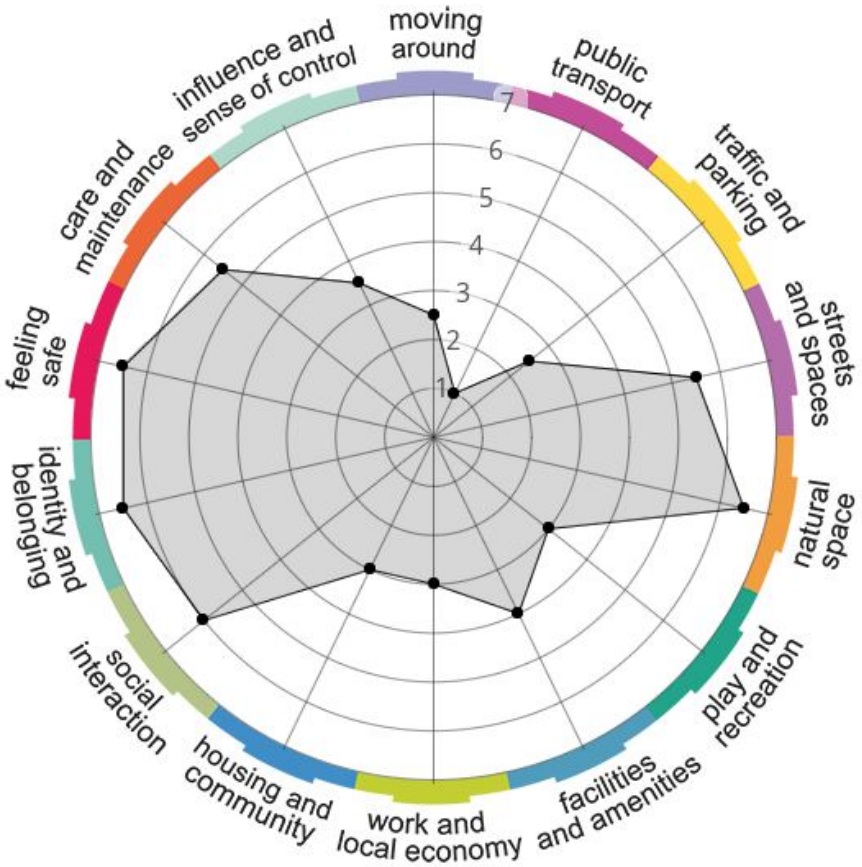
Strathlachlan Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:

Public Transport

Moving Around

Traffic and Parking

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How good is your place? Area wide engagement results using the Place Standard Tool

Between May and October 2019, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) used the Place Standard tool to engage residents in Argyll and Bute on how they feel about the place(s) that they live and work in Argyll and Bute.

We are very grateful to all the responses that we received. We hope you find the information easy to understand and of interest to you and your community.

We are pleased to see that the thematic areas of Natural Space, Feeling Safe, Identity and Sense of Belonging and Social Contact came out with the highest scores, needing the least improvement, when considering Argyll and Bute as a whole.

The engagement has been undertaken at a place-based level and respondents provided their postcode, groupings of postcodes have created the settlement/community level detail.

The results are available for community groups and partner agencies to use, for example, to assist with service planning or for community-led action plans.

Please note: The information is the views of individuals who responded to the engagement. We trust that the information provided will be viewed within the context of which it is provided. We are grateful to all those who have taken part in the consultation and believe in sharing information for openness and transparency.

We appreciate that the documents can be lengthy due to the amount of information and we hope that the format is user-friendly.

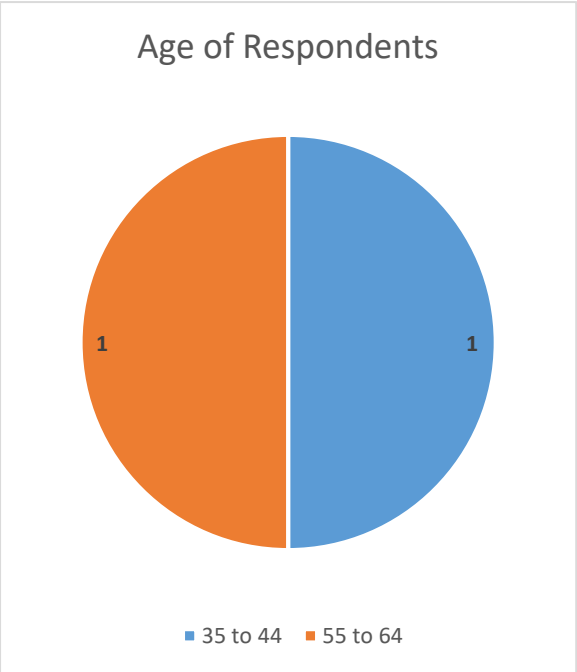
If you have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact Community Planning by e-mail: cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk , phone: 01546 604 464.

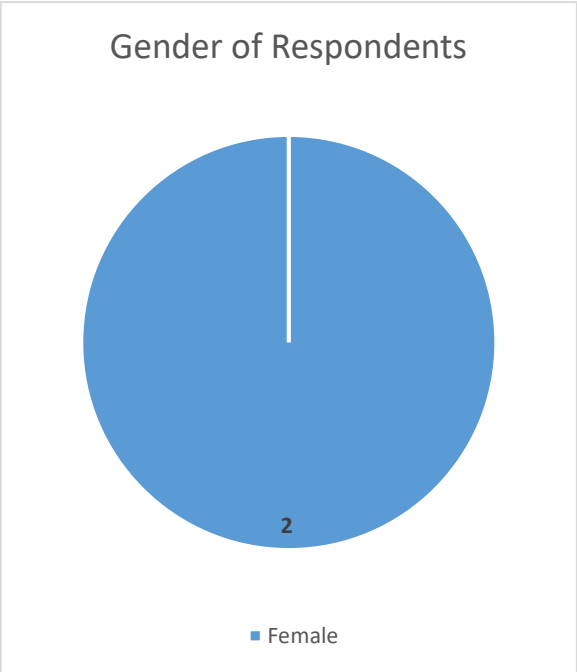
Next steps

This information is helping to shape plans for the area. Other information such as information from partners' data and statistics is also used to consider priorities for improvement. The CPP will analyse the information to identify priority themes for improvement within each of the four administrative areas and shape actions to address these where this is possible with resources.

We are currently mapping out what activity is already happening, what is planned within the next 3-4 years and where the gaps are. This information will be considered by both the CPP Management Committee and the Area Community Planning Groups to shape the actions.

The final agreed actions will become part of our four Area Community Planning Action Plans, due to be refreshed in 2021. To get involved, contact your local Area Community Planning Group.





Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Public Transport	1.0
Moving Around	2.5
Traffic and Parking	2.5
Play and Recreation	3.0
Work and Local Economy	3.0
Housing and Community	3.0
Influence and Sense of Control	3.5
Facilities and Amenities	4.0
Streets and Spaces	5.5
Care and Maintenance	5.5
Social Contact	6.0
Natural Space	6.5
Identity and Belonging	6.5
Feeling Safe	6.5

Q1. Moving Around: Can I easily walk and cycle around using good-quality routes?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 2.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

No readily accessible cycle routes without going on a 60mph road or taking the car.
Walking on roads can be dangerous with speed of cars. Also potholes were only randomly addressed by council roads department on road into Newton? Why not fill all holes?

Q2. Public Transport: Does public transport meet my needs?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 1.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

No provision of public transport in my area.
Can get bus to and from Glasgow from Cairndow but no connecting service to Strachur (and Strathlachlan)

Q3. Traffic and Parking: Do traffic and parking arrangements allow people to move around safely?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 2.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

The divers park on the B8000 and use up all the passing places as well on peoples drive-ways
Road within Newton including turning circle very badly maintained.

Q4. Streets and Spaces: Do the streets and public spaces create an attractive place that is easy to navigate?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

In Newton apart from road dependency is on residents. Some good at maintaining their spaces but others not. Too many “abandoned” boats and cars in the village.

Q5. Natural Space: Can I experience good quality green spaces?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 6.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Lovely place to live. Deer, pheasants, various birds, rabbits but sadly very few red squirrels now.

Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and recreation?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 3.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Limited access to sporting events unless you drive long distances
Nothing provided for children.

Q7. Facilities and Amenities: Does my place have the things I need to live and enjoy life? This could include shops, schools, libraries, health services or places to eat and drink.

2 responses in total – Average Score of 4.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Dunoon has these but a drive to get there.
Probably enough going on in Strachur with post office, garage, and activities at Strachur hall. Not clear what plan is for shinty clubhouse now there is no longer a team?

Q8. Work and Local Economy: Is there an active local economy with good-quality work opportunities?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 3.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Area dominated by retirees. Seems to be limited local work.

Q9. Housing and Community: Do the homes in my area support the needs of the community?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 3.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Mainly all retired or second homes which makes homes very unaffordable for young people
Lacking affordable housing for locals. Mainly retirees and holiday homes in Newton and Strachur.

Q10. Social Contact: Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 6.0							
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Comments

Good community hall events
Enough activities in Strachur to join.

Q11. Identity and Belonging: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 6.5							
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Comments

Nice to be in a place where we know our neighbours

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 6.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Feels very safe but a bit wary of petty theft when strangers come into village

Q13. Care and Maintenance: Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

2 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5							
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0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Mainly all left wild
Definitely room for improvement. Too many unused cars and boats in middle of village. Renovations/ building work seem to take a very long time making them unsightly. Roads need to be better managed.

Q14. Influence and Sense of Control: Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?

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Comments

Guess can influence through involvement with community but don't see involvement from Argyll Bute council.

What are the main issues and priorities for change that you have identified?

Increased provision of public transport and affordable homes (or less second homes or homes left derelict)
Better road management to and within village. More building control involvement to speed up and keep building works tidy.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Argyll and Bute council involvement in relevant departments.

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