

## Settlement Summary: Ballater

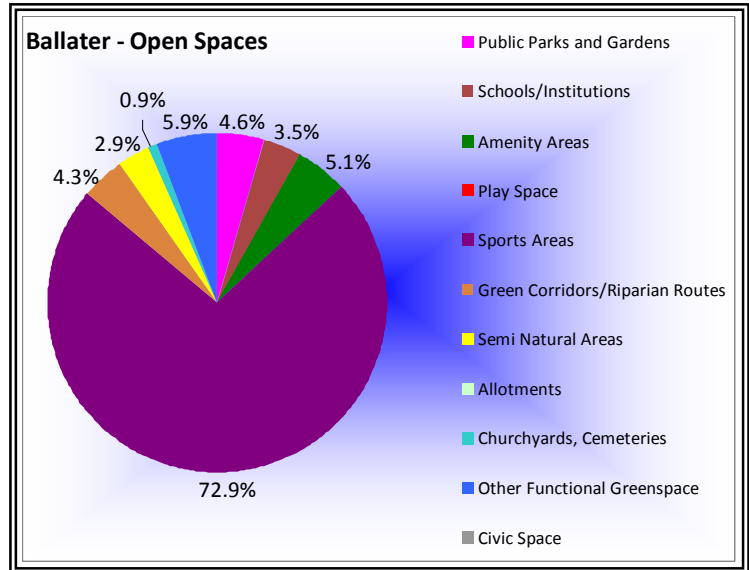
Population: 1739

### Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

### Green Network Links

Ballater lies within the Cairngorm National Park and enjoys a wealth of path networks around the village. The Deeside Way is a popular pathway which follows the disused railway line, starting out at Sir Patrick Geddes Way within the village, and continuing to Dinnet. There are also a number of blue green corridors around Ballater, including one which leads from the Bridge of Dee along the riverbank, past the caravan park, and around the golf course leading to a footpath network branching out at the Old Line picnic area. This is popular with locals and tourists alike. Towards the western side of Ballater, there are few green linkages within residential areas; however, newer developments to the east are better connected, particularly around the Monaltrie Park area.

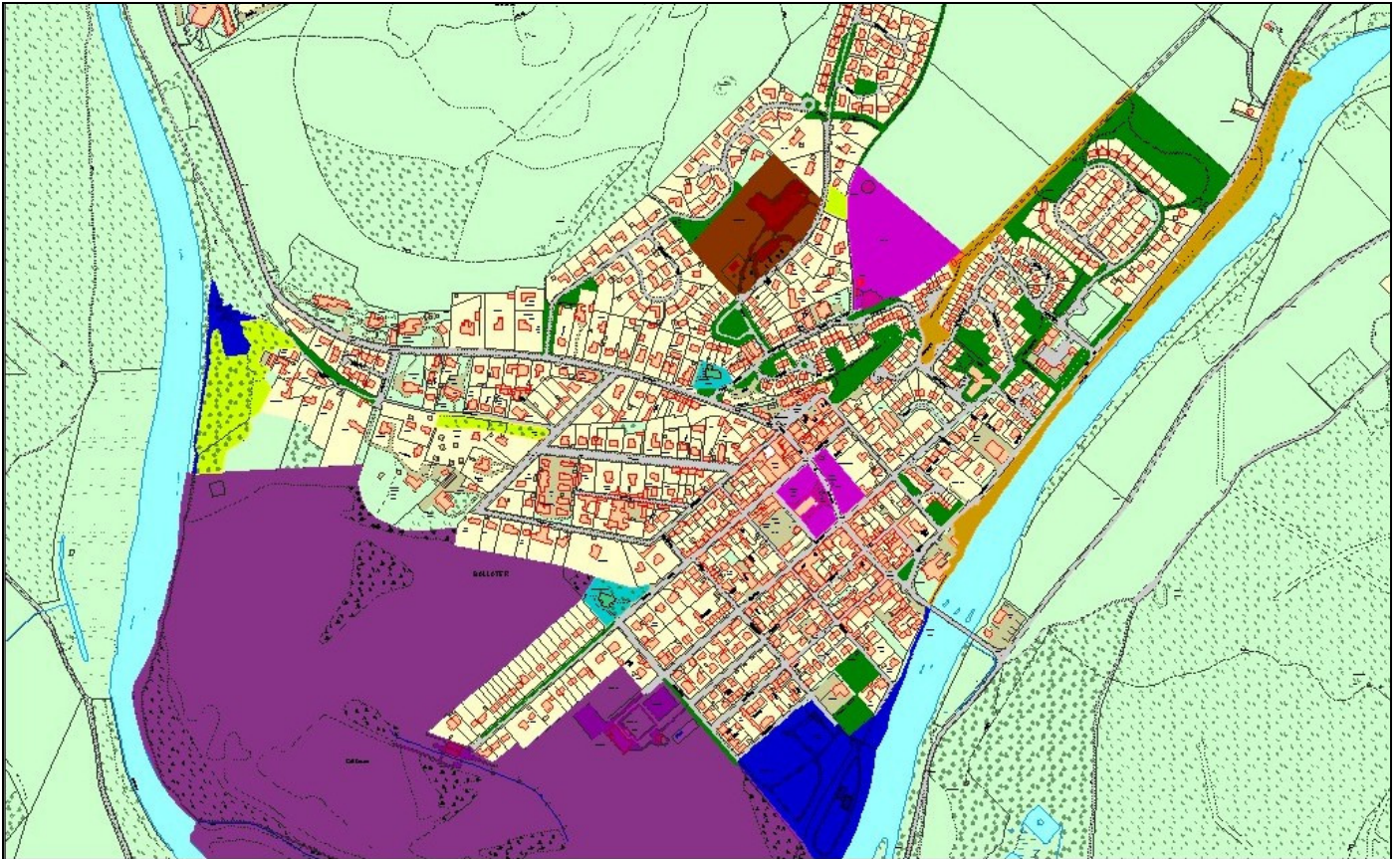


### Open Space Requirements

For a village of its size, Ballater contains a good range of open space, including tennis courts, a bowling green, an ornamental garden (The Square) and a park with playing fields and a fenced off play area. The Old Line picnic area is an attractive semi natural area which is well maintained and well used. The large percentage of sports areas recorded in Ballater is due to the golf course in the south west of the settlement. The open spaces in Ballater generally scored very highly in terms of quality, attractiveness and maintenance.

Few recommendations for improvements were made during the audit process, however the following are notable:

- The Old Line picnic area is not well signposted and better signage from within the village could improve usage levels, particularly with tourists. Increased awareness of this site may also help to encourage use of the surrounding path network.
- The water fountain in The Square (although modern) does not work and requires attention.
- During the audit, members of the public suggested making The Square safer for children by either installing a picket fence along the site perimeter or by the installation of a fenced off play park. Any such projects would require further consultation between the local authority and the community.



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| <span style="color: magenta;">■</span> Public Parks and Gardens | <span style="color: brown;">■</span> Schools/Institutions | <span style="color: darkgreen;">■</span> Amenity Areas                |
| <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 |   |   |