

## Settlement Summary: St Combs

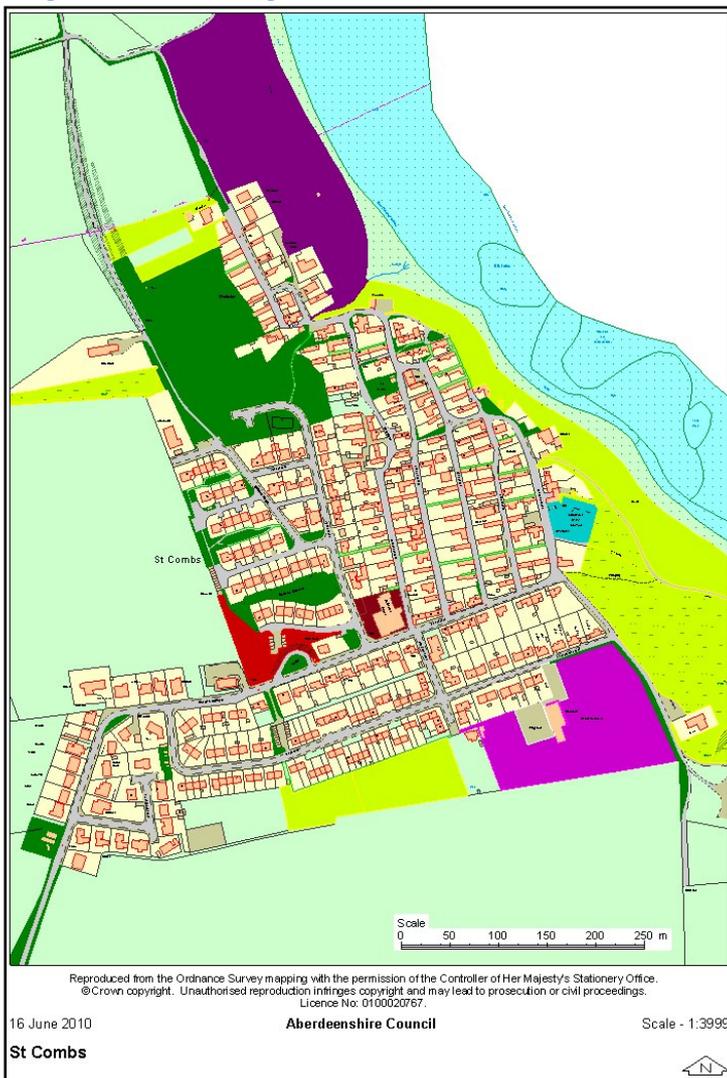
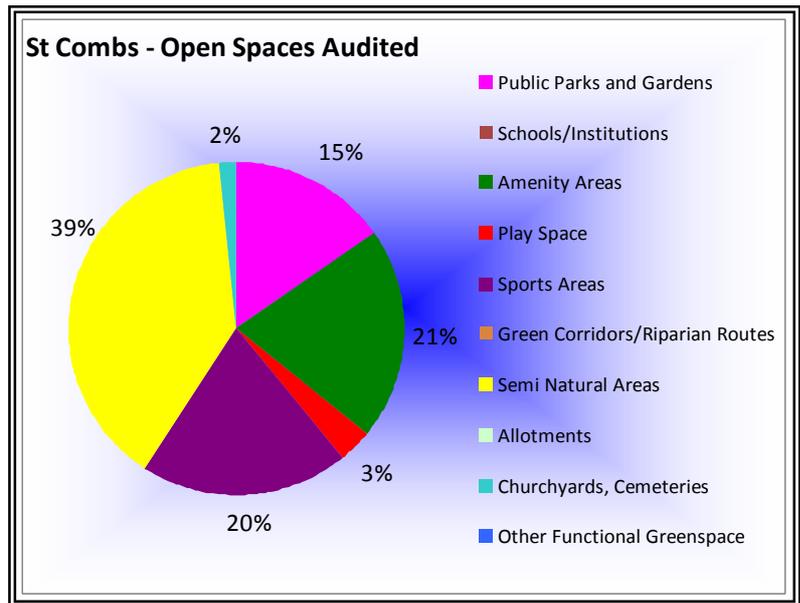
Population: 692

### Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

### Green Network Links

The Core Path plan proposes that the route of the coastal path in this area will be defined on the Back bar section between Rattray and St Combs. Within the village, most public spaces are located on the perimeter, or else are linked to the village edge, as at Carnegie Crescent.



- 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

Auditors recommend that facilities at St Combs Park be repaired and that the site's appearance, which is badly affected by vandalism, be improved.

The semi-natural areas of greenspace at West Street appear to have no clear purpose, but may have potential as community nature area, or for food growing. Options for this area would need to be further considered by the owner and local community. In the event of further development here, a buffer strip would need to be retained around the watercourse.

Suggestions elsewhere include the provision of benches and further planting at Carnegie Crescent amenity area.

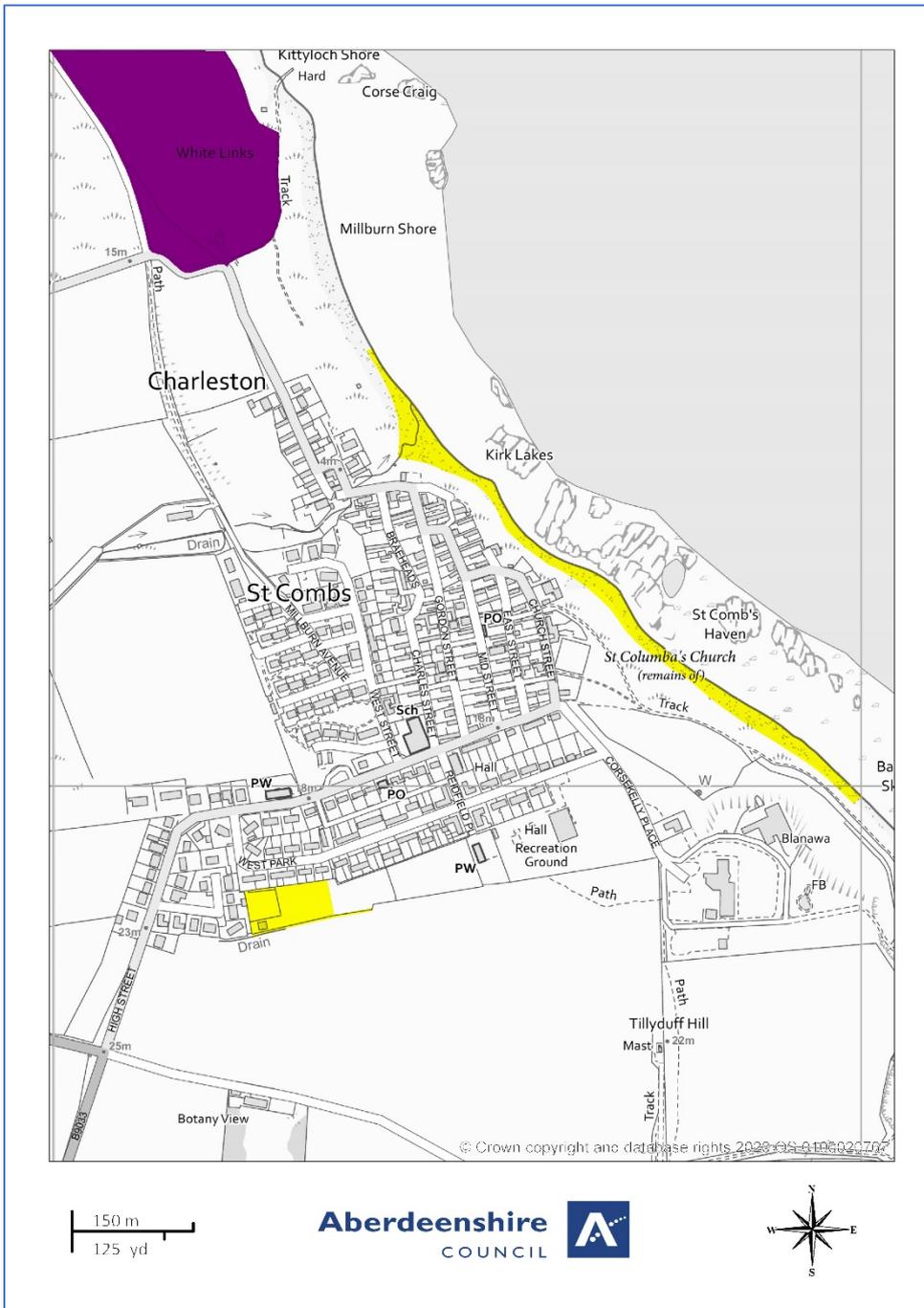
Overall, St Combs benefits from a coastal location offering a range of open space, with plenty of access to semi-natural areas. Much of the sports area is attributable to the golf course lying north of the village, the only other sporting area being for football.

## Open Space Audit Update 2019: St Combs

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: purple;">■</span> Public Parks and Gardens  | <span style="color: brown;">■</span> Schools/Institutions | <span style="color: green;">■</span> Amenity Areas                    |
| <span style="color: red;">■</span> Play Space                   | <span style="color: maroon;">■</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 |   |   |