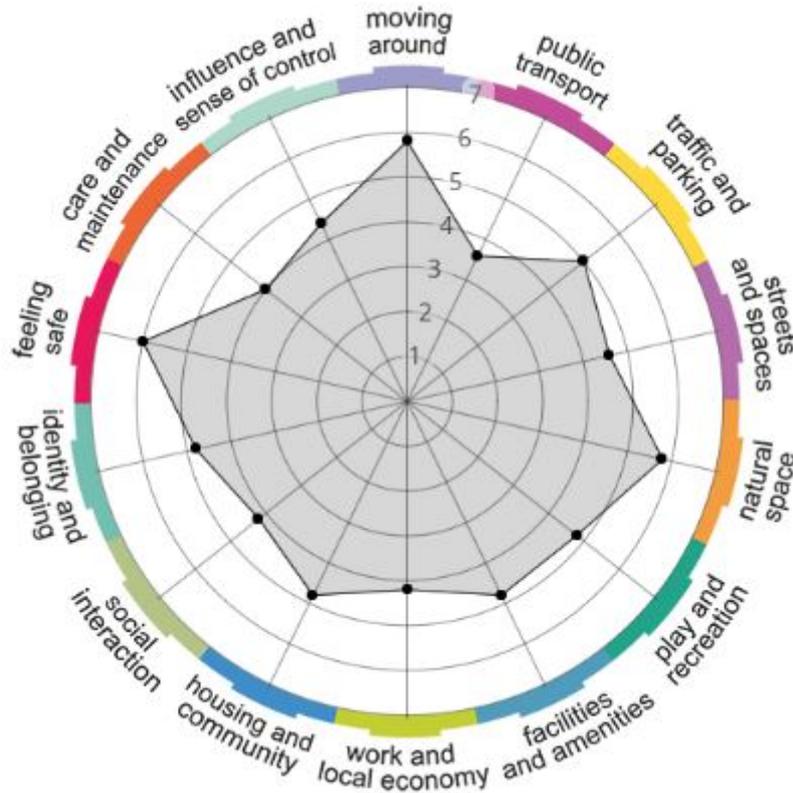
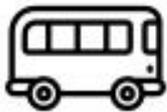


Cairnbaan Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:



Public Transport



Care and Maintenance



Work and Local Economy



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](#).

Cairnbaan Responses

Our Top Rated Areas are:

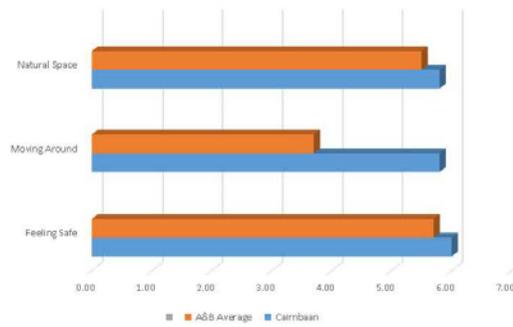
	Feeling Safe	Respondents rated this area 6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.7 out of 7.
	Moving Around	Respondents rated this area 5.8 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	Natural Space	Respondents rated this area 5.8 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.5 out of 7.



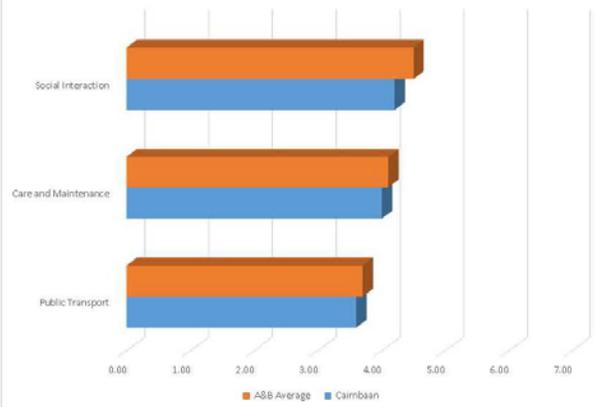
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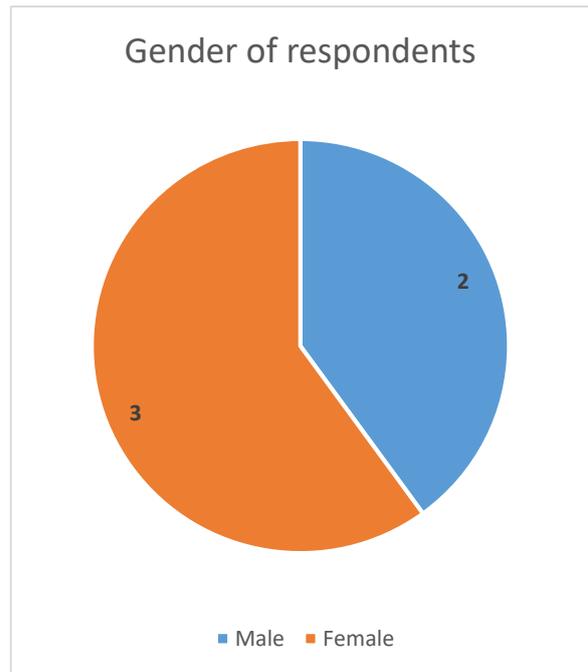
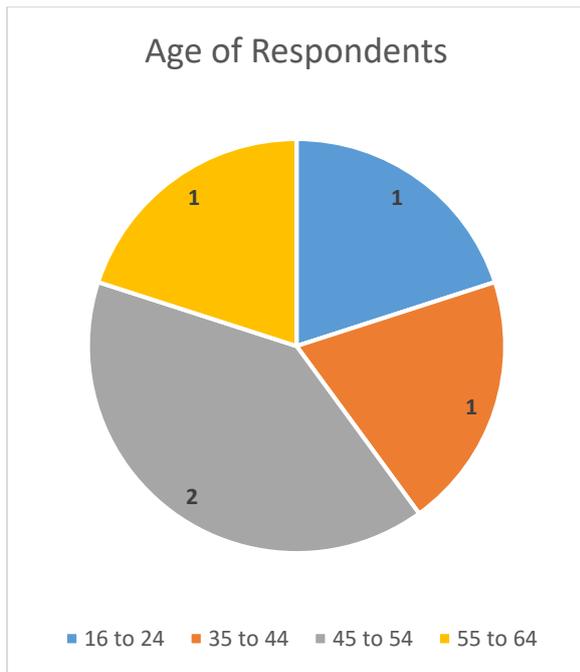
	Public Transport	Respondents rated this area 3.6 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	Care and Maintenance	Respondents rated this area 4 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4.1 out of 7.
	Social Interaction	Respondents rated this area 4.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4.5 out of 7.

Top 3 Ratings



Bottom 3 Ratings





Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Public Transport	3.6
Care and Maintenance	4.0
Work and Local Economy	4.2
Social Contact	4.2
Influence and Sense of Control	4.4
Streets and Spaces	4.6
Play and Recreation	4.8
Facilities and Amenities	4.8
Housing and Community	4.8
Identity and Belonging	4.8
Traffic and Parking	5.0
Natural Space	5.8
Moving Around	5.8
Feeling Safe	6.0

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

5 responses in total – Average Score of 5.8							
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	4 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Canal towpath is great but could be improved with a lower speed limit. It would also have less traffic or the Dunardry bridge was reinstated
Living at Cairnbaan, the Crinan Canal path is an excellent walking and cycling route however, access onto the canal within Lochgilphead requires to be improved. The access point at the Corran Roundabout in particular has very limited visibility and is dangerous for young children or anyone with a mobility impairment who may require more time to cross the A83.
There are some very good walking and cycling routes in our area.

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

5 responses in total – Average Score of 3.6							
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	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Buses are reliable and always on time but could benefit from more buses to Glasgow
I very seldom use local bus services as I have a car and free parking at my office. Occasionally I travel to Glasgow on the bus from Lochgilphead and generally find this to be a very good service. Local bus services are critical due to the lack of rail in Mid-Argyll however, local authorities are expected to subsidise many of these services which is difficult in the current financial climate. Other areas that benefit from rail services that are subsidised by the Scottish Government and are not subject to similar funding pressures as remote bus services.
Could do with a more frequent bus service. A better location of bus stops would be good for elderly.
Local bus not operate on weekends.

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

5 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	3 responses	0 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Increased levels of traffic on the key trunk roads increase journey times to the Central Belt adding increased time and cost to local businesses and residents. The Scottish Government must address key pinch points on the A83/82/85 trunk road networks as part of the current NTS2/STPR process. These include the Rest and Be Thankful, and roundabouts on the A83 at Helensburgh and Balloch which cause significant delays during peak summer months. The local authority have insufficient funding from the Scottish Government to improve the vast local road network.

Now that there's more housing appearing there is a need for sleeping policemen or a 20mph speed restriction.

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

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

Comments

The Main Street in Lochgilphead would benefit from attracting more businesses
Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig have not benefitted from CHORD funding and as a result these 2 key villages in Mid Argyll are declining. The CHORD towns have all benefitted from town and streetscape regeneration schemes which have made these places more attractive and improved key buildings and public spaces. It is essential that similar investment is directed towards towns and villages in Mid Argyll which have been in decline in the last decade. Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig lack appealing pubs / restaurants, play parks and the community halls are old and not fit for purpose.

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

5 responses in total – Average Score of 5.8							
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	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

The felling of trees and just leaving the spaces like a bomb site is ruining the beautiful views
One of the key benefits of living in Argyll is the excellent and diverse natural environment. The outdoor lifestyle is key for attracting people to the area both for tourism and to help address our population challenges, however there must also be a balance. Some rural areas are struggling to cope with increasing levels of tourism e.g. camper vans, more traffic in local towns, litter etc. and it is critical this is appropriately managed to avoid damaging our natural environment. Growth in tourism is an important opportunity for growth however the responsibility to provide appropriate infrastructure and manage this growth should not fall solely with the Local Authority. The Scottish Government must direct funds towards rural areas to assist with managing the growth in tourism as these rural areas and the products they produce (e.g. whisky, food and drink, natural environment) all benefit the national economy of Scotland.

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

5 responses in total – Average Score of 4.8							
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	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

There is an abundance of excellent walks and trails in Mid-Argyll however there is room for improvement. Local mountain bike trails need investment and promotion and lessons should be learned from the success of similar trails in the Scottish Borders. Mountain biking has massive potential for growth in the area and this could help grow the wider economy of Mid-Argyll. This requires a joined up approach from Scottish Forestry, Argyll and Bute Council, Scottish Canals, Visit Scotland, local hotels and tourism groups. The play park in Lochgilphead is not fit for purpose for a town of that size and requires significant investment. This would benefit local children but might also encourage some of the vehicles that currently pass through the town on the A83 to stop which would benefit local shops and cafes.

Play area is in poor condition with only 2 facilities for very young children.

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.

5 responses in total – Average Score of 4.8							
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	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

It took 3 years to get registered for a dentist and this was Tarbert not Lochgilphead which would have been more convenient

Mid Argyll is poorly served for recreational facilities, in particular pubs and restaurants. There is also a lack of good public halls in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead when compared with other towns and villages in Argyll. It can be difficult to see a GP as many appointments are now conducted over the phone and often with a nurse however, this is a problem nationally. Recruitment of teachers locally is also very challenging and this impacts on the quality of education for our children.

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

5 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
0 responses	0 responses	0 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

I think it's hard to get a job locally
Mid Argyll is very reliant on the public sector for employment and cuts to local authority budgets will therefore be felt locally. Many of the private sector job opportunities are seasonal or low wage e.g. retail, tourism sector. Growth industries such as aquaculture will hopefully bring high value jobs to the area. It is essential that local school children are fully aware of local job opportunities and opportunities for apprenticeships and further education locally to try and retain local children. Where there are skills gaps in local trades and sectors every effort should be made to fill these with local people and provide appropriate training to try and address our population challenges.

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

5 responses in total – Average Score of 4.8							
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	1 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Too much emphasis on social rented housing and not enough high quality, affordable private housing locally. In certain areas the popularity of holiday homes makes it unaffordable for local people and results in a shortage of housing for local workers making it difficult for local sectors to expand.

Recently there is an increase in rented housing tenancies with no thought put to who actually should stay within the area.

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

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

Comments

I don't think there many local activities to meet people such as yoga classes etc.
Lack of good quality community halls and spaces in Mid Argyll. Lack of good hotels, restaurants and pubs. Outdoor spaces e.g. parks, front greens could be improved in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead.

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

5 responses in total – Average Score of 4.8							
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	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

No Comments recorded

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

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

Comments

One of the key strengths of the area as a place to live are the low crime rates and lack of violent crime in particular. It is a very safe environment to bring up children. Biggest risk to personal safety is when driving on local roads and increased levels of traffic on the trunk road has been noticeable recently.

Very poorly lit area in the winter months.

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

5 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	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Investment is required in Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead which have not benefitted from funding via CHORD like other towns in Argyll. Both villages currently look very tired with poorly maintained buildings in the centres, closed shops, pubs and hotels. Efforts should be made to bring empty buildings back into use, private owners should not be allowed to let buildings fall into disrepair, particularly where these buildings are in the centre of towns and villages.

Housing association tenants do not take necessary action when there is grass-cutting, dog mess and general tidiness of the area. It's all the privately owned tenants that deal with these areas.

Fencing in the park is rotten and has collapsed. Not safe for my 3yr old to play in.

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

5 responses in total – Average Score of 4.4							
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	1 responses	2 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Unaware of how I can make a difference
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What are the main issues and priorities for change that you have identified?

Fencing needing replaced in my street.
Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig require investment similar to other towns that have benefitted from CHORD. Public halls and spaces are very poor in both towns and could be transformed as has happened in Oban, Helensburgh, Campbeltown, Rothesay and Dunoon. This would hopefully result in private sector investment in some of the local hotels and pubs which have been in decline in the last few years.
public transport provision is poor; however the demand for the service may not warrant an increase in service
The canal towpath needs repair at lock 6 and needs the speed limit addressed

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

New fence.
Trial increase in service
For the council to take actions to repair canal towpath and address speed limit There would also be less traffic on the towpath if the Dunardry bridge was repaired and reinstated

Produced by the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership, January 2020 – based upon the Place Standard Consultation Engagement which took place between May and October 2019.

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



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