

Settlement Summary: Rhynie

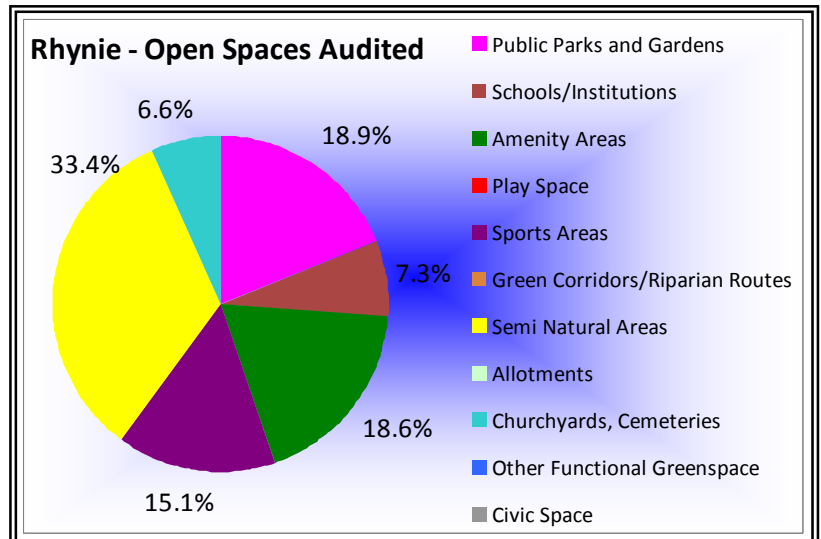
Population: 454

Observations (of Community Council)

The Community Council generally agreed with the findings of the audit.

Green Network Links

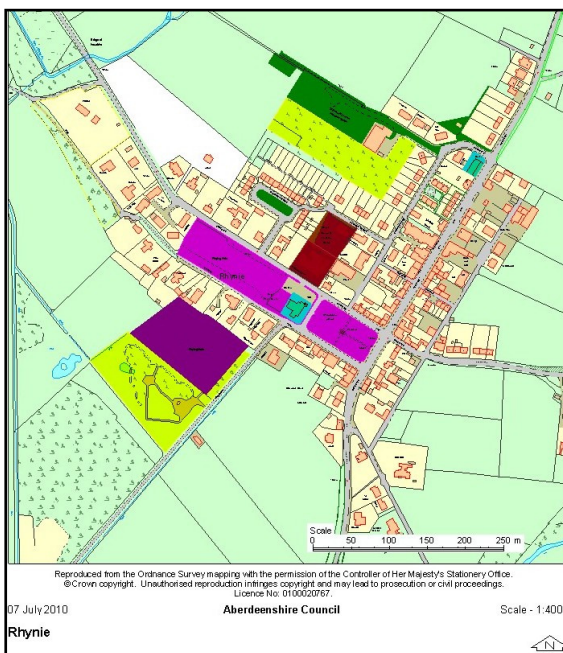
Rhynie is a traditional rural village, which was originally built in a typical linear fashion with the square being the focal point of the community. Although the square backs onto the church and park, there are not good green network linkages within the residential areas of the village; however, private gardens have an important part to play in enabling the passage of wildlife and biodiversity. The village is surrounded by easily accessible open countryside. There are several good path networks leading from the village to the surrounding countryside, such as the route to the Tap O'Noth which links into a wider path network at Clashindarroch and leads to Gartly. In the event of any future development, focus should be placed upon improving the green networks within the village, and care should be taken to protect and enhance existing linkages.



Open Space Requirements

The auditors made the following observations and suggestions for the improvement of open spaces within Rhynie:

The Community Education Centre grounds have improved with the installation of wooden play equipment; however, the area lacks vitality and colour. A mural on the back wall may make the area seem more attractive. This may be a possibility for the community to consider.



The grounds of the disused church located at the junction of Main Street and Richmond Avenue is unkempt and unattractive. The site would benefit from regeneration and maintenance. Site ownership is unknown so this may be an issue for a private landowner, in which case any involvement on behalf of the community or Council may be limited.

The industrial estate grounds are in a poor state of repair and require improved maintenance and a tidy up.

The village park suffers from poor drainage and the play equipment would benefit from replacement/renovation. A pavilion was also suggested as an addition to the existing facilities.

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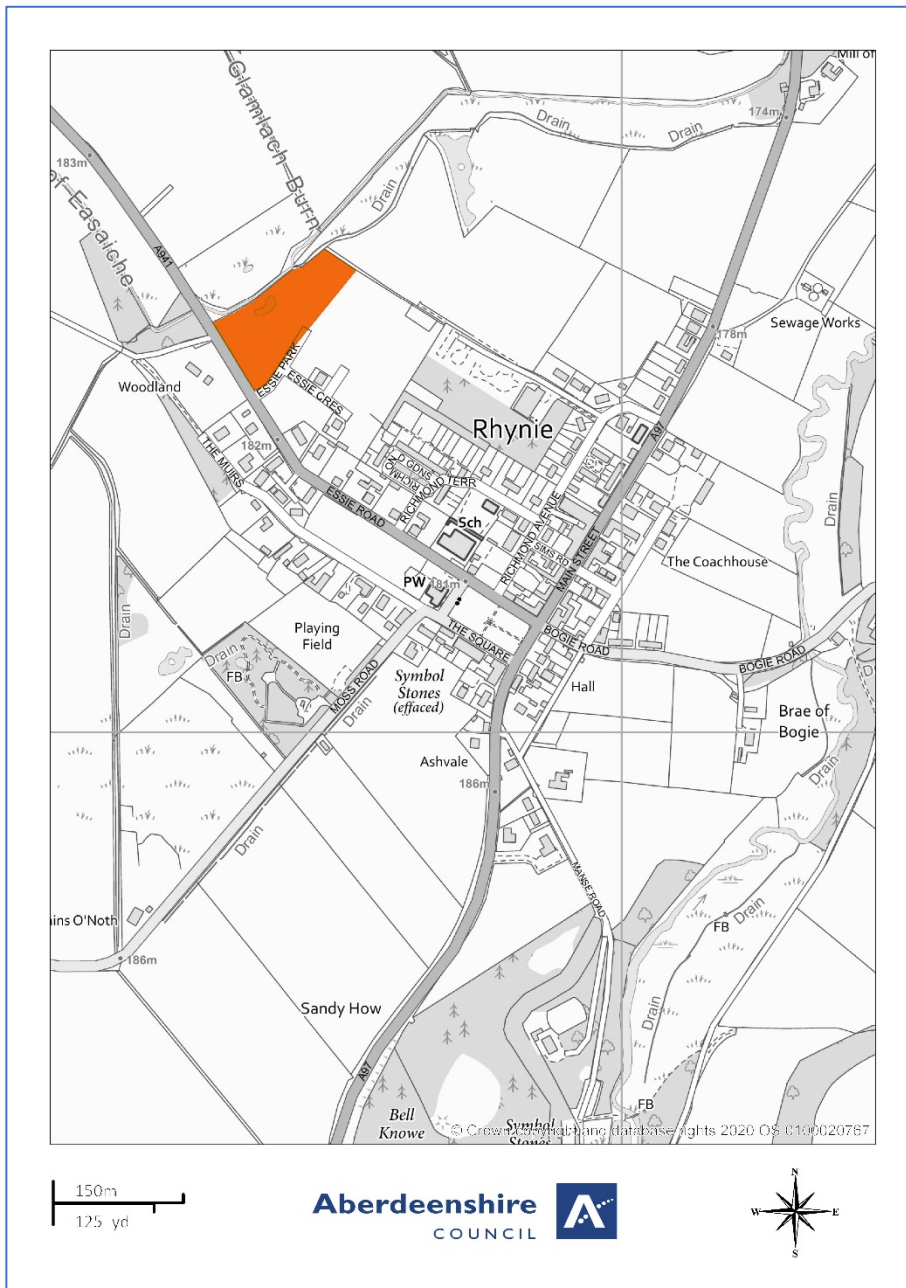
Open Space Audit Update 2019: Rhynie

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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