

KILMINGTON

Kilminster is a village of considerable charm and character that lies 3.2 km (2 miles) to the west of Axminster, it has a population of 791 people. The majority of the Parish is within either the East Devon AONB or Blackdown Hills AONB, and the older part of the village was designated as a conservation area in 1973 although there are further areas which the village would like designated as conservation areas. The built up area boundary has been drawn very tightly around Kilminster to avoid substantial new residential developments and it therefore rules out virtually any development whatsoever. When seeking suitable sites for the Affordable Housing scheme every plot of land within the boundary was considered and none were found to be both suitable and available.

Open space assessment (PPG17)

In order to enhance our Open Space Strategy we would look to incorporate a wider definition that we do now. Open space is defined in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as land laid out as a public garden, or used for the purposes of public recreation, or land which is a disused burial ground. We will look at including all open space of public value, including not just land, but also areas of water such as rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs which offer important opportunities for sport and recreation and can also act as a visual amenity

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This assessment:

- reviews the amount, distribution and quality of existing open space
 - identifies where there is a need for more or better provision and the types of enhancements which will benefit existing facilities and spaces most
 - suggests appropriate provision standards for us to use as part of the planning process
 - suggests how to tackle the key issues relating to open space, sport and recreation provision
 - recommends priorities for the future
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- parks and gardens - including urban parks, country parks and formal gardens
 - natural and semi-natural urban greenspaces - including woodlands, urban forestry, scrub, grasslands (eg downlands, commons and meadows) wetlands, open and running water, wastelands and derelict open land and rock areas (eg cliffs, quarries and pits)

N/A - Kilminster is not in an Urban Area but it is in AONBs with open farm land and wooded areas. There are several Rivers and Streams running through the Parish. Within the Parish is also a derelict quarry.

- green corridors - including river and canal banks, cycleways, and rights of way

Rivers: Axe, Yarty and Corry

Streams: Unnamed through the village – tributaries of the above

Cycle Way: Being developed - part of the Sustrans route

Rights of Way: Footpaths, Byways and Brideways as defined/listed by Devon County Council as follows

Byways, Bridleways and Footpaths

Name/Location	Designation	Length (m)
Firs (Shute Rd/Springhd)	Br 17	610
Boggy Lane	Br 20	422
Cowley	Br 26	200
Breach	By 25	410
Quary	By 27	733
Roman Road	By 40	1395
Kilngtn Manor/Coyton Farm	F 1	860
Summerleaze	F 2	690
Nower Rd/Chantry Wood	F 6	450
Nower Rd/Ciifthorne/Marsh Fm	F 8	710
A35/Fordhayes/Ciifthorne	F 9	1021
Marsh Farm/Nower Farm	F 11	1376
Shute Rd/Roman Rd	F 19	400
Hurfords	F 21	50
Isle of Man	F 22	570
Shute Rd/Ashes Lane	F 25	355
	Total	10252

- outdoor sports facilities (with natural or artificial surfaces and either publicly or privately owned) - including tennis courts, bowling greens, sports pitches, golf courses, athletics tracks, school and other institutional playing fields, and other outdoor sports areas

Notation	Site	Area ha	Tennis	Hockey	Junior Rugby	Rugby	Junior Football	Football	Cricket	Bowling / Croquet	Scope for Extension
A	Whitford Road	1.44	1				Yes		Yes	O	Yes

The above mentioned Playing Field is used extensively by the Primary School as it does not have its own facilities. Among the school's activities are Rounders, School Sports and Athletics. Other supervised after-school activities are also held on this playing field as are sporting, and similar, events with other visiting schools.

Are there any others?

Childrens play area within the above
Horse riding (Privately owned)

- amenity greenspace - including informal recreation spaces, greenspaces in and around housing, domestic gardens and village greens

The Common,
Jubilee Green,
The Green

Millenium Garden
Playing Field (as above) and
Grass banks in front of Village Hall

- provision for children and teenagers - including play areas, skateboard parks, outdoor basketball hoops, and other more informal areas (eg 'hanging out' areas, teenage shelters)

Public or Private – playgrounds? **Yes – within school (not available for use outside school times)**
- skateboard parks? **No**
- multi use games areas? **No**
- Other? **Childrens play area in playing field as above**

- allotments, community gardens, and city (urban) farms

Allotments: **Yes**
“Urban” Farm: **Yes – Axe Valley Bird and Animal Farm (Privately owned)**

- cemeteries and churchyards

Churchyard: **Yes**
(Cemetery: **Yes – within the above)**

- accessible countryside in urban fringe areas

N/A - Kilmington is not in an Urban Fringe Area -

- civic spaces, including civic and market squares, and other hard surfaced areas designed for pedestrians;

None

Local Infrastructure (The following are all within the Parish – but other infrastructure referred to below ie Opticians etc are available in Axminster which is approx 2 miles away so LOCAL and therefore easily available.)

Opticians **None**

Acute Care Hospital Beds **None**

Supported Housing - Older people **11**
None – There is now no warden supported housing
- Other **None**

Church **1 (Plus second if Baptist Church is rebuilt within the village)**

Church Hall	None (Possibly 1 if included in Baptist Church rebuild plans)
Community Centre	None
Youth Club	1 - Provided through and by Baptist Church
Community Hall	1 Hitchcock Pavilion
Social Club	None
Village Hall	1 – used for numerous functions/meeting etc including sports (badminton, bowls, table tennis and many others)
Event Venue	None
Library	– Mobile Library
Public Houses	Yes – 2 – both with skittle alleys and Gardens
Cemetery Space	Yes (Church Yard extension opened 1998(?) – spaces still available)
Police Station	None
Fire Station	None
Ambulance Station	None
Gym/Fitness Centre/Sports Club	None
Sports Halls Public and Private	None
Swimming Pool	None
Indoor Bowls	Yes – in Village Hall
Cultural Venues - Cinema	Moviola – visiting monthly
- Gallery	None
- Museum	None