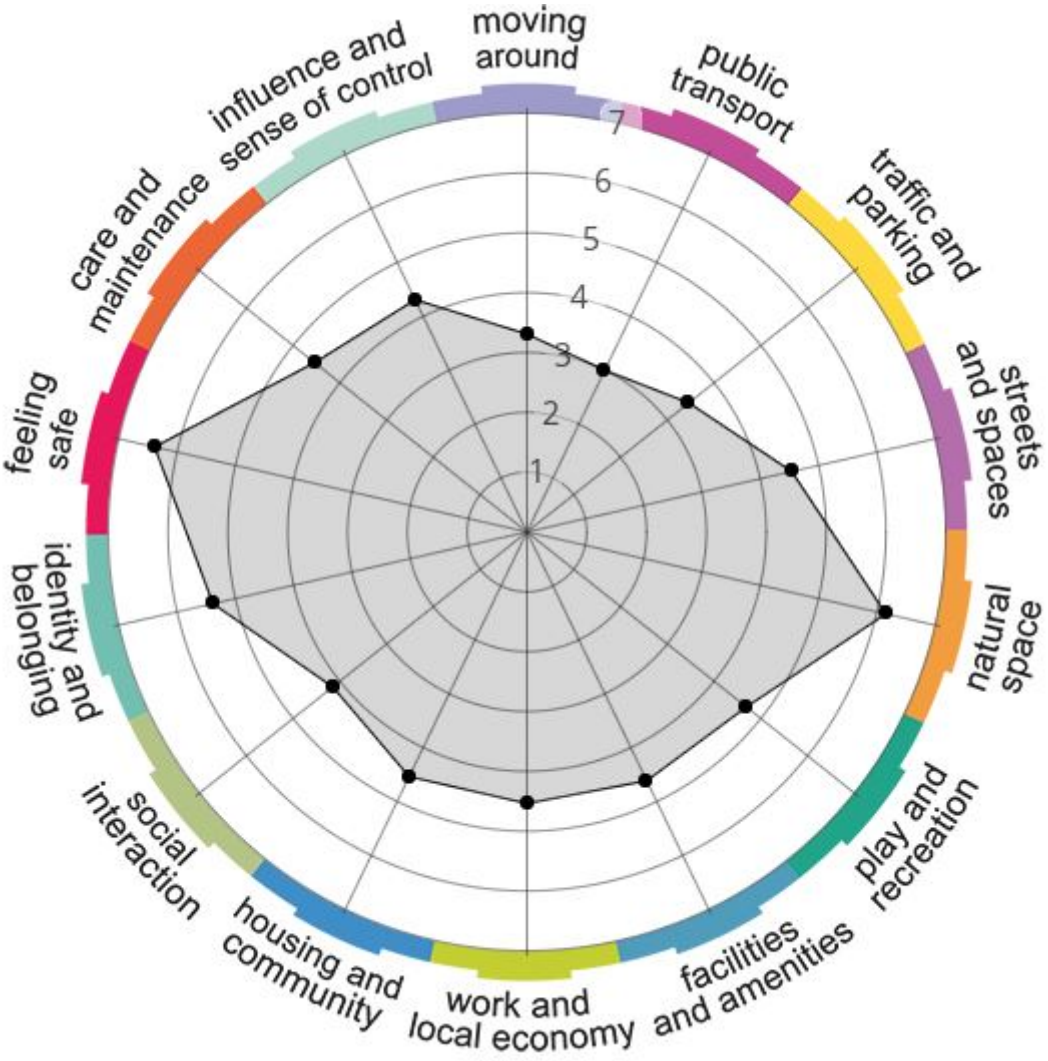
Kilmore Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:

Public Transport

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.

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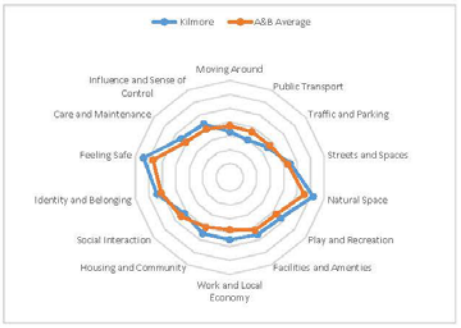
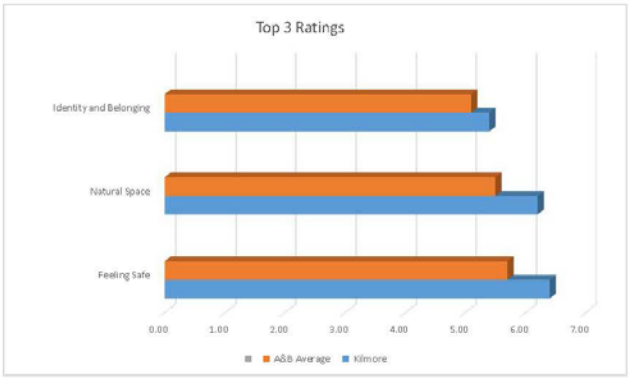
Our Top Rated Areas are:

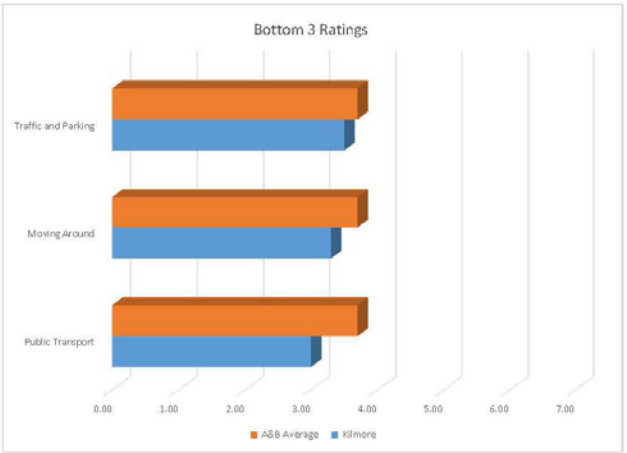
Feeling Safe	**Respondents rated this area 6.4 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.**
Natural Space	**Respondents rated this area 6.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.**
Identity and Belonging	**Respondents rated this area 5.4 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.**

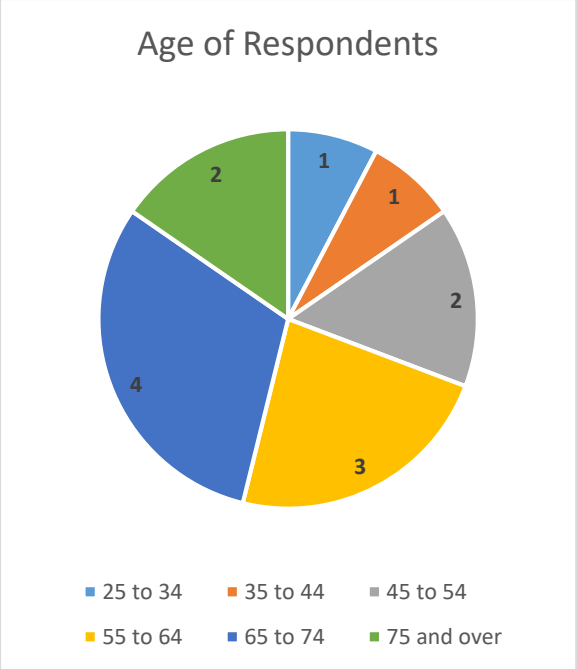


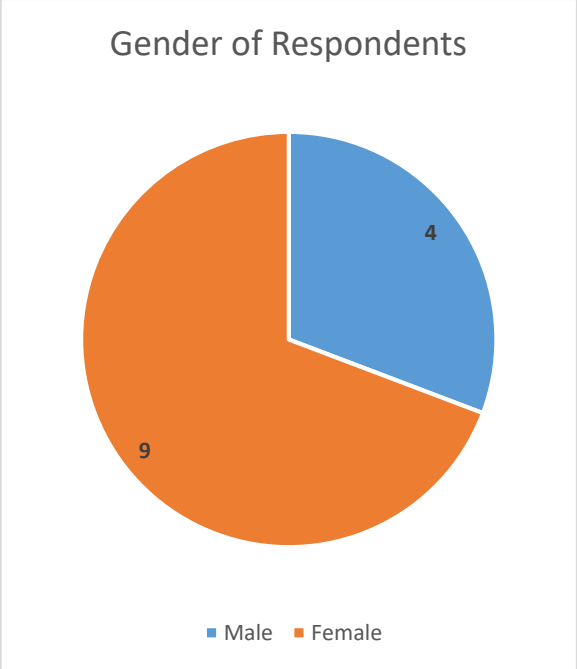
Areas of desired improvement are:

Public Transport	**Respondents rated this area 3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.**
Moving Around	**Respondents rated this area 3.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.**
Traffic and Parking	**Respondents rated this area 3.5 out of 7 compared to Argyll &Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.**









Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Public Transport	3
Moving Around	3.3
Traffic and Parking	3.5
Social Contact	4.2
Influence and Sense of Control	4.3
Streets and Spaces	4.5
Care and Maintenance	4.5
Work and Local Economy	4.5
Housing and Community	4.5
Facilities and Amenities	4.6
Play and Recreation	4.7
Identity and Belonging	5.4
Natural Space	6.2
Feeling Safe	6.4

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

13 responses in total – Average Score of 3.3							
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	6 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Edges of road are so bad, you can break an ankle stepping off. We've suffered car damage pulling in to let people pass. Verges need cut so people can step off the road to let cars pass. Would like some paths
Generally good but need the edges of the road filled in
Local roads are quiet enough for cycling but the A816 is NOT safe. There should be an off road route from Oban to Lerags Glen using the old drovers path past the Barn Bar to Kilbride Kirk yard.
Narrow rural roads with potholes are unsafe for cyclists and walkers
Only a path on the main road of the village. No foot or cycle path linking the barran estate to the rest of the village.
Road edges are a hazard.
Single track road, not in good condition the last three miles, no lighting and bad corners
Speed limit is too high. Road edges need filled in to make them safer
The roads in this area are single track with passing places for cars. Some parts of the road do not have adequate verges to allow walkers to get off the road safely and the verges certainly are not secure or wide enough for prams, bikes etc. to properly get out of the way of ,in particular, lorries. More passing places for vehicles would also benefit cyclists and walkers.
Verge cutting. Edges of road need filled in to make them safe. Footpath to the barn would be good. Main road is in better condition that the local road
Verges need cut back. Filling in the edges of the road would help. Don't want a public footpath running past my house.

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

13 responses in total – Average Score of 3							
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	2 responses	2 responses	4 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Connections aren't always great. Calmac timetable is baffling. An app to let you see where to bus is would be great - it's available in some urban areas. That way if you're standing at the bus stop, you can see whether the bus is running late or whether it arrived early and left and you've missed it.
Considering the semi-rural location I am glad we have a bus service at all. However without closest bus stop being 5 miles away the only option would be to drive to the hall and leave my car there. This would be an option if there was a bus back out of town around 515pm to allow me to get away from work and to the bus stop.
Flag down/drop off service would be better for older people on rural single track roads. More request bus stops would make it easier for people to get into town.
Nearest public transport is one mile away and is infrequent.
No public transport in Lerags Glen at all.
There is a local bus service to Barran Estate but not frequent or on Sundays.
Would have to travel 5.5 miles to get to bus stop, and no service in evening
Would use bus more often but frequency is an issue as well as buses sometimes leaving early and then you're stuck in town.

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

13 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
3 responses	2 responses	2 responses	1 responses	3 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Again more passing places and better verges on these single track roads, would ease traffic problems. Traffic tends to be 'necessary' ie residents vehicles and delivery and services.
Need to be able to park when you get to Oban. It's challenging e.g. if you want to go to Glasgow or Mull for the day. Also, pedestrian access between the Station car park and ferry point is now closed. It's a common through way for locals who now have to walk all the way round.
No problem with traffic in the Glen however getting in and out of Oban from the south is now Slow with too much queuing and traffic often backed up past Soroba.
Not enough passing places or, where there are, are full of potholes. Pedestrians often have to climb banking or go into bushes.
The only traffic issue I see on a regular basis is the speed of drive going through the main road of the village well on excess of the speed limit. Other than this its fine until the main road out of oban is closed at which point the back road becomes gridlocked
Traffic and parking issues are mainly in Oban when I have to drive in there for services
Would use park and ride if it was available, but it would need a frequent shuttle service. A fast train that doesn't stop at every stop would be great e.g. a 6.30am express train to Glasgow that gets in by 8.30am/8.45am rather than having to be in Oban for a 5.30am train.

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

13 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	2 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	7 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Better signage of historical features in the area, would enhance the area.
Improvements could be made to the hall to refresh the externals/car park. In an idea world it would be nice to have a community space such as a garden/play area
No - roadsides are crumbling, potholes are many and overgrown hedges make life difficult

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

13 responses in total – Average Score of 6.2							
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	0 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	5 responses	6 responses	0 responses

Comments

Country area with all the positives of that.
I know a lot of local beautiful quiet spots where other visitors are rarely seen
If buses could stop at Forestry places then it would make walking and accessing natural space more accessible. Also, Forestry Commission walks could say distance and average calories burned to encourage health walkers.
Lerags Community looking to purchase Cologin Forest to open the woodland for amenity, walks, cycling forest school etc.
Plenty of open space, some bits needing the scrub cleared up

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

13 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
2 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	2 responses	5 responses	0 responses

Comments

Most folk use the private play park at Cologin Chalets. It is also used by visitors and Oban residents due to the lack of facilities in town.
No playparks in the vicinity
Only because I have my own transport
Other than walking there are no facilities for the public to use/enjoy. The closest play park i know of is at Atlantis leisure, more than 10 miles from our home and around 5 miles out with our community
The Community would benefit from a public playing field for team games.
The countryside is a wide open play area. There are old goal posts in a field that kids used to use for a kick about area. Don't have that many young people just now
Wary of playparks - they sometimes end up somewhere for teenagers to hang around. Families have to travel out to access clubs - this links to public transport.
Would like to see a play area

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.

13 responses in total – Average Score of 4.6							
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	3 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Community events page – happy to make that a Community and Events page where people can post things like "I need a parcel collected - is anyone going into town?" "Looking to car share" etc.
Don't have any amenities other than the hall.
Facilities in Oban are plentiful but.it would be lovely to have something to help create a hub for our community and allow those unable to travel a chance to engage with others
Need to increase disabled access to kitchen and toilets in hall
Only facility is the village hall which is desperately needing a new kitchen. The church is hanging on by a thread. No other facilities in the village
People do come to ceilidhs in the hall and support them.
The barn at Lerags is our local pub but there's no transport or footpath to there
The only public building, apart from the church, is the village hall which is undergoing upgrading work. The renovations will help make the hall more accessible for people with disabilities, young and the elderly.
Whilst I am able to continue to drive

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

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

Comments

Agricultural, forestry nothing else
Farming area which gives employment to approximately 20 people. The bulk of the work age community, commute to work.
Is there anywhere in Argyll that offers the above? I suppose builders and associated trades are currently doing well
There are several businesses in the Glen always looking for staff - without public transport working in the Glen requires a car so I feel that this makes jobs unattractive for Obanites.
There is work out there - just not necessarily what people are looking for.
There's good Wi-Fi. Allowed us to move here because I can still work. If there's a good Wi-Fi connection you can build around it - create hot desk hubs for businesses.
We are able to travel to Oban for work

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

13 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	2 responses	1 responses	2 responses	1 responses	4 responses	2 responses	0 responses

Comments

Limited affordable housing
More affordable housing would be great in our area
No social housing or sheltered/ retirement housing.
There are several second homes and retirement properties in the Glen. Little for younger families and no community housing.
Usually bought for retirement, although ones that have been built recently younger people have moved in. The older buildings are needing work done to them

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

13 responses in total – Average Score of 4.2							
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	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	5 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Community hall
It's getting better
One public use building which is used by clubs and organisations in the community. Open to anyone who wishes, to join in these activities.
Only the old village hall
Other than a couple of seasonal clubs held in the hall we currently have very little offering to help address this issue
The community hall runs events and offers the chance for people to get together
The village hall and church
There is the Barn Bar public house in the Glen and nearby Kilmore village hall. Sports facilities would be great!
We're a happy community

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

13 responses in total – Average Score of 5.4							
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	5 responses	3 responses	0 responses

Comments

Have lived in this area for a long time and am happy in it! Residents do try to involve and include neighbours in local activities.
It is my choice not to attend groups held in the hall
The Glen has a great sense of community and looks out for each other.
Would like to see some interpretation boards e.g. around serpent mound and Lochnell. Our garden will be open to the public next summer and people can access serpent mound from there

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

13 responses in total – Average Score of 6.4							
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	2 responses	4 responses	7 responses	0 responses

Comments

Kilmore seems to be very safe
More of a police in rural area or even available to come from oban would help to reassure us living in a rural area and hopefully help to reduce rural crime.
Secure place to live with no antisocial problems.

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

13 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
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Comments

Luckily there is no vandalism or litter problem. Recycling and refuse collections are carried out by the local authority and are very regular.
Most buildings are well maintained but the single track road is not.
Mostly
Road edges - some are very dangerous
Road edges - some of them are very dangerous
The only space is the hall - they seem to be doing their best with the available funds but lots of room for improvements
There are facilities to report problems but nothing seems to be done as a result a lot of the time. Reaction can be slow.

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

13 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
2 responses	0 responses	2 responses	0 responses	6 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Local Community Council is active and inclusive. Meetings are published on notice boards and on line.
Some things do get acted on very quickly - others don't.
I feel that the community seems reluctant for change

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

Better roads and public transport. Updated kitchen for village hall.
Create a hub for the community - better support for the hall? Identifying options for a community recreational area be it a park or garden area Address road safety in the village.
Fill in edges at side of road
Public transport Walking and cycling routes (off road) to/from Oban Wi-Fi and mobile phone - no phone signal in parts of the Glen and an internet speed of less than 2 which is NOT acceptable
Safer roads
Upgrading of passing places and verges on the roads. Better public transport links.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Contact Argyll and Bute roads to improve verges and cut back foliage to step off single track roads. Parking to facilitate access to countryside/features. Access through Cycle store at hall to help people accessing public transport
Improve verges and cut back foliage to step off single track roads. Parking to facilitate access to countryside/features. Cycle store at hall to help people accessing public transport.
Keep on top of the potholes on the roads. A night time service more for weekend. Easier access to grants
More passing places, repaired roadsides and potholes and cutback hedgerows
New phone mast at the top of Cologin Forest or added to the old analogue TV mast at Dunach. Fibre broadband to the Glen.
Regular checks of the drains beside the roads would improve the condition of the verges and the roads. Smaller buses could have access to the more rural parts of the community.

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