

## Settlement Summary: Udney Station

Population: 278

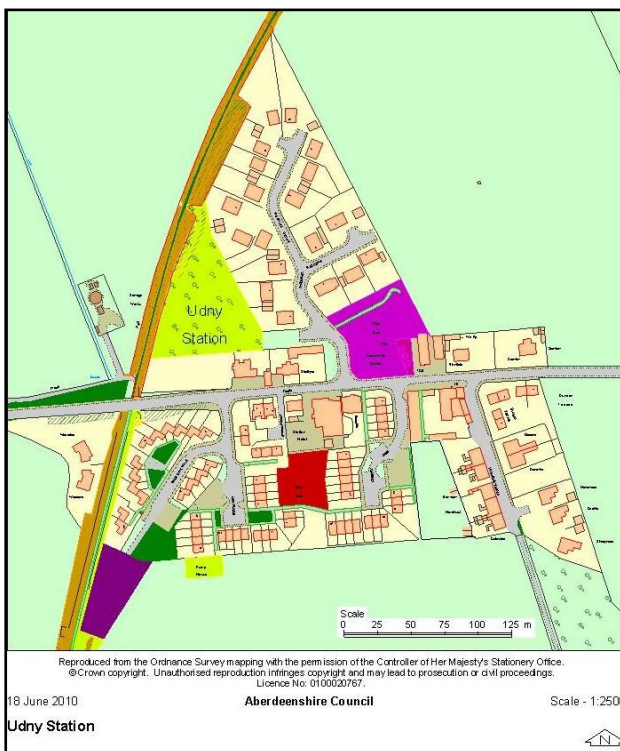
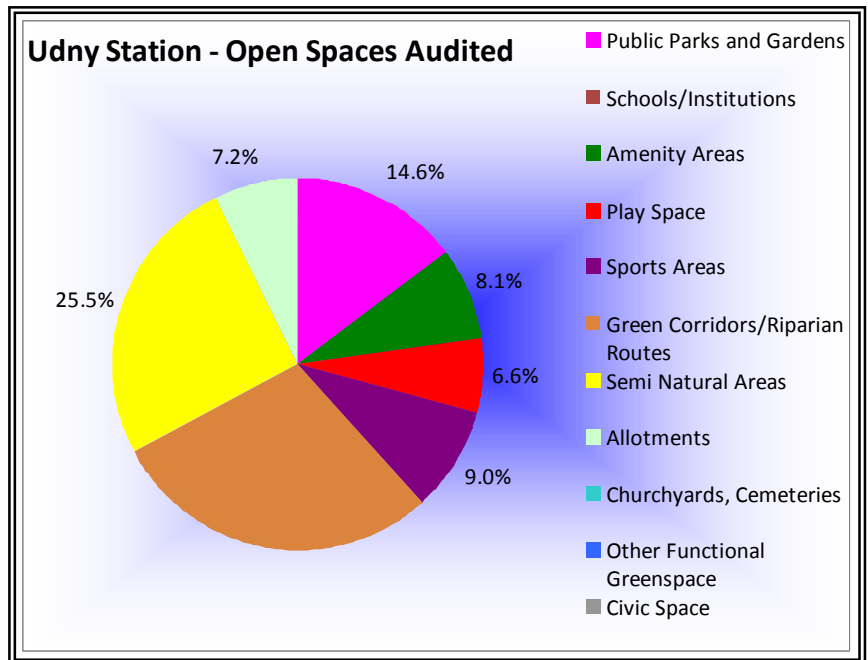
### Observations (of Community Council)

- Improved play area for community centre; would benefit from facilities for older children and the elderly.
- Improved amenity planting at shrub beds in Cherry Row.

### Green Network Links

The principle areas of open space in Udney Station adjoin the surrounding countryside, and a number of the remainder appear to have a degree of interconnection. In considering any new development for the village, it will be important to protect existing access to adjacent habitats. For example, consideration might be given to extending the existing habitat/woodland strip adjoining the community centre play area, to link with the Formartine and Buchan Way to the north.

### Open Space Requirements



Although there are positives from having greenspace on the perimeter of the village, the disadvantage is that Udney Station lacks a central focus, and would benefit from creation of a greater sense of place. With further development to the east, the community centre would occupy a more central location, underlining the need to enhance facilities in the associated greenspace. This area is managed by the Udney Station Conservation and Amenity group, with the help of grant funding from the Council and Formartine Partnership.

Udney Station is estimated as having about 44% open space, a reasonable amount for a village of this size. A considerable proportion of this may be accounted for by the area of woodland adjoining the Formartine and Buchan Way, itself forming part of a network of walks around the village.

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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 |                      |                                 |

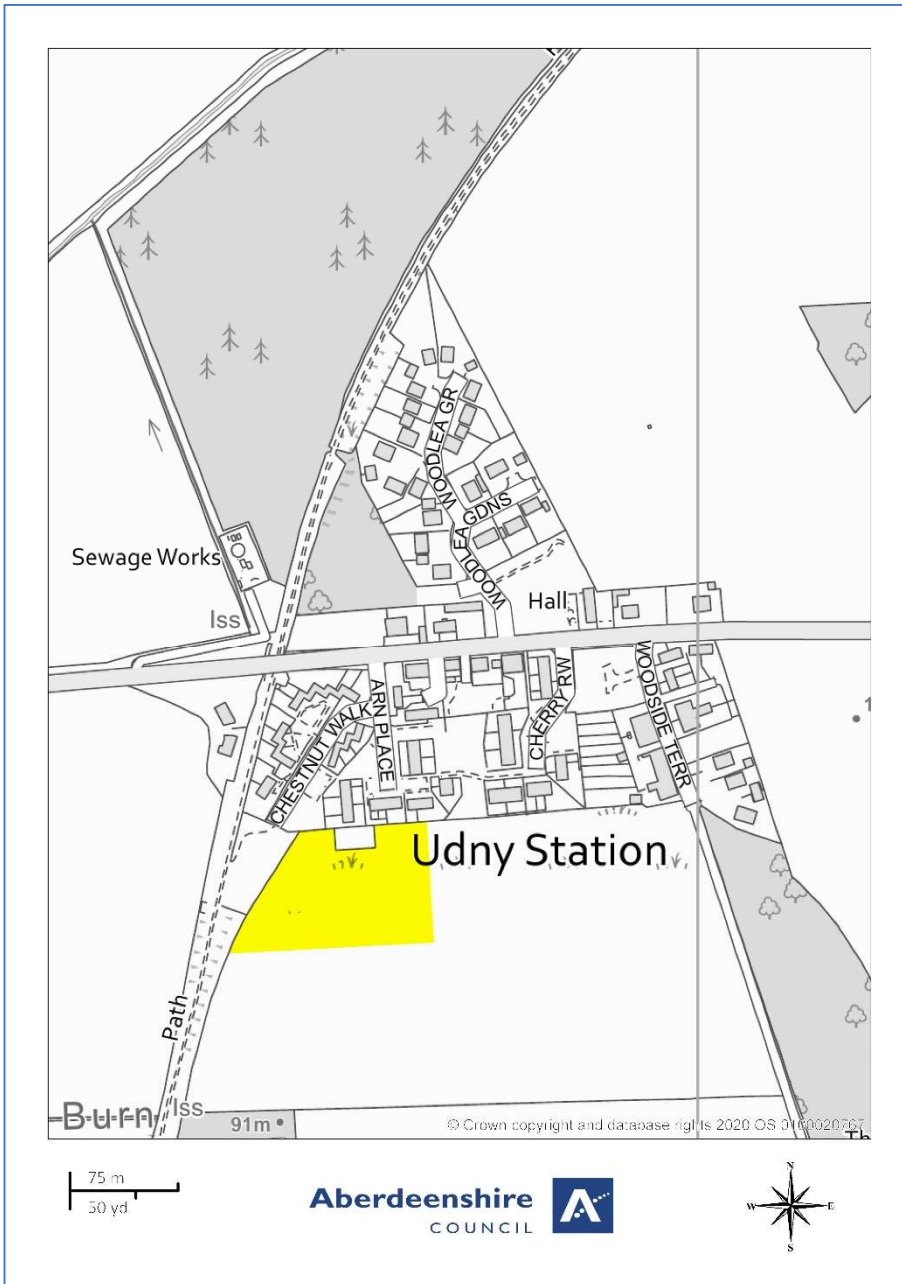
## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Udney Station

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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| <span style="color: red;">■</span> Play Space                   | <span style="color: purple;">■</span> Sports Areas        | <span style="color: orange;">■</span> Green Corridors/Riparian Routes |
| <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> Semi Natural Areas        | <span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span> Allotments      | <span style="color: cyan;">■</span> Churchyards, Cemeteries           |
| <span style="color: blue;">■</span> Other Functional Greenspace |   |   |