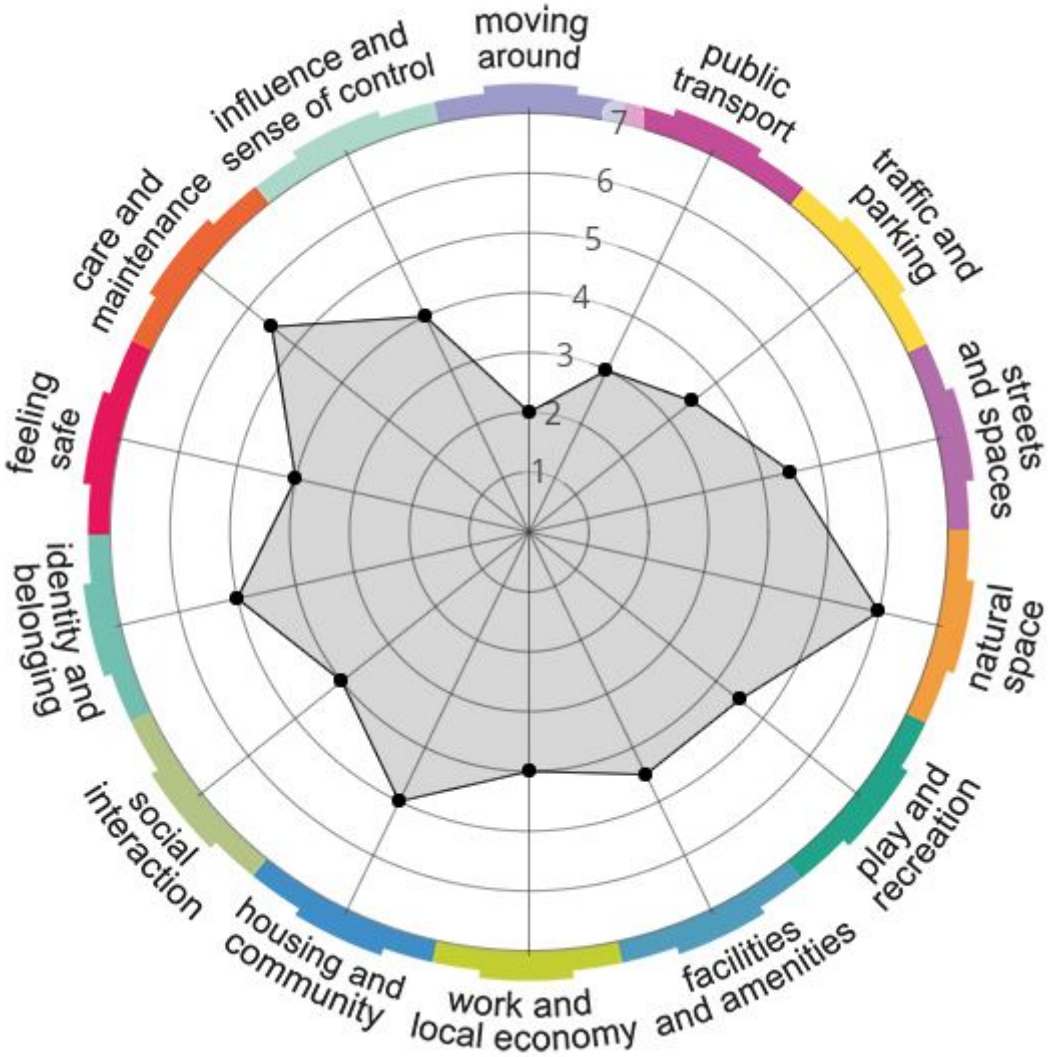
Isle of Gigha Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:

Moving Around

Public Transport

Traffic and Parking

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

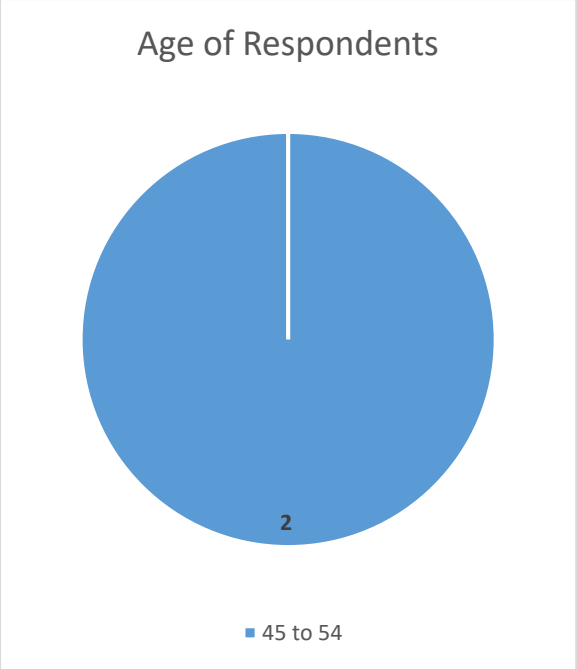
If you have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact Community Planning by e-mail: cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk , phone: 01546 604 464.

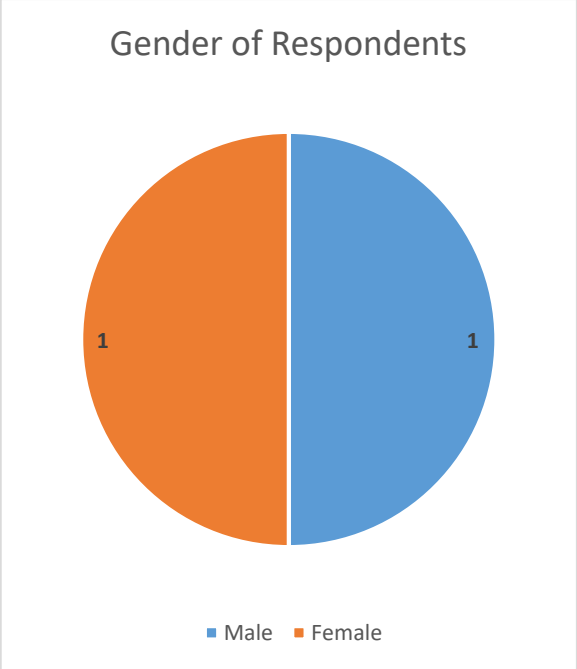
Next steps

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

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

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





Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Moving Around	2.0
Public Transport	3.0
Traffic and Parking	3.5
Work and Local Economy	4.0
Social Contact	4.0
Feeling Safe	4.0
Influence and Sense of Control	4.0
Streets and Spaces	4.5
Play and Recreation	4.5
Facilities and Amenities	4.5
Housing and Community	5.0
Identity and Belonging	5.0
Care and Maintenance	5.5
Natural Space	6.0

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

2 responses in total – Average Score of 2.0							
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	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

It is not easy for cyclists using single track roads. There is not always a safe spot to get off the road if walking or cycling when a vehicle comes along.
We only have one main road on Gigha, paths to take local and visitors off road would help keep walkers and cyclists safe.

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

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

Comments

Some bus services do not meet ferry services.
Ferry service, brilliant, bus service does not match up with ferries and rarely comes down to the ferry terminal. Taxi services on Gigha would be great but having to pay for a very expensive licence doesn't make it worthwhile.

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

2 responses in total – Average Score of 3.5							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Car parking is adequate.
We have asked for some form of traffic calming in the village, never happened.

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

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

Comments

The location of the village hall is not ideal, but trying to get funding is getting harder all the time.

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

2 responses in total – Average Score of 6.0							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

No Comments recorded

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

2 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
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Outdoor sports pitch for different sports would be good (not just football)

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

2 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5							
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Comments

Bin service not ideal, we need to be able to recycle more, we're always told that it's too costly to do on Gigha, larger communal bins are needed.

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

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

Comments

Access to good quality work is limited.
Always going to be difficult, jobs are limited as too is housing.

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

2 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	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

More affordable rented housing. Some housing that claims to be "affordable" is actually very expensive.
We have Trust owned housing and Fyne homes that are not all affordable, we have 1 council house, the rest were sold and no other housing replaced by the council. The Trust is trying to sell plots and need to relax their views on where houses can and can't be built, people moving to an island are looking for seclusion not to build next to someone else.

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

2 responses in total – Average Score of 4.0							
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0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Again, the village hall is too remote, especially for the older generation, a good communal multi-purpose building would benefit locals.

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

2 responses in total – Average Score of 5.0							
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Comments

A proper Heritage/museum type building would be of benefit, Gigha has a lot of history and will be lost unless we try and preserve it better.

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

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

I feel that social landlords should take local facilities into account as there are not always facilities available to support people who require extra care.
We have no police on Gigha, more and more people are moving to Gigha and having Fyne Homes on Gigha gives the community no say on who moves to Gigha. People who move to Gigha need to be aware of what facilities are available and how to access services. I feel that living on an island can be difficult for some.

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

2 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5							
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Comments

The Trust now has a better grip on their housing, but there are issues with many road surfaces.

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

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Comments

The Community Council on Gigha do what?

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

New paths to different areas of the island, cycle and foot. Housing to allow more people to move to the island and bring businesses with them, people's dreams have been ruined as they had a business to bring to the island, but no housing was available. Some islanders need to understand, change is required or Gigha will not thrive.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Island consultation on housing and changes in Community Council members.

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

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