

Settlement Summary: Lumphanan

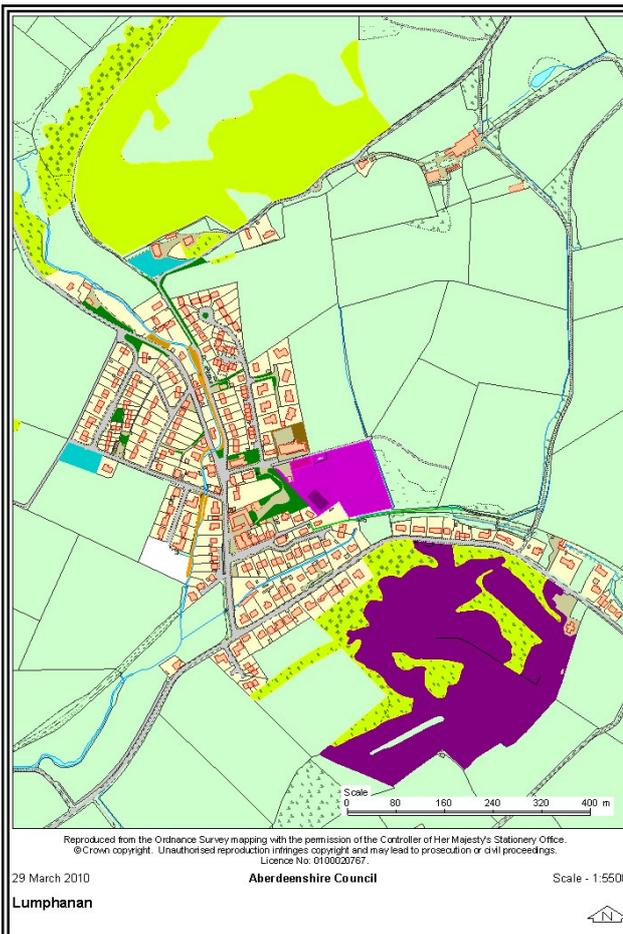
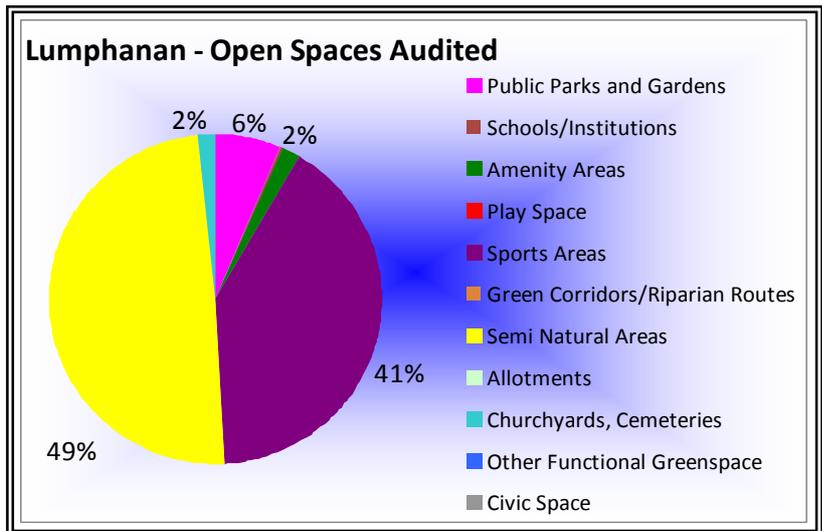
Population: 602

Observations (of Community Council)

None Received.

Green Network Links

Whilst there is not a great deal of amenity greenspace within Lumphanan, it is fairly well linked. The stream running through the village provides a blue green corridor which enables the passage of wildlife and biodiversity. Lumphanan is a rural village surrounded by open countryside and farmland which is easily accessible from the settlement. There are a number of path networks which lead from the village to the surrounding countryside including two core paths: the circular route leading from Macbeth Drive, extending north of the village to Old Military Road (which is part of the wider path network), and a circular route which extends west of the village to the castle.

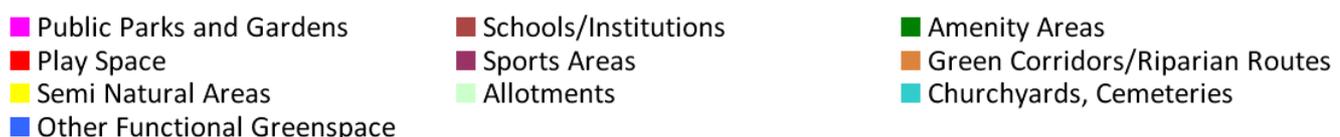


Open Space Requirements

During the open space audit the following observations/recommendations were made:

- The village park scored very well in terms of usage levels, attractiveness and maintenance.
- The erection of signs to mark out the paths at Glen Road woodland
- Creation of a formal path at the cemetery on Craighton Brae
- The play area at the back to the town hall would benefit from the installation of a bench
- The large site between Perkhill Brae and School Road might merit consideration for allotments, or a community garden area.

The large proportion of semi-natural space in the village is due to the inclusion of woodland behind the Stothart Memorial Church, whilst the significant sports area can be attributed to the golf course to the south.



Open Space Audit Update 2019: Lumphanan

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.