



**minutes 5** Walking distance is based on 3mph therefore 5 min = 440yds

**minutes 5** Cycling distance is based on 12mph therefore 5 min = 1 mile

# Aberchirder

## The Square

**minutes 15**

In the Square are two of the historic buildings in Foggie. The Fife Arms Hotel is one of the earliest, dating from the 18th Century, while the former Temperance Hotel has a date stone of 1814.

The Square has always been the location for events celebrating national and local events. You can see mementoes of two of Queen Victoria's long reign - the Jubilee Clock, erected on her Golden Jubilee in 1887, and the Jubilee Fountain, gifted by William Auchinachie, Aberchirder's first Provost, to mark her Diamond Jubilee. And a small plaque was placed beneath the clock during celebrations of Foggie's 250th anniversary in 2014.

By 2010 the Square had a tired and cluttered appearance. The Community Association obtained funding of over £80000 from Aberdeenshire Council and the European LEADER programme to pay for a much improved layout.

**minutes 10**



**minutes 5**

## Cleanhill Wood

Cleanhill Wood (known locally as The Hill) has entrances at the end of North Street and at two points on the A97 road. As well as providing a chance to observe nature, the Hill is an ideal place for a healthy walk, with three circular walks of varying length and steepness.

The southwest end of Cleanhill offers great views. In the foreground lies the A97 road leading to Bridge of Marnoch and Kinrady Castle, with the Grampian Mountains beyond. To the right the Deveron Valley leads past Old Marnoch Church. Further to the right again, the view stretches over the Auchintoul estate and Culvie towards Knock Hill. At the highest point of the Hill are two prominent historic features: a World War Two observation post and the 1960s reservoir which holds water pumped from the River Deveron at Marnoch.



## The Three Wells

Public wells originally provided Foggie with most of its water and you can see three of them today: Back Spot in Taylor Drive, Bruckle Well at Bronchal Court and Little Haven below South Street. Each well had beside it a bleaching green where women gathered to do their washing and to lay out linen which they bleached using buttermilk.

A mains water supply was constructed in the 1880s, but as late as 1960 Foggie suffered from water shortages in dry weather and had to rely on the old wells. This led the Town Council to have a reliable water supply created using water pumped to Cleanhill from the River Deveron at Marnoch.

## New Marnoch Church

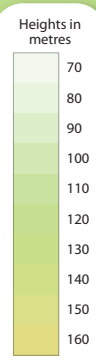


In 1841 all but one parishioner walked out of the parish church at Marnoch when the Presbytery came to install a new minister they did not want. Without a church building, they held services in a disused factory in Aberchirder with their choice, Rev David Henry, as minister. In two years they had raised over £3000 from a Scotland-wide appeal, more than enough to build a new church and manse at the east end of Main Street in Aberchirder. This dispute at Marnoch led directly to the national Disruption when the Evangelicals left the 1843 General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and set up the Free Church - of which New Marnoch Church became a member.



## KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Public car park
- Landmark
- Footpath
- Route 1
- Route 2
- Route 3
- Route 3a
- Route 4

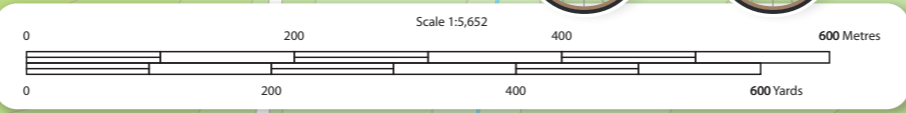


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Aberchirder, a fine example of a planned village, was founded in 1764 by Alexander Gordon of Auchintoul. He named it Foggielean after a nearby farm town, and the old name is still used today. The village was built on a grid pattern around a central square. Walking round the old part of the town, now a conservation area, you can imagine how the original settlement looked.

Aberchirder is a centre for walking and cycling. Cleanhill Wood forms the hub of a set of paths and quiet country roads which suit walkers and cyclists of all ages, and often offer stunning views, particularly to the Grampian Mountains to the southwest.

Walk	Notes	Distance
1		3.2 kms
2		4.2 kms
3		3.2 kms
3a		5.2 kms
4		4.6 kms

Record your walks here

# Aberchirder

Walking & Cycling

From mountain to sea



This map aims to simplify your journey around Aberchirder, whether by cycle or walking.

We are committed to helping residents and visitors move around Aberchirder easily, cheaply and with the least impact on our environment.

Our town has excellent links for walking and cycling!

## Walking

Walking offers most of us the chance to stay fit and healthy and get around over short distances. It is pollution free and a sociable activity, allowing plenty of opportunities to bump into neighbours or to meet up with friends. Walking is usually the fastest and most efficient way of getting around town for those living locally and avoids all the frustration and delay of taking the car.

## Cycling

The quickest way to travel short distances in towns is by bike. A maintained bike is ready when you are, with very little that can go wrong. A bike can nearly always be parked outside your destination. It's cheap and reliable plus you feel better by being a little active. And above all, it's fun!

### Work out your calorie count when walking

Weight	10mins	20mins	30mins	40mins
7st 12lbs	29	58	86	115
9st 6lbs	35	69	104	138
11st 0lbs	40	81	121	161
12st 8lbs	46	92	138	184
14st 3lbs	52	104	156	208
15st 10lbs	58	115	173	231

The numbers show the calories burnt when walking, based on flat terrain which is of a good, consistent hard surface like a pavement. Numbers are based on an average person.  
For more information, please visit [www.nhs.uk/Change4Life](http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life)

Aberdeenshire walking and cycling maps are freely available for most towns.

It's easy to get around by foot or on your bike – for a purpose or just for fun!

### Walk 1 – Green Route

Heading north from the Square, the route then heads east, passing the site of the Marnoch Memorial Hall, dedicated to the fallen of WWI. The route then passes a playpark, purchased concurrently with the McRobert Park, with money from the McRobert Bequest of 1930. Here, you can find the Provosts' stone, gifted by the last Provost of Foggie, Robert Bremner. Route 1 then heads into the post-1960s expansion area of Aberchirder, including Causewayend Crescent from 1968, and the 1980s-era Anderson/Maclennan Park, on the site of the Causewayend Quarry. At Foggie's northernmost point lies a viewpoint, where the village and its surroundings can be seen. Heading back towards older areas of Foggie, the route passes Aberchirder School, opposite the former dairy, burgh slaughterhouse and fire station, which date from the 1890s, as well as the Back Spout Well, one of Foggie's three historic wells. Finally, the route passes McRobert Park, also purchased with money from the McRobert Bequest, and returns to the Square.

### Walk 2 – Purple Route

Leaving The Square to the north, Route 2 heads directly around McRobert Park, used today by the Foggie Flower Show and St Marnan's FC, before heading into Cleanhill Wood past Bronchal Well, one of Foggie's three traditional wells. In the wood, there is a WWII observation post and 1970s reservoir. The route then reaches a viewpoint, with views over the A97 to the Grampian Mountains. The route continues through the scenic woods, re-entering Aberchirder at the Aul' Jile, the village's police station until 1908. On the southern edge of Foggie lie the Lotted Lands, strips of ground where house owners could grow crops. The route then passes The Old Aberchirder School and the other former Police Station in Aberchirder, this one constructed in 1908. Finally, the route reaches its end just beyond the Church Hall, built as a church in 1899 and now a busy community meeting place.

### Walk 3 – Orange Route

Heading to the south of the Square, the route incorporates the remains of the schoolmaster's house, possibly the oldest surviving house in the village, before heading out towards Quarryhill past the Lotted Lands and the Little Haven Well. Here, an optional route extension passes the Knockorth Quarry, which provided stone for much of Foggie's housing in the 19th Century, and provides exceptional views of the Grampian Mountains, from Foudland through Tap o' Noth to Ben Rinnes. After this optional diversion, the village can be seen once again, with the pre-1966 buildings on the left, and the post-1966 expansion on the right. Continuing towards the village, the route passes the short-lived curling pond and 1970s sewage works, before making its way up into the village, passing one of Aberchirder's two disused smiddies. On Main Street, the route passes the New Inn, from the late 18th Century, and finishes at the even older Fife Arms Hotel.

### Walk 4 – Blue Route

Starting at the Fife Arms Hotel, said to be the oldest building in Aberchirder, the route passes the Back Spout Well and incorporates McRobert Park and the more modern community facilities to the north of the village, including the Community Pavilion, the Men's Shed and Community Garden. The Bronchal Well and the Little Haven Well make up the remainder of the village's three wells, which this route passes. To the south of the village lie the Lotted Lands, strips of ground where house owners could grow crops. Re-entering the town, the route passes the Old School, dating from 1866 as a Church of Scotland school, and the remains of the schoolmaster's house, possibly the oldest surviving house in the village, before concluding at the Temperance Hotel, with its date stone of 1814.



Learn much more about Aberchirder at [www.foggieloan.co.uk](http://www.foggieloan.co.uk)

