

## Settlement Summary: Portsoy

Population: 1678

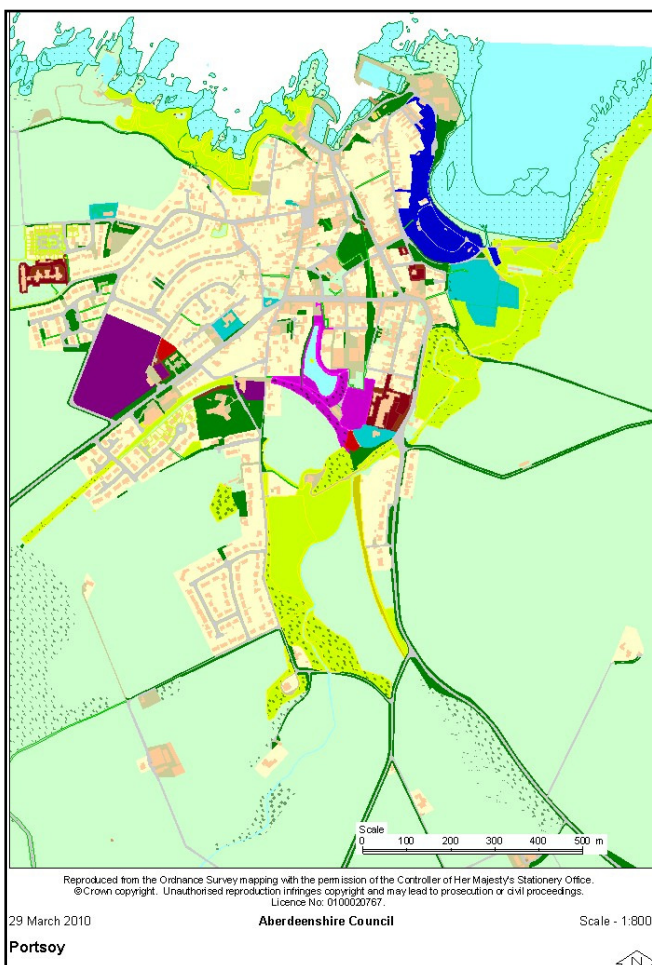
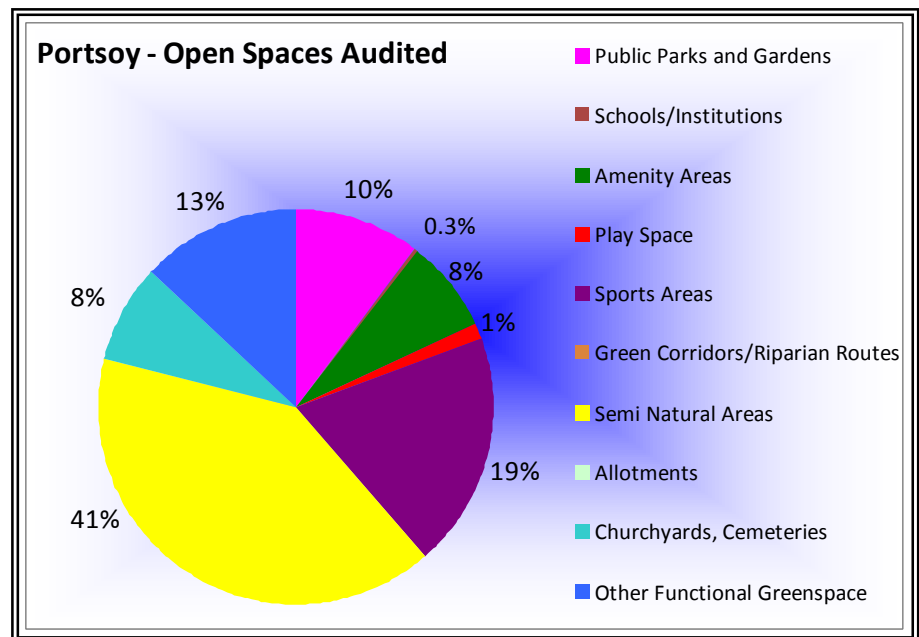
### Observations (of Community Council)

None received.

### Green Network Links

There are some good linkages between existing greenspace in the village. For example:

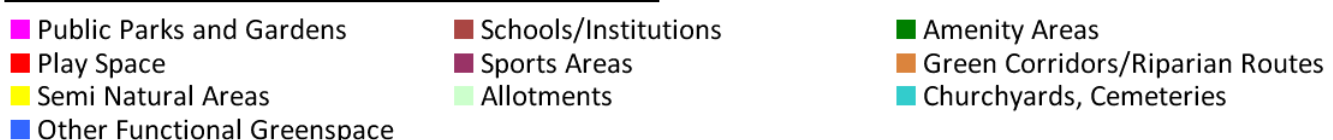
- Along the old railway line connecting Wally Green/Shillinghill and Seafield Place.
- Between the Loch of Soy park and semi-natural areas to the east surrounding the church and primary school
- Along the old railway line south west of the village.
- Durn Avenue to Kirk Wood.



Such links are undoubtedly an advantage, and care should be taken to retain them – particularly as scope to create new links elsewhere in the village is limited. The popular coastal route between Portsoy and Sandend, as well as the old railway line, are proposed as Core Paths.

### Open Space Requirements

Auditors have made recommendations for the provision of benches on nine sites, planting on nine sites, and installation of bins on four sites. All of these will be reviewed as part of the ongoing annual review of greenspace carried out by the Council. Other suggestions include the creation of formal paths within woodland at Durn Drive and Soy Avenue, and provision of a path up to the viewpoint above the harbour at Portsoy Marble. To the west of Church Street, the area of greenspace crossed by a footpath was noted as having potential for greater use; for example, through installation further planting and benches to the west of the path, and formation of a community garden to the east.

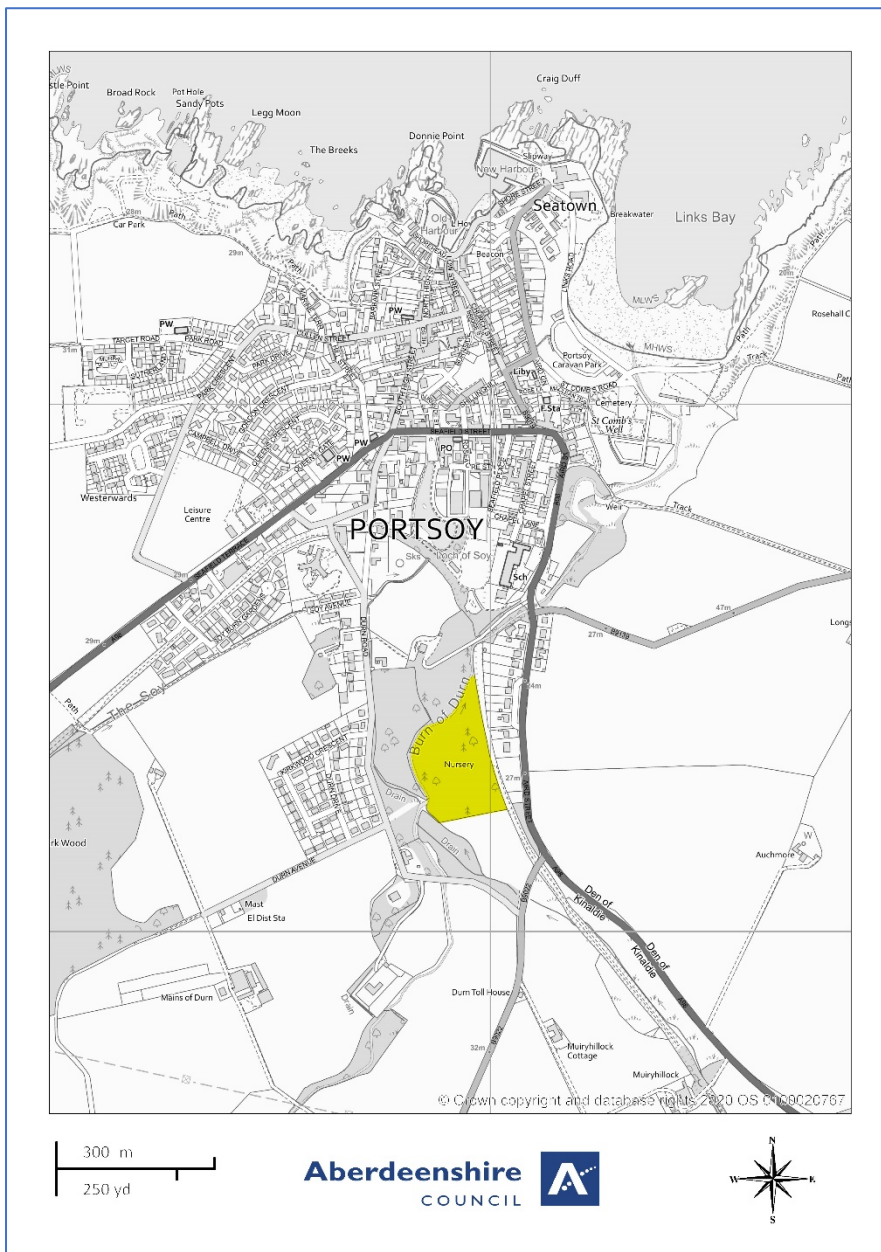


## Open Space Audit Update 2019: Portsoy

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: magenta;">■</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: 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 |   |   |