

Settlement Summary: Hatton

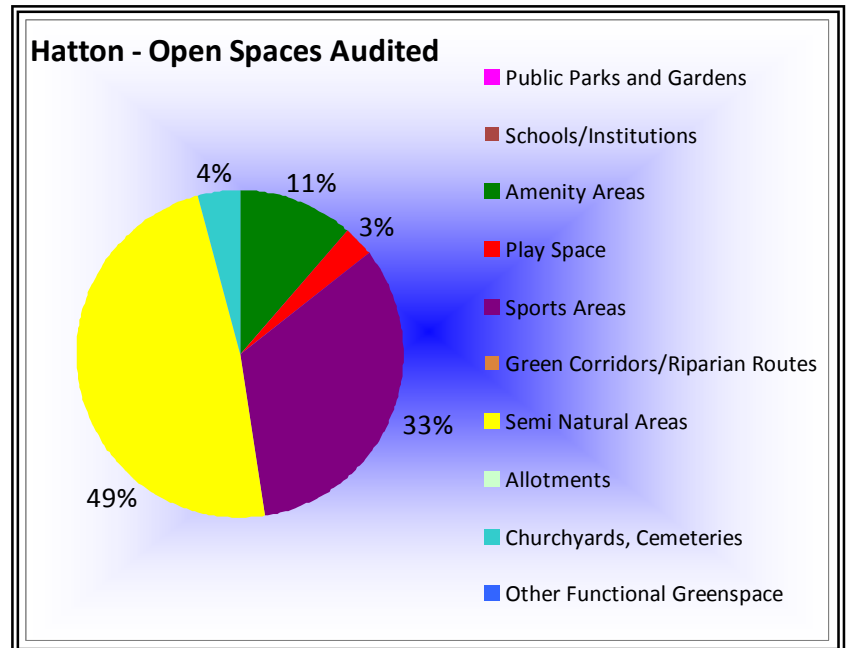
Population: 813

Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

Green Network Links

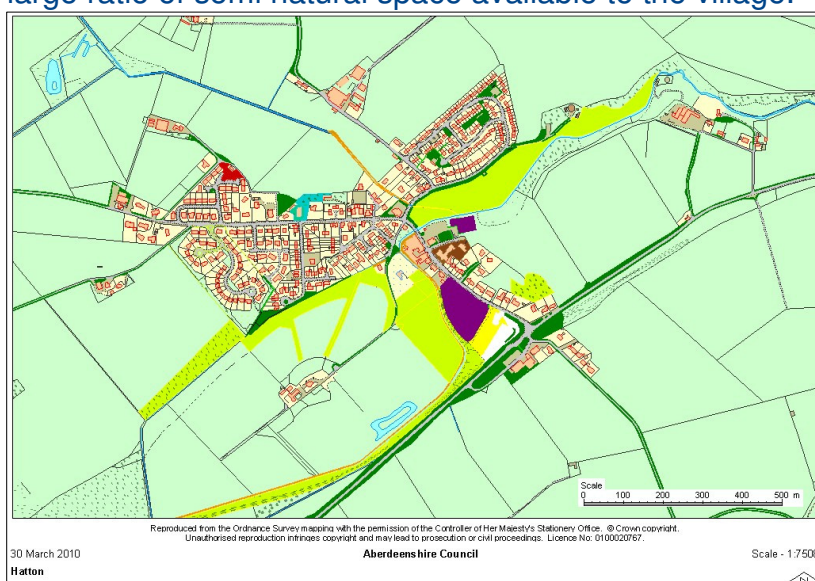
The former railway line to the south of the village is identified within the Core Paths Plan as an important contribution to the paths around the village. There may be opportunities to increase access to the Water of Cruden, subject to further consideration by the local community in consultation with the Council.



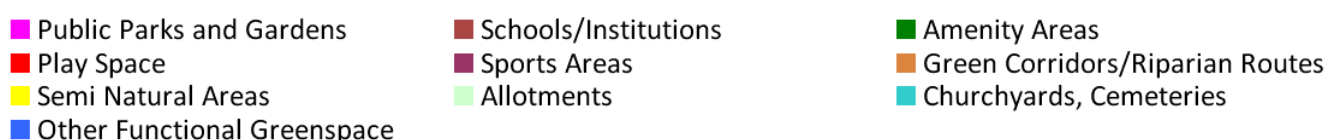
Open Space Requirements

Auditors' findings suggest that Hatton could benefit from a greater range of facilities at the village play park and playing fields, as well as at Quarry Road play area. In the event of further development within the village, it may be advisable to seek the further views of residents as to whether they support these findings, and if so, which user groups are in need of facilities. For example, equipment for older children, such as a shelter, is scarce. Likewise, there appears to be scope for improving access to the local woodland. Possibilities for addressing this could be through developer contributions, or local community involvement, but would be more likely to require a combination of these.

The area of flood plain opposite Park View has full public access, and accounts for much of the large ratio of semi natural space available to the village.



Hatton has a generous range of open space types, including access to woodland, semi-natural areas, and sports facilities. However, there appears to be potential to upgrade or add to existing facilities. Minor improvements in terms of additional planting could fall within the scope of the community, with possible assistance from the Aberdeenshire Council, which already supplies summer bedding plants to the village, or in supporting community groups to apply for external grant funding to carry out improvements.



Open Space Audit Update 2019: Hatton

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.

There are no updates to the Open Space Audit 2010.