

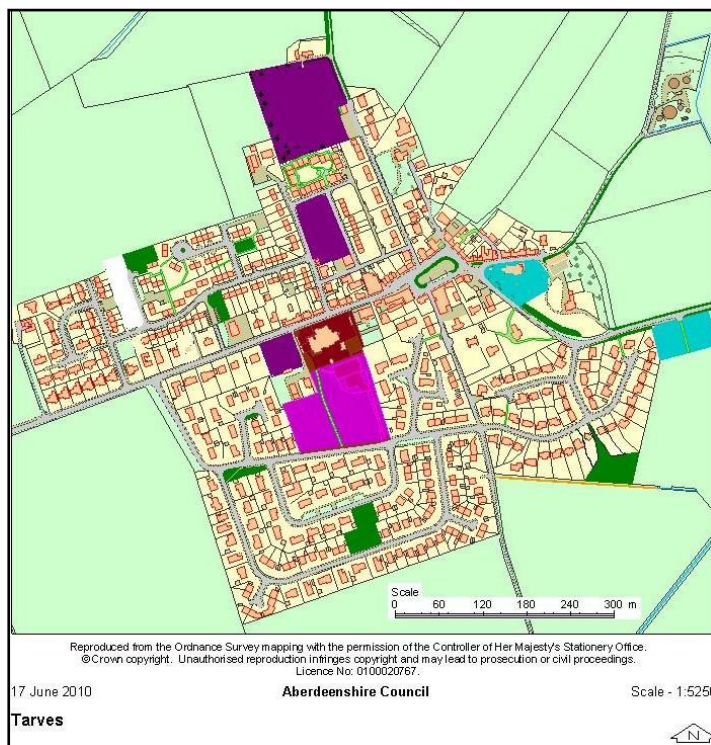
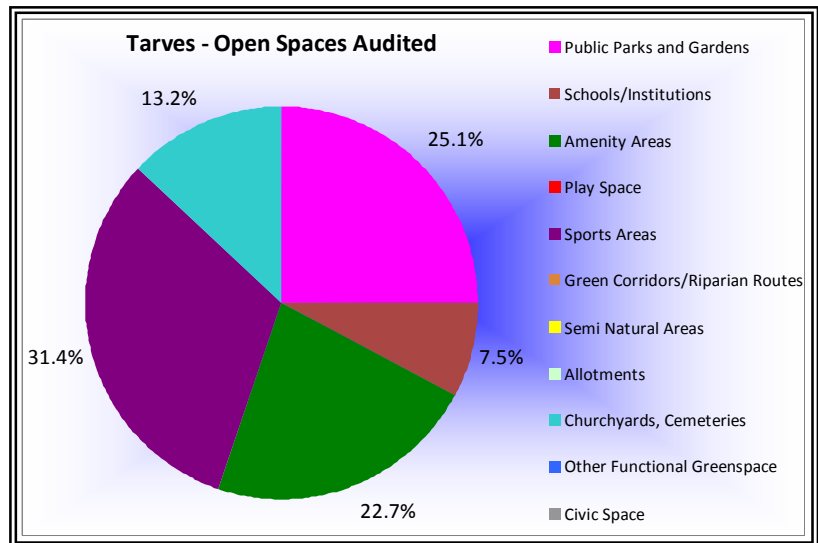
Settlement Summary: Tarves

Population: 888

Observations (of Community Council)

Concerns raised regarding:

- Maintenance of open spaces, with particular reference to Tolquhon Avenue park, land at Mackie Crescent and the cemetery.
- Issues with maintenance and drainage along the old Aberdeen Road (to north and south side of village).
- Need to clarify and formalise maintenance responsibilities at the all weather court, Mackie Crescent and war memorial area at the top of Kirk Brae.
- Potential for allotments identified at the Mackie Avenue amenity area, and on land to the south of Bede Way opposite Manse Walk.
- A priority area for additional play provision is identified at the west end of Mackie Avenue (for younger children); and another possible area for a play park on land to the south of Bede Way – if this is not converted to allotments (see comment above).
- Dogs and dog fouling are an issue in Braiklay Avenue Park.



Green Network Links

Green spaces in Tarves are poorly linked, and on several sites have no connection to the surrounding countryside. In most cases, there is little potential for improvement to the established pattern of the village in this respect. However, open space to the south of Bede Way provides a valuable link to Old Aberdeen Road, and this is a well used for dog walking. Should new development occur, it will be important to maintain links between new greenspace and the surrounding countryside.

The Old Aberdeen Road to the north and south of the village is proposed as a Core Path. The Tarves Heritage Project would be well placed to enable necessary path improvements to be carried in these areas, were funding to become available eg: as a

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| Other Functional Greenspace | | |

result of small to medium scale development in the village. Priority is likely to be given to works at the southern end, where the path is closest to the community

Open Space Requirements

The provision of additional play equipment in Mackie Avenue, and of an area for allotments, have been addressed at the time of writing. Likewise, additional dog bins and signage have been delivered to Braiklay Avenue Park. A further, detailed appraisal of the open spaces and maintenance regime for Tarves is due to be carried out in 2010.

However, the Community Council's queries with regard to ownership can be clarified, in that:

- The all weather court behind the school is owned and maintained by the Council's Leisure and Recreation Service
- Mackie Crescent and War Memorial area is owned and maintained by the Council.

Calculations suggest that overall, open space in the village is as low as 15 per cent, which can largely be explained by the absence of immediately accessible areas of greenspace around the settlement, such as golf courses or amenity woodland. The lack of particular concern on this issue within the consultation response would suggest that Haddo Estate, located to the north of Tarves, fulfils this role, although it may not do so for all users. (eg: the elderly, and non-car owners) In this context, green linkages, with appropriate planting and seating opportunities, will be particularly important in the event of new development.

Tarves has a relatively high proportion of space available for sports facilities (31%) compared to the Aberdeenshire average of just under 13% - due to the range of facilities available at the bowling club, playing field, football club and skate park. It will be important to maintain the quality in these areas.

Open Space Audit Update 2019: Tarves

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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