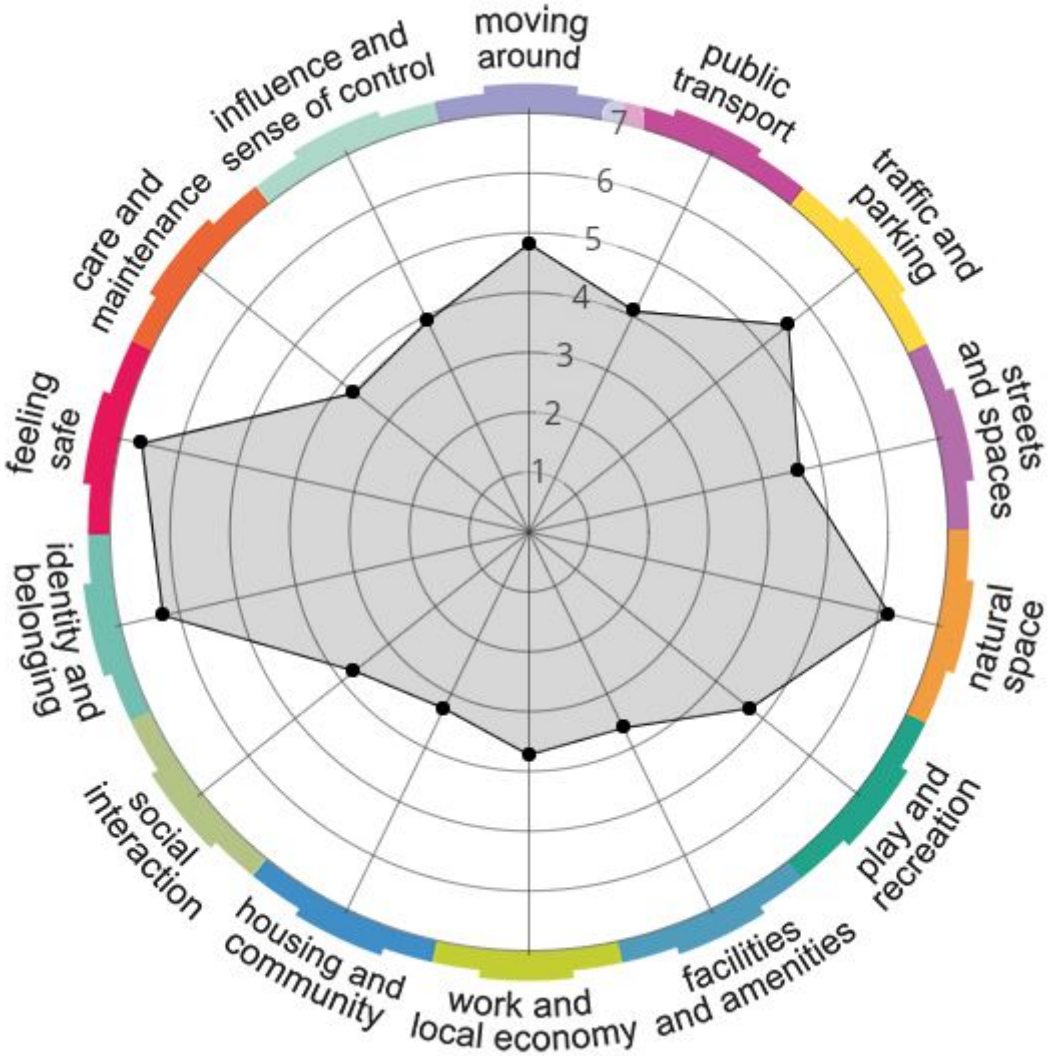
Bonawe Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:

Housing and Community

Facilities and Amenities

Work and Local Economy

Social Contact

Care and Maintenance

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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.

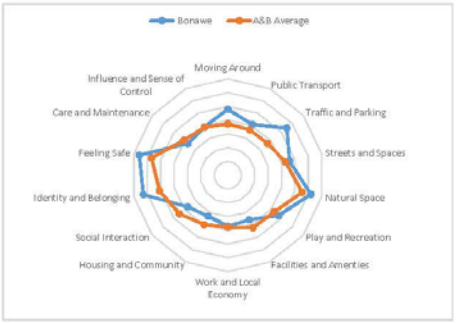
We are currently mapping out what activity is already happening, what is planned within the next 3-4 years and where the gaps are. This information will be considered by both the CPP Management Committee and the Area Community Planning Groups to shape the actions.

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.

Bonawe Responses

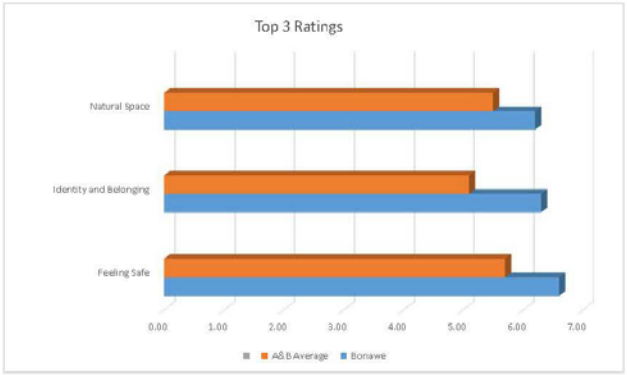
Our Top Rated Areas are:

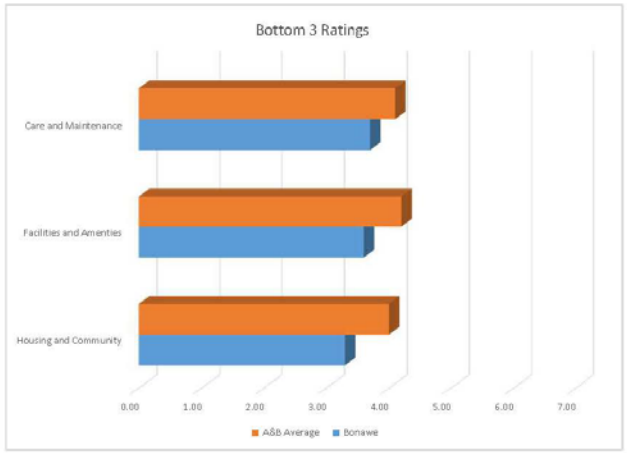
Feeling Safe	Respondents rated this area 6.6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
Identity and Belonging	Respondents rated this area 6.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.
Natural Space	Respondents rated this area 6.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.

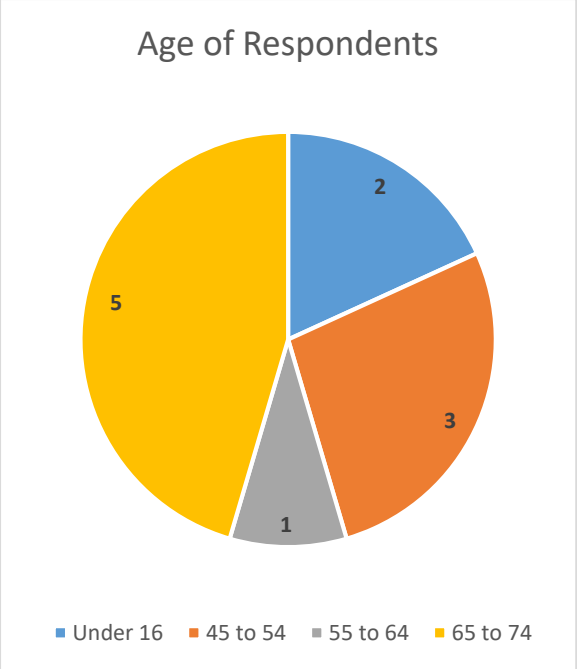


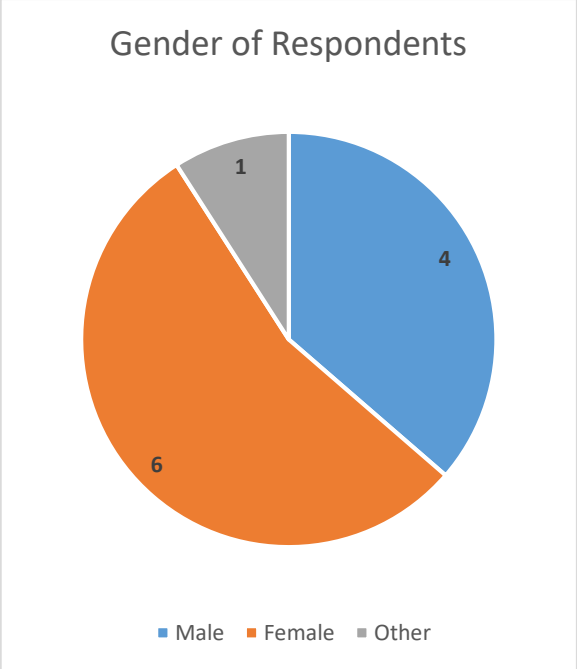
Areas of desired improvement are:

Housing and Community	Respondents rated this area 3.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4 out of 7.
Facilities and Amenities	Respondents rated this area 3.6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4.2 out of 7.
Care and Maintenance	Respondents rated this area 3.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll &Bute Average of 4.1 out of 7.









Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Housing and Community	3.3
Facilities and Amenities	3.6
Work and Local Economy	3.7
Social Contact	3.7
Care and Maintenance	3.7
Influence and Sense of Control	3.9
Public Transport	4.1
Streets and Spaces	4.6
Play and Recreation	4.7
Moving Around	4.8
Traffic and Parking	5.5
Natural Space	6.2
Identity and Belonging	6.3
Feeling Safe	6.6

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 4.8							
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	2 responses	0 responses	3 responses	1 responses	3 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

I have big concerns about the lack of pavement and cycle track between Connel and Dunbeg
Kerb/edge cutting could be improved. Trees are now growing on verges in some places.
Narrow road - getting busier with lorries. They're huge. The hydro scheme is also impacting - don't have a problem with this or the quarry but the roads are an issue. No step-off verges to get off of the road. Would never dream of riding my pony or walking the dogs along the road. It isn't big enough when traffic comes.
Quiet single track road, but big vehicles. Contractors for hydro scheme travelling at speed
This area served by a single track road. Scope for more walks through woodlands

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

11 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
1 responses	2 responses	0 responses	2 responses	5 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

3 buses per day is not bad for a wee place
Buses don't run on time which is an issue. There's no pub in the village. I sometimes get the bus to North Connel and have time for one pint in the pub before catching the bus back home but there's only an hour for me to get from the road end to the pub and back again so that's only possible when the bus is on time.
Could do with community transport to take older people shopping. The bus is fantastic - worry that one day it could disappear and leave us isolated. I use the bus to go shopping in Oban
Good bus during school terms and Saturday. 1130 service too early to give flexibility - compare to Sat times
Timetable doesn't support going out in the evening

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

11 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	3 responses	1 responses	5 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Need to travel to Oban for amenities. Traffic and parking varies depending what time of the year it is. All supermarkets involve travelling through Oban - most housing development is happening to the other end - one supermarket on the Oban North side would be great. Parking is too expensive. Biggest issue is not being able to pay with a credit card - who has 9 x £1 coins to pay for parking and mobile phone system is rubbish. I'm a B&B owner with guests who struggle with where to leave car if going across to Mull etc. for the day and having enough coins to pay for it - some have missed boat while trying to sort it out. I generally direct them to Rockfield Centre car park where they can pay using a card but it's got limited spaces because of their building works. Would rather pay after parking. Couple of car parks with barriers and machines like at the station?
Parking is an issue when going into town. There's not enough reasonably priced parking for people who have to travel to work.

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 4.6							
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	2 responses	4 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

WE need to resolve future of disused school complex

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 6.2							
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	1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	7 responses	0 responses

Comments

No Comments

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7							
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	0 responses	0 responses	3 responses	3 responses	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

At the moment - play space is part of the school
Good while we have the school
None in area

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.

11 responses in total – Average Score of 3.6							
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	2 responses	1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Good as long as I can drive to access them in Oban
I get the bus into Oban
None in area
Pop-up cafes are great but it's all we have at the moment.

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7							
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	0 responses	3 responses	4 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Dependant on public transport - work is out with the village.
Oban really is the mail hub for work
Very few jobs at quarry, no others in area.
Work and local economy dependant on transport

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 3.3							
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	2 responses	4 responses	5 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Expensive. Not enough affordable housing for young people
Housing is generally an issue in the area. It's very expensive for what the wages are. Lot of estate owned houses. I'm currently running a B&B but it's a tenanted business which means when I give us the business I won't be able to stay in the area unless there's alternative housing available. Building plots are too dear.
More houses and particularly ones which could be accessible by elderly
Too many holiday homes

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7							
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	3 responses	2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

I sometimes get the bus to North Connel and have time for one pint in the pub before catching the bus back home but there's only an hour for me to get from the road end to the pub and back again so that's only possible when the bus is on time.
Improving if community centre project comes off the ground

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 6.3							
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	1 responses	6 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

Declining due to increasing number of non-residents owning homes
Whilst this place does have a strong social identity it is in danger from the closure of the school

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

11 responses in total – Average Score of 6.6							
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	4 responses	7 responses	0 responses

Comments

No Comments

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7							
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	2 responses	3 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Abandoned cars and camper vans make place look shabby
The only public building falling into dereliction

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

11 responses in total – Average Score of 3.9							
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	4 responses	5 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

I suspect not.

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

Need to create a few more houses, diversify age range of people living here, create a better public meeting space
Places for local children to move into as they get older is nil - build more affordable homes.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

End austerity and right to buy.
Input and buy in from public agencies and a real need for visualizing what our small communities should look like and how they should function.

Produced by the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership, January 2020 – based upon the Place Standard Consultation Engagement which took place between May and October 2019.

Please contact cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk for further information.

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