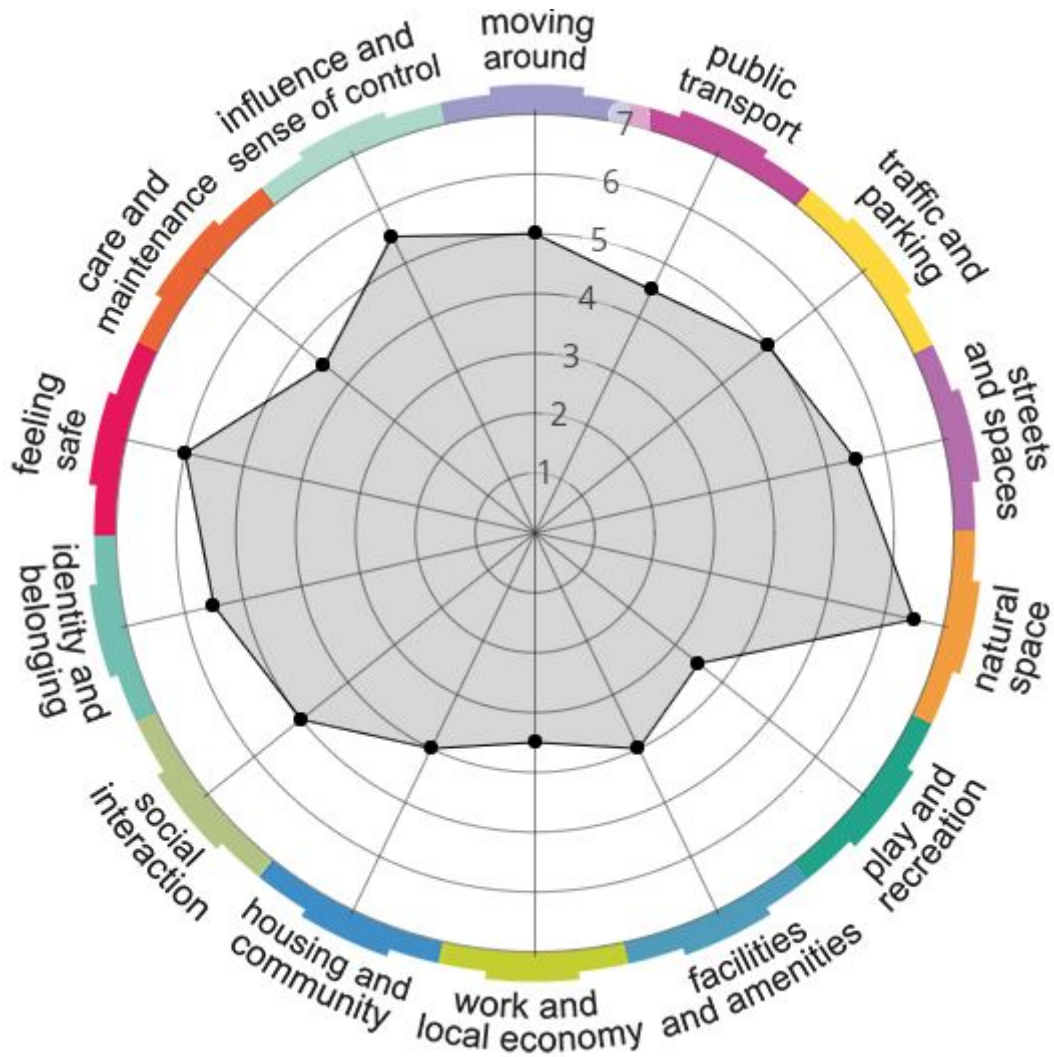
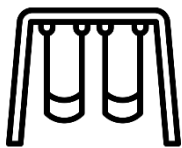


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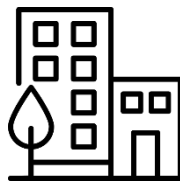
Priority Areas for Improvement:



Play and Recreation



Work and Local Economy



Facilities and Amenities



Housing and Community

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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.

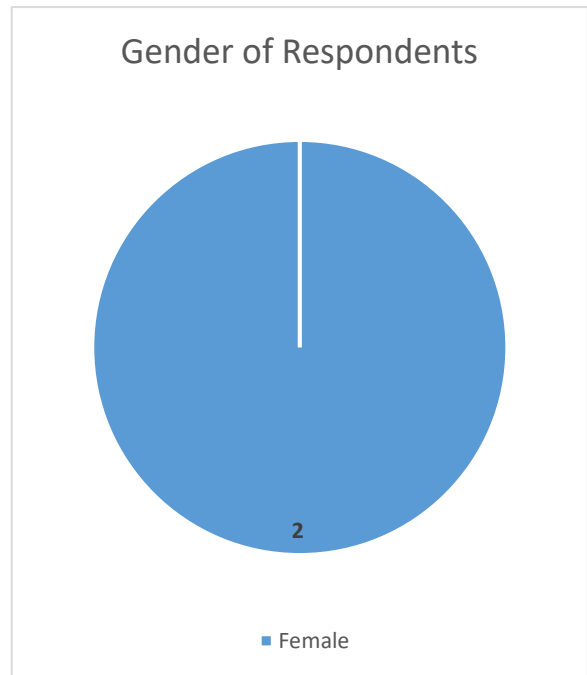
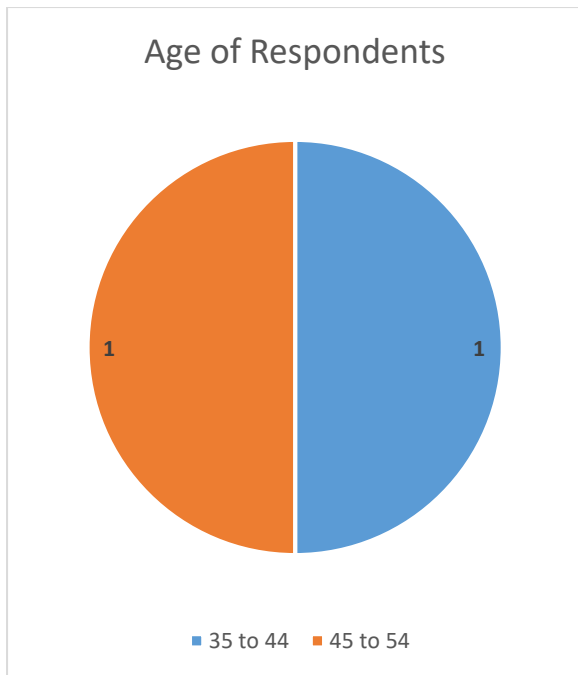
If you have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions Guide or contact Community Planning by e-mail: cppadmin@argyll-bute.gov.uk , phone: 01546 604 464.

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 |
|--|---------------|
| Play and Recreation | 3.5 |
| Work and Local Economy | 3.5 |
| Facilities and Amenities | 4.0 |
| Housing and Community | 4.0 |
| Public Transport | 4.5 |
| Care and Maintenance | 4.5 |
| Moving Around | 5.0 |
| Traffic and Parking | 5.0 |
| Social Contact | 5.0 |
| Streets and Spaces | 5.5 |
| Identity and Belonging | 5.5 |
| Influence and Sense of Control | 5.5 |
| Feeling Safe | 6.0 |
| Natural Space | 6.5 |

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

| 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 | 0 responses | 2 responses | 0 responses | 0 responses | 0 responses |

Comments

Walking and cycling in the area is reasonable because of the relatively low level of traffic but roads are single track with few passing places. Opportunities for improvement are limited however because of the topography of the area. The canal tow path provides a safe and good quality route to Lochgilphead and Ardrishaig.

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

| 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

I don't use public transport so it is difficult to comment. Buses run three times a day and are not suitable for commuting to work, a trip to the shops or an evening out. Use of the buses is very limited and any improvement would need to be linked to measures to increase usage.

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

| 2 responses in total – Average Score of 5.0 | | | | | | | |
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Comments

The roads are single track with parking places and no pavements. Cars generally take priority, for example there are no passing places between my home and the canal often resulting in me and my dogs having to climb the bank to allow cars to pass us. However traffic volumes are low and improvements would be limited by the topography of the area.

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 5.5 | | | | | | | |
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Comments

The village doesn't have public spaces as such. The main focal point is the canal basin. Around the canal area are derelict sheds which are largely unused the development of which could enhance the area. The scenic quality of the area is the largest contributor to the enjoyment of the area. There are however untapped opportunities as there is little for visitors to do when they visit the area and even less if the weather is poor. There is limited signage for walks in the area and viewpoints are not well signed. Visitors often use driveways or appear lost.

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

| 2 responses in total – Average Score of 6.5 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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 | 0 responses | 0 responses | 1 responses | 1 responses | 0 responses |

Comments

The natural space is our main asset. However there is a lack of seating and access for those with mobility issues is difficult. Maintenance is reducing as funding becomes scarcer. There are untapped opportunities.

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

| 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

There is great natural open space but very little suitable for play. The top of Loch Crinan would provide excellent opportunities for water sports given how shallow it is. There is no play space for young children or teenagers.

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 4.0 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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

There is very little by way of facilities and amenities in the immediate area. Lochgilphead provides the nearest shopping, nursery, school, GP etc. The only amenities are the hotel and coffee shop (seasonal). Given the attraction of the canal the lack of facilities seems a missed opportunity. There is nowhere for local people to meet and congregate.

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

| 2 responses in total – Average Score of 3.5 | | | | | | | |
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Comments

The economy is heavily reliant on the public sector (Council and NHS) which do provide high quality jobs but more diversity is needed. There is limited access to training facilities in the Mid Argyll area. There is no job centre or recruitment agency. There is a lack of business accommodation, land is banked by a single developer and shop rents are too high for many retailers.

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

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

There is a range of housing types but some is of poor quality in badly designed developments. Private sector housing will be expensive for those in lower paid jobs with second home ownership influencing costs. Turnover of housing is low which has an impact on supply.

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

| 2 responses in total – Average Score of 5.0 | | | | | | | |
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| 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

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| Facilities are available in Lochgilphead but not in the immediate area. |
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Q11. Identity and Belonging: Does this place have a positive identity and do I feel I belong?

| 2 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5 | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 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 | 0 responses | 1 responses | 1 responses | 0 responses | 0 responses |

Comments

The immediate and wider communities are welcoming and positive however on the whole people often view the area negatively.

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

| 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 |
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Comments

Overall I feel very safe in the area and crime is low. My biggest concern is about drugs and the extent to which drugs are available to young people in the area.

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

| 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 |
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Comments

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| The local of a buoyant economy is impacting on the maintenance of privately owned building. |
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Q14. Influence and Sense of Control: Do I feel able to take part in decisions and help change things for the better?

| 2 responses in total – Average Score of 5.5 | | | | | | | |
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Comments

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| No recorded comments |
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What are the main issues and priorities for change that you have identified?

Developing the untapped opportunities in the immediate local area that would provide facilities for local people and visitors. Tackling drugs. The maintenance of private building.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

Development of the Crinan canal basin and the provision of more facilities. Targeting drug enforcement. Grants for private building owners.

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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