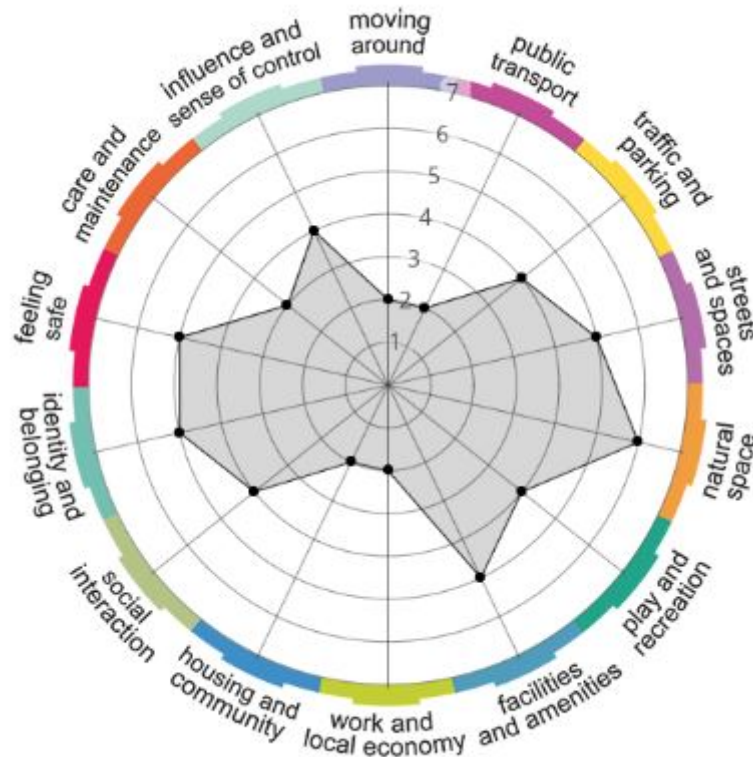


# Dalmally Responses 2019



## Priority Areas for Improvement:



Moving Around



Public Transport



Work and Local Economy



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](#).

## Dalmally Responses

Our Top Rated Areas are:



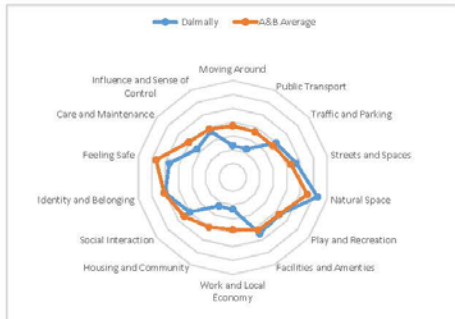
**Natural Space** Respondents rated this area 6.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.



**Identity and Belonging** Respondents rated this area 5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.



**Streets and Spaces** Respondents rated this area 4.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4.3 out of 7.



Areas of desired improvement are:



**Housing and Community** Respondents rated this area 2.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4 out of 7.

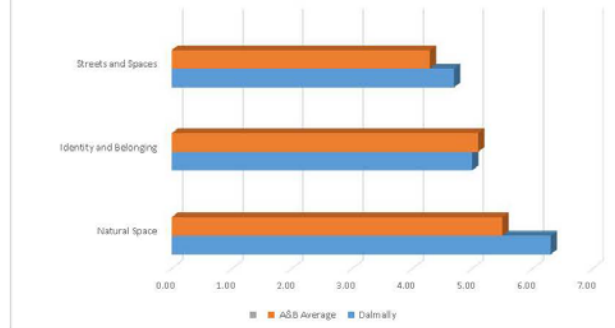


**Work and Local Economy** Respondents rated this area 2.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.8 out of 7.

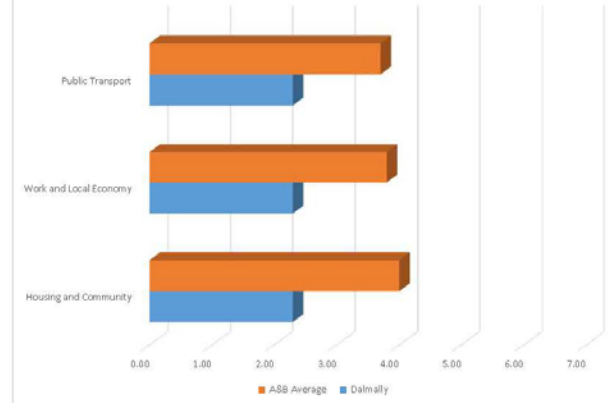


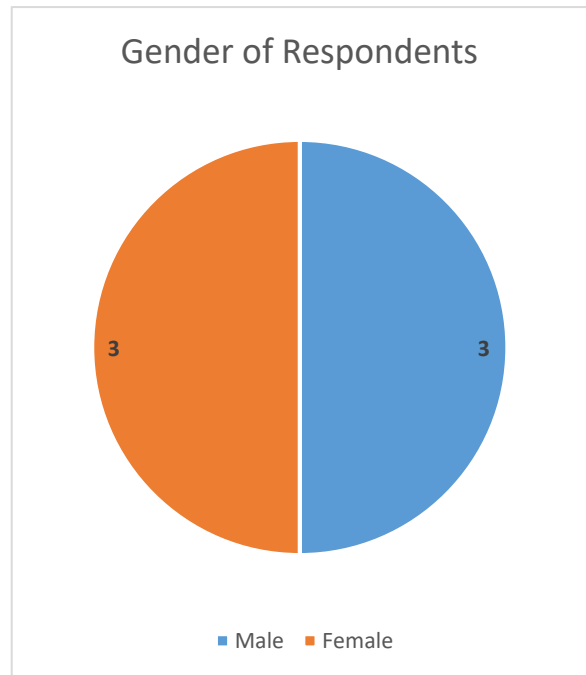
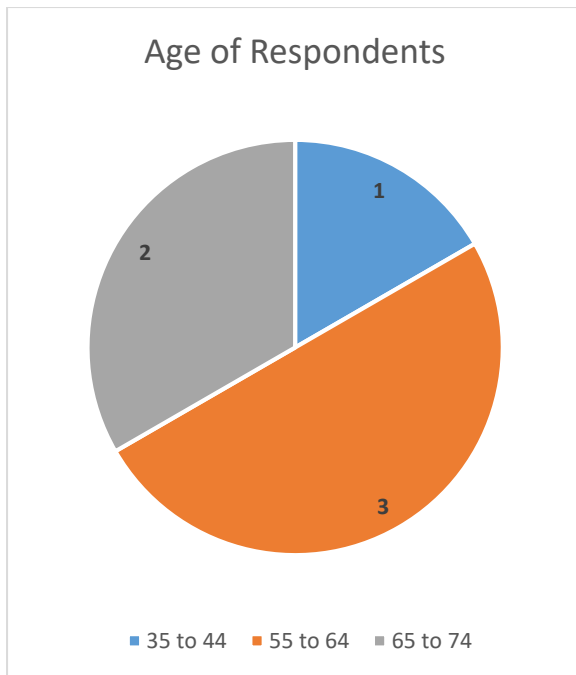
**Public Transport** Respondents rated this area 2.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.

Top 3 Ratings



Bottom 3 Ratings





**Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score**

Thematic Area	Average Score
<a href="#">Q1. Moving Around</a>	2.3
<a href="#">Q2. Public Transport</a>	2.3
<a href="#">Q8. Work and Local Economy</a>	2.3
<a href="#">Q9. Housing and Community</a>	2.3
<a href="#">Q13. Care and Maintenance</a>	3.3
<a href="#">Q14. Influence and Sense of Control</a>	3.7
<a href="#">Q3. Traffic and Parking</a>	4.0
<a href="#">Q10. Social Contact</a>	4.0
<a href="#">Q6. Play and Recreation</a>	4.3
<a href="#">Q7. Facilities and Amenities</a>	4.5
<a href="#">Q4. Streets and Spaces</a>	4.7
<a href="#">Q12. Feeling Safe</a>	4.7
<a href="#">Q11. Identity and Belonging</a>	5.0
<a href="#">Q5. Natural Space</a>	6.3

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

<b>6 responses in total – Average Score of 2.3</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
4 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Roads are full of potholes and hard to cycle on No walking pathways, dangerous to walk on roads
There are no cycle routes or walking routes in Dalmally. Walking in the forestry area is almost impossible due to fallen trees and other restrictions.
Roads surface poor, narrow, shrub overgrown
No cycle routes, no walking routes except on roads. Tiny roads with passing places where tourists and some locals speed, especially during the summer. It's too dangerous to either walk or cycle and there's nowhere to sit or take shelter. Need speed bumps to deter speeding cars..
More cycle routes - currently they do not connect; hence one has to take to main road to get from A to B.

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

<b>6 responses in total – Average Score of 2.3</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Nearest public transport requires a car to get to it
Nearest bus stop to go to Glasgow or Oban is 6/10 of a mile from Glenview. Train station approximately 9/10 of a mile from Glenview.
non existent
Trains are frequent but station has no facilities and tickets cannot be bought online because there is no ticket machine to get them from. No cycle storage anywhere. Bus routes are inaccessible. Cars are necessary even though I would prefer to cycle and use public transport.
Last bus to Benderloch is 9.15 leaving oban not allowing you to cinema or play.

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

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

**Comments**

Parking in Oban and Inveraray is sufficient, but there is not enough free parking to encourage use of shops etc.
No traffic calming in the roads around Loch Awe where I live. It's a total nightmare. I would never cycle or walk my dogs there - a neighbour's dog was killed by a speeding car recently on that road. No traffic calming and too many cars speeding along a twisty, narrow, dangerous road. Parking in Inveraray is reasonable.
there is a few car parks in Benderloch but one desperately needs pot holes filled in.

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

<b>6 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
0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Footpaths are badly maintained i.e. Grass has overgrown most of the pavement on the A85 limiting the number of people who can walk on it to single file due to an overgrown Beech hedge . When the grass gets cut by Bear they leave most of the grass cuttings scattered over the footpath. Other parts of the footpath resemble a muddy track in wet weather. I raised this with Community Council in 2016 and eventually contacted BEAR Scotland myself and did not give up until they came and cleared some of the overgrown footpath. The householder whose hedge was encroaching on the footpath had a letter from the council to cut back the hedge. This was done but has not been cut since and is now in a worse state than before. On the footpath entering Glenview it is so badly overgrown with Rhododendrons and other shrubbery that it is necessary to walk on the road. There is no footpath on the opposite side of the road.

I love the area. Good facilities in Inveraray and beautiful scenery around Loch Awe.



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

<b>6 responses in total – Average Score of 6.3</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	3 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Good natural spaces, spoilt by cars driving too fast.

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

<b>6 responses in total – Average Score of 4.3</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	3 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Nothing for kids to do in the area. Kids can only play in gardens around Loch Awe because of the problems with cars, especially in the summer.

There is no places for children to play other than the football field at the primary school.

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>6 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
1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Distant and require car to access
Good doctor's surgery although nowhere to leave bikes either there or near shops.
There is access to a surgery but not always within bus times. The local café is open only during the summer months therefore you have to go into town to socialise. The local village hall has a pop up reading room which is great but again only open occasionally.

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

<b>6 responses in total – Average Score of 2.3</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Rural economy is getting hammered ... poor connectivity is the 1 major drawback to encouraging people and business to this area
Broadband non-existent, physical infrastructure poor
Isolated area means very little growth in this area.
I don't believe there is a good source of job satisfaction in the village as there are not many opportunities around especially for the young teens.

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

<b>6 responses in total – Average Score of 2.3</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Every house that comes up for sale locally is bought as a 2nd home ... there is no scope for local people (young/families) to remain ... the local community is dying as a result
Mostly 2nd homes now ... locals can't afford to buy here
Few facilities for the young or the old. Too many holiday homes mean less good housing available.
There is a large lack of social housing in this area and this reflects on the village where people have to wait and hope a house comes available which is almost never. Different types of houses do work well together as not many people bother whether they actually own their own house or rent.

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

<b>6 responses in total – Average Score of 4.0</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	0 responses	1 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Local community centre is very active for adults but not for children. No other purpose built amenities.

Again not really unless you go out for a walk or to the shop then there is nowhere for people to meet.

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

<b>6 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	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

2nd home owners are now a major part of this area ... there is a consequent reduction in identity and belonging
place is changing ... community feel is reducing, more 2nd homes and no involvement
A very strong little community.

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

<b>6 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	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

### Comments

No street lighting on the A85 between Glenview and the old part of the village where the bus stop and train station are located. If arriving in Dalmally at night this means having to be met by someone with a car or walking home in the dark with a torch for 6/10 of a mile. The hotel is also located near the bus and train stops so to socialise in the hotel means having to walk 6/10 of a mile in pitch dark with a torch for about six months of the year. Little wonder that hardly anybody from the village uses this important social gathering.

Not crime, just the car problem.

My village is safe to walk around even late at night, there are no derelict buildings and people do respect their beliefs whatever they happen to be. Our local village hall is well used but again could be used more but the lack of volunteers is always an issue.



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

<b>6 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
1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

<p>ACHA owned properties are very run-down and look dirty and un-cared for, i.e. Dirty UPVC around window area of 1.5 storey houses. Gardens are generally very unkempt in some ACHA properties. There is a problem with litter on the A85 at Dalmally.</p>
<p>roads v poor</p>
<p>Problems only come with tourists in the summer who seem not to care about littering the environment.</p>
<p>There is no housing association in my particular housing scheme but we all do understand and keep our properties all looking as neat and tidy as possible. The cycle path could do with being tidied up occasionally, and we have good recycling points,</p>
<p>Very mixed.</p>

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

<b>6 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7</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	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

I don't think we are listened to ...
I feel that the Council don't see enough votes here to bother with us
Good communication from local groups and local police officer takes part in community meetings.
There is a local community council that we can go to and voice any concerns that we may have. Sometimes we do feel they listen then other times we don't.

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

Access, Connectivity, Decline in community identity
Footpaths should be better maintained so that they are fit for purpose i.e. pedestrians should be able to walk safely on a tarmac area that is not encroached by overgrown grass, shrubbery, mud and rubbish. Street lighting should be installed on the A85 to link the old village and the newer Glenview side. The Doctors surgery, Pharmacy and local village shop are located in the Glenview part of the village The train station and bus stop are located on the old side of the village. Again I would like to stress that accessing facilities at either end of the village entails approximately one mile walk which in the dark nights (about six months of the year ) is very challenging at best for some and dangerous for others.
Road infrastructure - surface, shrubbery
1. Do something about speeding cars on the tiny roads along Loch Awe - Portsonachan. Speed bumps might help. 2. Increase facilities for cycles in and around Loch Awe / Dalmally. 3. Make Dalmally station more user friendly by having a ticket machine to download tickets bought online. More places for children to play more funding for rural areas more social housing.
- Accessible cycle path network throughout area. - Active encouragement of local enterprises and job market: - Should train and develop our 'hospitality' work force to meet the very highest standards. 'Highland Hospitality' is a cache we do not always live up to. Invest in world leading training for school leavers in Oban? - Better exploit opportunities to develop service industries which support national and global businesses through call centres/website.

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

Send the appropriate bodies to Dalmally to look at the footpaths and implement necessary maintenance work which should then be an on-going task to maintain a good standard in the future. Regarding street lighting on the A85. Ask someone from the council to come to Dalmally and walk the route from Glenview to the train station or bus stop in the hours of darkness. This will allow them to experience what it is like for Dalmally residents and visitors to the community who have to do this journey on a regular basis in pitch darkness.

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