





## Profile

**Population**  
800 (approx)

**Total Open Space**  
7.2ha

**Provision per person**  
90.32m<sup>2</sup>



## Settlement Assessment

### **Quantity**

There is significant supply of open space in Helmsdale based on the population of the settlement. The majority of this is presented in the form of outdoor sports facilities. These are multifunctional, however access is restricted to some of the spaces as they are school grounds. Natural/Semi-natural greenspace is also a dominant form of provision along the riverside. There is a deficiency in formal provision for children and teenagers.



### **Accessibility**

The majority of residences are within comfortable walking distance of a range of open spaces. There is limited access to amenity greenspaces in West Helmsdale and also to the north east of the centre of the settlement. Like many other more rural settlements in Highland there are significant opportunities to access the wider countryside and this may offset the lack of some of the less formal types of open space provision.

Type of Open Space	No. of Features	Area (Ha.)
Public Parks and gardens	3	0.62
Amenity Greenspace	2	0.48
Playspace for Children and Teenagers	1	0.16
Sports Areas	3	3.48
Green Corridors	0	0
Natural/Semi-Natural Greenspaces	1	0.81
Other Functional Greenspaces	3	1.96