

Balsham

Population 2011	1630
No of Homes 2011	680

Comparison with Recommended Standards			
Type	Provision (hectares)	Requirement from Recommended Standard	Surplus/Shortfall (hectares)
Sport	4.40	2.61	+1.79
Play Space	0.07	1.30	-1.23
Informal Open Space	0.78	0.65	+0.13
Allotments	2.56	0.65	+1.91

Outdoor Sport

Outdoor Sport Sites		
Address	Size (hectares)	Contents / Description
Balsham Recreation Ground, Church Lane, Balsham	4.40	<u>Overview:</u> Large open space with sports pitches for football and cricket, along with a bowling green and a play area

Pitches		
Type	Quantity	Quality
Football – Junior	1	Good
Football – Senior	2 (1 overlaps cricket outfield)	Good
Mini-soccer	2	Good
Cricket	1 (overlaps a football pitch)	Very Good
Bowls	1	Very Good

Pavilion		
Address	Sports	Quality
Balsham Pavillion, Church Lane	All Sports	Average

Current Users		
Sport	Clubs	Teams
Football	Balsham Football Club	1 men
Football	Balsham Colts	3 youth 3 mini
Cricket	Balsham Cricket Club	4 adults
Bowls	Balsham Bowls Club	36 members

Children's Play

Children's Equipped Play Area		
Address	Size (hectares)	Contents / Description
Balsham Recreation Ground, Church Lane, Balsham	0.07	<p><u>Overview:</u> A small fenced off play area with grass and a rubberised safety surface intended for children under 12 with a large range of equipment</p> <p><u>Classification:</u> LEAP</p> <p><u>Quality:</u> Very Good</p>

Informal Open Space	
Address	Size (hectares)
Land east of May's Avenue, Balsham	0.29
Land east of Plumian Way, Balsham	0.17
Land north of High Street, east of Fox Road, Balsham	0.11
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Land north of Plumian Way, Balsham	0.10

Allotments

Allotments		
Address	Size (hectares)	Quality
Land north of Princes Close, Balsham	0.55	Good
Land south of Bartons Close	0.61	
Land south of Sleaford Close, East of Woodhall Lane, Balsham	1.40	Good

New or improved facilities required to meet local need

Sport	Improvements Needed

Sport	Facility Needed
Mini soccer (U10's and U11's)	1 pitch
Youth Facilities	Informal basketball facility

Summary

The outdoor sports facilities are all based at the village recreation ground. They consist of a pavilion, cricket pitch, bowls green, junior football pitch, two senior pitches and two mini soccer pitches.

The pavilion is in reasonable condition and has four changing rooms, official's change and disabled toilet and access and evidence suggests it meets the local need.

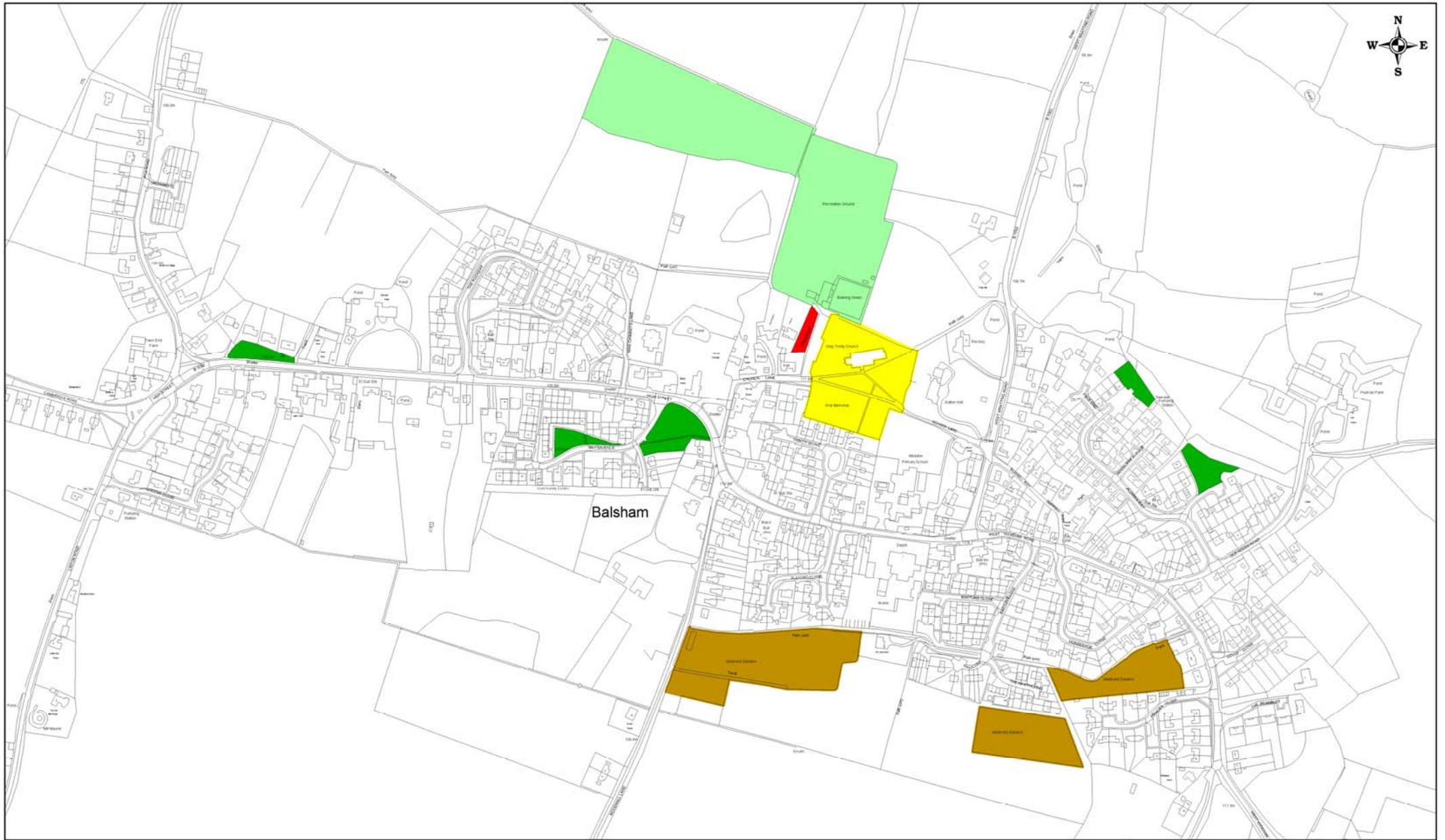
There is a need to provide an additional mini soccer pitch to support the thriving junior football in the village and to meet the local need.

The allotments are well used and in a good condition.

New Play equipment was installed in 2007 with a grant of £1650 being contributed to total project of £6560.

A grant of £1520 was awarded to Balsham Bowls Club to assist with repairs to Bowls pavilion.

The Recreation Ground Car Park was extended in 2009 with a grant awarded of £15000 towards the total project cost of £80000.



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|  Allotments |  Burial Grounds |  Children's Formal Play Space |  Community Orchards |
|  Informal Open Space |  Informal Play Space |  Outdoor Sport | |

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