

WELCOME TO TORPHINS

**IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE
AND THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Welcome to Torphins

Torphins is a small attractive village situated approximately 25 miles from Aberdeen, situated within the Marr area, Aberdeenshire. It has a population of approximately 1500 and is surrounded by beautiful countryside. For anyone looking to relocate to this area Torphins has much to offer people of all ages.

Full details are provided inside but let us give you a flavour of what Torphins can offer.

For families looking to make Torphins their home the village hosts a nursery, playgroup and Primary School. Secondary School children attend the Academy at Aboyne, some 9 miles from Torphins.

There is an excellent Medical Practice run by three doctors and various nursing and support staff offering a range of therapeutic services.

Torphins Park in the centre of the village provides a junior football pitch and a host of children's play equipment. Adjoining the park are Tennis Courts and a Bowling Green. Both have active clubs and are happy to welcome new members. If the weather is cold enough in the winter Torphins boasts a Curling Rink. There is also a Nine Hole Golf Course. Every year Torphins hosts a Gala on the third Saturday in August.

Mid Deeside Parish Church is located in Torphins serving the villages of Torphins, Kincardine O'Neil and Lumphanan. In the last few years the Church has had a major renovation and extension, with the new halls providing venues for local groups. It has become quite a hub for the village. Our Minister, The Rev. Holly Smith, has come over to settle in Scotland from America with her husband and family of four.

In the centre of the Village there is a well stocked general store, Scotmid, which includes a Post Office and a Cash Machine; A Pharmacy and Gift Shop; Platform 22 coffee house and farm shop

where a local farmers market is held every Wednesday and Lily's Dough provide pizzas on a Thursday evening (paused due to COVID); A Hairdresser; The Bread of Life Charity Shop; The Learney Arms, providing Indian Cuisine; The Gatsby (A Luxury Occasion Venue) ; A Chinese Take Away; The Station Garage and Repair Shop; Vets Practice; Blacksmith. A Filling Station with a Residential Caravan Park and shop are situated at Campfield, approximately 1.5 miles east of the village. The Public Toilets are situated in the centre of the village, across from the school and next to the Learney Hall. A Mobile Bank and Mobile Library also provide an additional facility for the village.

The village is supported by the Torphins Community Council run by a group of dedicated volunteers. The TCC works closely with Aberdeenshire Council in trying to improve various aspects of village life. It has its own dedicated web site and 'facebook' page keeping everyone up to date with what is going on in the village and the surrounding area. This contains a great deal of useful information.

Every December the TCC festoons the centre of the village with Festive Lights. A large Christmas Tree, donated by the Learney Estates, takes pride of place outside the Learney Hall where the annual Carol Service is held. The large Snowflake decoration on the Clock Tower is the pride of the village and envied by other villages around.

The TCC also provides the village with flower tubs which are managed by a group of volunteers both Summer and Winter.

There is a very active local Paths Group which is working towards providing 'Paths for All' throughout the village with the long term aim of linking both Banchory and Lumphanan by path.

The village is linked to surrounding towns and villages, including Aberdeen, by a local bus service.

There is a variety of Groups run from both the Learney Hall and the Church Halls. These include: Pilates; Yoga; Mahjong; Bridge; Scouts etc, a full list of groups can be found later in the Welcome Pack. There are also a host of businesses working in and around the Torphins area.

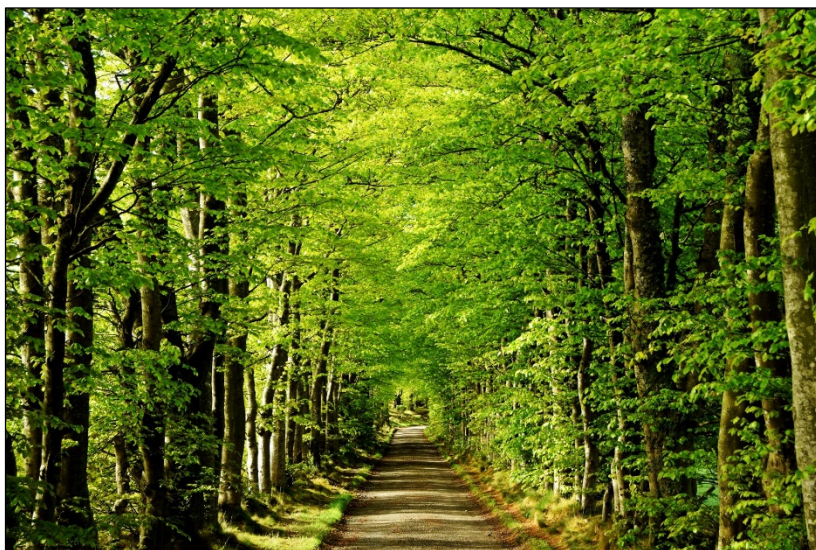
The Torphins Community Forum is a Facebook page providing a means of keeping in touch with what is going on in the area and exchanging ideas and views.

Torphins Community Forum

www.facebook.com/groups/1518971605069498/

Torphins Community Council

www.facebook.com/TorphinsCommunity/



Torphins Community Council Boundary



1.2 Local History

The area around Torphins has been heavily populated for more than 4000 years. For centuries people here gained a living through primitive subsistence agriculture that changed little until after the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745. At that time there were massive changes in the landscape and the fortunes of local people. Fields were cleared of rocks and the drystone dykes we see around us were built; extensive boglands were drained and brought into production; new crops and scientific farming methods were introduced. This endeavour took the area from one of the poorest in the country to one of the wealthiest, producing meat and crops for the southern cities.

The community was built around small farms, of which “Turfins” or “Turfins Farm” was one of many. In 1812, the Potarch Bridge was constructed and with it an important north – south road sweeping up past Turfins Farm and on towards Alford and Huntly. Shortly after, William Innes of Raemoir built a road from Garlogie to Lumphanan. The junction of these two roads, close to Turfins Farm became the ideal location for a wayside inn (the older part of the Learney Arms), a farrier and other local services.

The Deeside Railway was built linking [Aberdeen](#) to [Ballater](#) in the 1850s. For most of its length, the railway ran within sight of the River Dee but, on the stretch west of [Banchory](#), the line first curved north through Torphins and Lumphanan before returning south to rejoin the Dee at [Aboyne](#). The Turfins Farm road junction was chosen as the site for a station giving access to Kincardine O'Neil, the main village of the parish.

Colonel Thomas Innes of Learney saw the opportunity to exploit the rail link by establishing a village that would support local agriculture and be attractive to the professional and business people in Aberdeen. He laid out the plans for the village of Torphins and sold feus to local entrepreneurs who built the village in an agreed style. The village grew rapidly, outstripping Lumphanan and Kincardine O'Neil to become the commercial hub of the area. In particular the Learney Arms Hotel was extended by Thomas Innes in 1874, to become a prestigious tourist destination. Torphins had arrived as a

holiday destination, a great place to live and a support hub for the surrounding agriculture! It had a nine hole golf course, bowling green and tennis courts. It was known for the attractive scenery and walking in the area. Even the Beltie Burn was reputed to have health - giving spa properties. By the start of the 20th century Torphins was a substantial village with all services available locally - general stores, bakers, butcher, tailor, watchmaker, bicycle shop as well as the mills, farriers and other services needed to support agriculture.

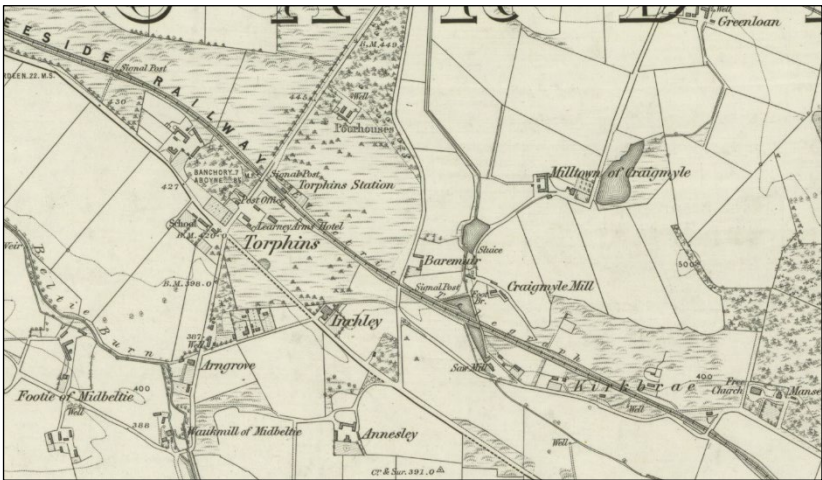
From earliest times the area around Torphins was an outlying part of the Parish of Kincardine O'Neil. A United Free Church was built in Craigmyle, east of the village in 1843, just after the Free Church split from the established church. It moved to a new building in the centre of the village in 1905. With the growth of Torphins, the need for its own established church became very apparent, and in 1876 a church was erected to the north of the village. In 1941 these two churches were amalgamated, and in 2015, the churches of Lumphanan, Kincardine O'Neil and Torphins were merged to form the Mid Deeside Church, based in the modernised Torphins Church building.

We owe the name "Torphins" to Colonel Thomas Innes as he promoted his new village. The origin of the older name "Turfins" is unclear. It has been suggested that it comes from the Gaelic "Torr Fionn" meaning "white hill". This seems improbable as there is no white hill to which the name might refer. It has also been suggested that it comes from Thorfinn Sigurdsson, Thorfinn the Mighty, Earl of Orkney, but there is little to support this. A more promising avenue is to look at the defining feature of the farm's location, namely that it was a on a hill surrounded by bogland on three sides. That leads us to "hill of the bogs" - "Tor Feithachan" (pronounced "tor fey-a-han") which could have degenerated to the pronunciation "Turfins".

Adapting to changing needs, the village of Torphins has from its foundation been home to people from many different walks of life, Over its 150 years of existence it has enriched the lives of all who have lived here.

By Brian Murray

Co-author with Denis Christie of 'A History of Torphins' available at www.oldtorphins.com along with lots more photos and information



Map of Torphins from 1866.

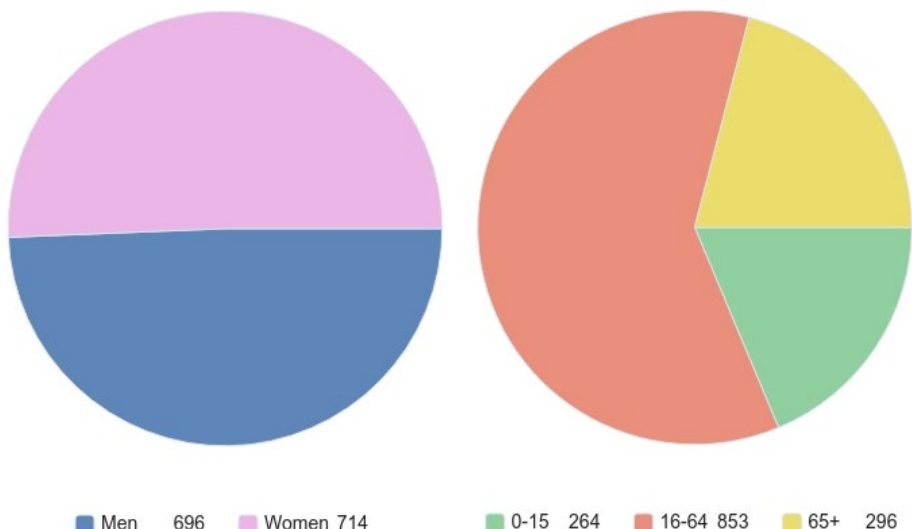


1.3 Key Data

The Torphins Community Council carried out a survey of the local community in 2019 receiving over 143 responses. It asked residents what they enjoyed about living in Torphins and what they would like to see change. This is part of an ongoing process with the aim that it will lead to the creation of a Community Action Plan with assistance from the wider community.

The word cloud opposite is a compilation of all the most common words in the survey responses, sized according to their frequency. The larger the word, the more often it was mentioned in the feedback.

The village boundary covers just over 100 Hectares and the 2011 Census recorded 1,360 people living in Torphins with the demographics indicated below.



2.0 Contacts Numbers

2.1 Emergency

AMBULANCE / POLICE / FIRE BRIGADE

Call **999** in an emergency

Call **101** to report a crime or other concerns that do not require an emergency response.

LOCAL DOCTORS

Torphins Medical Practice
013398 82221

Call **111** when your GP Practice or Dentist is closed and you need urgent advice

HOME SECURITY

Information on Home Security, Scams, Fire Safety, Cold Callers etc.
www.buildingsafercommunities.scot

ALISS

Community Health & Well Being Information System for people in Scotland to help them find support and help when they need it most. The Scottish Government believe that people living with long term conditions, disabled people and unpaid carers should be able to access information they need to help them live well.
www.aliss.org

BREATHING SPACE

For those feeling low or depressed
www.breathingspace.scot
0800 838587

SAMARITANS

01224 574488
What ever you are going through, a Samaritan will face it with you.
www.samaritans.org/branches/aberdeen
Free Call 116 123

2.2 Services + Utilities

REFUSE COLLECTION

0345 608 1208

SCOTTISH WATER

Free Phone 24/7

0800 077 8778

LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE

Aberdeenshire Council's innovative approach to delivering Sports & Cultural Services on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council.

www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk

ROADS AND STREET LIGHTS

See also later section

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads

*** To report a fault i.e. potholes***

online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadconditions/

ELECTRICITY

Scottish Hydro

Emergency help line: 0800 300 999

GAS (LPG)

Torphins does not have Town Gas - Various providers of LPG Gas are available

TELEPHONE

BT - Home Customers: 0800 800 150

To report a fault: 0800 800 154

BROADBAND

Fibre broadband is available to most houses in Torphins from a variety of suppliers; however Virgin Media Broadband is not available at the time of writing.

2.3 Elected Officials

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

Councillor Peter Argyle

Scottish Liberal Democrat, Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside
07801 900843

cllr.p.argyle@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Councillor Geva Blackett

SNP, Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside
07876 475269

cllr.g.blackett@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Councillor Paul Gibb

Conservative, Aboyne, Upper Deeside & Donside
07388 956148

cllr.p.gibb@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

LOCAL MP AND MSP

Andrew Bowie MP

West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine
01330 705013

andrew.bowie.mp@parliament.uk

Alexander Burnett MSP

Aberdeenshire Ward
0131 348 5642

Alexander.Burnett.msp@parliament.scot

CITIZENS ADVICE ABERDEENSHIRE:

01224 747714

www.swacab.org.uk

2.4 Education + Child Care

TORPHINS BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 - Learney Hall

www.facebook.com/groups/TorphinsBabyToddlers

THE PLAYGROUP

Monday - Fridays 9.30-12 noon

Ha'berry, St Marnan Road, Maryanne Middler

mwmiddler@gmail.com

SUNSHINE NURSERY & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

04 Beltie Road, 7am – 6pm Mon-Fri

013398 82929

www.sunshinenurseryandasc.co.uk

CHILD MINDERS

www.families.scot (more popular locally)

www.childcare.co.uk

TORPHINS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

01339 267730

www.torphins.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

Head Teacher - Elaine Ross

ABOYNE ACADEMY

01339 267750

www.aboyne.aca.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Head Teacher - Lorraine Scott

BANCHORY ACADEMY

01330 700450

www.banchory.aca.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Rector - Mrs. Judith Wight

2.5 Health Services

MEDICAL PRACTICE & DOCTOR'S SURGERY

013398 82221

www.torphinsmedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk

LOCATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Scotmid - Village Centre

Mid Deeside Church

Doctors Surgery (Available during opening hours: 08:30 – 18:00)

PHARMACY

013398 82071

www.torphinspharmacy.com

TORPHINS PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP

013398 82221

Providing a voice for those using our local doctor's surgery and introduce new ideas etc. which will benefit all.



2.6 Care Homes

ABBNEYFIELD - ASSISTED LIVING

Kincardine Road, Torphins, Banchory AB31 4GH

www.abbneyfield.com/supported-housing/abbneyfield-house-in-torphins-at-ab31-4gh/

013398 82412

ANNESLEY HOUSE NURSING HOME

Torphins, Banchory AB31 4HL

www.annesleyhousecarehome.co.uk

013398 82297

2.7 Breast Feeding + Antenatal

BANCHORY BREASTFEEDING GROUP

Facebook – Banchory Breastfeeding Buddies

www.facebook.com/groups/1434692986748791

Hill of Banchory Community Centre

Thursday 1.30pm – 3pm

ABOYNE BREASTFEEDING GROUP

aboynebreastfeedinggroup@gmail.com

Facebook – Aboyne Breastfeeding Group

www.facebook.com/groups/143433803093597

Community Room, Deeside Community Centre, Aboyne, AB34 5JN

Mondays 10 – 11.30am.

BUMP TO BABY WITH BELA

Pregnancy Yoga, Postnatal Yoga, Baby Yoga, Baby Massage and Labour and Birth preparation classes at The Mid Deeside Church

belabumtobaby@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/bumtobabywithbela

BONDING WITH BABY with Laura Henderson

'Come relax & have fun with your little one' 6 week Parent Education Courses in 'Infant Massage' and in 'Rhythm Kids' at the Mid Deeside Church

bondingwithbaby@yahoo.co.uk

www.facebook.com/bondingwithbaby

www.bondingwithbabyaberdeen.com



2.8 Eateries

PLATFORM 22

Coffee House and Farm Shop

www.facebook.com/Platform22

0133 988 2807

LILY'S DOUGH - PIZZA VAN

Every Thursday outside Platform 22 (paused due to Covid)

WEEKLY FARMER'S MARKET

Every Wednesday 10 – 2 outside Platform 22 (paused due to Covid)

NEW EASTER CHINESE TAKEAWAY

Chinese and Asian Takeaway

0133 988 2518

LEARNEY ARMS

Indian Cuisine Restaurant, Bar, & Take Away

www.learneyindian.co.uk/

0133 988 2859

2.9 Transportation

BUS SERVICES

STAGECOACH

From Torphins to Aberdeen via Banchory - 201 timetables

www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables

A2B DIAL-A-BUS

Aberdeenshire Council's dial-a-bus service. Passengers must book to travel on A2B journeys. The service is free and open to anyone in Lumphanan or Torphins who needs transport.

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/public-transport/a2b-dial-a-bus/deeside

To make a booking, call the A2B dial-a-bus hotline [01467 535 333](tel:01467535333) and select **option 1** between 9.30am and 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

To cancel a journey, call the A2B dial-a-bus hotline [01467 535 333](tel:01467535333) and select **option 2** to leave a message, available 24 hours a day.

For further information, call the A2B dial-a-bus hotline [01467 535 333](tel:01467535333) and select **option 3** between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Alternatively, you can email your enquiry to a2bdialabus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

TRAVEL LINE – BUS TIMES

0871 200 22 33 (12p/m – please check before calling)

www.traveline.info

TRAINS

Aberdeen Railway Station, Guild Street, Aberdeen AB11 6LX

www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/ABD

0800 912 2901

AIRPORT

Aberdeen International Airport,
Dyce, Aberdeen AB21 7DU

www.aberdeenairport.com

0344 481 6666

TAXIS

JK& A TAXIS

Torphins

07894 957510

D & M TAXIS

Banchory

01330 820077

DAVRO TAXIS

Banchory

01330 825251

E & M LEES

01339 883623

PETROL AND FUEL

I & P GRAY

The local petrol station is situated 2 miles outside the village on the way to Aberdeen, GLASSEL

0133 988 2250

ELECTRICAL CHARGING

There are two Electrical Charging Points available at Platform 22

GARAGES, SALES, SERVICE AND REPAIR

STATION GARAGE

Mechanical repairs, Motor Servicing and MOT Services are available in the village.

www.station-garage.co.uk

01339 882326

2.10 Halls and Venues

LEARNEY HALL – TORPHINS

www.livelifieberdeenshire.org.uk/community-halls/local-halls/learney-hall-torphins

01467 537753

Learney Hall in Torphins is a very beautiful small Hall, used by many community groups for meetings, coffee mornings, and clubs. It is also an excellent venue for ceilidhs, birthday parties, fundraisers and wedding receptions.

To hire: www.townhalls@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

LOCAL MUSICAL AND DRAMA

Tornaveen and Glassel Halls hold regular musical and drama events throughout the year. Both Halls can be hired for functions

TORNAVEEN HALL

Gill Bayfield

www.tornaveenhall.co.uk

013398 83631

GLASSEL HALL

www.facebook.com/pages/Glassel-Hall/226083840854869

Bryony Smith

bryony.smith@btinternet.com

07771 621577

PARK FACILITIES

A variety of play equipment, football pitch, tennis court, curling in winter, recycling centre

2.11 Volunteering

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Those choosing to settle in Torphins may have many talents which would benefit the village and would be welcomed by any of these groups.

BREAD OF LIFE CHARITY SHOP

www.middeesidechurch.org.uk/charity-shop

6 Craigour Road, Torphins

07899 602952

Set up by Mid Deeside Parish Church and run by volunteers. It is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays to both receive and sell goods. All profits are divided between the Church and local causes. It has been extremely successful and is a great place to help out at, providing an opportunity to do something worthwhile and meet lots of local people.

TORPHINS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

www.torphins.net

TCC is a run by a committee of volunteers who bring a wealth of knowledge and a variety of expertise. Their remit is to represent the community and work with the local Aberdeenshire Councillors for the benefit of the catchment area they represent. Many issues are addressed including roads, traffic control, planning and the Local Development Plan. Every Christmas the TCC decorate the village with festive lights and a large Christmas Tree outside the Learney Hall where 'Carols round the Tree' are held, followed by mulled wine and mincemeat pies. The TCC are always interested in new members who are willing to share their skills and get involved.

TORPHINS 'ADOPT A TUB' SCHEME

013398 82307

Run by the TCC and managed by a group of volunteers who adopt one of the village tubs to look after summer and winter, providing the village with beautiful colours throughout the year.

TORPHINS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN - (TERP)

Torphins Community Council has developed a plan to deliver emergency short term support to the community if there is ever a need. It would be activated in circumstances where the Police and or

Emergency Services were unable to attend immediately and where they considered action advisable. In such circumstances the plan would be delivered by volunteers from the community. The plan can be found on the TCC website. To join the team of volunteers or for more information contact the TCC via the Facebook page or contact a member of the Council for information.

TORPHINS PATHS GROUP

www.torphinspathsgroup.org

013398 82877

TPG was set up to provide Paths for All around the village making the paths, through the woods around our lovely village, accessible to people with mobility problems, those in wheel chairs and parents with buggies. A small group of very dedicated volunteers, with the help of a local farmer, can be seen in all weathers almost every Tuesday from September to May digging out boulders, laying drains, barrowing hardcore, etc. New recruits are very welcome and it is a great way of keeping fit and meeting like-minded people. Their long-term goal is to eventually link Banchory and Lumphanan providing off road paths for both walkers and cyclists

TORPHINS GALA

torphinsgala@gmail.com

Torphins Gala was first held in 1946 and is now an annual event and the highlight in our summer calendar. It is a day of fun and spectacle, drawing the local community together to socialise, enjoy each others company, build relationships, meet new people, and showcase local talent and businesses. There is also an element of fundraising to support future Galas and an opportunity for local charities to raise funds and promote what they do. The Gala is run by a committee of volunteers who are always looking for new members who will inject new ideas and experience into the mix. Members help according to their interests, strengths, and available time. It is a wonderful team to be part of. The Gala traditionally takes place on the 3rd Saturday in August but the team are active throughout the year and can be followed on Facebook 'Torphins Gala' or email us to find out more

ABERDEENSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

www.avashire.org.uk

01330 825027

AVA Volunteering is a one stop shop for all aspects of local volunteering. Staff work in home-based locations throughout Aberdeenshire making our support as accessible as possible to all.

KINCARDINE & DEESIDE BEFRIENDING

www.kdbefriending.org.uk

info@kdbefrienders.org.uk

01569765714

K&D Befriending is a local registered charity which aims to reduce social isolation and loneliness in older people throughout the Kincardine & Deeside area by matching them on a one to one basis with a volunteer befriender



2.12 Churches

MID DEESIDE CHURCH

www.middeesidechurch.org.uk

013398 89160

Mid Deeside Parish Church is an integral part of our village and provides many opportunities to get involved in the various groups the church runs for all ages, old and young. Everyone is welcome so please check out our web site or just come along and say hello.

ST.COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – BANCHORY

www.rcda.scot/parishes/aberdeenshire

01330 822835

ST.MARGARET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – ABOYNE

As above

SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church, Kincardine o'Neil

St. Ternan Church, Banchory

01330 822783



2.13 Banks

RBS MOBILE BANK, TORPHINS

Outside Learney Arms - Tuesday 10.05 -10.30

BANK OF SCOTLAND MOBILE BANK

Outside Platform 22 - Thursday 15.15 - 15.45

CLYDESDALE BANK

High Street, Banchory

0800 3457365

BANK OF SCOTLAND

70 High Street, Banchory, AB31 5SS

01330 824739

TSB

82 High Street, Banchory, Ab31 5SS

01330 487999

RBS,

21 Market Place, Inverurie, AB51 3PU

0345 724 2424

2.14 Supermarkets

SCOTMID

THE SQUARE, TORPHINS

013398 82717

MORRISONS, BANCHORY

01330 820140

TESCO, BANCHORY

0345 0269618

CO-OP, ABOYNE

013398 87093

POST OFFICE

The Local Post Office is located in the Scotmid in The Square

0133 988 2717

2.15 Potholes, Street Lighting and Other Reporting

POTHLES

The best and quickest way to report is via the Council's website. It is then added to a list which is rated by priority:

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadfaults/>

STREET LIGHTING

Emergency contact: 03456 08 12 05

Otherwise use the mapping tool to report:

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/roadfaults/IdentifyAsset2.aspx>

DOG FOULING

Specific incidents can be reported via the following form:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/report/dog-fouling-report-form/>

OTHER ISSUES

A range of issue can be reported directly to Aberdeenshire Council here: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/report/>



2.16 Recycling

RECYCLING CENTRES

Glass & clothes, Torphins park

THE CROW'S NEST, BANCHORY

Upper Lochton Road, Banchory AB31 4EQ

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/waste/recycling/household-waste-recycling-centre-hwrc-opening-times/#m

Monday to Thursday 9am to 4.30pm

Friday 9am to 4pm

Saturday and Sunday 9am to 4.30pm

From 1st April to 30th September additional opening hours on Tuesday, 4.30pm to 7pm

Items: Batteries (household and car), blue bin recycling, cooking oil, electrical appliances (anything with a plug or batteries), engine oil, fluorescent tubes (including energy-saving light bulbs), furniture and household goods re-use section, garden waste, gas cylinders, glass bottles and jars, plasterboard, rubble and ceramics, scrap metal, soil and turf, textiles, wood (including treated) and non-recyclable waste.



2.17 Local Gyms and Health Centres

BANCHORY SPORTS VILLAGE

www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/sport-and-physical-activity/venues/banchory-sports-village/

01330 700363

ABOYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE

www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/sport-and-physical-activity/venues/aboyne-swimming-pool-and-deeside-community-centre/

01339 886222

THE UNIT BANCHORY

<http://theunit.fitness/>

01330 823056

Independently owned boutique gym

TONE UP FITNESS ALFORD

07527805500

Personal Trainer

ALFORD SKI CENTRE

www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/sport-and-physical-activity/venues/alford-ski-centre/

01975 563024

2.18 Entertainment

CINEMA

Films shown every Friday in Aboyne and once a month in Lumphanan. Book early to avoid disappointment!

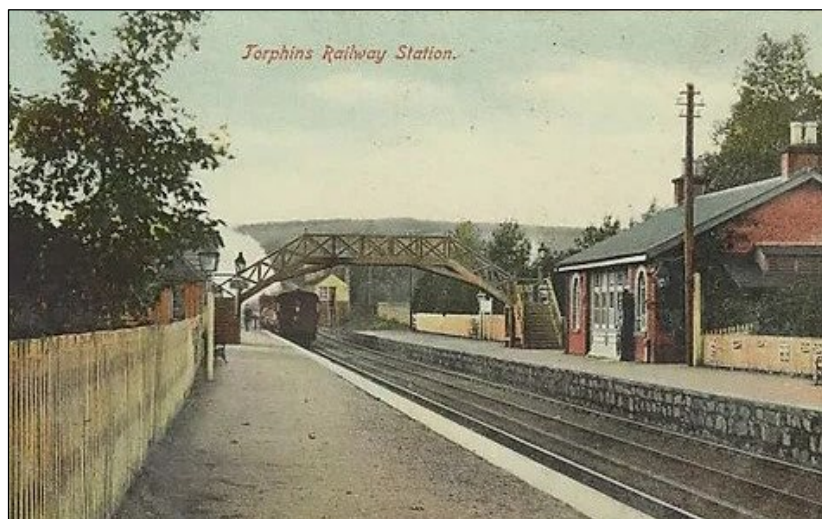
www.indycinemagroup.com/tours/aboyne

www.cineplo.com/GB/Lumphanan

LIBRARIES

There are Libraries available in Banchory and Aboyne. A mobile Library Service is available every other Wednesday, at the following locations:

Kinnairdy Terrace	2.30 p.m
Opposite School	2.50 p.m
William Street	3.10 p.m
Annesley Park	3.30 p.m



2.19 Activities and Outdoors

WALKS AROUND TORPHINS

The Torphins Paths Group produce leaflets and maps with local village walks for all abilities. You can find these in Platform 22 or via their website: www.torphinsspathsgroup.org
www.facebook.com/TorphinsPathsGroup

1st TORPHINS SCOUTS

www.deesidescouts.org

Beavers	Thursday	5.30- 6.30
Cubs	Wednesday	7.00 - 8.30
Scouts	Thursday	7.00 - 9.00

LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE

www.livelifieberdeenshire.org.uk

Aberdeenshire Council's portal for local attractions including sports, clubs and classes.

NATIONAL TRUST OF SCOTLAND

There are a number of historic sites close to Torphins, including Crathes Castle, Drum Castle, Craigievar Castle and Castle Fraser
www.nts.org.uk/visit/places
www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place

DEESIDE ACTIVITY PARK

Activities include kart racing; quad biking; clay shooting; 4x4 off-road driving; rifle target shooting; archery; fly fishing; farm tours; digger manoeuvres and whisky tasting.

Dess, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, AB34 5BD

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 9:00-17:00

www.deesideactivitypark.com

01339 883536

GO APE ABERDEEN

This course will push you as you navigate your way from tree to tree. The longest zip is a wind-rushing 125 metres and look out for the hair-raising skateboard zip line.

Crathes Castle, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, AB31 5QJ

www.goape.co.uk/locations/aberdeen

01603 895500

BATTLE GROUNDS PAINTBALL

Activities include paintball; laser tag; knife and axe throwing; airsoft; bubble football; archery and wilderness challenge

Druggam Woodlands, Banchory, AB31 5HN

www.battle-scotland.co.uk

07773771741

WIDER WALKING

The Ordnance Survey online map is a good place to find walking routes in the wider area: osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

A few popular walks are:

Hill of Fare: www.walkhighlands.co.uk/aberdeenshire/hill-of-fare

Scolty Hill: www.walkhighlands.co.uk/aberdeenshire/scolty-hill

CYCLING

The local area has plenty of routes and clubs, some of which can be accessed here:

Routes: www.trailforks.com/region/aberdeenshire

Mountain Bike trails and jump park: www.facebook.com/tarlandtrails

Road cycling: www.deeside.org or

www.facebook.com/DeesideThistleCyclingClub

3.0 Local Groups and Clubs

BUMP TO BABY	Bela Spencer	belabumtobaby@gmail.com
BOWLING	Eric Buchan (President)	013398 82431
BRIDGE:	Martin Hunter (President)	013398 82853
CHOIR	Notes from Torphins - A Community Choir	www.notesfromtorphins.com
CYCLING	Torphins Typhoons Cycle Group	013398 89323
FOOTBALL	Torphins Junior Football Club	calum.baikie@gmail.com
GOLF	Torphins 9 Hole Golf Club	013398 2115 wilmanicol7@gmail.com
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY	Robert Reid	013398 82309
KETTLEBELLS		www.facebook.com/kettlercisewithsimone
MAH JONG	Maureen Crowther	013398 82401
MARTIAL ARTS	Soo Yang Doo- May Hart	07866 897848
MENS SHED	Midmar -	www.midmar.uk
	Aboyne	aboynemensshed.org www.facebook.com/aboynemensshed
	Banchory -	www.banchorymensshed.org
MID DEESIDE CHURCH Various Groups	The Praise Band	01339889160 www.middeesidechurch.org.uk
	Singing Group	
	Guild	
	Christmas Tree Festival	
	Music Box	
	Knitting Bee	
	Traidcraft	
	Banner Group	
	Garden Gang	

MID DEESIDE CHURCH Various Groups	Soup Lunch/Games Thursdays	01339889160 www.middeesidechurch.org.uk
	Monthly over 50s Friendship Club	
	Nursery	
PARENTS AND TODDLERS		www.netmums.com/local/torphins-2-s-group
PILATES - Sublime Pilates	sandy@sublimepilates.com	07545 341268
RUGBY	Deeside Rugby Club - Banchory	01330 826506
SEWING GROUP	Learney small hall every Wednesday 10-12	
SCOUTS	1st Deeside Scouts, Torphins	www.deesidescouts.org
SKIING	Alford Dry Slope	www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/venues.alford-ski-centre
SWIMMING	Aboyne	www.enjoyaboyne.com/swimming-pool
	Banchory	www.banchorysportsvillage.co.uk
TENNIS		www.torphinstennisclub.wordpress.com
TORPHINS PATHS GROUP	See 'Volunteering' section	www.torphinspathsgroup.org 013398 82877
WALKING GROUPS	All welcome	Monday morning - 9.15 at entrance to park.
YOGA	Julie Webb - Mid Deeside Church	tuttifruttiyoga@hotmail.com
ZUMBA	Mid-Deeside Church Hall	013398 82722

4.0 Business Directory

A	ACCOUNTANTS		
	BBKS & Co. Accountants, Banchory	www.bbks.co.uk	
	James Milne Chartered Accountants, Banchory		01330 828500
	Tax Assist Accountants and Bookkeepers, Banchory		0800 084 3278

	BLACKSMITH		
	Ali Anderson - Fabteq Ltd	07917 657726	013398 82003
	BUILDERS & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE		
	G & E Duncan Builders		013398 82561
	George Anderson - Joiner & Builder		013398 82693
	Nick Edgar - Property Maintenance & Development		013398 82224
	BUS HIRE		
	E & M Lees - Coach Hire		013398 83623

C	CHIMNEY SWEEP		
	K & I Paterson Ltd.	www.sootysweep.co.uk	
	Jack's Chimney Sweeps		07824156091
	CHIROPODISTS		
	Laura Maclean Podiatrist/Chiropodist	www.lmaclean.co.uk	01330 825517
	Banchory Health & Therapies Practice		01330 825333
	CLEANING		
	Golden Wipe Cleaning Services	info@oldenwipe.co.uk	07305 064490

D	DENTISTS		
	Fountain Dental Group – Banchory	www.fountaindentalgroup.co.uk	01330 822583
	Clyde Munro Dental – Banchory	www.clydemunrodental.com	01330 823400

	Deeside Dental Care – Banchory	www.deesidedentalcare.com	01330 822788
	DOG BOARDING & WALKING SERVICES		
	Hunter's Hounds		013398 82853
	McWilliam Dog Walking Services		013398 82429
	DOMESTIC APPLIANCE REPAIRS		
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	DRIVING INSTRUCTORS		
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E	ELECTRICAL		
	Andy Ewan Electrical - Domestic and Commercial		07815 291922
	Graham Alexander	g.alexander155@btinternet.com	07849752839

	FLORIST		
	Hay's Flowers - Wedding Florist		013398 89097
F	FILLING STATION		
	I & P Gray, Campfield Filling Station, Shop & Caravan Park		013398 82250

G	GROCERS		
	Scotmid - General Grocers & Post Office		013398 82717
	GARAGE		
	Station Garage - Mitsubishi Dealership, Vehicle Repairs & MOTs		013398 82326

H	HAIRDRESSER		
	Avenue 23 - Ladies & Gents Hairdresser		013398 89089
	HAULAGE		
	Robert Addison Road Haulage Services		013398 82248
	HOLIDAY HOMES		
	The Gatsby Luxury Holiday Home	www.thegatsbytorphins.co.uk	07710 366311
	HORSES		
	Pro-Equine Ltd (Animal Health)		013398 89330

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J	JEWELLERS		
	Silver Story - Gorgeous, affordable, ethically sourced jewellery from around the world based in Torphins silver-story.co.uk		07715 449075
	JOINERS		
	Stuart Campbell - Joiner		07929 769695
	Mike Calder		07776 140533
	Ritchie Fowlie		07929 214897

K	KENNELS		
	Colliestown Farm Kennels		013398 82513
	Tillenturk Boarding Kennels		013398 82371
	Hunter's Hounds - Dog Boarding & Walking Service		013398 82853

L	LIBRARY		
	BANCHORY LIBRARY		01330 700441
	ABOYNE LIBRARY		013398 267701

M	MOTORHOME HIRE		
	Deeside Motor Homes - Hire		013398 82065
	Scotia Motor Homes	www.scotiamotorhomes.com	

N	NURSERIES		
	Sunshine Nursery		013398 82929

	Torphins School Nursery	01339 267730
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O	OPTICIANS		
	Eyewise Optometrists	www.eyewiseoptometrists.co.uk	01330 823306
	Hughes, Macdonald & Davidson	www.hmdopticians.co.uk	01330 822903

P	PAINTER & DECORATORS		
	A S Decorating - Torphins		07887 996939
	Gary Homer Painter & Decorator		07765 245878
	PICTURE FRAMING		
	In the Frame		013398 82180
	PHARMACY		
	Torphins Pharmacy		013398 82071
	PHOTOGRAPHER		
	Vhairi Walker - Photographer	www.vhairiwalker.weebly.com	
	Simone Smith		07920 798241
	PIANO TUNER		
	David Martin - Piano Tuning and Restoration		07513 764334
	PLASTERER		
	Alan Henderson		013398 82102
	PLUMBING & HEATING		
	Deeside Gas Service - Central Heating		013398 89111
	Roy Anderson – Plumbing & Heating		013398 82923
	Bill Ewan - Plumber		07711 215892

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R	REMOVALS	
	Anderson Removals - Furniture Removals	013398 82418
	RESTAURANT	
	Platform 22	013398 82807
	Learney Arms Indian Restaurant	013398 82859

S	SLATER	
	Gavin Dinnie - Slater	077860 37229
	SOLICITORS	
	Gray & Kellos, Ballater	013397 55535
	Raeburn Christie, Clark & Wallace, Banchory	01330 822931
	Stuart Willson, Dickson & Co., Alford	01975 562939

T	TAKE AWAY	
	New Easter Chinese Take-Away	013398 82518
	Learney Arms Indian	013398 82859
	TAXIS	
	Davro Taxis - Banchory	01330 825251
	D & M Taxis - Banchory	01330 820077
	JK& A Taxis - Torphins	07894 957510
	E & M Lees	013398 83623
	THERAPIST	
	Deeside Sports & Therapeutic Massage Sports Injury Specialist	07766 748338
	Massage & Reiki by Lucy	07502 013799
	Dr. Chris Fenn - Nutrition Consultant	013398 83487
	TIMBER	
	Midmar Timber Centre - Jim McLean	www.midmartimbercentre.co.uk 01330 833581
	TRAVEL AGENT	
	Holidaymakers - Aboyne	013398 87552
	TREE SURGEON	
	Graham MacAulay	07909 758086 013398 82276

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V	VET	
	Woodside Veterinary Group, Large & Small Animal Veterinary Service	013398 82556

W	WINDOWS	
	Versatile Windows - Double Glazing Installer	013398 89309
	WEB DESIGN	
	MCT Web Designer and Developer - Fraser McTaggart	07949 600152
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Any local Business who have not been included but wish to be included or removed from the information above please contact the Torphins Community Council at www.torphins.net



5.0 Notes
