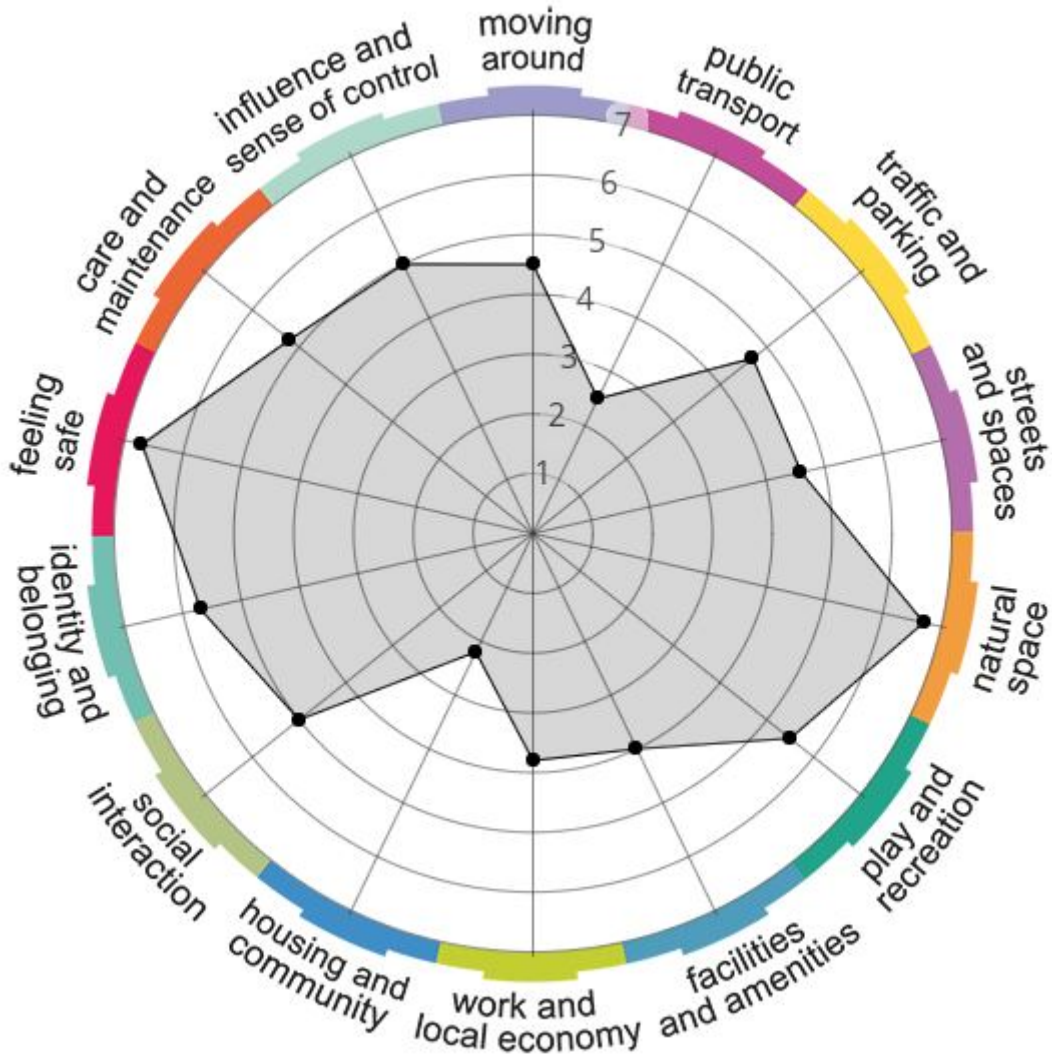# Isle of Colonsay Responses 2019

Priority Areas for Improvement:

Housing and Community

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.

Isle of Colonsay Responses

Our Top Rated Areas are:

	Identity and Belonging	Respondents rated this area 5.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.
	Feeling Safe	Respondents rated this area 5.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
	Natural Space	Respondents rated this area 5.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
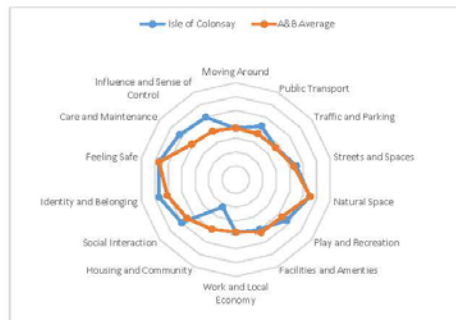
Areas of desired improvement are:

	Housing and Community	Respondents rated this area 2.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4 out of 7.
	Traffic and Parking	Respondents rated this area 3.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	Moving Around	Respondents rated this area 3.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll &Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.

Top 3 Ratings

Bottom 3 Ratings

Age of Respondents

- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 and over

Gender of Respondents

- Male
- Female
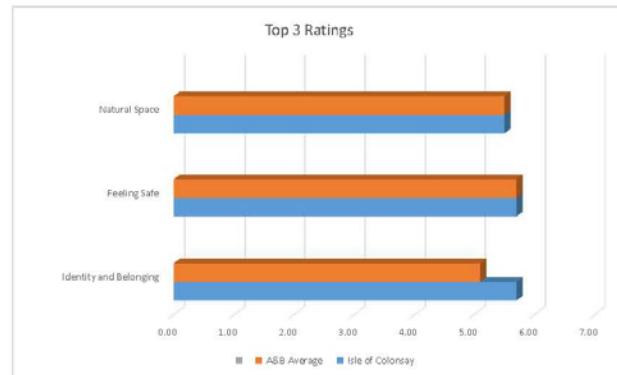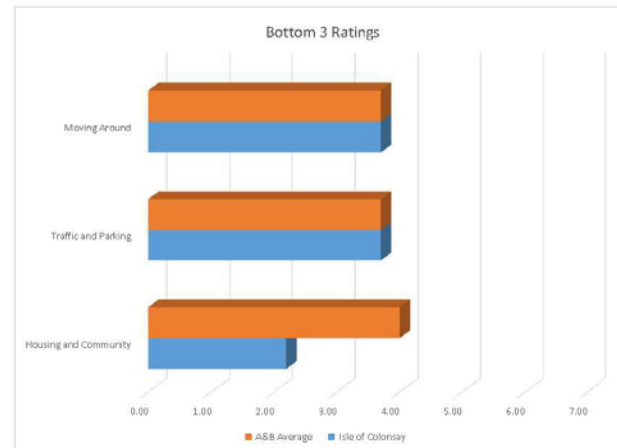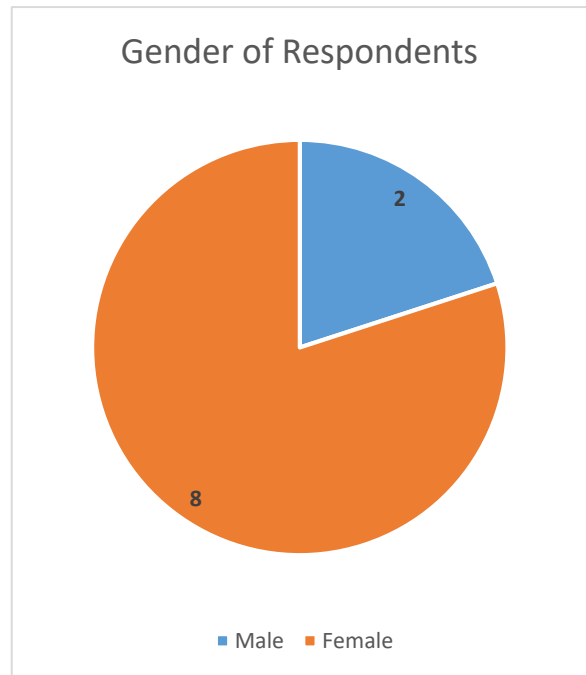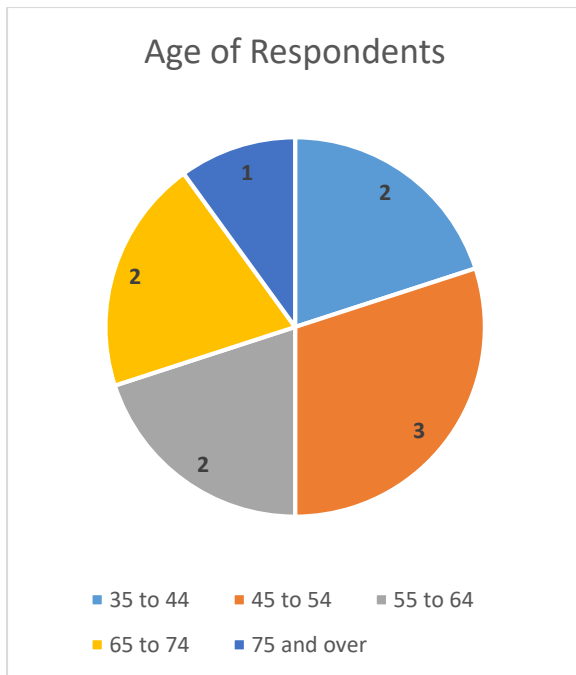
Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Housing and Community	2.2
Moving Around	3.7
Traffic and Parking	3.7
Work and Local Economy	3.8
Facilities and Amenities	4.0
Public Transport	4.3
Streets and Spaces	4.5
Play and Recreation	4.7
Social Contact	5.0
Influence and Sense of Control	5.0
Care and Maintenance	5.2
Natural Space	5.5
Identity and Belonging	5.7
Feeling Safe	6.7

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

10 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
3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Poor quality condition of roads and pavements, no cycle route, speed of traffic through the villages is too fast.
The routes are good but could use improvement
There are no cycle paths or signposted walks. We have a single track road which causes problems

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

10 responses in total – Average Score of 4.3							
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	2 responses	2 responses	3 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

There is no internal public transport. Calmac run our ferry and this is unreliable

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

10 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
2 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

During the height of the tourist season there is a problem with traffic. Thankfully camper van are not allowed on the island
No traffic calming facilities in place, large vehicles speeding through the villages. Roads are not suitable for volume or size of vehicles. People parking on roads and pavements.
The parking could be better around housing areas

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

10 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5							
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	0 responses	3 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Great scenery – lots of negative aspects – brown sites, overgrown areas, walls needing fixed.
The place is lovely no need for any improvement

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

10 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
1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	4 responses	0 responses

Comments

Lots of natural space which should be left as that with no more random building sites

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

10 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
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	4 responses	1 responses	3 responses	0 responses

Comments

all natural - walks (some organised) Badminton.
based on the weekly community lunch for elderly
There is a play park but no sports facilities

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.

10 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
1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	5 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

4G broadband TERRIBLE
Adequate
Energy security needs addressing
Telecare doesn't work when Wi-Fi goes down and BT don't keep the batteries charged.

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

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Comments

More employment opportunities are needed
no jobs
Not enough job opportunities because of available land and premises issues.

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

10 responses in total – Average Score of 2.2							
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	5 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

1 bedroomed accommodation welcomed
Folk can't get houses
More houses needed
New houses are needed but only a small amount planners need to take care not to spoil the natural environment by allowing building in the wrong places
Not enough houses that are affordable

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

10 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
0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	5 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

There is a village hall, church, and hotel

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

10 responses in total – Average Score of 5.7							
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	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	5 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

100% - islanders so kind.
I used to feel like I belonged but too much outside influence has meant this is no longer the case

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
10 responses in total – Average Score of 6.7							
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	8 responses	0 responses

Comments

totally
Yes I feel safe

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

10 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
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	3 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Roads poorly maintained
Yes

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

10 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	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	3 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

There is no sense of control the area is trying to be run by a local community development company who will not listen to others views

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

Better broadband and 4G needed, especially on the east side of the island. More houses needed. Only properties for sale are unachievably expensive (~£270,000 for a 3 bedroom house). Some of the older council houses not suitable for disabled/wheelchair access.
Better roads, especially for mobile scooters.
Housing - desperate need for full time homes, as so many second homes and not enough accommodation especially for working demographic. Better connectivity to other islands. More business development opportunities.
Housing Broadband Road maintenance Refuse collection
Housing Transport
Increase year round population (for year round sustainability).
Poor state of roads

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Build more houses for permanent occupation. Make land available for employment opportunities. Resolve schooling and transport issues.
Housing = more residents = enhanced community
More community involvement not just a group who although voted on will not keep the community informed as to what they are doing Better ferry and air services Less new build house in odd places
More meetings for groups at an affordable price (Hall very overpriced).
People who have land - consider to give/sell land appropriately. Second home owners to consider renting homes long term.

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