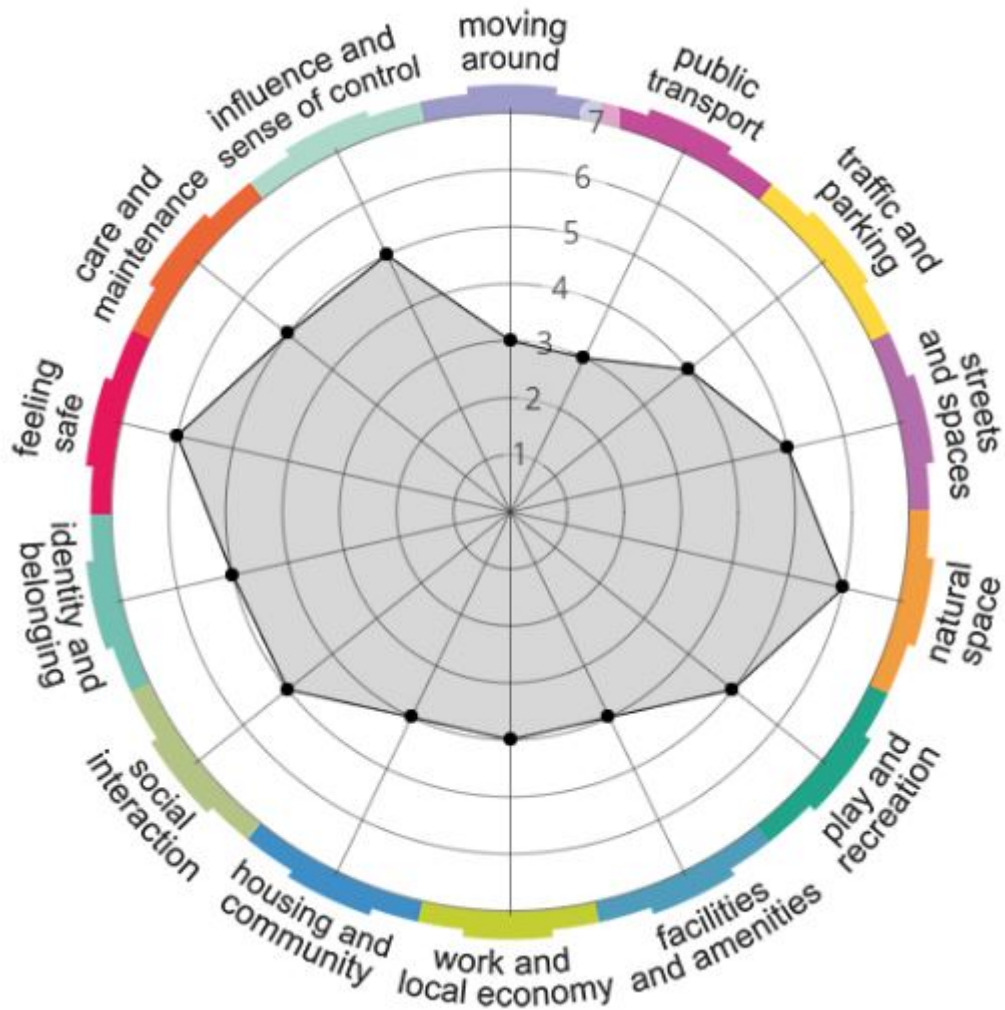


# Tarbert Responses 2019



## Priority Areas for Improvement:



Moving Around



Public Transport



Housing and Community

## **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](mailto: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](#).




## Tarbert Responses

Our Top Rated Areas are:

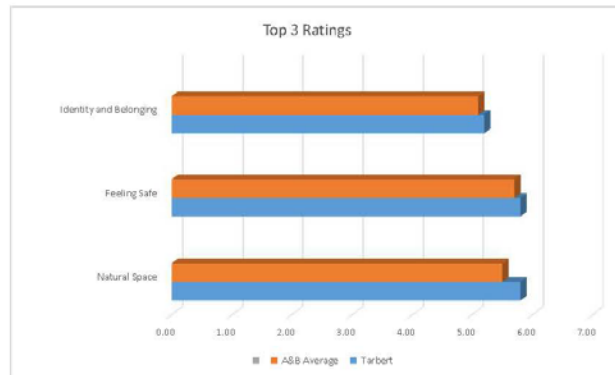
	<b>Natural Space</b>	Respondents rated this area 5.8 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
	<b>Feeling Safe</b>	Respondents rated this area 5.8 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
	<b>Identity and Belonging</b>	Respondents rated this area 5.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.



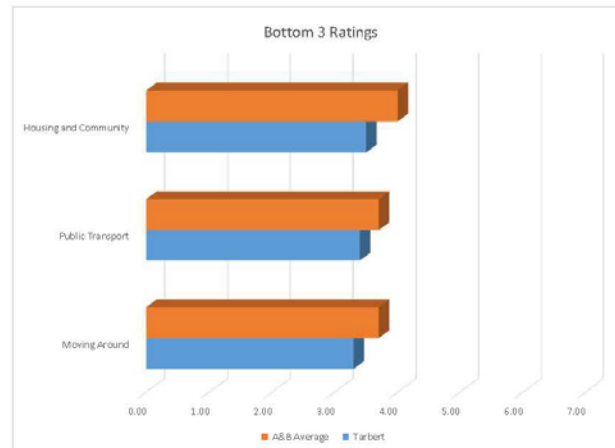
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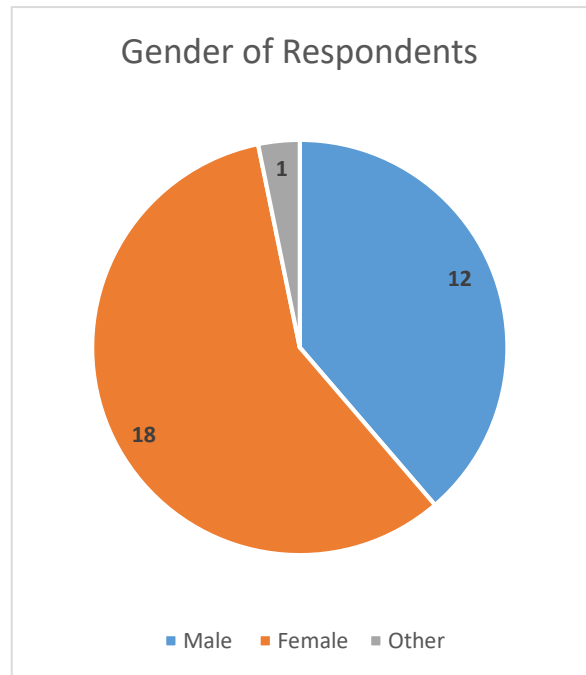
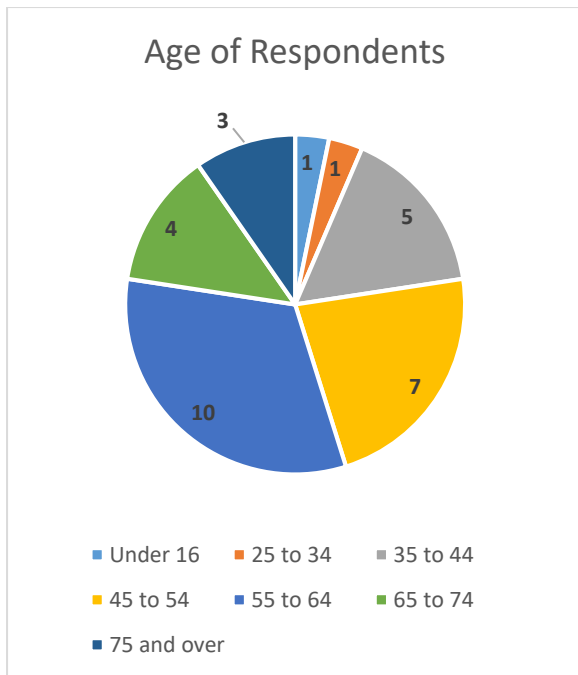
	<b>Moving Around</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	<b>Public Transport</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.4 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	<b>Housing and Community</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4 out of 7.

Top 3 Ratings



Bottom 3 Ratings





#### Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
<a href="#">Moving Around</a>	3.3
<a href="#">Public Transport</a>	3.4
<a href="#">Housing and Community</a>	3.5
<a href="#">Traffic and Parking</a>	3.8
<a href="#">Work and Local Economy</a>	4.1
<a href="#">Facilities and Amenities</a>	4.4
<a href="#">Care and Maintenance</a>	4.5
<a href="#">Influence and Sense of Control</a>	4.7
<a href="#">Play and Recreation</a>	4.9
<a href="#">Streets and Spaces</a>	5.0
<a href="#">Social Contact</a>	5.0
<a href="#">Identity and Belonging</a>	5.2
<a href="#">Natural Space</a>	5.8
<a href="#">Feeling Safe</a>	5.8

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

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 3.3</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
7 responses	7 responses	2 responses	7 responses	2 responses	3 responses	3 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Cycling is relatively easy within the village environs, but walking could be easier with dedicated pavements.
Cycling possibilities around Tarbert are very limited. The A83 at the Lochgilphead side of the village regularly has vehicles mounting pavements. Cycling is very difficult in general and more so teaching children to cycle is more than difficult, particularly as they take to roads.
Excellent cycling/walking routes
Four miles single track road walk to the nearest bus stop. Three buses per day. Not ideal for hospital appointments or even shopping.
Healthy it may be, but the local roads are narrow and there are no footpaths. As a driver I frequently encounter walkers and cyclists. I also encounter visiting people driving much too fast for these narrow roads. The 60mph limit is too fast - should be 40mph.
Lights needed on Tawny Path for access from the school to the park.
Main trunk road is very bust and narrow
Narrow roads, lack of pavements or cycle tracks, lots of fast moving heavy traffic.
New path to Kennacraig to complete circular cycle and walk from village centre via West Loch and Corranbuie path Priority 1 Increase all ability sections in walks Priority 1 Improve existing footpath network Priority 1 Address obstructing street furniture and bins Priority 1 Introduce 20mph limit in village and 40mph from Carrick Cemetery and around Glen Road
Not much choice.
Some bins in Lochgilphead are so wide that they reduce the width of the pavement for access and worse on bin days. More reduced kerbs
Some footpaths are narrow and poorly maintained. Could definitely do with improvement, little or no off-road cycling available
Tarbert has certainly improved over the years, we can walk and cycle safely
The part of Tarbert I stay in does not have a pavement so I cannot walk to the village, I won't cycle either as I live on the main road into the village and this is a very busy road the main road in and out of the village.
The roads are very narrow, with passing places, but edges of road are eroding and verges are not cared for sufficiently well. There are no pavements.
There are lots of paths and forestry tracks, good for walking and for mountain bikes. The national cycle routes are well signposted. The reason for the '5' is that the tracks sometimes need repair and this can take a while, and there are a few places on the roads where an additional passing place would improve safety. Also there is no easy to find resource of tracks/paths to plan walking, this would be a great help to tourists. The routes are generally not friendly to those with mobility

issues and there are very few benches / seating areas. The latter is fine as a bench would often reduce the wildness and beauty of the natural surroundings.

There is no safe route out of Tarbert for cycling, the roads are too dangerous. Walking can only be done safely by walking in the area of Tarbert Castle, again because of the volume of traffic it's not safe to walk on the roads.

Walking's fine, but the cycling provision in Tarbert could be a lot better. I used to cycle to work where I used to live in Yorkshire, but I wouldn't dream of cycling the Tarbert to Lochgilphead road as it's too dangerous with fast traffic and blind corners. I'd love to be able to cycle out to the west of Tarbert, but again the A83 is completely unsuitable for cyclists. Given the large amount of cycle-tourism in the area, and its potential to be developed to bring more tourism income into the area, I am appalled by how poor the cycling provision is.

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

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 3.4</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
6 responses	5 responses	7 responses	3 responses	5 responses	3 responses	2 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Assess transport needs Priority 1 Following assessment introduce a community transport initiative to address any needs Priority 1
I am unable to comment as I don't really use public transport but what I see is sufficient, but then I can drive and have access to a car so do not rely on public transport
I do not use it, but am aware there could be improvements.
It would be a lot easier to do away with car usage, if there was a regular small bus service going around the village. But I do think it would take quite a lot of time before the populace would give up their vehicles, so the whole idea might not be sustainable.
Limited public transport
More buses to link up the 5 ferry route, Skipness, Kennacraig, Tarbert.
Never use to local service, but I have not encountered any problems with the long distance ones.
Not enough buses from Tarbert to Lochgilphead/Campbeltown, especially in the school holidays.
Regular public transport to and from more remote communities and links to Glasgow and Lochgilphead are frequent. The buses are used very little, and are clearly heavily subsidised. But they are a good safety net, they are reliable, friendly and clean. The ferry services are well used and reliable with good quality signage and up to date travel information.
The 926 bus service is very reliable, but I think that we need more frequent local services.
There are only two buses through my area, but this is good as I live in a rural area and like it that way.
There are no Buses that drop off or pick up from my house, only a school bus which my kids get. Other than that I have to make my way into the village. Even then don't find the bus time convenient to use to get to or from my work.
There used to be a bus that would get people to Lochgilphead in time for work, it was taken away.
We currently have no public transport apart from the school bus.
weekends can feel very long and lonely in Tarbert as there are much fewer buses

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

31 responses in total – Average Score of 3.8							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
6 responses	4 responses	3 responses	3 responses	8 responses	5 responses	2 responses	0 responses

#### Comments

Cars parking in the co-op corner make it very difficult to cross the road.
Excellent traffic flow. Parking is awkward as The Forestry Commission have put no unauthorised vehicles in the road that leads up to the forest walks.
Improve and update signage to parking areas Priority 3 Improve parking Priority 1 Provide signage to direct traffic to existing car parks and campervan facilities Priority 1 Explore opportunities for more coach and car parking Priority 1
More areas in the village could be used for parking, church car park remove the very wide hedge row, tidy up the recycle bins alone would give 11 more parking spaces. Put fresh white lines in the church car park and mark it with 4-6 dedicated camper van areas. Also signage would help show the church car park has Free parking for camper vans. Also ensure that the public parking along Harbour street on the inside is dedicated to cars only, with small vans on the shore wall. Use the School car park in the summer. Also have signs so there are no overnight camper vans in the village. We have a very good site a short distance from the village which has all the latest facilities.
More campervan parking is required, existing parking could be modified to meet the needs in the short term. Alterations to the church car park in Tarbert would help. Storage of recycle bins and placement would help, rather than simply being dumped in the car park. Better signage, showing where to park, cars only signs along the side of harbour street where the businesses are.
Parking in Tarbert Village in the summer months can be an issue but we have a good size car park at the bus stop and up at the school, maybe more signage.
Parking is not applicable on single track roads.
Parking is restricted in the summer months and often camper vans buses and tourist traffic cuts off what would otherwise be pram/wheelchair access on pavements/lochside.
Parking is very well catered for in my area. Heavy vehicles tend to only use the main roads. Pedestrians are well catered for. There are a couple of minor issues leading to the 5 rating. Some stretches between passing places are long, and where there is poor sightlines between passing places you can often be caught out by traffic coming your way, this is important on the route between Claonaig and Kennacraig ferry terminal near Whitehouse. Also potholes are an issue, repairs often take time and the general condition of rural roads is less than ideal.
Some days of the week it is more difficult to park or walk due to heavy traffic use.
Tarbert is fine for traffic, but the roads are not good once you get out of the village, as the frequent instances of cars up trees on the A83 demonstrate.
The areas available for parking in the village are limited. Where there is a car park (opposite the church) is underused, as people won't walk the length of themselves, to get access to the shops. If they could, they'd drive into the shop!



This location is a rural lane, and as such has safety issues. Speed limit should be reduced.. Many visitors are not very good at reversing. Also there is the danger than road signs and visibility is being hampered by overgrown vegetation on both the verges and trees.

We have problems with speeding traffic and have requested a 30mph speed limit for Kilberry village on many occasions. There are no traffic calming measures in place. Garden gates open directly onto the road so speeding traffic can be very dangerous. Children play on the road.

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

31 responses in total – Average Score of 5.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	1 responses	3 responses	6 responses	5 responses	10 responses	5 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Address street furniture and bins on paths - Priority 1 Maintain current area provisions with a focus on Bank of Scotland, post office, library, health care, Tarbert Academy - Priority 1 Use former visit Scotland office as a local history centre and visitor information - Priority 1 Develop heritage trail to include Tarbert Life, Castle, Ring Net heritage Trust and interpretation boards Priority- 1 Seasonal toilets, waiting room and water at Claonaig- Priority 1
An improved park is required.
Brighten up shops, clean buildings, paint and remove overgrowth on buildings
Definitely.
Nice scenery, spoiled by windfarms and fish farms.
Not if you use a mobility scooter or push a pram.
Tarbert can look pretty good, providing the planted areas are kept tidy (by volunteers, I understand).
Tarbert has an attractive waterfront, and the surrounding villages and hamlets generally well maintained. There are some derelict buildings and plots, particularly on the A83 into Tarbert which give a poor first impression (the petrol station for example), and I can imagine the contamination is a problem in terms of cost for redevelopment. The school at Skipness, now closed, looks unsightly as it is boarded up and the exterior building etc. are falling to pieces. It would be better redeveloped / sold as it would improve the look and feel of the village. Signage at the Claonaig/Skipness junction is very cluttered, there are too many signs and this often confuses tourists, The castle at Skipness, and the one at Tarbert is well signed and catered for, the Tarbert castle has an excellent surround, including the community gardens. However more could be done to indicate the wealth of standing stones, and even the old croft ruins as they tell a story of the landscape and history of the area. Signage at junctions of tracks are often poor, the tracks are generally on private land but unsigned crossroads can cause confusion to tourists. I have had to give help to tourists who are lost on tracks several times over the past few years. This is generally because they were relying on a mobile phone to help them if they got lost, but without a signal they can't download the map. The thought of pre loading the route doesn't occur because they can't believe there is no 3/4g signal... I enjoy the lack of night time lights in my area I think it enhances the natural beauty and allows more wildlife to be experienced. The seasons and weather don't unduly effect mobility. There are occasional issues with ice, but these are remedied quickly enough.
Tarbert is great.
Tarbert looks good, the harbour authority have improved our surroundings drastically over the years.

The local town (Tarbert) remains an interesting harbour vicinity. People always manage to park there, even in the holiday season.

We are lucky that THA (Tarbert Harbour Authority) are a major factor in the frontage of the harbour. Making it a very nice area, there could be better street lights, and white line painting for parking.

We have no public spaces. Walking from place to place is dangerous because of speeding traffic and no pavements. Verges are overgrown and ditches cannot be seen properly and are therefore a hazard.

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

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 5.8</b>							
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 response	2 responses	2 responses	6 responses	6 responses	14 responses	0 responses

### Comments

I fortunately have a large garden so good quality natural space is easy to find. Installation of walking routes would be a good idea, especially if paths and walkways could be well looked after. Dog walkers would not then have to walk along the road.
Just look around!
Like cut grass and flowers. Can go to Kilmory woods, Blarbuie woods and front green (Lochgilphead).
Locally most off road places represent private property, but there is plenty of off road walks with the right to roam scheme.
Lots of it and locally.
Miles of natural space and nature, could be difficult to access if you do not drive. (No public transport).
More paths on the north/west of the village, we are lucky to have the Castle walks but there is room for more on the other side of the harbour.
Reduce plastic waste - Priority 1 Continue Community cleaning of beaches - Priority 1 Maintain Tarbert Castle Heritage Park, woodland and orchard Priority Promote Tarbert Castle as a major tourist attraction Priority 1 Develop Harbour Heritage project to include heritage trail and Tarbert and Skipness archives - Priority 2
Tarbert is great. However, given that it is popular with walkers, some path maintenance around the coastal paths would be a good thing.
The castle links to 2 good walks and the paths are kept in good order.
The surroundings are varied in terms of habitat and use so wildlife is varied and abundant. Paths and routes are plentiful and the best used have seating. There are coastal routes accessible to wheelchairs, but most inland routes are unsuitable. There is little obvious information on local wildlife, and the addition of a few hides / viewpoints with information would add to the utility for tourists.
We are lucky that we have access to many different paths and walks around the Castle.
Yes, the surrounding area is awesome!

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

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 4.9</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	8 responses	8 responses	4 responses	7 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Again Tarbert has improved and is continuing to improve.
We have no open spaces, apart from farmers' fields, for recreation.
Can't get in to some places cos they are too narrow or overcrowded e.g. Kilmartin Museum. Salty dog is good and Steamer Terminal (Ardrihaig). "Ca d oro" has a step.
I think the facilities for the small community are excellent. The library in Tarbert, Recreation centre, the outdoor play area, and the huge availability of walks and countryside. The community garden, castles... The list is long and varied. There are also clubs for a variety of interests, riding, bowls, shooting etc. Also the local shoots are very family friendly, with children and teenagers regular beaters having a fun and very active day.
Land around Tarbert Industrial Estate close to the bowling club should be acquired and a new and more comprehensive play area should be built for both children and adults. There should also be a gym with treadmills which could be used in the winter months, most people in the jogging clubs do use the many paths in the good weather. There is a potential area on the edge of Tarbert Industrial estate that could be used as a gym.
Lots of variety for play and recreation
Not addressed in Community Plan as no comments have been made to date
Not applicable.
Several playgrounds that are quite good, some new equipment would be good. A range of sports facilities available.
The Harbour Board have a range of leisure activities for young people, and the playpark is well-used.
We have a good all weather pitch, but the main football field floods. Portavadie has a good Spa complex but to allow locals to use this we could do with a better ferry service in the winter months, the ferry on this route is 40 years old and not fit for purpose. A mini gym with tread mills would be good.
What's happening with the tennis court/multi-sports pitch in Tarbert? It's half covered with crud and plant growth, and is a real waste of a resource. Also, there is no mini-bus access for local youth groups and schools in Tarbert, which has a real impact on young people's ability to take part in competitive sports or activities in other areas, especially in poor weather/winter.

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.

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 4.4</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	4 responses	3 responses	8 responses	6 responses	5 responses	4 responses	0 responses

### Comments

A nursery would be a good addition, also GP surgery to open on a Saturday morning would be good.
Encourage and assist accommodation providers in improving current stock of holiday accommodation - Priority 4 Investigate quality and supply issues of water in Skipness and Claonaig- Priority 2 Maintain current level of health care - Priority 1 Improve strength, quality and reliability of broadband and mobile connections Priority 1 Ensure adequate, affordable childcare facilities during working hours - with holiday cover - Priority 1 Maintain current area provisions with a focus on Bank of Scotland, post office, library, health care, Tarbert Academy - Priority 1 Wellbeing group and befriending for vulnerable adults and continued befriending for vulnerable children Priority -1 Support existing community places to maintain and improve facilities Priority 2 Housing Need Assessment Has identified housing needs for all types of tenure. Progress this to identify and purchase land for building priority 1
Fewer places to shop locally. you can't get into the hospital loos with a wheelchair AND a personal assistant
GP access is very good, community nursing is very good. The Tarbert library is good and well used and the Campbeltown library offers an excellent facility. There is a good range of shops and places to eat in Tarbert, with more at Lochgilphead and Campbeltown accessible easily. The facilities are also available for groups and events and good use is made of village halls and other spaces. They are affordable and easy to book/use. There is good access to good schools in Tarbert from the surrounding villages. Local post offices are very close to all and could be reduced in reality based on footfall and where people go for their shopping etc. Also the internet has made a big difference to rural communities ie shopping, so the 5 is because fast broadband is not fully rolled out and allows entertainment services to more remote areas - i.e. films etc., which are otherwise very difficult to access.
Gym facilities are required.
It's all good in Tarbert!
Tarbert is great.
The library could be better utilised and opening hours are very limited. Youth services do not appear to do much or have adequate engagement with young people in the village.
The village has pretty well everything mentioned above. We are very lucky.
Within 18 miles of me there are no such amenities, apart from 1 hall, privately owned, that is about 10 miles away.
Yes

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

31 responses in total – Average Score of 4.1							
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	3 responses	3 responses	12 responses	4 responses	4 responses	3 responses	0 responses

Comments

Develop former Visit Scotland as a heritage and visitor centre - Priority Continue to exploit advances in technology to attract more "remote workers" and encourage more home based businesses - Priority 2 Support season round interest in the village - Priority 3 Encourage businesses to offer SVQ and apprenticeship training - Priority 2 Improve on shore facilities and parking - Priority 1 Focus on supporting cornerstone events/festivals such as the Scottish Series/seafood/ music/book/Christmas festivals, Tarbert Fair, the Feis and others and the facilities for them Priority - 1
I daresay there could be some improvement with regard to jobs, but other than local firms offering apprenticeships, which they do, most other businesses are involved with tourism, and that suffers from a short season, which can't really be extended beyond the present.
More access industrial units for small or start-up businesses would be useful.
most work for disabled people is voluntary and tokenistic
No opportunities in this area.
Not needing to work, I cannot answer this from experience.
Not within 18 miles.
One main problem here in Tarbert is getting quality seasonal staff willing to work, and finding them temp accommodation in the village is proving tricky.
Tarbert is like a retirement/Holiday village, quite a few B & B facilities, 3 hotels which offer seasonal work, but not many office based jobs or opportunities for the younger generation. Which forces families to move out of the area to find decent employment.
There are fewer job opportunities in Tarbert - you have to travel and generally need a car, which is difficult to run on low wages. There is also a shortage of childcare in the village.
There are jobs in Tarbert if people are prepared to work and do any jobs!
There are plenty of opportunities for work, most are low to middle income. Setting up businesses is tricky unless the market is established or the good can be transported or sold to larger communities. The lack of fast broadband limits opportunities for teleworking which would allow high tech and / or service industries to be based more rurally. Opportunities are often found via personal networks rather than formal job centres etc. Grants for business are readily available, they subsidise some businesses that would otherwise fail. I am not personally convinced that all the grants are a good idea, and more education on the basic economics of setting up a business and understanding the potential revenue would perhaps be a better use of some resource.
Yes definitely.

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

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 3.5</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
9 responses	2 responses	4 responses	5 responses	4 responses	5 responses	2 responses	0 responses

### Comments

<p>Housing is affordable, and there is plenty of opportunity to buy. Renting is also available, but shorter term rentals (6-12months) are hard to come by. This impacts people working on infrastructure projects as they workers struggle to find accommodation while on site. Housing is generally well integrated, private / rented etc. and a good mix of sizes close together. in more rural settings it is often as easy and cost effective to build new rather than buy and renovate - this is a shame as it leads to more derelict properties and increases to carbon footprints because of lack of reuse of housing stock. Some rural rental properties are poorly maintained, and tenants are often unsure or worried about pressing their case because they worry about being asked to move. This is particularly true of long term renters who rely on very few landlords to provide property in the immediate area.</p>
<p>Housing is limited for growing families and many houses are inadequate for the needs of occupants.</p>
<p>Housing is miles apart from neighbours.</p>
<p>Housing Needs Assessment identifies need for 3-4 bedroom houses - Priority 1 Tarbert and Skipness had very low house building over past 20 years compared to other areas of comparable size Tackle dampness and poor insulation of houses Priority 2 Develop mixed range of housing Priority 1 Work with housing associations to resolve lack of 3-4 bedroom houses in Tarbert Priority 1</p>
<p>In terms of social housing, there's a surplus of 2-bed flats and a dearth of 3-bed family homes, meaning that many families are crammed into unsuitable accommodation. To buy, there is a lack of mid-range affordable family housing, and some suitable properties are bought up for holiday homes. Families end up buying outside the village (e.g. in Whitehouse or Lochgilphead), which leaves them and their children isolated from social networks. A lot of the housing is unaffordable because of heating costs, which results in cold, damp, mouldy homes.</p>
<p>Low-cost housing/rental properties are needed - but ground on which to build is difficult.</p>
<p>More 3 bed houses required, there is a waiting list for 3 bed houses, also 2 x 4 bed houses would help local families. Proper up grading of existing 2/3 bed houses under ownership of ACHA etc.</p>
<p>More 3 bed room houses are desperately needed in the village, some people have moved away as they can't secure the housing that they need. There are only a few 3 bed private rental houses available this has to be addressed NOW.</p>
<p>More affordable family housing needed. Too many houses are becoming second homes or holiday let's.</p>
<p>More variety of housing would be helpful. New builds tend to be on the outskirts of town and away from the centre.</p>



No 3/4 bed social housing available for young families and houses have become too expensive in Tarbert for young families to buy,

Not enough Family sized homes, plenty of 1/2 bedroom properties but not enough for families 3/4 bedroom properties. House prices can be quite high so local families can't afford some of the decent sized properties to buy.

There no 3 bedroom houses available in Tarbert. People have to wait years in overcrowded conditions hoping a 3 bedroom house will eventually become available, and even then they sometimes get given to someone who hasn't been waiting patiently for years. More 3 bedroom homes are urgently needed.

This drastically needs improved. There is a shortage of 3 bedroom houses in the village. Not uncommon to hear of 3 children sharing a bedroom! Many families have also left the village to come to Lochgilphead purely due to the housing issues faced in Tarbert. Investment/Improvement is needed!

This is a rural community, all our neighbours are great and we try to fit in the best we can.

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

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 5.0</b>							
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	2 responses	7 responses	8 responses	9 responses	4 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

A very spread out community, where the opportunity to meet is limited. However, there is a monthly meeting that is well attended.
Everyone stops to chat and make sure we are all okay.
I met my neighbour in February, I also spoke to them last August. No we do not mix well. Feeling isolated can be good for your health.
Promote local community groups' activities, events and achievements as well as provide information on how to get involved via diary - Priority 3 Continued support of local voluntary community groups _ Priority 1 promote an ongoing programme of arts and leisure events at the Templar Arts Centre, Village Hall and other venues - Priority 3 Support Groups with funding, safeguarding and governance - Priority 1
Tarbert has a great community spirit.
The Village Hall and Templars Hall over the years have been renovated and are frequently used by different bodies in the village.
There are a lot of places where people meet and mix both formally and informally, lots of clubs and community activities.
There are activities organised on a regular basis for local communities in towns and villages. They are year round and a good mix of formal / informal. Village halls, Library, leisure centre, beach are all used regularly
There are good cafes, Hotels, etc. here but one thing that could be a good talking point and meeting place could be the former Tourist information centre which is now Tarbert Life. This building which has a historical record of the village through text and photos could be utilised better and act as a meeting point for people with seating, coffee machine, and made more comfortable for people to sit and chat.
We are fairly well served with clubs, classes, etc., but there is still room for improvement.

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

31 responses in total – Average Score of 5.2							
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	4 responses	4 responses	2 responses	9 responses	10 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Definitely.
Excellent community spirit
Have lived here all my life, and don't wish any massive changes.
I'm not sure what I think to being regarded as a 'white settler' but I have found Tarbert unexpectedly easy to integrate into, with lots of opportunity for cultural involvement.
My experience here is very poor. Local community councils and trusts are opaque, cliques often running poor and biased reviews / consultations with not real accountability. I have seen breaches of data regulation and more than one consultation which was set up specifically to get a fixed result not invite debate. I was ignored, excluded then named as 'anti' at one such 'consultation'. Community hubs or local groups who organise events are often dominated by one or two individuals whose style is often more directive than inclusive. New communities' members such as myself when I moved here were expected to do specific things, not asked or included. To refuse was to be isolated. So while I feel a member of my community it is one I found and created, not the one most local to me... While I find individuals welcoming, the self-styled community leaders are the ones who I have more often found judgemental, domineering and unwelcoming of difference. It is for this reason I welcome and participate in Council consultations so my voice can be heard alongside these groups, rather than them saying they represent me. The history of the area is hard to find, and often relies on oral histories as much as documents. An oral history combined with documents would be an interesting project, I am unsure if this is something covered in local schools etc
People think of Tarbert in a positive light, there is a lot of heritage and people are proud of it. The community is open and welcoming.
Tarbert has a great sense of community
This has not been addressed in the Community Plan and no individual or group has raised the issue
We have a very small full time community, but what we have works well if you are prepared to get involved.
Yes everyone feels that they belong. Community does not connect. I am unaware of any local groups.
Yes.

## Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 5.8</b>							
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	1 responses	5 responses	4 responses	10 responses	11 responses	0 responses

### Comments

I feel safe, but the drastic reduction in police numbers is having an effect, and there has been an occasion of serious crime in the area. There is a small element of anti-social behaviour and this is not helped by the lack of police. Local station is closed, police houses sold, and the main station in Lochgilphead closing from November 18th from 6pm - 8am is not a good thing.
It's Tarbert!
Low levels of crime and antisocial behaviour, I would feel safe walking about even after dark.
Prepare proposals to achieve resilience within the communities Priority 1
Safe except for (boy racers) on single track roads. I do not think that I would describe the local farmer as exactly antisocial.
Tarbert is generally a safe place to live but I do worry about how easily drugs are accessible, especially with 2 young children.
The area feels safe in general, however much of this is determined by the behaviour and ethics of farmers, landowners, factors and their workers who have extensive access around properties in more rural locations.
There has been some vandalism at the Resource Centre and the garden that we made has lost plants and seats
This is a great community area that always looks out for everyone else.

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

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5</b>							
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	6 responses	4 responses	2 responses	8 responses	8 responses	3 responses	0 responses

### Comments

All are very well kept.
All private property, so this will be cared for by the owners.
Dog mess can be an issue.
More maintenance needed for road side verges, pavements, street lights, parking, laybys,
Most buildings and public spaces are reasonable, there are some problems with dog mess and the public toilets could do with a facelift.
No residents association. Litter can be a problem, especially from passing drivers. Main recycling is a 60 mile round trip.
Pavements, roads, litter bins , car parks, road side verges, all need to be properly maintained.
Recycling is excellent. Public spaces are well maintained, refuse collection is excellent. Local residents association(s) are not really representative or accountable or open to change or challenge from their communities. They are also pretty ineffective with the pace of achievement very slow. However they have effected some very good things as well as championing some very silly / wasteful things.
Support existing community spaces to maintain and improve facilities - Priority 2
Tarbert's pretty good.
The Harbour area i.e. ,the cottages need renovating
We don't have any public buildings or spaces.

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

<b>31 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	3 responses	3 responses	6 responses	5 responses	8 responses	5 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

I attend Community Council Meetings so feel involved in decision making.
I feel included and able to influence because of the councils programme to offer up consultations. Locally the community council / trusts do not offer opportunity to get involved unless you agree with them, they seem to actively avoid debate or contrary opinions and appear opaque and poorly run. I would deal with the council direct or my MP/MSP I avoid the local groups from bitter experience.
Many organisations contribute to Tarbert being a lovely place to live and raise a family.
No one seems to care much. Twenty years living in the area, I have never been consulted.
Recently a charging point for electric cars was installed in the village, the local Tarbert & Skipness CC were not even consulted! why ?. Why not ask locals where the best point for this may be. A & B need to learn to ask the local communities what is best for them, rather than think they know best.
The answer to this will depend on if the proposed pylon route through the village goes ahead despite widespread local opposition.
This has not been addressed in the Community Plan nor has any group or individual raised the issue
we do have a Champions meetings at the Centre and we decide what we want to do

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

Better cycling routes around Tarbert, to open up opportunities for locals to get more active and to generate more income from tourism. Better provision of mid-range family housing (both social and to buy), to keep families in the village. More initiatives to lower heating costs, especially in flats.
Decent size housing for Families, thing to create jobs locally to keep families.
Decent transport. Clean drinking water. Less litter.
Housing needs improved to ensure local families continue to stay in the village
Housing, cycling and youth services.
Housing, maintenance of pavements, more defined parking areas, and more signage for parking. A small gym, health club is required.
I think more could be done to consolidate the history of the rural communities and integrate this with walks/routes/ tourist info. I would look at closing some underused services to spend the money elsewhere, some post offices with very small footfall, and where the community shops elsewhere and sell off empty council buildings (e.g. Skipness school) Top priority would be completing the roll out of fast broadband across Argyll
Improved public transport Safe walking routes
In Tarbert, I know there is a need for more houses and better things for people to do, but overall this is a great place to live.
Keeping the rural roads free from obstructions to sight lines for drivers. Over grown vegetation. Reducing the speed limit on these roads.
Lack of affordable housing for young families in Tarbert. To keep a place vibrant you need young families with children.
Limited public transport, limited parking in Campbeltown (Street parking often inadequate), few great shared community spaces, no great feeling of influence despite strength of community feeling, recreation strong for outdoor pursuits - play though limited. Work (insecure) due to contentious cuts to local budgets and few alternative opportunities.
Make Tarbert more attractive for Tourists, level out the Manhole covers on the roads ,all are badly maintained i.e. set too low !!
New ferry. Cycle ways/footpaths. New walking routes. Signage.
No gym facilities in area, maybe consider opening school gym out with school hours for people who work
No pylons spoiling the village, make the cables go underground. More pavements and or cycle tracks. More affordable or social housing for families.
Public transport to local villages I.e. Kilberry is appalling- only school bus
Safer walking, public transport (particularly for the elderly) to allow for less car usage.
social housing and public transport
The main issue in Tarbert is lack of 3 bedroom houses. Also, lights needed on the Tawny Path so children can access the park on dark mornings/afternoons. Safer crossing at the co-op would also be great.
The need for better care of the roads and verges. Verge cutting is essential as the verges are narrow and visibility is affected by overhanging branches and shrubs. Passing places need to be resurfaced to that drivers do not fall into large potholes at the edge of these.

## What actions could be taken to deal with these?

A huge grant from the Government
Accountability and support for existing youth services. Upgrades to A83, including traffic management at entrances to village on either side. Extend footpaths and cycle tracks to link up with West Loch.
Authorities should start to consult all of the people and demonstrate that they have listened.
Better transport (buses)
Build 3 bedroom houses in Tarbert. Put lights on the Tawny Path. A safer crossing at the co-op corner.
Build more 3 bedroom properties
Build more affordable social housing. ACHA to build 4 three bed houses next year however this is not enough.
Council needs to find someone who can identify problems and instigate action.
Cycle routes to Lochgilphead and to Clachan/Claonaig. Local governance looking at providing more affordable mid-range family housing and prioritising sites for 3-bed houses. Local initiatives to improve insulation and heating for older homes.
Get BEAR to make improvements, if it is their job to maintain the manholes, The council should enforce the upkeep of the Harbour cottages, DECORATION More Parking spaces! Widen Barmore Rd
I don't know
improve both
Protections for local authority budgets, expand industries to create more opportunities, more and better shared community spaces (community gardens, etc.), more play opportunities, improved local transport infrastructure to improve access to hubs - or reduced taxi fares to encourage local contacts
Public sector investment Timetabling of transport to suit standard working hours
Push planning to put through planning applications, and stop putting petty issues in from of these applications. Ensure proper maintenance is carried out on paths, pavements etc. Allocate money for a health club/gym.
Require Scottish government to agree for the new ferries that are required, probably 5 new large ferries and minimum 3 small ferries. Again money is required from local council to implement new cycle routes and also new walking paths all around the village. Some basic works required to carry out improved car parking.
Road maintenance and very maintenance.
The Community Plan is a living document updated annually where progress on these priorities is noted, TSCT meets with the Community Council and Tarbert Harbour Authority annually to discuss progress and projects each is undertaking within the plan. These 3 organisations have impacted positively on our communities but with some of our priorities our job is to highlight the priority to another statutory or national organisation to take forward.



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