



**Aden
Country Park
Community
Action Plan**

LEGEND

- PARKING
- TOILET FACILITIES
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- CARAVAN AREA
- RECYCLING FACILITIES
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1 CENTRAL AREA

- COACH HOUSE
- LANDSCAPE SERVICES
- RANGER OFFICE & INFORMATION
- ABERDEENSHIRE FARMING MUSEUM
- CAFE
- GRIEVE'S COTTAGE
- THEATRE



- BOOK OF DEER
- BALANCE CRYSTALS & INNER HARMONY
- NEFA
- ARC RECORDING STUDIO
- GAS WORKS

2 MANSION HOUSE

3 HARESHOWE FARM

4 CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITE

5 SAWMILL, NURSERY & GARDENER'S COTTAGE
NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

6 NATURAL HISTORY CABIN

7 MINERAL WELL

8 ICE HOUSE

9 ICE CREAM KIOSK

10 FORESTER'S COTTAGE

11 GOLDIE'S LODGE (NORTH)

12 TWIN LODGES (SOUTH)

13 14 15 16 PARKING
14 IS EXCLUSIVELY FOR DISABLED VEHICLES ONLY

17 LAKE

18 UNIFORM GROUP CAMPSITE

19 VICTORIAN ARBORETUM

20 NEW ARBORETUM

21 CARERS, SENSORY & SANDS GARDENS

22 CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE PLAY AREA

23 MAIN ARENA

24 BARBECUE & PICNIC AREA

25 OUTDOOR GYM

26 DOG EXERCISE AREA

27 DOG AGILITY AREA

28 HORSE ARENA

ADEN COUNTRY PARK



Aden Country Park in Mintlaw, Aberdeenshire, is a 230 acre country park in the heart of Buchan. Aden (pronounced Aa-den), meaning bonnie burn or brae, offers a warm welcome, beautiful surroundings, and a wide range of opportunities for relaxation and recreation for individuals, families, and groups to enjoy. Aden is located along the A950 Station Road, one mile west of Mintlaw and due East of Old Deer. It is centrally located 9 miles from Peterhead, 13 miles from Fraserburgh, 15 miles from Ellon, 19 miles from Turriff, and 30 miles from Aberdeen.

Aden is first recorded in a New Testament manuscript written by the Celtic monks of Deer Monastery, known as the Book of Deer. King Robert the Bruce gave the Barony of Aden in 1324 to Robert Keith, the Earl Marischal, as a reward for loyal service during the War of Independence and these lands remained in the hands of the Keith's for almost 400 years. However Aden's present appearance dates from the ownership of the Russell family who owned and managed the Aden Estate from 1758 to 1937.

In 1974 Banff and Buchan District Council purchased the Aden site and in 1975 Aden was designated a Country Park. With considerable support from the Countryside Commission for Scotland the mansion house was consolidated and in 1983 the renovation of the steading as a Farming Museum was completed.

Aden Country Park covers around 87 hectares of land of which 40 hectares are of mixed woodland, 18 hectares of land leased for grazing, 14 hectares of open parkland used for picnics and events, 8 hectares of former agricultural land is used as the field system for the Hareshowe Farm and the remaining area

comprising of river valley, mill lake, walled garden/nursery, the remains of the mansion house, the award winning Aberdeenshire Farming Museum, and 5 star caravan and camping park.

The Park is owned and managed by various Aberdeenshire Council services including Landscape, Cultural, Ranger, and Property Services.

Often referred to as "the jewel in the Buchan crown" Aden has, for a second year in a row, been recognised as one of the country's best green spaces with a prestigious Green Flag Award. The awards recognise and reward the best parks in the country and Aden impressed the judges with its excellent use of green space, well-maintained facilities and high standard of safety and security.

Situated in the heart of the park lies a semi-circular farmstead Grade A listed building built around 1800 and a coach house built in 1832. This now houses the award winning Aberdeenshire Farming Museum, containing a Recognised Collection of National Significance awarded by the Scottish Museums Council (SMC), now called Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS).

Other facilities on offer at the park include a café/restaurant, children's play area, picnic and barbeque sites, woodland and riverside walks, craft shop (Balance Crystals & Inner Harmony), Hareshowe Farm, North East Folklore Archive (NEFA), ARC Recording Studio, Book of Deer visitor centre, ice cream kiosk, SANDS and carers/sensory gardens, outdoor gym, dog agility and exercise area, fishing, horse arena and bridleway, car parking, toilets, and of course an enjoyable stay at the 5 Star Aden Caravan & Camping Park.

Apart from all these 'organised' uses the park itself provides beautiful surroundings simply for enjoyable walking for local residents and visitors to the area. The ruined mansion house creates a great deal of interest as does the fascinating Victorian arboretum which is now being complemented with its 21st century equivalent.

The park also regularly plays host to a variety of different equestrian events and educational outings. Children's play groups enjoy picnics and the play area facilities and there are a number of events held annually including pipe band competition, vintage tractor working day, Easter egg hunt and Halloween events. Other activities include an orienteering course, music and art events, feeding the ducks at the lake, and occasional vintage car and bike rallies.

Address: Aden Country Park, Station Road, Mintlaw, AB42 8FQ - Grid Reference NJ 982 479
www.adencountrypark.org.uk

Things we like about Aden (provided by various members of the community and visitors to Aden)

"A wonderful facility"

"Tidy Park, well kept, safe feeling about it"

"Lucky to have it on our doorstep"

"Hugh potential but severely underused"

What could be better

"Better signage throughout park"

"Longer opening times for all facilities"

"Better publicity of events and facilities needed"

"Museum & café buildings are dark and unwelcoming"

"More baby swings and items suitable for younger children"



Aberdeenshire Farming Museum.



Aden Country Park.



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Aden Country Park: Buchan Community Plan 2010-2014

The Buchan Local Community Plan brings together the key actions and projects of a number of public agencies under five themes – Community Wellbeing, Developing Our Partnership, Sustainable Environment, Jobs and the Economy and Lifelong Learning. It also includes actions based on consultation with the local communities and local community groups. The plan can be accessed

on www.ouraberdeenshire.gov.uk/buchan.

The latest version includes actions specifically for Aden Country Park which are listed below and there are numerous general intentions in all categories within the plan which might affect Aden. The Country Park is situated next to Mintlaw Academy and Pitfour Primary School which opens out opportunities to use the Park for a whole host of educational and physical activities.

Specific Actions:

Heading/Lead Service

Action/Project (with reference in LCP)

Jobs and the Economy

B8 Tourism Initiatives Image and Promotion

To work on tourism related economic developments within Buchan and enable them to organise local Festivals and Events
To continue the marketing and branding of Buchan as a destination to the public
To work with Tourism Initiatives in promoting the attractions of Buchan including outdoor pursuits ie golf, walking, water activities and ornithology and to raise awareness of lack of accommodation providers

B11 Social Economy

To work with Buchan Development Partnership to explore opportunities and potential partner actions that will support social enterprises to develop and become sustainable

Lifelong Learning

C1 Community Schools Networks

To share good practice so that multi agency work improves the health and wellbeing of children and young people and also empowers them to sustain their own health and well being

C2 Active Schools Programme

To increase the level of participation in sport and physical activity by young people in Buchan. To develop improved links from schools in Buchan to sports and recreation clubs in the wider community through the Community School Network that covers the Mintlaw area

C3 Holiday Activity Programmes

To continue to support and promote the Holiday Activity Programmes and increase the range of activities, through the Community Schools Network at Mintlaw, which includes all the feeder Primary Schools to enable young people to participate.

C4 Buchan Rangers

To deliver up to 40 environmental sessions, linked to the Curriculum for Excellence, to Aberdeenshire Schools by leading sessions at inland and coastal sites in Buchan and by visiting schools.

C10 Cultural and Heritage Opportunities for People of all ages
 To improve and promote access to the collections of Aberdeenshire Council. The education resource centre at Mintlaw will be developed as the Discovery Centre focusing on family friendly and school orientated activity linking to the Curriculum of Excellence.

Sustainable Environment

D7 Aden Country Park
 To work with the Consultative Committee and produce a marketing plan to promote existing facilities and widen representation on the group.
 To explore the feasibility of extending the Caravan Site to cope with increased demand.
 To continue the establishment of an Arboretum

D8 Buchan Rangers Service
 To run 15 guided walks and events for the public at variety of Buchan countryside and coastal sites throughout the year to
 - Promote the cultural, historical and natural environments of the Buchan Area to people of all ages
 - Increase opportunities for participating in sport and leisure activities especially walking
 - Promote Council strategies eg sustainability
 - Promote the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and responsible access to Buchan's countryside and coast.

D9 Nature Conservation
 To look for opportunities for future tree planting across Buchan to increase sources for marketable timber eg woodchips and to improve local environments and create diverse habitats - Aden Country Park is mentioned as a location for this.

D10 Paths and Outdoor Access
 To continue the delivery of the Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum, utilising the local forums eg Community Council or Buchan Development Partnership as appropriate and to deliver the Core Paths Plan
 To continue the development and implementation of path projects around Buchan eg The Formartine and Buchan Way - Aden Country Park is located on this route.

D16 Increased Awareness of Waste Reduction Reuse and Recycling
 To provide information and events and workshops regarding waste and recycling
 To promote the national campaign for "Love Food Hate Waste" encouraging householders to reduce food waste

D19 Green Dog Walkers Initiative
 To pilot the "Green Dog Walkers Initiative" to address concerns raised by the community through the Planning for Real consultations to address concerns about dog mess and subsequent health issues.

Developing Our Partnership

E1 Partnership Working
 To work together with our Community Planning Partners to ensure we share resources, skills and experience to support ongoing activities, resulting in a positive impact on the communities within the Buchan area.



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Aden Lake.



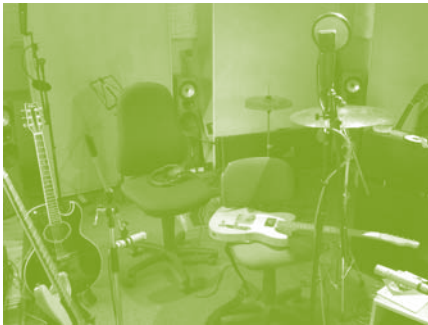
Aden Country Park.



Aden Mansion House.



Aden Theatre.



ARC Recording Studio.



Coach House.

Originally an Aden Consultative Committee was formed to look at how best to develop and sustain the asset of Aden Country Park. On behalf of this group (subsequently called the Aden Development Group) Buchan Development Partnership successfully secured funding from LEADER in 2010 for the “Making the Most of Aden Country Park” project. A Development Worker was appointed for 18 months to produce a development plan, looking at how best to promote, regenerate, financially sustain, and increase participation and public access to Aden Country Park and all its amenities.

A small Aden Working Group was established to drive forward the project. The Development Worker carried out a community consultation process where a paper based questionnaire was made available throughout Aden Country Park and at several local events including Mintlaw Gala, Pipe Band Competition, Teddy Bears’ Picnic, and Vintage Tractor Day. The questionnaire was also available online via Survey Monkey.

The main aims of the consultation process were to encourage the local community, visitors, non-visitors, users, and volunteers from across the Buchan area to:

- become partners in the decision making process
- help identify what areas of Aden Country Park are both successful and in need of improvement

- ascertain what the needs and gaps are
- gather opinions as to how Aden Country Park can be regenerated
- demonstrate that there is a need for Aden to be improved

In total 466 people, predominantly from the Buchan area completed the “Making the Most of Aden Country Park” paper based or online questionnaire.

The questionnaire was split up into five main topics which included attendance, facilities, activities & events, marketing & promotion, and demographics. This was followed up by a prioritisation event at the Buchan Development Partnership Forum in October 2010.

The results of this consultation along with input from the Council Services working within the Park have been used to create this action plan.

It should be stressed that the actions in this plan are very much suggested actions that will require further research and development work to determine their feasibility and suitability for Aden Country Park.

The top three priorities to emerge from the review are outlined below

Identify the best model to improve governance and management

There are several different models which could be adopted for improving the governance of Aden Country Park. The main aim of this objective is to establish the best model for Aden. Whichever model is adopted, it is important to note that the ability to manage Aden Country Park more flexibly is essential, coupled with being able to manage the Park holistically, in its entirety, as opposed to how currently the Park is fragmented into separate Aberdeenshire Council Service responsibilities.

The Aden Development Group concluded that while the management, maintenance and enhancement of the Park landscape and plant nursery were maintained well by the Aberdeenshire Council Landscape Services department, all commercial aspects within Aden Country Park would be better managed by the formation of a new independent Trust, allowing them to draw down additional sources of external finance.

Identify development opportunities, revenue generation streams and potential funding sources with the Park

The main aim of this priority is to identify areas of Aden Country Park that need improved and those that have the potential to be developed.

From the community consultation work the restaurant/café was identified as both a popular area in the Park and also the facility most in need of improvement. It is fair to say that this facility is looking “tired” and would benefit from an upgrade to attract customers. Comments included “Café is too dark; too expensive, needs decorating/enlarging and the toilets need upgrading”

Other potential development opportunities within the Park are listed on page 8, 9, 10, 11

Identify ways in which to promote Aden Country Park most effectively

The third priority is the marketing and promotion of the Aden Country Park. Historically it has been identified that there has been a lack of promotion of events and facilities on offer within the Park. Over the duration of the project a new website (www.adencountrypark.org.uk) has been developed and launched which pulls together information on all the park has to offer.

Over the last 18 months, events have been organised and actively promoted. As a result visitor numbers have significantly increased.



Book of Deer.



Caravan and Camping Site.



Childrens Play Area.



Coach Park.



Craft Shop (Balance Crystals).



Dog Agility Area.



Hareshowe Farm.



Gardeners Cottage.

Aberdeenshire Farming Museum

The award-winning Aberdeenshire Farming Museum brings alive the story of the famous NE farming past in the unique semi-circular Aden Estate home farm. During the public consultation it was identified that the Museum was both a very popular area in the Park but also one of the facilities most in need of improvement. As a result sustainability options include an introduction of retail, admission charge, and a development curator. Comments included “Farming Museum is out-dated, exhibits need changing, and there is no disabled access to upstairs area of museum”. (It should be noted that since the consultation has taken place, work has begun on changing temporary exhibits)

Craft Shop (Balance Crystals) & Work Shop (Inner Harmony)

Feedback from the consultation showed that the Craft Shop was also one of the facilities most in need of improvement. It identified that visitor expectations were not being met i.e. in the type of products being sold. Furthermore comment was made that a Crystal Shop and Holistic Therapist is not something that fits with a Country Park. Comments included “An arts & crafts shop with local products & demonstrations would be better” and “nothing for children and no souvenirs for coach trips or holiday makers”

Aden Theatre

The Aden Theatre is a multi-functional space located inside the Farming Museum. Following

feedback from local groups the cost of hiring the theatre space has been reviewed. It is now hoped that with promotion the Aden Theatre can be used for a multitude of events and activities such as meeting/talks/seminars, weddings, performing arts, music, and children’s events, exhibitions, and potentially as a cinema. Comments included “The Aden Theatre is attractive but has become very expensive”. (It should be noted that since the consultation has taken place, funding has been awarded to improve the Aden Theatre)

Hareshowe Farm

Hareshowe originally situated near New Deer, is a typical Buchan small farm of the 1890s set in 30 acres of land. In 1990 Hareshowe was dismantled and then brought to Aden piece by piece, where it was rebuilt. Today Hareshowe Farm is maintained as a living history exhibit set in the 1950’s. Ideas for future sustainability included seeking donations, introducing farm animals, organising workshops/demonstrations and the development of educational programmes.

North East Folklore Archive (NEFA)

The North East Folklore Archive (NEFA) is an award winning cultural resource for the study and appreciation of the traditions and social history predominantly from the farming and fishing communities of North East Aberdeenshire. To increase sustainability opportunities it has been identified that it would be expedient for NEFA to work in partnership with Schools, Universities, Arts Development,

Museum Service, and possibly the Library Service, building upon existing oral and social history projects.

ARC Recording Studio

ARC Recording Studio is a professional recording studio offering a broad range of services available for all ages/music genres to hire. The feedback received identified that the majority of respondents were largely unaware that the studio was in the Park and that it was a facility that anyone could use. Discussions around sustainability focused on improving promotion and building on existing services, working more with schools, providing new services such as workshops and training, and possibly extending the studio into the Aden Theatre.

Book of Deer

The Book of Deer is one of Scotland's most important manuscripts, containing the oldest pieces of Gaelic writing to have survived from early Medieval Scotland. The Book of Deer visitor centre is manned entirely by volunteers. The feedback from the public consultation identified that respondents weren't that aware of the facility. Marketing and promotion was therefore identified as a priority for future sustainability. Comments from the public consultation included "Book of Deer needs more space"

Coach House

It was identified through study visits to other country parks that there is a need for Aden Country Park to have a central Park reception/contact point for all enquiries. The

Coach House has been identified as a possible central location for the reception, hub, shop or café. Although it should be pointed out that it is currently occupied by Aberdeenshire Council staff.

Grieve's House, Forester's Cottage, Gardener's Cottage & Gate Lodges

Grieve's House, Forester's Cottage, Gardener's Cottage, and the Gate Lodges are all properties in various states of disrepair located in Aden Country Park. Currently each property is being underutilised. Some possible uses identified include accommodation for Park Caretaker, holiday cottages (link with Caravan Park), supply teacher accommodation, centre for research, artist in residence studio, Book of Deer expansion, and a possible location for a Restaurant / Café or a small garden centre.

Nursery & Walled Garden

The plant nursery and walled garden adjacent to the Gardener's Cottage supplies over 300,000 bedding plants for use within towns and villages throughout Aberdeenshire. Ideas for future sustainability have included the possibility of moving the nursery and reinstating the walled garden, growing and selling NE plants, and looking at renewable energy options to reduce heating costs.

Sawmill

The sawmill facility is located within the grounds of the walled garden. Currently the sawmill is used by the Park staff to produce fencing materials and signs for use in all 4 of Aberdeenshire's Country Parks from timber grown on site.



Horse Arena.



North East Folklore Archive.



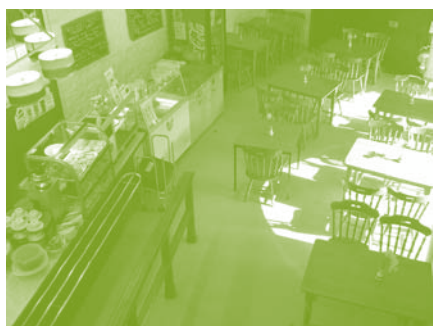
Picnic and BBQ Area.



Natural History Cabin.



Pipe Band Competition.



Restaurant/Cafe.



Sensory Garden.



Weather Vane.

Sustainability options include using the sawmill facility to potentially make a variety of different wooden products including garden furniture, fencing, gates, sheds, children's playhouses, pet houses, and signage.

Coach Park

The Coach Park located across from the Natural History Cabin has been identified through an Aden Country Park Restaurant Feasibility Study in 1995 as a possible location of a new purpose built restaurant/café with retail element. In conjunction with this new facility discussions around sustainability also identified the Coach Park as a possible location for a new children's indoor soft play area, complementing both the proposed new restaurant/café and the existing popular outdoor children's play area.

Natural History Cabin & Ranger Service

The public consultation identified that the Ranger Service events were very popular with visitors to the Park, however there seemed to be confusion as to where and what the Natural History Cabin (wildlife cabin) was and why it wasn't being used more. To become sustainable better promotion and frequency of events was identified, along with the possibility of charging for events. Comments from the public consultation included "There should be more ranger events" and "Where is the wildlife centre?"

Aden Caravan & Camping Park

Situated at the entrance of Aden Country Park is the five-star award-winning Aden Caravan

& Camping Park. It has been identified that this facility is the most immediate development opportunity. Earned income from this opportunity could potentially be used to not only to reinvest into the Aden Caravan Site but also to potentially help fund other related social enterprise opportunities. Additional related opportunities include the development of the Forester's, Grieve's and Gardener's cottages, along with the two Gate Lodges. Comments from the public consultation included "replant trees surrounding Caravan Park"

Arboretum

An important feature within the landscape of Aden Country Park is the Victorian arboretum (botanical garden of trees) dating from the 1850's. The Victorian arboretum stretches from the area known as the Lower Garden, within a loop of the River Ugie. A new 21st century arboretum is also planned, comprising of a collection of broadleaf trees from around the world. Sustainability options include the promotion of the new and Victorian arboretum along with the creation of woodland events such as an Enchanted Garden.

Lake

The Aden Lake is a real draw for both visitors and wildlife alike. However feedback from the public consultation identified it as one of the top facilities in need of improvement. Comments from the public consultation included "Lake in a dreadful state". (It should be noted that since the consultation has taken place, work has begun on improving the Lake)

Children's Play Area

The children's play area is aimed at entertaining all ages. Feedback from the public consultation identified that this facility was both one of the most popular areas within Aden and one in need of improvement. It was identified that there was a demand for additional play facilities which catered for babies and toddlers, young people, and play equipment to help disabled and non-disabled children play safely. Comments included "More baby swings and items suitable for younger children", "Kids play area poorly maintained", and "More facilities for young people like an activity park and skateboarding ramp"

Park Land

The park land, wooded areas, and open spaces were identified as the most popular facilities within Aden Country Park. Visitors to the park enjoyed the space for relaxation, recreation, and for exercise for both themselves, and their dogs. It was also identified as an area where less improvement was needed. Possible additions to improve sustainability include the introduction of a sculpture trail/ park, development of allotments and community gardens, along with looking at renewable energy options. Comments from the public consultation included "Improve signs for walks within park", and "Tidy Park, well kept, safe feeling about it"

Events

Aden Country Park has the potential to host a wide variety of indoor and outdoor events. Assisted by both the planned improvements to rejuvenate the theatre space, and cheaper venue hiring rates, the Aden Theatre has the potential to be a great multifunctional indoor space which could host a range of activities already stated (refer to Aden Theatre, page 8). Aden also has a large amount of Park land that can be utilised to host a variety of events including music concerts/ festivals, outdoor education, corporate events, performing arts, enchanted garden (light & sound), sport events (e.g. fun runs), craft/ food fair, farmers' market, and highland games. Other seasonal themed events could include Easter, Halloween, Guy Fawkes, and a Christmas event.



Victorian Arboretum.



Vintage Motorcycle Event.



Vintage Tractor Day.



Weelvrocht Grun.

Objective	Area of Development	Suggested Action	Priority	Funding Required
To identify the best model to improve governance and management	Governance & Management	Explore establishing a new Aden Country Park Trust Option 1. Asset Ownership Option 2. Asset Management	High High	Yes Yes
		Explore Management Structure	Very High/High	Yes
		Development of the Friends of Aden Country Park	High	Yes
		Restaurant / Café run by Aden Trust, Social Enterprise or Franchise	High/Medium	Yes
To identify development opportunities, revenue generation streams and potential funding sources	Restaurant / Café & Ice Cream Kiosk	Renovate Restaurant / Café	High/Medium	Yes
		Relocate Restaurant / Café to Larger Location	Medium	Yes
		Creation of New Restaurant / Café with Retail / Shop Element	High/Medium	Yes
		Private Functions, Children's Parties, Catering at Park Events	High	Yes
		Craft & Work Shop run by Aden Trust, Social Enterprise or Franchise	High/Medium	Yes
		Craft Shop leased to Craft Co-operative	Medium/High	Yes
Aberdeenshire Farming Museum	Aberdeenshire Farming Museum	Introduction of Admission Charge or Suggested Donation	Medium/High	No
		Introduction of Retail	High	Yes
		Employ a Museum Development Curator	Medium/High	Yes

	Aden Theatre	Multifunctional Venue		High/Medium	No
		Aden Film Club - Cinema		High/Very High	Yes
		Civil Ceremonies		Medium/High	Yes
		Extension of ARC Recording Studio		High/Medium	Yes
	Hareshowe Farm	Introduction of Admission Charge or Suggested Donation		High	No
		Introduction of Farm Animals		Medium	Yes
		Education Activities		Medium/High	Yes
	North East Folklore Archive (NEFA)	Oral History Projects		Medium	Yes
		Working with Schools on Social History of NE		Medium	Yes
		Scotland Projects			
	ARC Recording	Oral History Projects		Medium	Yes
		Provide Training Workshops		Medium	Yes
		Working more with Schools		High	No
		Record a Song in a Day		Low	No
		Extension of ARC Recording Studio		Medium/Low	Yes

Objective	Area of Development	Suggested Action	Priority	Funding Required
	Book of Deer	Promotion of the Book of Deer Project Room	Medium	Yes
	Coach House	Location for Park Reception, Hub, Shop or Café	Medium/High	Yes
	Grieve's House	Renovation of Grieve's House	Very High	Yes
	Forester's Cottage	Renovation of Forester's Cottage	High	Yes
	Gate Lodges	Renovation of Gate Lodges	Low	Yes
	Gardener's Cottage	Renovation of Gardener's Cottage	High	Yes
	Nursery / Walled Garden	Move Nursery & Reinstate Walled Garden	Low	Yes
		Grow & Sell NE Plants/Crops	Low	Yes
		Renewable Energy Options for Heating Plant Nursery	High/Very High	Yes
	Sawmill	Sawmill run by Aden Trust or Social Enterprise	Low	Yes
	Coach Park	Location for New Restaurant / Café with Retail / Shop Element	Very High	Yes
		Location for New Children's Indoor Soft Play Area	High	Yes
	Natural History Cabin & Ranger Service	Outdoor Environmental Education	High	Yes

	Caravan & Camping Park	Caravan Park run by Aden Trust or Social Enterprise	Very High	Yes
	Arboretum	Promotion of New & Victorian Arboretum Creation of Woodland Events e.g. Enchanted Garden	Medium/High Medium/High	Yes Yes
	Children's Play Area	Improve Children's Play Area Facilities	Medium	Yes
	Park Land	Renewable Energy Options Introduction of Sculpture Trail / Park Develop Allotments / Community Garden	Very High Medium Medium	Yes Yes Yes
	Events	Corporate Events All Other Events	High/Very High High/Very High	Yes Yes
To identify ways in which to promote Aden Country Park effectively	Marketing & Promotion	Employ a Development / Marketing Officer Development of the Friends of Aden Country Park	High Very High	Yes Yes

Partners who may help to deliver the above

*Aberdeenshire Council Services:-
Cultural Services (Museum, Arts, & Library)
Landscape Service
Property Service
Ranger Service*

*Other Agencies:-
Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership (Buchan)
Buchan Development Partnership
Friends of Aden Country Park
Private Investors*

This booklet is one of a series produced by Local Rural Partnerships together with the community under the banner Making It Real.

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For Aden Country Park, the consultation exercise was led by the Aden Development and Working Groups. This information can now guide the community and Community Planning Partners in drawing up detailed action plans to implement the top priorities as well as addressing the other issues which have been identified. For each priority or issue this will involve agreeing who should be involved, what resources will be needed and target dates for completion. It

is hoped that this process will be driven by representatives of the community with support – moral, technical and financial – from the relevant partners.

It is important that this booklet is seen by all concerned as an account of the community's views at the time of the latest consultation, and that it will have to be regularly reviewed and updated. As some projects are completed, other issues will arise and take their place in future versions of the community plan.

Thanks are due to Aden Development and Working Groups and the wider community for their help and input with the community consultation and follow up meetings.

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