

## Settlement Summary: Aberchirder

Population: 1114

### Observations (of Community Council)

- Cleanhill Wood: upgrade paths to core path standard.
- Hardie Court: provide softer surface around play area.
- Nurses Lane play area: adapt for lock up garages or parking area.

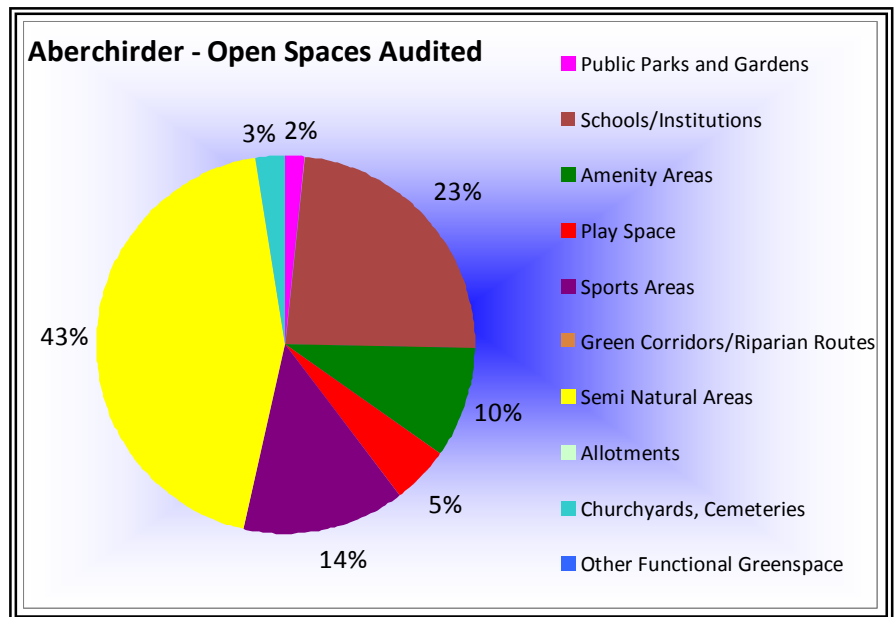
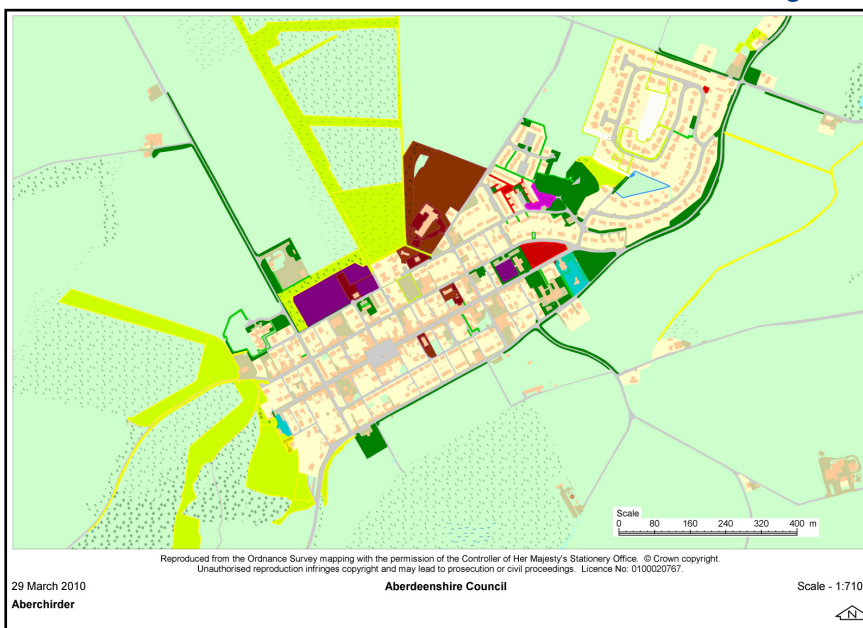
### Green Network Links

The Aberdeenshire Core Paths Plan recognizes existing core paths at Cleanhill Wood, owned and managed by the local community association and the Council, and at Little Haven/Quarry Hill to the south of Aberchirder. Green links within the village itself are not particularly evident, although the former quarry does connect with the surrounding countryside; protection of this area would be a key consideration in the event of any further development in the locality.

### Open Space Requirements

The strongest message from the community is the need to improve the network of paths in Cleanhill community woodland. There is also a request to provide an alternative, softer surface round the childrens' play area at Hardie Court.

The main play park in the village, 'Main Street', beside the bowling green, currently appears well used. It lies at some distance from more recent housing developments at Causewayend however, where there are outstanding conditions relating to play park provision. It is recommended that the developer carries out a further consultation with residents in early course to identify preferred types of facility and management options for this area, subject to the further approval of the Authority.



- Public Parks and Gardens
- Play Space
- Semi Natural Areas
- Other Functional Greenspace

- Schools/Institutions
- Sports Areas
- Allotments

- Amenity Areas
- Green Corridors/Riparian Routes
- Churchyards, Cemeteries

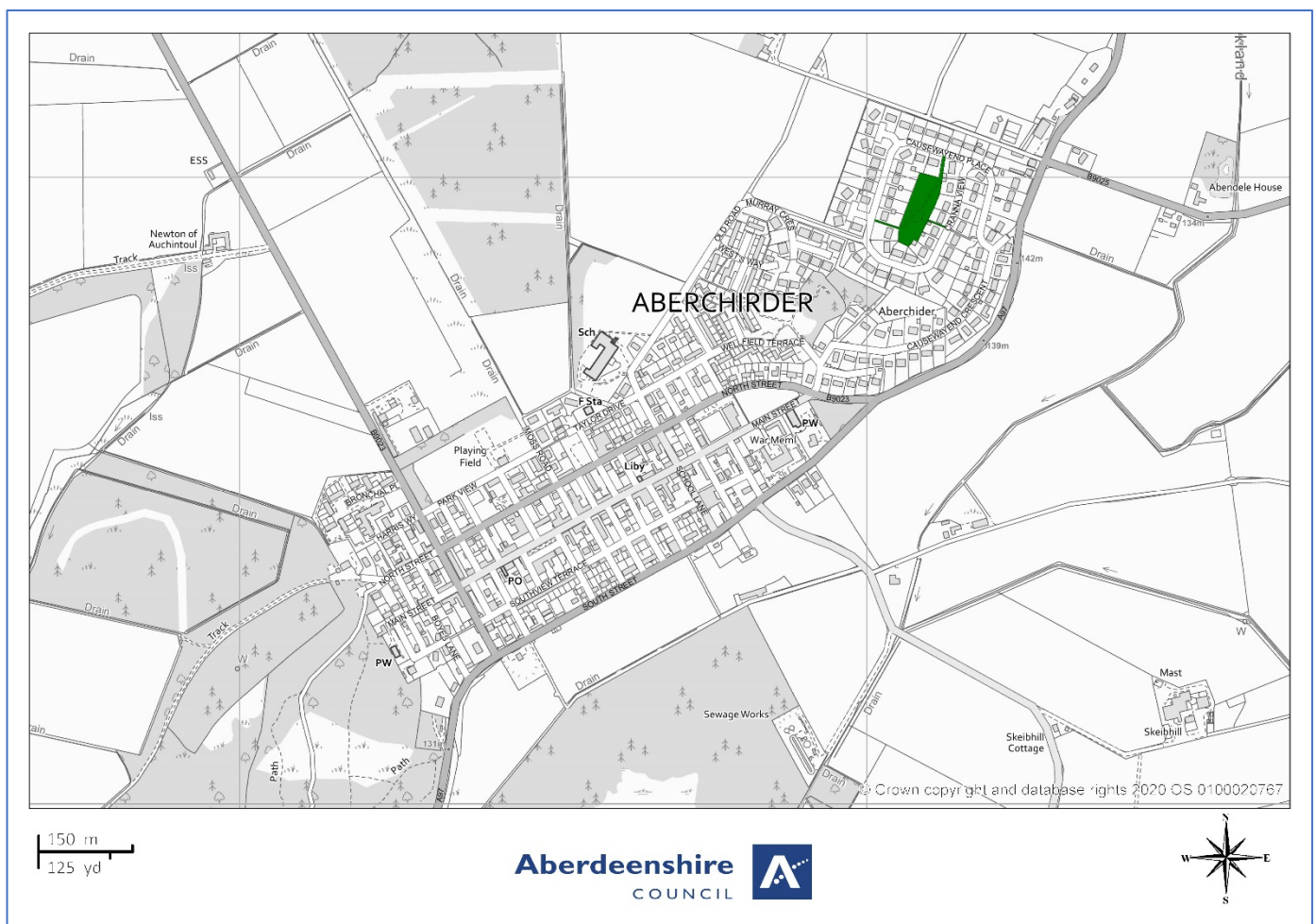
The amount of open space in Aberchirder is slightly above the average for Aberdeenshire, due in part to inclusion of Cleanhill Wood, which also accounts for the good proportion of semi natural space available.

## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Aberchirder

An update exercise was carried out in 2019 to account for new open spaces arising from major developments completed since the Open Space Audit 2010, and to address any known disparities/gaps in information. The scope of the update exercise did not include a review of the Open Space Audit 2010. The Audit update 2019 has been used to assist in the preparation of the Proposed Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2020.

**This is an interim Audit.** Whilst this information will feed into a future comprehensive Open Space Audit, at this stage there may be some auditing inconsistencies across settlements due to factors such as community interest, and landscape/topography influencing how open spaces are identified, particularly at and around the edges of settlement.

Allotments are excluded as these are audited separately as part of the Food Growing Strategy 2019-2030.



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| <span style="color: red;">■</span> Play Space                   | <span style="color: purple;">■</span> Sports Areas        | <span style="color: orange;">■</span> Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Semi Natural Areas        | <span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> Allotments      | <span style="color: cyan;">■</span> Churchyards, Cemeteries           |
| <span style="color: blue;">■</span> Other Functional Greenspace |   |   |