

Settlement Summary: Lumsden

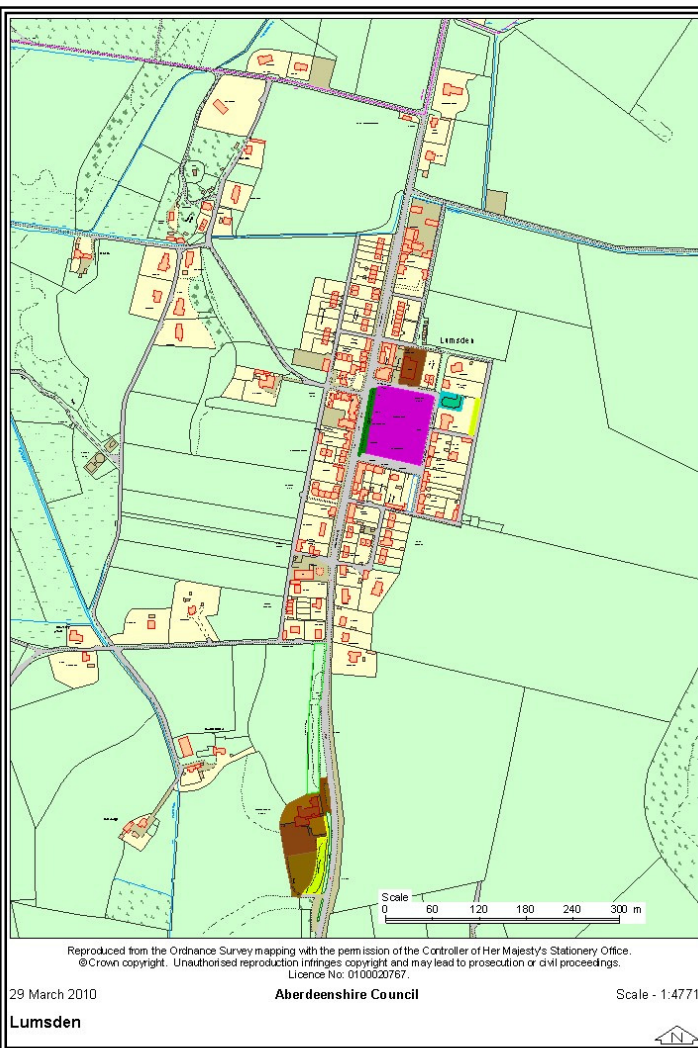
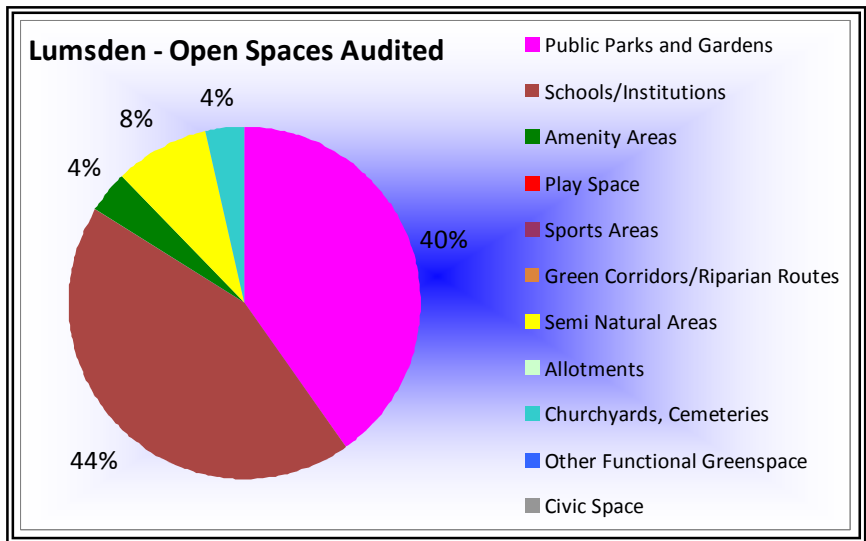
Population: 331

Observations (of Community Council)

None Received

Green Network Links

Lumsden is a traditional linear form rural village surrounded by open countryside. As such, green networks within the village itself are not well linked, but as the village spans just one street there is easy access to the countryside. Private gardens also contribute to the passage of wildlife and biodiversity. The school is situated approximately 200 metres south of the village; however, the sculpture walk pathway just to the west of the A97 provides a safe route for pupils to and from the school.



Open Space Requirements

During the open space audit, the village park scored well in terms of usage levels and attractiveness. Auditors suggested that improved disabled access would make it more accessible to less able members of the community, such as the residents from the nearby McKenzie Terrace sheltered housing complex.

Whilst the park does contain a football pitch, auditors felt that the play equipment was mainly provided for the 0-6 years age group, and that there was little or no provision for older children and teenagers. Therefore a suggestion was made for the provision of some more challenging play equipment, and a youth shelter in order to provide for a wider range of ages.

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| Public Parks and Gardens | Schools/Institutions | Amenity Areas |
| Play Space | Sports Areas | Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| Semi Natural Areas | Allotments | Churchyards, Cemeteries |
| Other Functional Greenspace | | |

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Lumsden

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.