

## Settlement Summary: St Cyrus/Lochside

Population: 1047

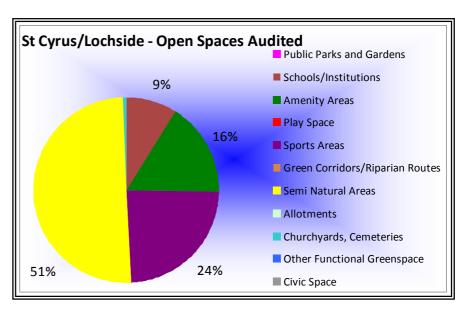
Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

## **Green Network Links**

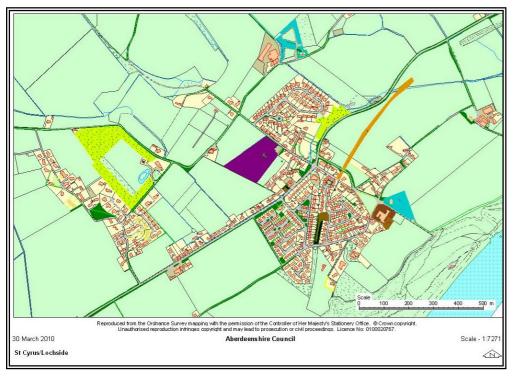
St Cyrus lies adjacent to the long distance coastal path which provides a link to the National Nature Reserve.

## **Open Space Requirements**



Auditors noted tennis courts in a poor state of repair at the park in Station Road. At Lochside, recommendations are to provide bins and benches on the small play area/greenspace by Highview Grove. Overall, there appears to be little provision for teenagers within the St Cyrus/Lochside area, suggesting that repairs to the tennis courts and some other provision for older children (e.g. teenage shelter; challenging climbing equipment) should be a priority, subject to the further views of the Community Council.

Although St Cyrus and Lochside taken together have a relatively low proportion of public open space, the National Nature Reserve along the adjacent coastal area is easily accessible.



The large proportion of semi-natural space shown for this area is due not to the coastal strip, but to the area of woodland lying northeast of Lochside, believed to be in private ownership.

- Public Parks and Gardens
- Play Space
- Semi Natural Areas
- Other Functional Greenspace
- Schools/Institutions
- Sports Areas
- Allotments

- Amenity Areas
- Green Corridors/Riparian Routes
- Churchyards, Cemeteries



## Open Space Audit Update 2019: St Cyrus

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.

