82%***	44%	***0***	***73***
South Ribble Central	42%	50%	55%	13%	0	8
South Ribble Eastern	38%	51%	73%	35%	0	15
South Ribble Leyland	38%	49%	73%	35%	0	16
South Ribble Penwortham	38%	49%	55%	16%	0	6
South Ribble Western Parishes	38%	50%	55%	16%	0	10
South Ribble	***38%***	***50%***	***73%***	***35%***	***0***	***55***
Central Lancashire	**16%**	**50%**	**82%**	**65%**	**1**	**235**

All play sites, with the exception of one site, rate above the threshold for value. This demonstrates the important role play provision provides in allowing children to play but also the contribution sites make in terms of giving children and young people safe places to learn, for physical and mental activity, to socialise with others and in creating aesthetically pleasing local environments.

The only site to rate below the threshold is The Ridings Play Area in Chorley East. The site is observed as a single static piece of wooden equipment with poor surfaces. It also rates below the threshold for quality.

High valued sites tend to reflect the size and amount as well as range of provision present. This often means sites are more popular and well used. Diversity of equipment caters to range of ages. Furthermore, such sites provide added value in terms of healthy, active lifestyles, social inclusion and interaction between individuals whilst also adding to developmental and educational benefits.

Sites scoring particularly high for value tend to reflect the size and amount/range and role of equipment present on site. Some of the highest scoring sites for value are:

- Withy Grove Park Play Area (73%)
- Worden Park Play Area (73%)
- Astley Park Play Area (73%)
- Yarrow Valley Play Area (73%)

Diverse equipment to cater for a range of ages is also essential. More specifically, provision such as skatepark facilities and MUGAs are highly valued forms of play. Sites containing such forms of provision often tend to rate higher for value.

Astley Park Play Area benefits from a café whilst Withy Grove Park Play Area is adjacent to Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre, both providing additional economic value. Unlike the other listed highest scoring sites, Withy Grove Park Play Area also benefits from a MUGA and skatepark, providing a wider amenity benefit for different ages ranges.

It is also important to recognise the benefits of play in terms of healthy, active lifestyles, social inclusion and interaction between children plus its developmental and educational value. The importance of play and of children's rights to play in their local communities is essential.

7.6 Summary

Provision for children and young people summary

- There are 236 play sites identified; a total of 24 hectares.
- Chorley (0.09) and South Ribble (0.06) have a level of provision above or equal to that identified across Central Lancashire (0.06 ha per 1,000 population). However, Preston (0.04) is lower.
- All areas with a greater population density are within walking distance of a form of play provision.
- A greater proportion of play sites (75%) rate above the threshold for quality. Lower quality scoring sites tends to reflect a lack in and/or range of equipment and/or its general condition.
- All play provision rates above the threshold for value; reflecting the social, healthy and developmental benefits provision can provide. Only one site rates below the threshold for quality and value; The Ridings Play Area in Chorley East.

PART 8: ALLOTMENTS

8.1 Introduction

Allotments are a typology which covers open spaces that provide 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 interaction. This includes provision such as allotments, community gardens and city farms.

8.2 Current provision

There are 32 sites classified as allotments in Central Lancashire, equating to over 39 hectares. No site size threshold has been applied to allotments and as such, all known provision is identified and included within the audit.

Table 8.1: Distribution of allotment sites by analysis area

Analysis area	Allotments		
	Number	Size (ha)	Current provision (ha per 1,000 population)
Chorley Central	10	3.92	0.07
Chorley East	9	3.62	0.12
Chorley West	0	-	-
Chorley	***19***	***7.54***	***0.07***
Preston North East	3	13.84	0.31
Preston North West	1	0.81	0.02
Preston South	3	12.56	0.21
Preston	***7***	***27.21***	***0.19***
South Ribble Central	0	-	-
South Ribble Eastern	2	1.72	0.06
South Ribble Leyland	2	1.70	0.05
South Ribble Penwortham	2	1.08	0.05
South Ribble Western Parishes	0	-	-
South Ribble	***6***	***4.50***	***0.04***
Central Lancashire	**32**	**39.25**	**0.11**

The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners (NSALG) suggests a national standard of 20 allotments per 1,000 households (20 per 2,000 people based on two people per house or one per 100 people). This equates to 0.25 hectares per 1,000 populations based on an average plot-size of 250 square metres (0.025 hectares per plot).

As a whole, Central Lancashire, based on its current population of 367,518 does not meet the NSALG standard. Using this suggested standard, the minimum amount of allotment provision is 92 hectares. Existing provision of 39 hectares therefore does not meet this guideline.

No provision is identified in the Chorley West Analysis Area or the South Ribble Western Parishes Analysis Area. Despite Chorley as a whole having the greatest number (19) of allotments, it is Preston that has the greatest provision in size (27.21 hectares) and current provision (0.19) hectares per 1000 population.

8.3 Accessibility

The community survey found the most popular modes of travel to access an allotment is by private car (67%) and walking (30%). The most common times willing to be travelled (excluding 50% of those who were not interested likely due to them not being an allotment holder) is up to 15 minutes (16%).

On this basis, a 15-minute drive time catchment has been applied to all allotment sites. Figure 8.1 shows allotments mapped across the area.

Figure 8.1: Allotments mapped against catchments

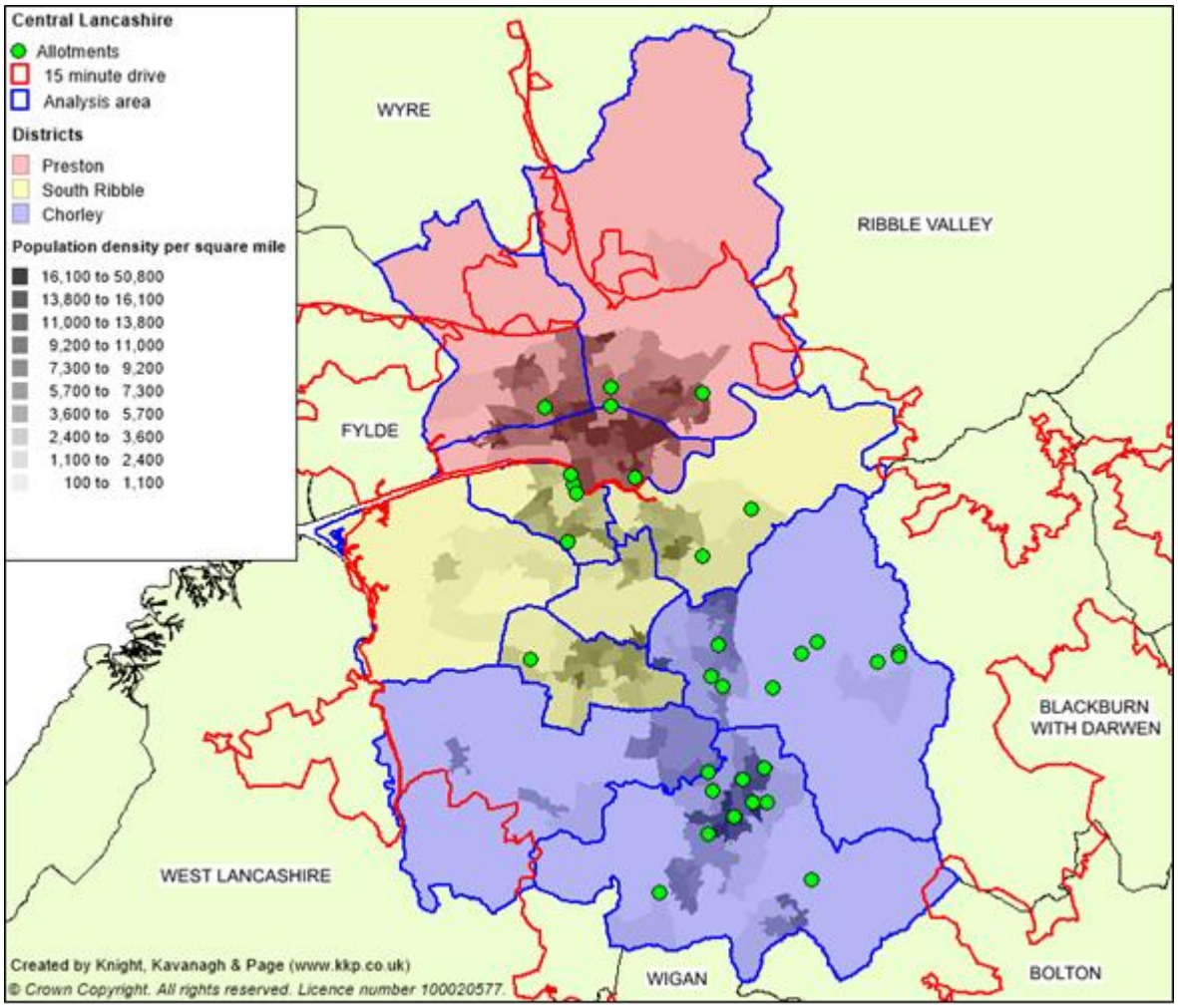

Table 8.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality Score	Value score
141	Braid Close Allotments	South Ribble Penwortham	47.7%	25.6%
686	Penwortham Holme East Allotments Off Leyland Road, Lower Penwortham	South Ribble Penwortham	45.8%	27.8%
687	Penwortham Holme West Allotments	Preston South	69.2%	55.6%
688	Long Meanygate Allotment	South Ribble Leyland	57.9%	38.9%
689	Brindle Road Allotments	South Ribble Eastern	55.1%	27.8%
691	St Johns Green Allotments*	South Ribble Leyland		
692	Penwortham Valley Rd Allotments Off Leyland Road, Lower Penwortham	Preston South	61.7%	33.3%
693	Thornton Drive Allotments	South Ribble Eastern	44.9%	26.7%
709	Serpentine 1,2,3 and Deepdale allotments†	Preston North East	72.0%	66.7%
710	Sharoe Green Lane allotment gardens	Preston North East	68.2%	50.0%
711	Haslam Park allotment gardens	Preston North West	60.7%	61.1%
712	Frenchwood self-managed allotments	Preston South	49.5%	54.4%
713	Grange Community Allotment Gardens	Preston North East	61.7%	55.6%
1296	Higher Wheelton allotments	Chorley East	40.2%	27.8%
1297	All Seasons Raised Bed Allotment	Chorley Central	39.3%	25.6%
1326.2	Rangletts Allotments, Chorley	Chorley Central	57.0%	33.3%
1435.5	Astley Walled Garden	Chorley Central	62.6%	55.6%
1636	Rear of 41-73 Bolton Road, Abbey Village	Chorley East	53.3%	27.8%
1639	Rear of Pleasant View, Withnell	Chorley East	29.9%	25.6%
1640	Allotments off Crosse Hall Lane, Cowling	Chorley Central	50.5%	27.8%
1642	Allotments off Dunscar Drive, Chorley	Chorley Central	43.9%	27.8%
1643	Hallwood Road/ Moor Road Allotments, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	30.8%	25.6%
1645	Windsor Allotment Site, Chorley	Chorley Central	57.0%	33.3%
1646	Allotments rear of Worthy Street, Chorley	Chorley Central	45.8%	26.7%
1648	Bay Horse Allotments, Preston Road, Whittle le Woods	Chorley East	57.0%	27.8%

* Allotment sites which have not been assessed as could not be found/accessed at the time of the assessment
† Serpentine 1,2,3 and Deepdale allotments (KKP 709) are included as one site but are managed separately

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality Score	Value score
1649	Rear of Maybank and Oakdene, Withnell Fold	Chorley East	41.1%	26.7%
1650	Rear of Park View Terrace, Abbey Village	Chorley East	42.1%	24.4%
1992	Cophurst Lane Allotments, Wheelton	Chorley East	49.5%	27.8%
2010	Manor Road Allotments, Clayton Green	Chorley East	64.5%	27.8%
2019	Tanyard Close Allotments, Coppull	Chorley Central	58.9%	26.7%
2029	Kem Mill Lane Allotments, Whittle le Woods	Chorley East	54.2%	27.8%
2054	Rear of Bay Horse, Heath Charnock	Chorley Central	45.8%	42.2%

Figure 8.1 shows the distribution of allotment sites across the area. Mapping demonstrates that gaps in provision are observed mainly to the north of Preston.

A more accurate approach for determining the need for allotments is through demand. Given that waiting lists are in existence, it suggests that current supply on the whole appears to not meet demand. There are waiting lists as illustrated in Table 8.4.

The table below illustrates the waiting lists and plot numbers. Note these were correct at the time of the consultation and are subject to change.

Table 8.4: Waiting lists

Site name	Local Authority	Plot numbers	Waiting List	Vacant plots
Deepdale	Preston	98	74	3
Serpentine 1	Preston	109	33	4
Serpentine 2	Preston	125	42	19
Serpentine 3	Preston	117	17	5
Haslam Park	Preston	35	58	0
Sharoe Green Lane Allotment Gardens	Preston	30	24	1
Penwortham Holme West	South Ribble	94	45	12
Braid Close Allotments	South Ribble	4	0	0

Chorley owned allotment sites do not have waiting lists for individual sites, just an overall waiting list of 96 people for nine Council owned sites across the whole Borough for 222 plots. Chorley Council also work in partnership with other private allotment land owners to help the waiting list reduce. It is on average a 3 year wait. Furthermore, Chorley Council have plans to create three more allotment sites in Euxton, Croston and Adlington as identified in the last open space assessment.

Consultation with Euxton Parish Council highlights a shortage of allotment provision. Whittingham Parish Council identify that allotments are proposed at the former hospital site. Over half of respondents (51%) have no opinion. This is likely to reflect the niche use of allotments as only plot holders or those interested in provision are likely to have an opinion on availability. 16% are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the availability of allotments. A small percentage (8%) are very satisfied with the availability of allotments whilst 14% are quite satisfied.

8.4 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), site assessments scores 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 allotments. A threshold of 45% is applied in order to identify high and low quality. Further explanation of how the quality scores and threshold are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 8.5: Quality ratings for allotments

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <45%	High ≥45%
Chorley Central	31%	49%	63%	32%	3	7
Chorley East	30%	48%	64%	35%	4	5
Chorley West	-	-	-	-	0	0
Chorley	***30%***	***48%***	***64%***	***34%***	***7***	***12***
Preston North East	62%	67%	72%	10%	0	3
Preston North West	61%	61%	61%	0%	0	1
Preston South	50%	60%	69%	20%	0	3
Preston	***50%***	***63%***	***72%***	***22%***	***0***	***7***
South Ribble Central	-	-	-	-	0	0
South Ribble Eastern	45%	50%	55%	10%	1	1
South Ribble Leyland	58%	58%	58%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Penwortham	46%	47%	48%	2%	0	2
South Ribble Western Parishes	-	-	-	-	0	0
South Ribble	***45%***	***53%***	***58%***	***13%***	***1***	***4***
Central Lancashire	**30%**	**52%**	**72%**	**42%**	**8**	**23**

Overall, quality of provision is good with just less than three quarters (74%) of sites assessed as being above the quality threshold. The highest scoring sites are:

- Serpentine 1, 2, 3 and Deepdale allotments (72%)
- Penwortham Holme West Allotments (69%)
- Sharoe Green Lane Allotments (68%)
- Manor Road Allotments, Clayton Green (65%)

All four sites have good personal security, signage and a car park. Serpentine 1 has the additional benefit of toilets and bins. Combined plot numbers for this site is 449. Each site, with the exception of Manor Road Allotments, has fresh water supply. Manor Road Allotments is noted as being neat and well maintained. However, boundary fencing is marked low.

Penwortham Holme West, the second highest scoring allotment site for quality is a large site, well used, well maintained with good signage and with excellent controls to prevent illegal use. It also has a noticeboard and community orchard, adding to the quality of the site.
There are nine sites rating below the threshold.

- Thornton Drive Allotments (45%)
- Allotments off Dunscar Drive (44%)
- Rear of Park View Terrace (42%)
- Rear of Maybank and Oakdene (41%)
- Higher Wheelton allotments (40%)
- Blackledge Place Raised Bed Allotment (39%)
- Rear of Bay Horse, Heath Charnock (38%)
- Hallwood Road/ Moor Road Allotments, Chorley Moor (31%)
- Rear of Pleasant View, Withnell (30%)

These sites all scored low for overall maintenance. For example, Rear of Park View Terrace (42%) is observed as a very small site with damaged boundary fencing and appearing to be not well maintained.

Similarly, Allotments off Dunscar Drive contains some fencing which is in poor condition. However, overall plots are mostly well maintained and each appear to have their own lock and fenced boundary. Also note that this site scores just below the threshold of 45%. Thornton Drive Allotments also rates just below the threshold.

Rear of Maybank and Oakdene has poor quality, broken fencing and appears generally poorly maintained. The site appeared untidy with a number of plots seeming to be abandoned. Hallwood Road/Moor Road Allotments, Chorley Moor, the second lowest scoring site for quality, is rundown and unmaintained.

Rear Pleasant View, the lowest scoring site for quality, scores low for drainage, landscape design and maintenance as well as for personal security. It is observed that there is no signage with individual plots not clearly distinguishable. Poor drainage is also observed with flooded areas of the site reducing the quality and visual aspects.

Despite Penwortham Allotments (46%) scoring just above the threshold, some areas are overgrown which means it scores lower for overall maintenance. In general, boundary fencing appears ok and it seems a well-used site. In comparison, the other Penwortham Allotments near this site, Leyland Road Allotments (62%) and Penwortham Holme West Allotments (69%), are bigger and appear better maintained.

8.5 Value

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

Table 8.6: Value ratings for allotments

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <20%	High ≥20%
Chorley Central	26%	32%	56%	30%	0	10
Chorley East	24%	27%	28%	3%	0	9
Chorley West	-	-	-	-	0	0
Chorley	***24%***	***30%***	***56%***	***32%***	***0***	***19***
Preston North East	50%	57%	67%	17%	0	3
Preston North West	61%	61%	61%	0%	0	1
Preston South	33%	48%	56%	22%	0	3
Preston	***50%***	***55%***	***67%***	***17%***	***0***	***7***
South Ribble Central	-	-	-	-	0	0
South Ribble Eastern	27%	27%	28%	1%	0	2
South Ribble Leyland	39%	39%	39%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Penwortham	26%	27%	28%	2%	0	2
South Ribble Western Parishes	-	-	-	-	0	0
South Ribble	***26%***	***29%***	***39%***	***15%***	**0**	**5**
Central Lancashire	**24%**	**35%**	**67%**	**42%**	**0**	**31**

All allotment sites rate above the threshold for value. This is a reflection of the associated social inclusion and health benefits, amenity value and the sense of place offered by such forms of provision.

For example, Deepdale Allotments benefits from a small community garden with fruit trees and raised flower beds. This adds social inclusion and amenity value and is reflected in its high scoring value of 67%, the highest scoring site for value.

Many allotment sites have self-managed associations. This further adds to a sites community and social value. Often self-managed sites also benefit from more hand-on management and consequently be of better quality.

The value of allotments is further demonstrated by the existence of high waiting lists identified at sites signalling greater demand for provision.

8.6 Summary

Allotments summary

- There are 32 allotments sites: equating to more than 39 hectares.
- Current provision of 0.11 ha per 1,000 population is below the NSALG recommended amount (0.25 ha per 1000 people). None of the three local authorities as a whole meet this standard. However, the sub analysis area of Preston North East (0.31) meets the standard
- Catchment mapping highlights no major gaps in provision. However, waiting list figures for allotments across the area suggests supply is not meeting demand.
- The value of allotments is widely recognised due to the associated social inclusion, health benefits and the sense of place they offer.

PART 9: CEMETERIES/CHURCHYARDS

9.1 Introduction

Cemeteries and churchyards include areas for quiet contemplation and burial of the dead. Sites can often be linked to the promotion of wildlife conservation and biodiversity.

9.2 Current provision

There are 42 sites classified as cemeteries/churchyards, equating to over 89 hectares of provision. No site size threshold has been applied and as such all identified provision is included within the audit.

Table 9.1: Distribution of cemeteries and churchyards

Analysis area	Cemeteries/churchyards	
	Number of sites	Size (ha)
Chorley Central	9	28.21
Chorley East	7	3.70
Chorley West	3	1.91
Chorley	***19***	***33.82***
Preston North East	3	37.74
Preston North West	2	1.09
Preston South	0	-
Preston	***5***	***38.83***
South Ribble Central	2	1.02
South Ribble Eastern	7	4.65
South Ribble Leyland	4	5.20
South Ribble Penwortham	2	4.12
South Ribble Western Parishes	3	1.95
South Ribble	***18***	***16.94***
Central Lancashire	***42***	**89.61**

The largest contributor to burial provision in the area is Ribbleton/Farringdon Cemetery (29.48 hectares).

9.3 Accessibility

No accessibility standard is set for this typology and there is no realistic requirement to set such standards. Provision should be based on burial demand.

Figure 9.1 overleaf shows cemeteries and churchyards mapped against analysis areas.

Figure 9.1: Cemetery sites mapped against analysis area

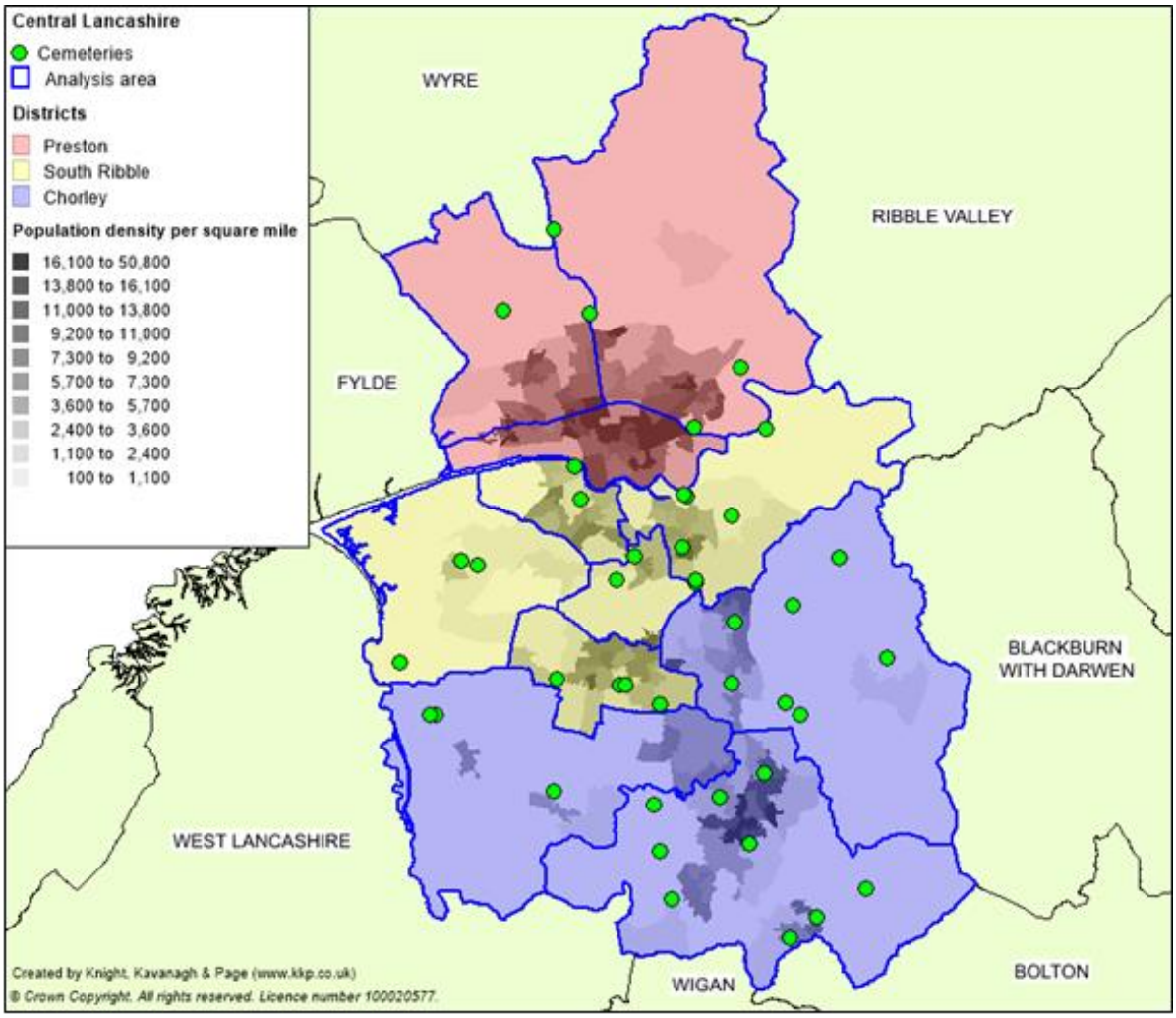

Table 9.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality Score	Value Score
1	St Michael's Church, Much Hoole	South Ribble Western Parishes	64.2%	50.0%
4	St Leonard the Less	South Ribble Eastern	63.9%	62.5%
424	St Lawrence's Church, Barton	Preston North East	63.0%	44.3%
775	St James Churchyard	South Ribble Leyland	65.3%	72.7%
778	St Mary's Cemetery Leyland	South Ribble Leyland	60.9%	60.2%
779	St Andrews Churchyard Leyland	South Ribble Leyland	62.1%	73.9%
780	Our Lady & St Gellards Churchyard	South Ribble Central	50.7%	43.2%
781	St Saviours Churchyard	South Ribble Eastern	57.4%	31.8%
782	Church Road Cemetery	South Ribble Eastern	32.1%	30.7%
783	St Mary's RC Church Leyland	South Ribble Eastern	66.0%	37.5%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality Score	Value Score
784	St Marys Churchyard	South Ribble Penwortham	56.9%	37.5%
785	Hurst Grange Burial Ground	South Ribble Penwortham	55.8%	50.0%
786	St Andrews Churchyard Longton	South Ribble Western Parishes	59.2%	38.6%
787	St Oswalds RC Church Longton	South Ribble Western Parishes		
788	St. Pauls Cemetery	South Ribble Central	55.8%	44.3%
789	All Saints Church	South Ribble Eastern	54.0%	43.2%
790	St Patrick's Churchyard	South Ribble Eastern	46.3%	37.5%
791	St Leonards Churchyard	South Ribble Eastern	45.8%	38.6%
813	Church Lane Cemetery	Preston North West	63.0%	54.5%
814	St Annes Church Cemetery	Preston North West	65.6%	55.7%
815	Ribbleton / Farringdon Park Cemetery	Preston North East	69.5%	62.5%
816	Preston Crematorium	Preston North East	71.6%	62.5%
1141	Pet Cemetery & Crematorium	South Ribble Leyland	50.7%	51.1%
1293	St Barnabas Church, Heapey	Chorley East	41.9%	37.5%
1668	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Towngate, Eccleston	Chorley West	61.6%	68.2%
1684	St Oswald's Catholic Church, Coppull	Chorley Central	56.5%	38.6%
1700	St James Parish Church, Water Street, Brindle	Chorley East	53.3%	44.3%
1702	St Josephs Church, Bolton Road, Adlington	Chorley Central	64.4%	39.8%
1717	Adlington Cemetery, Chapel Street	Chorley Central	61.0%	62.5%
1720	Chorley Cemetery, Southport Road	Chorley Central	61.2%	68.2%
1731	St Bede's Church, Preston Road, Clayton Green	Chorley East	60.9%	62.5%
1733	St JohnThe Evangelist Church, Preston Road, Whittle-le-Woods	Chorley East	57.4%	62.5%
1736	Church of St John the Evangelist, South Road, Bretherton	Chorley West	58.8%	62.5%
1737	The Methodist Chapel, South Road, Bretherton	Chorley West	49.8%	43.2%
1741	St Paul's Church, Bury Lane, Withnell	Chorley East	56.7%	55.7%
1742	Church of the Holy Trinity, Chorley Old Road, Hoghton	Chorley East	65.8%	68.2%
1743	Rivington Parish Church, Horrobin Lane	Chorley Central	57.2%	51.1%

Site ID	Site name	Analysis Area	Quality Score	Value Score
1746	St Gregory's RC Church, Weldbank Lane, Chorley Moor	Chorley Central	62.1%	37.5%
1768	Charnock Richard Crematorium, Preston Road	Chorley Central	69.3%	68.2%
1806	St Chads RC Church, Town Lane, Heapey	Chorley East	52.3%	50.0%
1844	Christ Church, Church Lane, Charnock Richard	Chorley Central	60.0%	62.5%
2027	Parish Church of Saint Peter Chorley	Chorley Central	62.3%	44.3%

In terms of provision, mapping demonstrates a fairly balanced distribution across the area albeit with gaps in some densely populated areas. As noted earlier, the need for additional cemetery provision should be driven by the requirement for burial demand and capacity.

9.4 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), site assessments scores 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 cemeteries. A threshold of 55% is applied in order to identify high and low quality. Further explanation of how the quality scores and threshold are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 9.4: Quality ratings for cemeteries

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <55%	High ≥55%
Chorley Central	57%	62%	69%	13%	0	9
Chorley East	42%	55%	66%	24%	3	4
Chorley West	50%	57%	62%	12%	1	2
Chorley	***42%***	***58%***	***69%***	***27%***	***4***	***15***
Preston North East	63%	68%	72%	9%	0	3
Preston North West	63%	64%	66%	3%	0	2
Preston South	0%	0%	0%	0%	0	0
Preston	**63%**	**64%**	**72%**	***9%***	***0***	***5***
South Ribble Central	51%	53%	56%	5%	1	1
South Ribble Eastern	32%	52%	66%	34%	4	3
South Ribble Leyland	51%	60%	65%	15%	1	3
South Ribble Penwortham	56%	56%	57%	1%	0	2
South Ribble Western Parishes	59%	62%	64%	5%	0	2
South Ribble	***32%***	***57%***	***66%***	***34%***	***6***	***11***
Central Lancashire	**32%**	**58%**	**72%**	**40%**	**10**	**31**

The majority of cemeteries and churchyards in Central Lancashire (76%) rate above the threshold set for quality; suggesting a reasonably high standard of quality.
The highest scoring sites for quality are:

- Preston Crematorium (72%)
- Ribbleton/Farringdon Park Cemetery (70%)
- Charnock Richard Crematorium, Preston Road (69%)

Each are observed as being very well maintained, with well-kept graves, lots of benches, excellent signage and good paths. They benefit from car parks of good quality. Preston Crematorium and Charnock Richard Crematorium, Preston Road also benefit from lighting.

There are 10 sites (just less than a quarter) to rate below the quality threshold. The three lowest scoring sites are:

- St Leonards Churchyard (46%)
- St Barnabas Church (42%)
- Church Road Cemetery (32%)

Church Road Cemetery (32%) scores the lowest due to no specific paths, no signage and some tilted and poorly maintained gravestones. This site is quite small too therefore, scores lower for level of use. It also lacks ancillary features such as seating and bins. Unlike Church Road Cemetery, St Leonards Churchyard and St Barnabas Church both have benches and good signage.

St Patrick's Churchyard (46%), scores below the threshold due its steep gradient topography, uneven paths in some areas and some tilted gravestones. Also, half of the main sign has come off/is damaged.

9.5 Value

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

Table 9.5: Value ratings for cemeteries

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <20%	High ≥20%
Chorley Central	38%	53%	68%	31%	0	9
Chorley East	38%	54%	68%	31%	0	7
Chorley West	43%	58%	68%	25%	0	3
Chorley	***38%***	***55%***	***68%***	***30%***	***0***	***19***
Preston North East	44%	56%	63%	18%	0	3
Preston North West	55%	55%	56%	1%	0	2
Preston South	0%	0%	0%	0%	0	0
Preston	***44%***	***56%***	***63%***	***19%***	***0***	***5***
South Ribble Central	43%	44%	44%	1%	0	2
South Ribble Eastern	31%	40%	63%	32%	0	7
South Ribble Leyland	51%	64%	74%	23%	0	4
South Ribble Penwortham	38%	44%	50%	13%	0	2
South Ribble Western Parishes	39%	44%	50%	11%	0	2
South Ribble	***31%***	***47%***	***74%***	***43%***	***0***	***17***
Central Lancashire	**31%**	**51%**	**74%**	**43%**	**0**	**41**

All identified cemeteries and churchyards are assessed as being of high value, reflecting their role within local communities. In addition, the cultural/heritage value of sites and the sense of place they provide for local people is acknowledged in the assessment scoring. High scoring sites for value offer visually attractive landscape benefits and opportunities to serve an important function for a local community. As well as providing burial space, cemeteries and churchyards can often offer important low impact recreational benefits to the local area (e.g. habitat provision, wildlife watching).

The two highest scoring sites for value are St Andrews Churchyard Leyland (74%) and St James' Churchyard (73%), both of which have a garden of remembrance. At least eight sites have a garden of remembrance (St Mary's RC Church, St James Churchyard, Ribbleton/Farringdon Cemetery, Preston Crematorium, St Annes Church Cemetery, St Andrews Churchyard 1, St Mary's Cemetery Leyland, St Leonard the Less).

9.6 Summary

Cemeteries summary

- There are 42 cemeteries and churchyards, equating to over 89 hectares.
- The largest site is Ribbleton/Farringdon Park Cemetery (29 hectares)
- No standards are set for cemeteries. The need for additional cemetery provision should be driven by the requirement for burial demand and capacity.

PART 10: GREEN CORRIDORS

10.1 Introduction

The green corridors typology includes sites that offer opportunities for walking, cycling or horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel and opportunities for wildlife migration. This can include river and canal banks as well as road and rail corridors.

10.2 Current provision

There are 14 forms of green corridor provision identified. Green corridor provision is only identified in Chorley apart from Between Durham Drive, Highfield Drive and Carpenters Close which mostly lies in South Ribble, with a tiny section of it in Chorley.

- Whittle Canal Basin, Mill Lane/Chorley Old Road
- Between Chancery Road/Westway
- Opposite Railway Road
- Former Railway Line, Harpers Lane
- Ransap Woods, off Runshaw Lane, Euxton
- Between Perthshire Grove /Grenadier Walk, Buckshaw Village
- Between Guernsey Avenue/Buckinghamshire Place, Buckshaw Village
- Liverpool Walk, Buckshaw Village
- Between Unity Place/Maltby Square, Buckshaw Village
- Rear of Fairview Drive, Heath Charnock
- Crompton Walk, Buckshaw Village
- Between Durham Drive, Highfield Drive and Carpenters Close, Buckshaw Village
- Withnell Linear Park, off Bury Lane
- Withnell Linear Park, rear of Railway Road

The latter two sites are part of Withnell Local Nature Reserve, a former railway cutting in Chorley. The reserve forms a crucial wildlife corridor between the surrounding countryside and the West Pennine Moors.

It is also worth recognising that more provision is to be found in Central Lancashire through the Public Rights of Way Network (PROW). Lancashire has a total network of 3,716 miles of PROW, including 240 miles of Bridleways.

Whilst there are no green corridors identified in South Ribble, this is not to say such land has been omitted from the study. Instead, sites may have been included as other open space typologies such as amenity greenspace and natural and semi-natural greenspace. For instance, sites such as the AGS South of Vehicle Test Track site and Lostock Lane site provide functions and roles similar to green corridors but are included within this study as amenity greenspace and natural and semi-natural greenspace.

Similarly, in Preston, the Preston Guild Wheel is a 21 mile cycle route encircling Preston which is very well used. This has not been identified as a green corridor as it runs through a number of already catergorised open spaces. Some are part of the Guild Wheel route:

- Avenham and Miller Parks
- Brockholes Nature Reserve
- Preston Crematorium
- Fernyhalgh Wood
- Cottam Park

- Savick Park
- Savick Way NSN
- Amenity at River Ribble
- Riverside Walk

10.3 Accessibility

It is difficult to assess green corridors against catchment areas due to their linear nature and usage. Figure 10.1 shows green corridors mapped across the area.

Figure 10.1: Green corridors mapped against analysis area

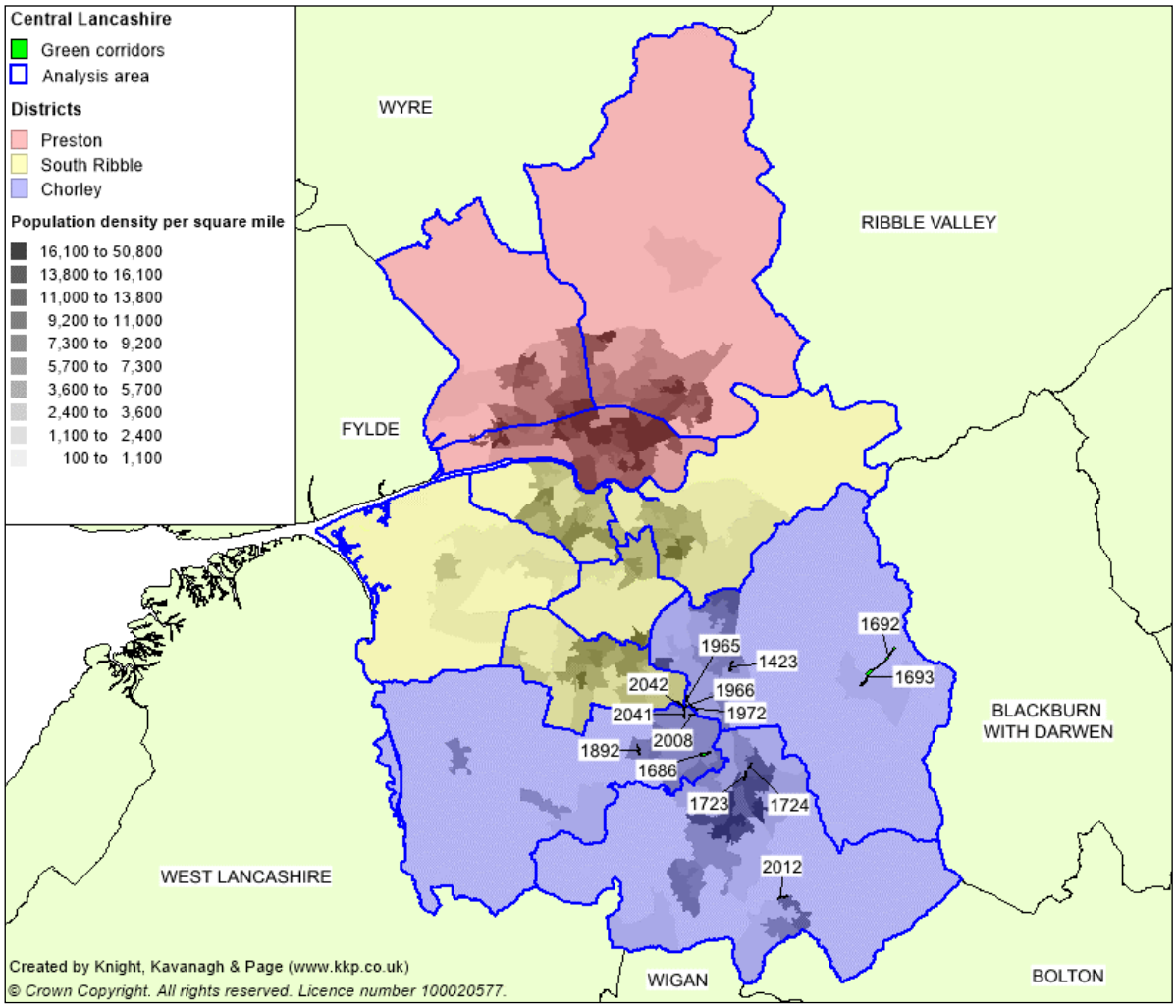

Table 10.1 Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality score	Value Score
1423	Whittle Canal Basin, Mill Lane/ Chorley Old Road	Chorley East	77.8%	31.6%
1686	Between Chancery Road/ Westway	Chorley West	72.5%	34.7%
1692	Withnell Linear Park, off Bury Lane	Chorley East	82.4%	36.8%
1693	Withnell Linear Park, rear of Railway Road	Chorley East	66.7%	42.1%
1723	Opposite Railway Road	Chorley Central	82.4%	25.3%
1724	Former Railway Line, Harpers Lane	Chorley Central	58.8%	31.6%
1892	Ransnap Woods, off Runshaw Lane, Euxton	Chorley West	78.4%	36.8%
1965	Between Perthshire Grove/Grenadier Walk, Buckshaw Village	Chorley East	90.2%	47.4%
1966	Between Guernsey Avenue/Buckinghamshire Place, Buckshaw Village	Chorley East	90.2%	42.1%
1972	Liverpool Walk, Buckshaw Village	Chorley East	90.2%	42.1%
2008	Between Unity Place / Maltby Square, Buckshaw Village	Chorley West	88.2%	42.1%
2012	Rear of Fairview Drive, Heath Charnock	Chorley Central	78.4%	35.8%
2041	Crompton Walk	Chorley West	76.5%	40.0%
2042	Between Durham Drive, Highfield Drive and Carpenters Close	South Ribble Leyland	76.5%	46.3%

10.4 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), site assessments scores 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 green corridors. A threshold of 60% is applied in order to identify high and low quality. Further explanation of how the quality scores and threshold are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 10.2: Quality ratings for green corridors

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <60%	High ≥60%
Chorley Central	59%	73%	82%	24%	1	2
Chorley East	67%	83%	90%	24%	0	6
Chorley West	73%	79%	88%	16%	0	4
Chorley	***59%***	***78%***	***90%***	**31%**	***1***	***12***
Preston North East	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston North West	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston South	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Ribble Central	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
South Ribble Eastern	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
South Ribble Leyland	76%	76%	76%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Penwortham	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
South Ribble Western Parishes	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
South Ribble	**76%**	**76%**	**76%**	**0%**	**0**	**1**
Central Lancashire	**59%**	**79%**	**90%**	**31%**	**1**	**13**

Just one green corridor rates below the threshold for quality; Former Railway Line, Harpers Lane (58.8%). This site scores below the threshold due to lack of ancillary features such as bins or seating. The former scores well for overall maintenance and paths. It also benefits from lighting and is only just below the quality threshold.

The other 13 sites all score above the threshold for quality. The highest scoring sites are:

- Between Perthshire Grove/Grenadier Walk (90%)
- Between Guernsey Avenue/Buckinghamshire Place (90%)
- Liverpool Walk, Buckshaw Village (90%)
- Between Unity Place/Maltby Square, Buckshaw Village (88%)

These sites all have excellent boundary fencing, controls to prevent misuse, signage, seating, litter bins and are well maintained attractive sites. The two highest scoring sites score marginally better for gradient and landscape maintenance.

10.5 Value

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

Table 10.3: Value ratings for green corridors

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <20%	High ≥20%
Chorley Central	25%	31%	36%	11%	0	3
Chorley East	32%	40%	47%	16%	0	6
Chorley West	35%	38%	42%	7%	0	4
Chorley	***25%***	***36%***	***47%***	***22%***	***0***	***13***
Preston North East	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston North West	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston South	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
South Ribble Central	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
South Ribble Eastern	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
South Ribble Leyland	46%	46%	46%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Penwortham	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	
South Ribble Western Parishes	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
South Ribble	**46%**	**46%**	**46%**	**0%**	**0**	**1**
Central Lancashire	**25%**	**38%**	**47%**	**22%**	**0**	**14**

All green corridors rate above the threshold for value. Green corridors have high health benefits, encouraging people to walk and cycle and reducing the potential use of cars, thus helping to contribute to healthier lifestyles. Green corridors also offer important habitat corridors and, therefore, the ecological benefits are recognised. Both Withnell Linear Parks are not only local nature reserves as alluded to earlier but also Green Flag Award sites.

10.6 Summary

Summary

- There are 14 main green corridors identified. The most significant contributor in terms of size is Withnell Linear Park, rear of Railway Road.
- Other forms of open space provision also contribute to the role of green corridors. This is particularly the case in Preston and South Ribble. The Preston Guild Wheel is a notciable example of linked sites helping to form a wider network.

- The sites offer important recreational opportunities such as walking and cycling as well as attracting visitors to the area. They also provide important habitat and wildlife benefits.

PART 11: CIVIC SPACE

11.1 Introduction

The civic space typology includes civic and market squares and other hard surfaced areas designed for pedestrians, providing a setting for civic buildings, public demonstrations and community events.

11.2 Current provision

There are 11 civic spaces totalling around hectares of provision across Central Lancashire. Most are below 0.2 hectares however, are still included as they are valuable sites of historical importance and provide a visual amenity.

Table 11.1: Distribution of civic space by analysis area

Analysis Area	Civic Space	
	Number of sites	Hectares
Chorley Central	3	0.12
Chorley East	0	-
Chorley West	0	-
Chorley	***3***	***0.12***
Preston North East	0	-
Preston North West	0	-
Preston South	4	1.04
Preston	***4***	***1.04***
South Ribble Central	1	0.12
South Ribble Eastern	1	0.07
South Ribble Leyland	1	0.04
South Ribble Penwortham	1	0.01
South Ribble Western Parishes	0	-
South Ribble	***4***	***0.24***
Central Lancashire	**11**	**1.40**

11.3 Accessibility

No accessibility standard has been set for civic spaces. Figure 9.1 shows the location of the nine civic spaces.

Figure 11.1: Civic space sites mapped against analysis area

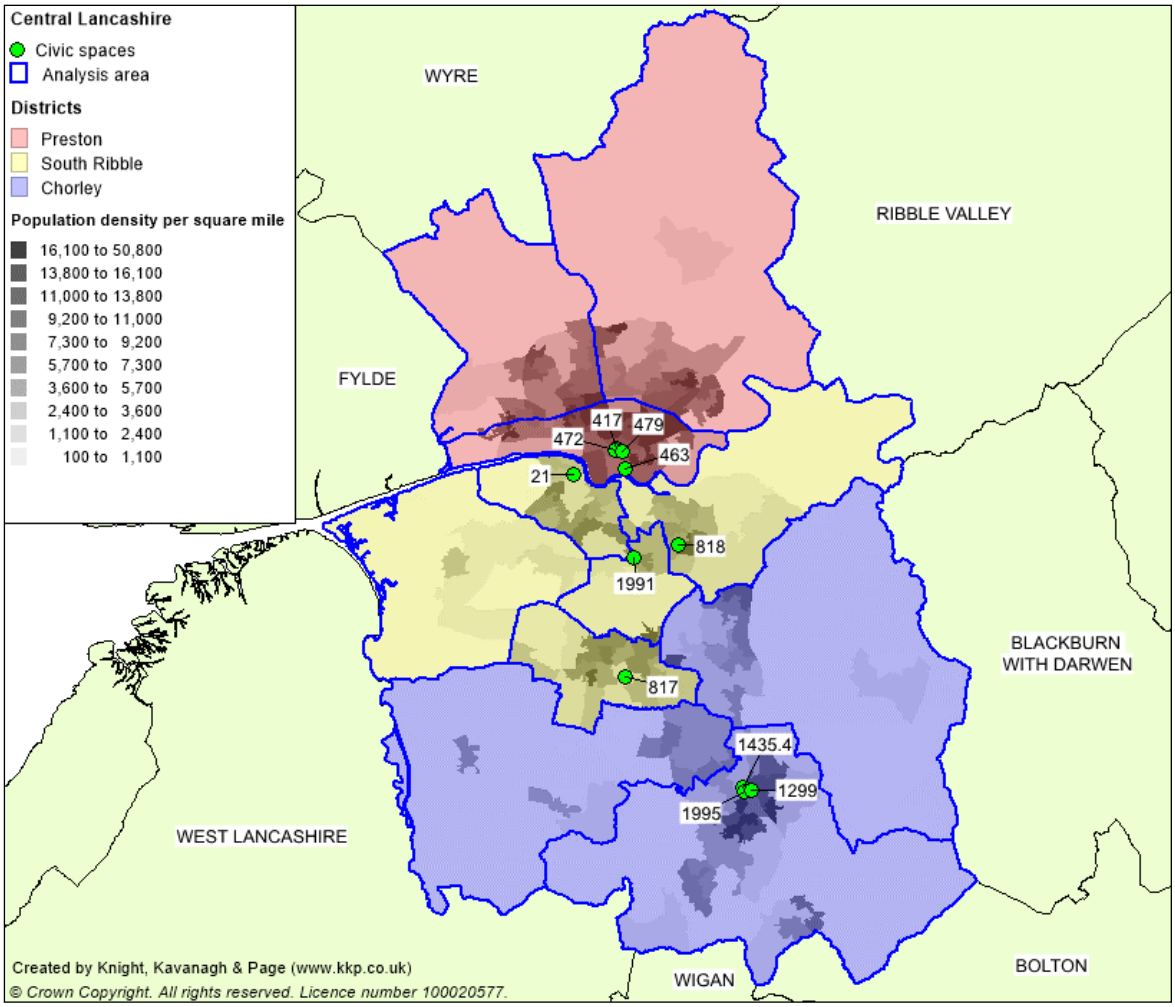

Table 11.2: Key to sites mapped

Site ID	Site name	Analysis area	Quality score	Value Score
21	War Memorial, Liverpool Road	South Ribble Penwortham	57.7%	38.0%
417	Peace Gardens	Preston South	63.1%	45.0%
463	Avenham Walk	Preston South	61.5%	38.0%
472	Corn Exchange	Preston South	65.0%	40.0%
479	Market Place	Preston South	69.2%	50.0%
817	Leyland Cross Memorial	South Ribble Leyland	53.9%	48.0%
818	Brownedge Lane (inc. War Memorial)	South Ribble Eastern	59.7%	42.0%
1435.4	War Memorial Astley Park	Chorley Central	70.0%	55.0%
1991	Tardy Gate War Memorial	South Ribble Central	53.8%	33.0%
1995	Magistrates Court Square	Chorley Central	56.9%	40.0%
1299	Chorley Pals Memorial	Chorley Central	61.2%	38.0%

11.4 Quality

To determine whether sites are high or low quality (as recommended by the Companion Guidance), site assessments scores 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 civic space. A threshold of 55% is applied in order to identify high and low quality. Further explanation of how the quality scores and threshold are derived can be found in Part 2 (Methodology).

Table 11.3: Quality ratings for civic space

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <55%	High ≥55%
Chorley Central	57%	63%	70%	13%	0	3
Chorley East	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chorley West	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chorley	57%	63%	70%	13%	***0***	***3***
Preston North East	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston North West	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston South	61%	65%	69%	8%	0	4
Preston	***61%***	***65%***	***69%***	***0%***	***0***	***4***
South Ribble Central	54%	54%	54%	0%	1	0
South Ribble Eastern	60%	60%	60%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Leyland	53%	53%	53%	0%	1	0
South Ribble Penwortham	58%	58%	58%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Western Parishes	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Ribble	***53%***	***56%***	***60%***	***0%***	***2***	***2***
Central Lancashire	**54%**	**62%**	**70%**	**16%**	**2**	**9**

Over three quarters (78%) of sites score above the threshold for quality. The highest scoring site is War Memorial Astley Park. This site is located in Astley Park, a Green Flag Award park. It has excellent signage, several benches and litter and dog foul bins. It also scores excellent for overall maintenance and cleanliness.

Two sites score just below the threshold for quality:

- Leyland Cross Memorial (54%)
- Tardy Gate War Memorial (54%)

Both sites have no issues but rate below the threshold due to a lack ancillary features. They are both observed as well maintained sites. Leyland Cross Memorial has benches however it does not have any bins. The site is also observed as visually attractive with a good wide path around. Tardy Gate War Memorial is noted as having no seating. Both sites only just rate below the threshold.

11.5 Value

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

Table 11.4: Value ratings for civic space

Analysis area	Scores (%)			Spread	No. of sites	
	Lowest score	Average score	Highest score		Low <20%	High ≥20%
Chorley Central	38%	44%	55%	17%	0	3
Chorley East	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chorley West	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chorley	***38%***	***44%***	***55%***	***17%***	***0***	***3***
Preston North East	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston North West	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preston South	38%	43%	50%	12%	0	4
Preston	***38%***	***43%***	***50%***	***12%***	***0***	***4***
South Ribble Central	33%	33%	33%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Eastern	42%	42%	42%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Leyland	48%	48%	48%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Penwortham	38%	38%	38%	0%	0	1
South Ribble Western Parishes	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Ribble	***33%***	***40%***	***48%***	***15%***	***0***	***4***
Central Lancashire	**33%**	**42%**	**55%**	**22%**	**0**	**11**

All civic spaces score above the threshold for value. The three highest scoring sites are:

- War Memorial Astley Park (55%)
- Market Place (50%)
- Leyland Cross Memorial (48%)

Market Place (50%) in Preston holds various events and food stalls and is very well used. It also contains a cenotaph. Civic spaces benefit all kinds of communities and contribute to community health-whether social, economically, culturally or environmentally, acting as focal points for definition and foundations for healthy growth.

11.6 Summary

- There are 11 sites classified as civic space.
- Nine sites score above the quality threshold. All sites rate high for value.
- No specific quality issues are highlighted.

APPENDIX ONE: CONSULTATION SUMMARY WITH PARISH COUNCILS

Table A1: Summary of consultations with parish councils

Parish Council	Is there enough open space to meet needs?	Concerns and general information
Adlington	No	Improvements in sport facilities are required. Chorley Council has plans to improve both the King George V recreation ground and Jubilee recreation ground
Anderton	Yes	The condition of a number of the footpaths is poor due to lack of on-going maintenance. Do not have any dedicated play sites in Anderton. Residents tend to utilise facilities in neighbouring Adlington.
Barton	No	Not enough open space in the Parish with the amount of new housing going up. More space needed at the north of the village and we need to ensure that the new housing developments provide useful open space. Station Lane Playing Fields are really good. The playground and open space at Forest Grove is safe and accessible. With all of the new housing developments in the village we do need more open space. Both playgrounds are good but need to be maintained going forward to ensure that they remain a useable facility for the village.
Brindle	No	Lack of recreation space
Broughton	Yes	King George's Playing Field is very poorly drained so not used by any clubs, has preschool in the old youth club hall and a guides hut used in the summer
Charnock Richard	Yes	Plans for improvements and enhancements to Orchard Gardens to provide a quiet contemplative garden, for sitting, picnicking etc
Croston	Yes	Good quality existing open spaces. Ongoing project to improve the Recreation Ground
Eccleston	Yes	Hawthorns Play Area poor quality but improvements to be carried out this year.
Euxton (and Astely Village)	No	Small old MUGA by Hawkshead Avenue is changing in to an orchard. Very waterlogged here. KKP 1804 Adjacent 80 Princess Way has flooded land-could put a MUGA here. Goals not used. Need decent drainage. Difficult to even walk. Handrails missing in Yarrow Valley Country Park. Need more for older children. Lack of MUGAs. Gap for ages 12-18 is missing/unfilled. No proper MUGA. Only one skatepark. Limited for girls over 11 years old. These are not catered for at all. Shortage of allotments.
Farington	No	We have just renegotiated the lease for St Paul's Park and it needs a total refurbishment of the play equipment which we intend to carry out as soon as possible. There are a lack of

Parish Council	Is there enough open space to meet needs?	Concerns and general information
		sports pitches in the Borough. We are always being asked if the BTR field is available. This field is currently used by Leyland United but they are an adult team. There is play provision for smaller children but then nothing for the mid-range young people and it is this range that needs to be targetted and provide some facilities for. We only have the BTR field until 2020 and this this lease is very unlikely to be renewed. Some open spaces are very good such as Farington Park and some are quite poor.
Grimsargh	No	As part of consultation involving the Neighbourhood Plan the lack of provision for young people has been identified and the Parish Council are looking to provide a football pitch and possibly a MUGA if we can acquire some land from Preston City Council. Existing open spaces are good but could be improved.
Heapey	Yes	Acceptable quality of open spaces. The Parish Council contributes to the upkeep of a play area in Wheelton, just outside the parish boundary (Meadow Street Play Area)
Heath Charnock	Yes	Quality of open spaces in the area is generally good – the volunteer group that has maintained the Adlington Circular Walk has recently folded but Adlington Town Council supported by Anderton and Heath Charnock Parish Councils hope to restart it if volunteers come forward by June 2018. Some public footpaths do become waterlogged / impassable in wet weather.
Heskin	No	Allotments needed
Hoghton	No	Poor quality open spaces and not enough recreational areas.
Hutton	Yes	Adequate quality open spaces. No allotments or youth provision
Ingol and Tanteron	Yes	Good quality open spaces in the Parish
Lea and Cottam	Yes	Generally very poor quality open spaces
Longton	Yes	No concerns expressed. Good quality existing provision. No allotments.
Much Hoole	Reasonable	Poor drainage across Northern Road Recreation Ground. Drainage has been improved but still remains a significant issue. Potential for fitness equipment. At the back of village hall, there are disused tennis courts which are not maintained. The scout hut is brand new. Would be ideal to implement a MUGA or five-a-side on tennis courts as this would be popular and well used. However, they want to rebuild the village hall first. The Village Trustee want to prioritise village hall rebuild which is run down at the moment.
Penwortham Town Council	Yes	Burial capacity at Hill Road Cemetery10/15 years left. Plan is to extend into Hurst Grange Park. Some decent play areas. Good supply of OS. Quite a lot of OS. Drainage is the main issue. Pitch at Kingsfold Playing Fields had drainage issues last year. Events held at Hurst Grange Park such as Penwortham Gala. The site needs refurbishing though. The

Parish Council	Is there enough open space to meet needs?	Concerns and general information
		coachhouse building is going to be developed. Needs a café, toilets, lighting and a heritage centre.
Salmesbury and Cuerdale	No	Rural area, not much open space. No parks, play areas, youth provision, allotments. In process of getting a playground on Nabs Head Lane where amenity greenspace is. Have drawn plans up. Got 78% of money. Will possibly be built next year.
Wheelton	No	The Parish Council have been looking for space in Higher Wheelton.
Whittingham	No	No public open space in Higher Whittingham. Allotments are proposed at the former hospital site.
Woodplumpton	Yes	Good quality open spaces