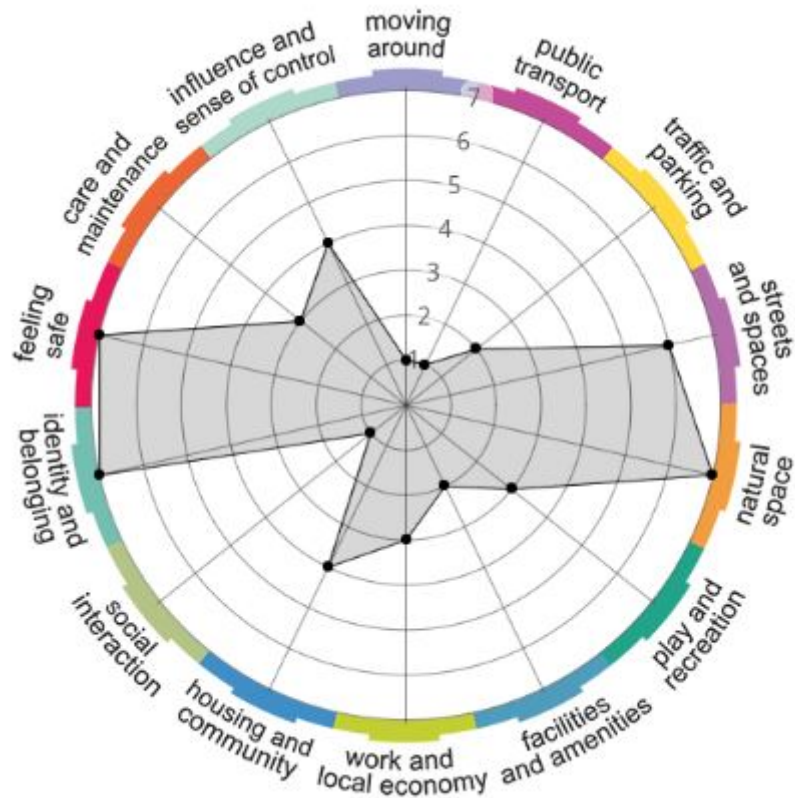


Isle of Kerrera Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:



Moving Around



Public Transport



Social Contact

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.

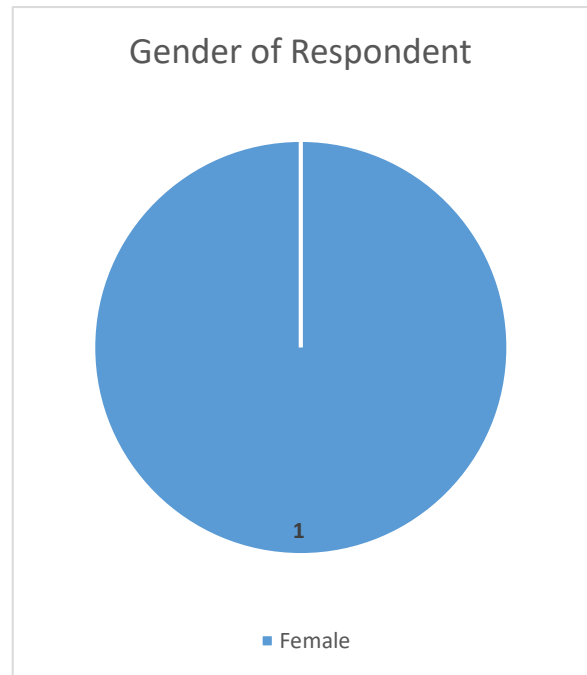
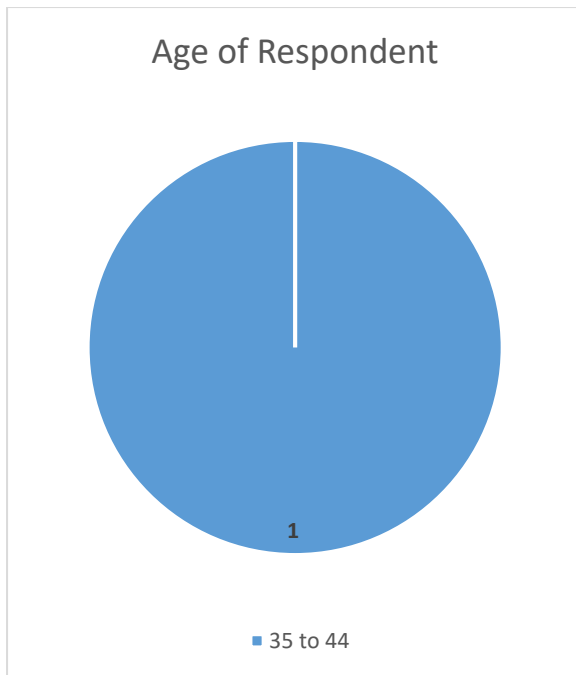
If you have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact Community Planning by e-mail: cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk , phone: 01546 604 464.

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
Q1. Moving Around	1.0
Q2. Public Transport	1.0
Q10. Social Contact	1.0
Q3. Traffic and Parking	2.0
Q7. Facilities and Amenities	2.0
Q6. Play and Recreation	3.0
Q8. Work and Local Economy	3.0
Q13. Care and Maintenance	3.0
Q9. Housing and Community	4.0
Q14. Influence and Sense of Control	4.0
Q4. Streets and Spaces	6.0
Q7. Facilities and Amenities	7.0
Q11. Identity and Belonging	7.0
Q12. Feeling Safe	7.0

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

1 responses in total – Average Score of 1.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

We have big problems with our roads on Kerrera. We get more than 15,000 visitors to the island each year, most of whom walk- but many cycle and the potholes are very dangerous for younger and less experienced cyclists. Island residents have petitioned the council to improve road conditions for many years- some pot holes have been filled in, but we desperate for a longer term solution. Our major issue also lies in the lack of any road connection between the north and south of the island. This means that almost half of island residents and workers (population is around 100 in total during the summer) cannot safely access our government subsidised ferry service. This has also led to a divided community.

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

1 responses in total – Average Score of 1.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Half of our island population cannot access the Calmac ferry service as there is no connecting road from the north end of the island. Once we have landed on the mainland at Gallanach- we have a lovely new bus shelter, but no bus service to connect us to Oban. I personally don't have a driving licence, so I would love to be able to use a public bus service. Instead I need to often walk the pushing my one year old in her buggy along a busy single track road with no footpath. A bus service would also help to alleviate the congestion and problems with our car park, enabling the annual 15,000 plus visitors to use public transport to get to the ferry.

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

1 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
0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

We have significant parking issues at the Kerrera Ferry car park, especially in the height of summer, when tourists simply park on the verges. I believe a connecting bus service to Oban could really help this situation. It would also be helpful to discourage camper vans from using the car park as a campsite and to keep an area free for residents parking (particularly those with disabilities and with young children)

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

1 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	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

We are lucky to live in a really beautiful part of the world. There is always room for improvement but our views are second to none!

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

1 responses in total – Average Score of 7.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

And that's why we live on Kerrera! It's exceptional!
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Q6. Play and Recreation: Can I access a range of places for play and recreation?

1 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	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

When it's possible to access services in Oban, then island residents have a range of choices. Our last scheduled ferry however is at 6pm. This means that it's very difficult and often impossible to attend classes and activities in the late afternoon and evening. Island children generally cannot attend after school clubs or classes. Our island Development Trust (IKDT) is working hard to change this and we intend to set up our own community centre in the old primary school building with a programme of leisure and sporting activities , including opportunities for play and recreation... watch this space!

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.

1 responses in total – Average Score of 2.0							
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Comments

There can be huge improvements made here for the Isle of Kerrera. We have no shops on the island, no school, nursery, library, doctors or a public building of any kind (yet) - islanders need to access the mainland for everything. Improvements that the island community are desperately seeking include: a later and cheaper ferry service, better island roads, a connecting road between the north and south of the island and support for the development of our new island community centre.

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

1 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	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Islanders are very creative and resilient and expect challenges as part of daily island life. However, improvements to our roads, including a north/south road link, improved ferry service and better parking facilities would have a vast impact on the employment opportunities available for islanders

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

1 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	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

No Comment

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

1 responses in total – Average Score of 1.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Kerrera currently has no public space for the community to meet. Islanders are working hard to change this and the Isle of Kerrera Development Trust has recently secured funding to buy the old primary school building to renovate it into a community centre- we hope to raise the funds soon so that we can have it as a usable community facility asap

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

1 responses in total – Average Score of 7.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Well- this question sums up why people live on the Isle of Kerrera- we love this place!

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

1 responses in total – Average Score of 7.0							
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	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

The Isle of Kerrera is possibly one of the safest places in the world!

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

1 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	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

The island Development Trust is working hard to have a positive impact here. We are planning to create a fit-for-purpose community centre in the old primary school, which will provide the community with a much-needed facility, while reversing the declined of a much loved public building. We are delighted to have new recycling bins available on the island for our use, but would like to see continued improvement to our bin collections

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

1 responses in total – Average Score of 4.0							
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Comments

The Isle of Kerrera Development Trust has successfully been representing the community for a number of years. It can be difficult however to engage in our wider community planning and services- especially as our last scheduled ferry is at 6pm each day. This has meant Kerrera has never been able to have a representative on Oban Community Council as meetings start at 7pm.

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

Our island priorities are: - Improvements to our island roads and the creation of a new north/south road on Kerrera - developing our new island community centre in the old primary school building - better ferry service, including later sailing options and cheaper fares

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Argyll and Bute council can improve our existing road and support the building of the new north/south road- as identified in the STAG report by Transport Scotland. Funding and support can be given to the Isle of Kerrera Development Trust to renovate and establish the new island community centre. Transport Scotland can roll out RET as promised back in 2013 to bring down our fares and improvements can be made to our ferry schedule to include a bookable evening service

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

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