

## Settlement Summary: Belhelvie

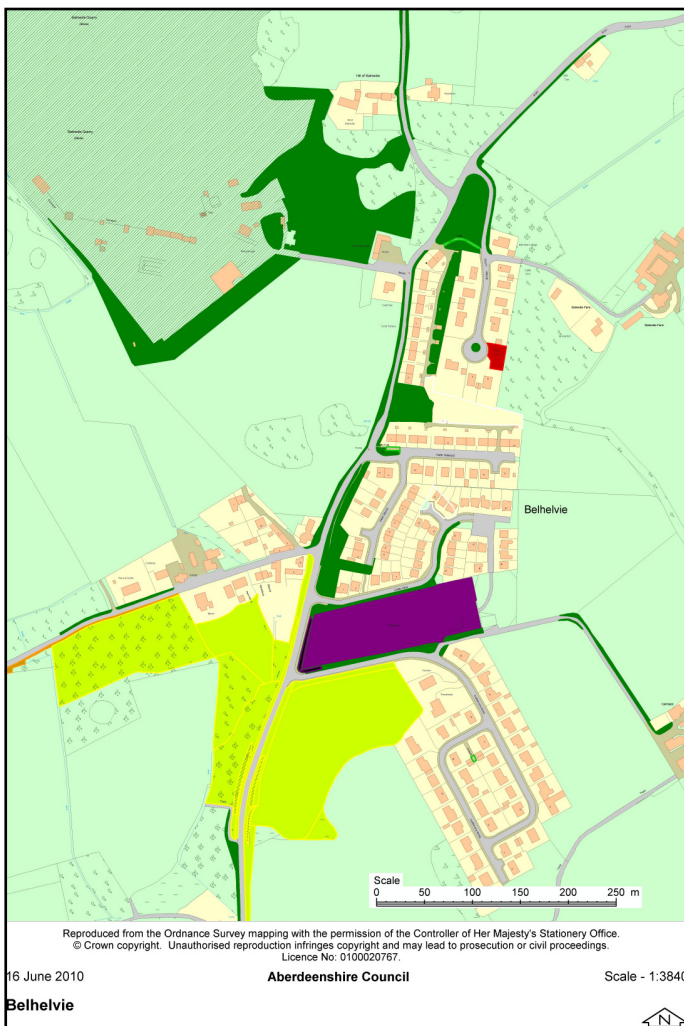
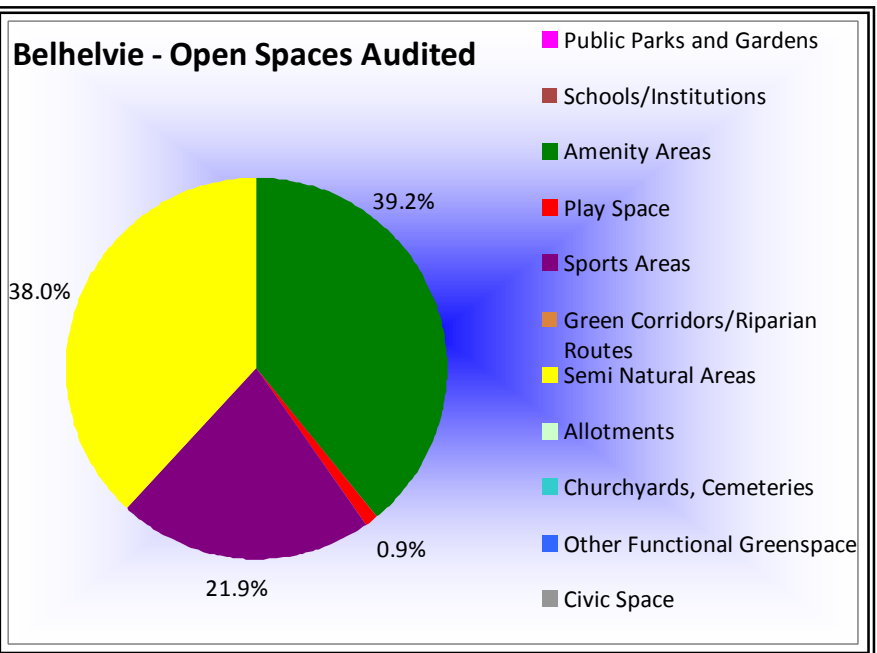
Population: 293

### Observations (of Community Council)

None Received

### Green Network Links

There are no obvious green links needed in the village, although any further development should ensure pedestrian links and green corridors are available to the surrounding countryside.



- 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 Requirements

There were no specific opportunities or significant problems noted here by auditors. However, repairs are needed to the notice board at the roadside area, and the football pitch suffers from poor drainage.

The playing field, which is also equipped with a play area and benches, appears well used and adequate for the size of settlement. In the event of drainage improvements on the site, additional recreation facilities are available at Balmedie. There may be scope for path improvement in Belhelvie woodland, as paths here attracted a low score in the audit; however, the woods are privately owned and the views of the community and the owner would need to be established in this respect.

Belhelvie currently has 52% open space, rather higher than the average for Aberdeenshire; this can largely be accounted for by the inclusion of business amenity land surrounding the quarry to the northwest of the village, and woodland to the south.

## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Belhelvie

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.**