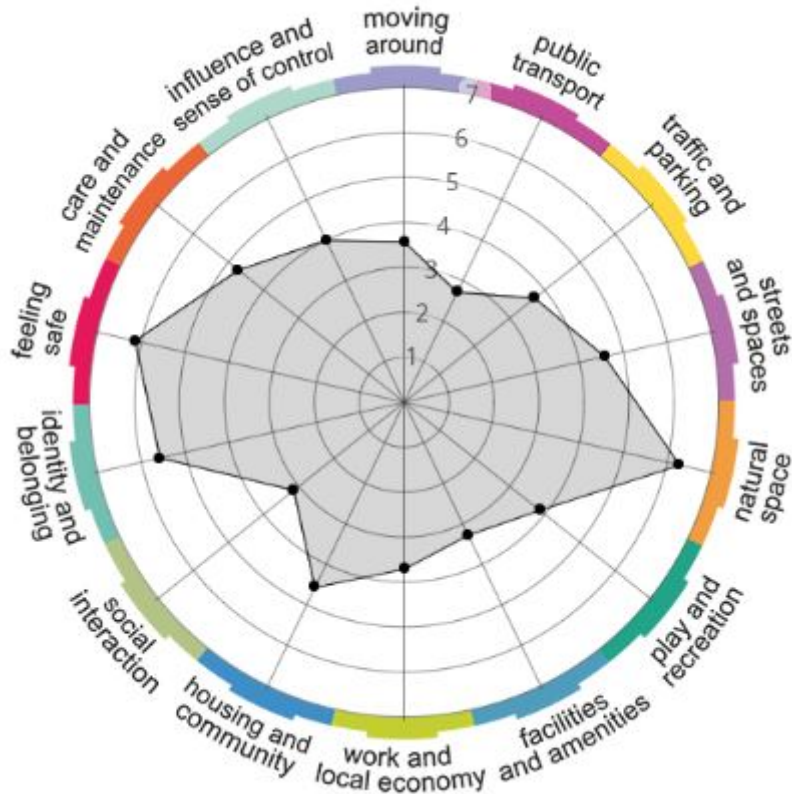


# Kilmartin Responses 2019



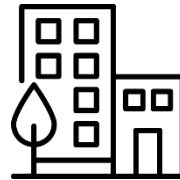
## Priority Areas for Improvement:



Public Transport



Social Contact



Facilities and Amenities

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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](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](#).




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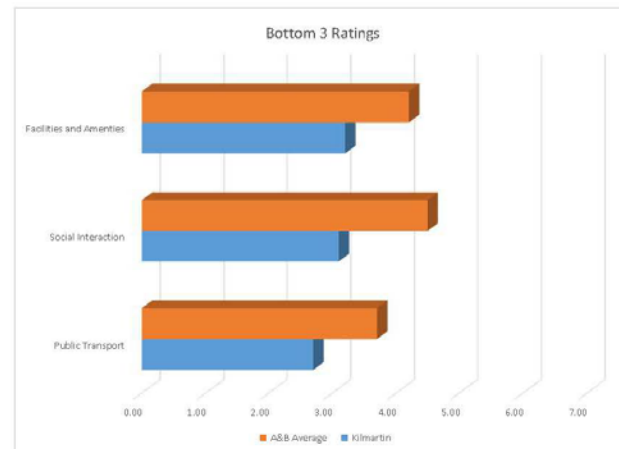
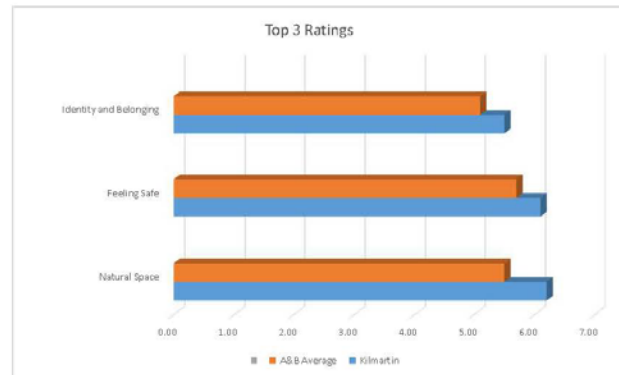
Our Top Rated Areas are:

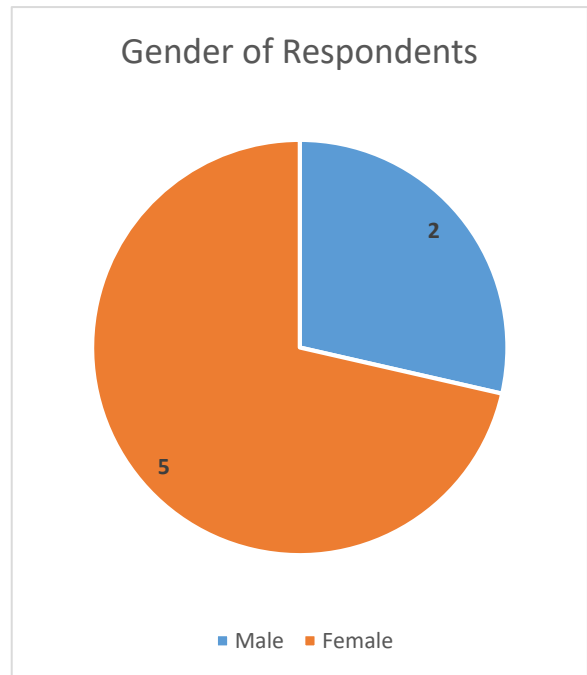
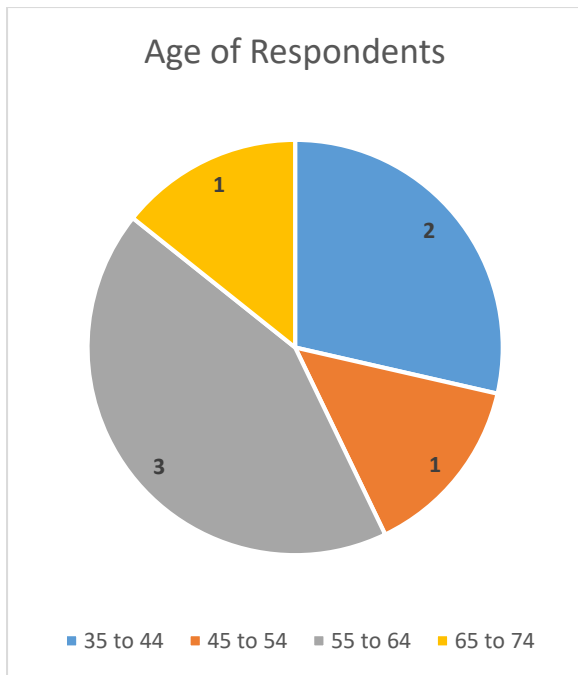
	<b>Natural Space</b>	Respondents rated this area 6.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.
	<b>Feeling Safe</b>	Respondents rated this area 6.1 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
	<b>Identity and Belonging</b>	Respondents rated this area 5.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.



Areas of desired improvement are:

	<b>Public Transport</b>	Respondents rated this area 2.7 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	<b>Social Interaction</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.1 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4.5 out of 7.
	<b>Facilities and Amenities</b>	Respondents rated this area 3.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4.2 out of 7.





#### Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
<a href="#">Public Transport</a>	2.7
<a href="#">Social Contact</a>	3.1
<a href="#">Facilities and Amenities</a>	3.2
<a href="#">Moving Around</a>	3.5
<a href="#">Traffic and Parking</a>	3.7
<a href="#">Work and Local Economy</a>	3.7
<a href="#">Play and Recreation</a>	3.8
<a href="#">Influence and Sense of Control</a>	4.0
<a href="#">Streets and Spaces</a>	4.5
<a href="#">Housing and Community</a>	4.5
<a href="#">Care and Maintenance</a>	4.7
<a href="#">Identity and Belonging</a>	5.5
<a href="#">Feeling Safe</a>	6.1
<a href="#">Natural Space</a>	6.2

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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 3.5</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	2 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

### Comments

good route through Dunadd but poor to some of the side areas that you would like to get to i.e. Kilmichael
I live in Slockavullin which isn't in your list of areas but Kilmartin is closest. In Slockavullin we have no footpaths, no street lighting and the road to the top half of the village is nothing more than a track filled with potholes.
Linear cycle route and some walking available. However car is prioritised (and in some key places there is no pavement), and cyclists and walkers expected to take the long way. Should be other way round
The old coach road is a good footpath but there is no circular route. Cycling to neighbouring villages means using the busy main road
There are options for walking and cycling but improvements could be made when it comes to facilities. Some work is needed with the Forestry Commission to place picnic benches, play areas to attract families to use the facilities. An example being the Forest of Dean who have a Forestry Commission but they have used their land to a much greater scale allowing facilities for families and visitors. Routes can only be used during the daylight and most routes from the village of Kilmartin require you to cross the busy A83 with no safe crossing facility. This restricts use from those with limited mobility and children.
There is a main route through Dunadd and cycling tracks along the canal. However villagers in the Kilmichael have mentioned they would like a safe cycling route from their village linking to the main route or Lochgilphead. There are walking footpaths for tourist however safe walking pathways within villages is missing. Casing point is the houses north of Kilmartin, this route is unsafe for locals trying to get to amenities, as there is no footpath and speeding traffic.

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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 2.7</b>							
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1 responses	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

### Comments

too little and poor timings i.e. bus to Lochgilphead does not link well with bus to Glasgow
Only one bus route to either Lochgilphead or Oban and then only 3 times per day.
Very limited public transport options. No options during the evening for residents to access clubs, facilities within the town of Lochgilphead or Oban.
There is a need, as identified in ABC's transport survey, to look at transport for young people to get to extra curricula activities, from all outlining villages. Lack of buses on a Sunday
Do not use public transport.
I don't know how often the bus comes to Slockavullin but most of not all residents drive.

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

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**Comments**

Parking in village is limited, especially in summer and at e.g. funerals/weddings
Poor parking in Kilmartin village and usually full of tourists. Main issue is parking for mini buses and coaches as none are available and in the summer you can have visits of 6 coaches a day. Question is will this get worse when the museum completes its renovation?
Speeding traffic through the village. All attempts to involve the police or roads department have proved negative. Even on Barrmor View where pedestrians have priority over vehicles, cars speed. Parking is inadequate considering the number of visitors. As I'm typing someone has just parked on our drive because they couldn't find anywhere else!!
There are many, many tourists during the summer months with very limited parking.
There is a need of better parking at the tourist spots, especially if the area becomes a world heritage site. There is a need to look at better litter bins at tourist parking areas as they tend to overflow in summer months. Main route through villages of Ford and Kilmartin need better traffic calming measures as they are presently dangerous to pedestrians.
There isn't any parking as such but most people have a drive.

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

7 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	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

I don't believe there are any improvements needed in the village in this area.
Kilmartin is a beautiful village, but the location of the dangerous A83 right in the middle of the village is dangerous. There is a speed limit of 30mph but this is rarely adhered to. Further signage/automated signs are required to slow road users down. There is also a dangerous corner at the former Rosebank B&B which is blind and road users drive around this at speed when there are many pedestrians.
Kilmartin is attractive designed village (with less well designed 21st century additions!). Main road runs through the village, but is not often really busy.
Poor paths in the village with main road north of Kilmartin having no footpath. Council not interested in residents' concerns that they are walking down a 30mph road where cars are speeding sometimes up to 60/70 mph. This is made even worse in winter when there is no street lighting.
The brown tourist signs need updating, there are places signposted that have been closed for years. Kilmartin church is a possible issue community presently doing a feasibility study on how it can be used but they will not progress this if it's not financially feasible. Which could bring a major building within the glen under threat. At present ABC or other organisations do not seem to be concerned about this. There is a need for strategic organisations to be more proactive instead of reactive in issues like Kilmichael, Kilmartin, and Ford church buildings.
The green is attractive and accessible. The Dalriada project information boards are helpful. Our front garden gets photographed a lot. The majority of coaches only stop for 30 mins so not much time other than a visit to the toilet and view the crosses in the church. Coach parking is a nightmare!



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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 6.2</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	1 responses	0 responses	2 responses	4 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Kilmartin Glen and the Green are quality natural spaces. I can't believe the last point to consider! Is this necessary to be politically correct? People over 65 can access it unless they have COPD, congenital heart failure and similar life threatening conditions. Blind people might not benefit from the views and would have problems on bronze age cairns. The deaf would miss out on birdsong. I can't imagine that being Asian, Afro-Caribbean, Native American, First Nation, Australian Aboriginal, African, or even Caucasian would affect your appreciation unless you found it too wet or cold and plagued by midges. Muslims and Jews might not see the crosses placed in a Church of Scotland but they may not want to as they are early Christian crosses. Can't think what to say about LGBT+! Please tell me why this is relevant?

Who is picking up the repairs from the work that Dalriada Project did, there is lack of community information on this and how to report items that need repair. Noise from the quarry in Kilmartin is causing concern from residents. There is also concern that if we get World Heritage status what is the impact on the area. Do we have a big enough infrastructure to cope this with. We do not want to be another Sky. However in general there are plenty of good -quality natural space.

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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 3.8</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	2 responses	0 responses	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

For adults this is ok However for youngsters and teenagers there is a concern. The reduction in youth services is a big issue and the lack of spaces or activities aimed at youngsters and teenagers needs to be improved.
Only one very small play park in the village. Nothing for older children but the locals welcome them to play outdoors. Traffic safety is however a concern
Poor play facilities for teenagers in village. Youngsters playground is not maintained
There is one small playpark within the village which is designed for 2-3 year olds. The village has approx. 30-40 children who range from age 1 - age 16. This play area requires upgrading. There is also a village green with football goals, but nobody uses this due to the dangerous A83 restricting children from crossing the road safely.
We have a village green but there aren't many young children in the village at present.

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>7 responses in total – Average Score of 3.2</b>							
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1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

### Comments

Kilmartin has no shop. The previous shop closed. This has restrictions on the elderly and those with restricted mobility. There is a museum that is to undergo an extension but there is no mention of a shop which would make sense and be of great advantage to the community. All other facilities are in the towns of Lochgilphead and Oban which are some distance away.
Local facilities have deteriorated over the last 30 years, and the village no longer has a shop. Lochgilphead is easy by car (and accessible by bus too)
no community facilities within Kilmartin village, only meeting place is hotel or village green
No need for any improvements in this area.
The community is concerned about the changes to surgeries with phone consultations. They are also major concerns about the lack of dentists, and the difficulty of attracting teachers to the area.
The only facilities in the village are public toilets and these are in need of refurbishment- they are in fact a disgrace to the many visitors that use them. They are not age restricted. There is no disabled toilet. I've no idea if they are acceptable to different ethnic groups or religions. One of them does discriminate against females and the other against males.

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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 3.7</b>							
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**Comments**

Agriculture has collapsed over the last 40 years, absorbing much of the central government support given to the area, but not really providing economic backbone any longer. Forestry also declined, and increasingly reliant on non-local transient machine operators. Tourism or commuting to Lochgilphead are the alternatives. Museum provides some different opportunities
Nothing locally - nearest is Lochgilphead.
The community plan identified a need to try to keep young people in the area or to attract them back after they have gain qualifications and/or degrees
There are employment opportunities within the Pub and museum. The opportunities are limited with only a small number of jobs available.
there are opportunities to develop local economy however there is no identified space for this to happen

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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 4.5</b>							
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0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Housing is overpriced throughout Argyll
The first 2 social houses are currently being built. Only a couple of rented properties available. All the rest is private houses. No sheltered housing or the like for the elderly.
housing is poor in size, new housing is improving but there is no diversity in size or type of new housing
All the new housing seems to look the same there is no diversity in buildings

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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 3.1</b>							
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**Comments**

no community facilities especially as Church of Scotland has just sold the village hall
There is the hotel bar but not everyone drinks. The church welcomes other groups to use their hall. No village hall as such.
Dunadd has a lack of meeting spaces, the community plan identified a need for a central community facility. The Kilmartin church Building could provide this space however the community has stated that we need to make sure this is financially viable and not a hindrance, financially, to the next generations.
Public Green. This is a large area of grass with 2 picnic tables. This is not used to its full potential. It could be used for a putting green, social area, and small business. There seems to be no local spirit with trying to improve the area to its full potential.

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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5</b>							
Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4	Score of 5	Score of 6	Score of 7	No response
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	3 responses	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Best place I have ever lived
I enjoy living in the village but having only lived here for 13 years, I am still regarded as an "incomer".
One of the most iconic areas of Scotland

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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 6.1</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	0 responses	6 responses	1 responses	0 responses

### Comments

We have a police report every Community Council Meeting and there is almost zero crime. RTA's are the biggest problem.

Most of the residents feel safe however there is a need to look at pedestrian routes in villages and work with young people regarding alcohol and drug education.

A local public access defibrillator has recently been installed. This was gained from Wind Farm Funding and is of huge advantage to a community that is 10 miles from the closest ambulance facility. At times the only ambulances on duty are in Inveraray and Tarbert making the need for these type of facilities crucial.



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

<b>7 responses in total – Average Score of 4.7</b>							
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0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Issue in the village with old roads not being looked after or repaired. These are owned by the original landowner who is doing nothing to repair them Village or individuals unable to apply for funding from windfarm to upgrade and repair them. They are starting to get dangerous
The is a concern that grass cutting does happen in some places, where it needs to happen i.e. step out areas where there is no footpath or not regularly enough within 30mph zones. There is also concern that some areas that have wildflowers are cut when the flowers are blooming
Yes because the "Green Committee" look after public spaces. Residents look after their own properties and tend their gardens well.

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

<b>7 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	1 responses	1 responses	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

**Comments**

Community Council has poor attendance and is lacking in motivation
Help is needed in regenerating the community council
I do because I'm involved with the Community Council but I'm disappointed by the level of community engagement.
There is a Community Council and a small initiative that runs family events a few times a year. These groups are run by older people who I feel are 'set in their ways' and do not like change. Some influence from some younger people to express their views on what would improve the area for them is encouraged and vital. The Community requires some help with this.

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

Poor maintenance of paths and roads owned by landowners and council. Unable to get A&B council to take residence concerns about speeding on A816 going out of Kilmartin seriously. Lack of quality community space
road and path safety in villages better facilities for young people and teenagers attracting health professionals, dentist and teachers to the area
Parking and traffic calming are urgent concerns which are being ignored. Even our Council member has failed to get a survey conducted on speeding traffic.
A83 - improved signage, blind spot improved, speed reduced, speed bumps/islands across the A83 to allow for safe crossing of children and adults to access the recreational area of the green and walking/cycling routes. Play area/youth club - crucial for the growing number of families within the village. Evening transport - to clubs in the town of Lochgilphead for older children. Shop - A small local business should be encouraged to work with the Kilmartin Museum to look at a small retail area selling basic groceries/newspapers.
Road needs to be maintained
PUBLIC TRANSPORT

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

Argyll & Bute listen and act on residents' concerns, instead of ignoring them or giving hope when they are actually ignoring concerns/requests. What do the community safety panel do? There are community council mins. Do Argyll & Bute read these by council officers and information disseminated to respective departments?
Better prioritising of activities and resources. Council officers being more proactive and listening to residents.
Purchase another radar speed recorder to quantify the danger and act upon it. Back Kilmartin Museum's plan to provide additional parking in the village. Designate 'coach only' bays in the car park opposite Kilmartin Hotel.
A83 - Light up signage reminding drivers of the 30mph speed limit. An island to allow for safe crossing of the road to access the only recreational facility in the village. Children do not use this space due to the A83. Play area - work with MacLeod's to establish an upgrade of the existing play area. Local groups could raise the funding to buy and pay for the upgrade but assistance from the council in approaching this upgrade would be of massive advantage to the community as it now has many young families and approx. 40 children. Shop - Some work with Kilmartin Museum/Business Gateway/Small business to see if an area of the new Kilmartin Museum renovation could be dedicated to grocery/newspaper.
Council could either adopt the road and maintain it or make arrangements with the landowner so the road is maintained. As the road is not adopted or maintained it is common in the winter for the bin lorry and coal lorry not to be able to get to the top of the village.

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