

Settlement Summary: New Byth

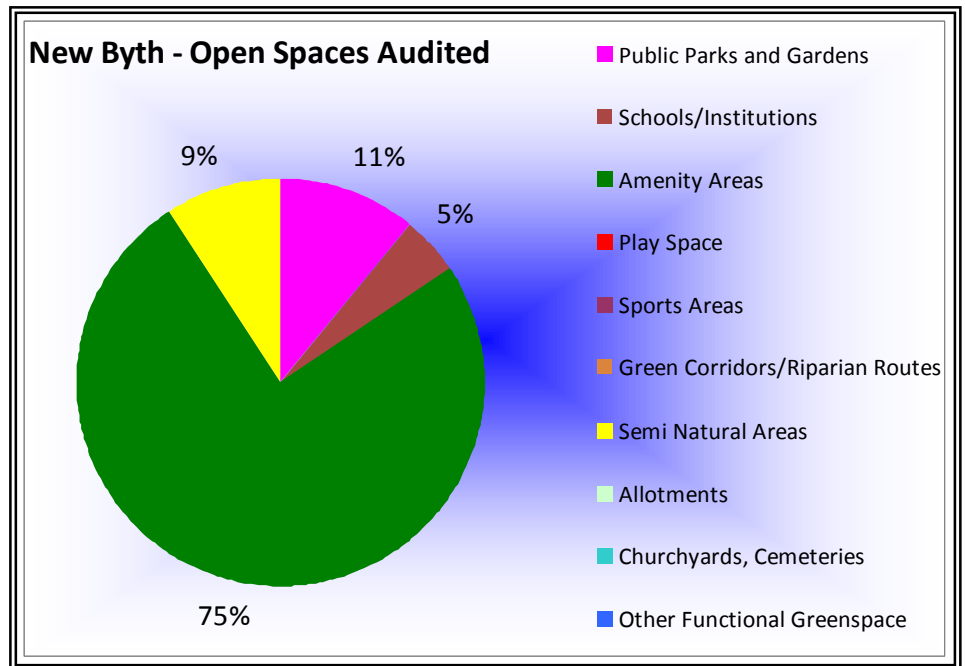
Population: 247

Observations (of Community Council)

Feedback received requested additional/improved seating opportunities, as below. It was noted that some of Old School Road Park, together with Old School wood and a strip of the amenity area is owned and maintained by the New Byth Playing Field and Community Association. The executors of Duff Estate still own most of the lanes within the village.

Green Network Links

The linear form of the village allows for all public space to adjoin surrounding countryside. The Core Path Plan proposes a short route at the eastern edge of the village, which has potential to become an all-ability route due to the easy gradient.

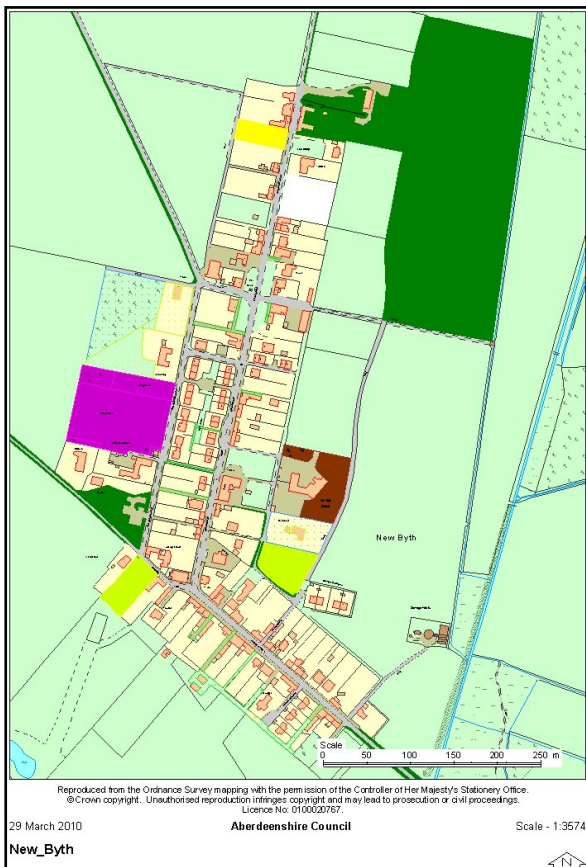


Open Space Requirements

In the area of Old School Road, where the Council maintain the recreation ground and amenity area, recommendations include installation of seating within the woodland, and new benches in the park.

The business amenity area at Urquhart Road has a low site score, and is recorded as an “unattractive/scrapyard area”; auditors have suggested that erection of a fence or wall by the owners would reduce its negative visual impact. However, as an extensive area of ‘business amenity’, the inclusion of this site explains the significant proportion (75%) of amenity greenspace recorded for the village.

Overall, New Byth appears to have a reasonable provision of open space types for a village of this scale (playing field with play area, accessible woodland, and amenity space) with relatively few points identified for improvement.



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| Play Space | Sports Areas | Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| Semi Natural Areas | Allotments | Churchyards, Cemeteries |
| Other Functional Greenspace | | |

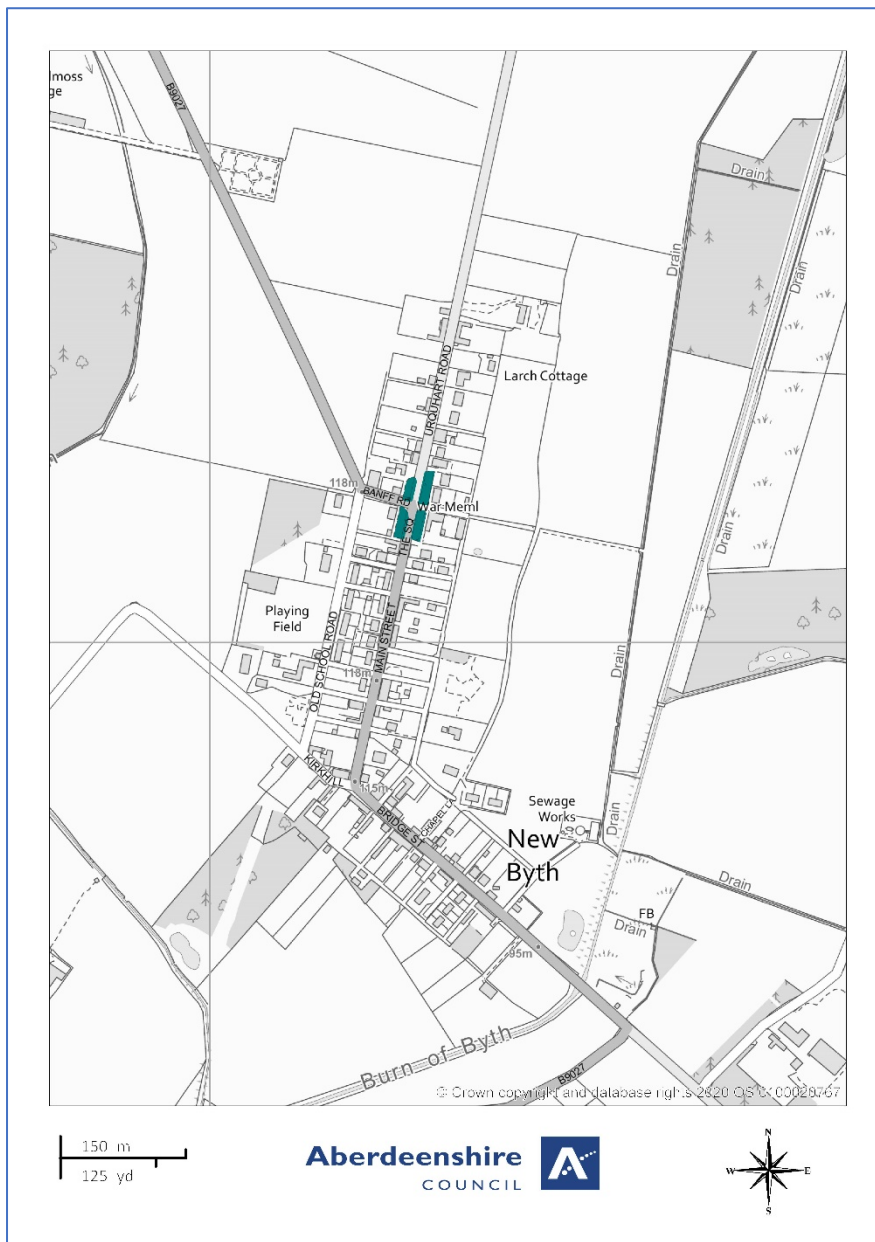
Open Space Audit Update 2019: New Byth

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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