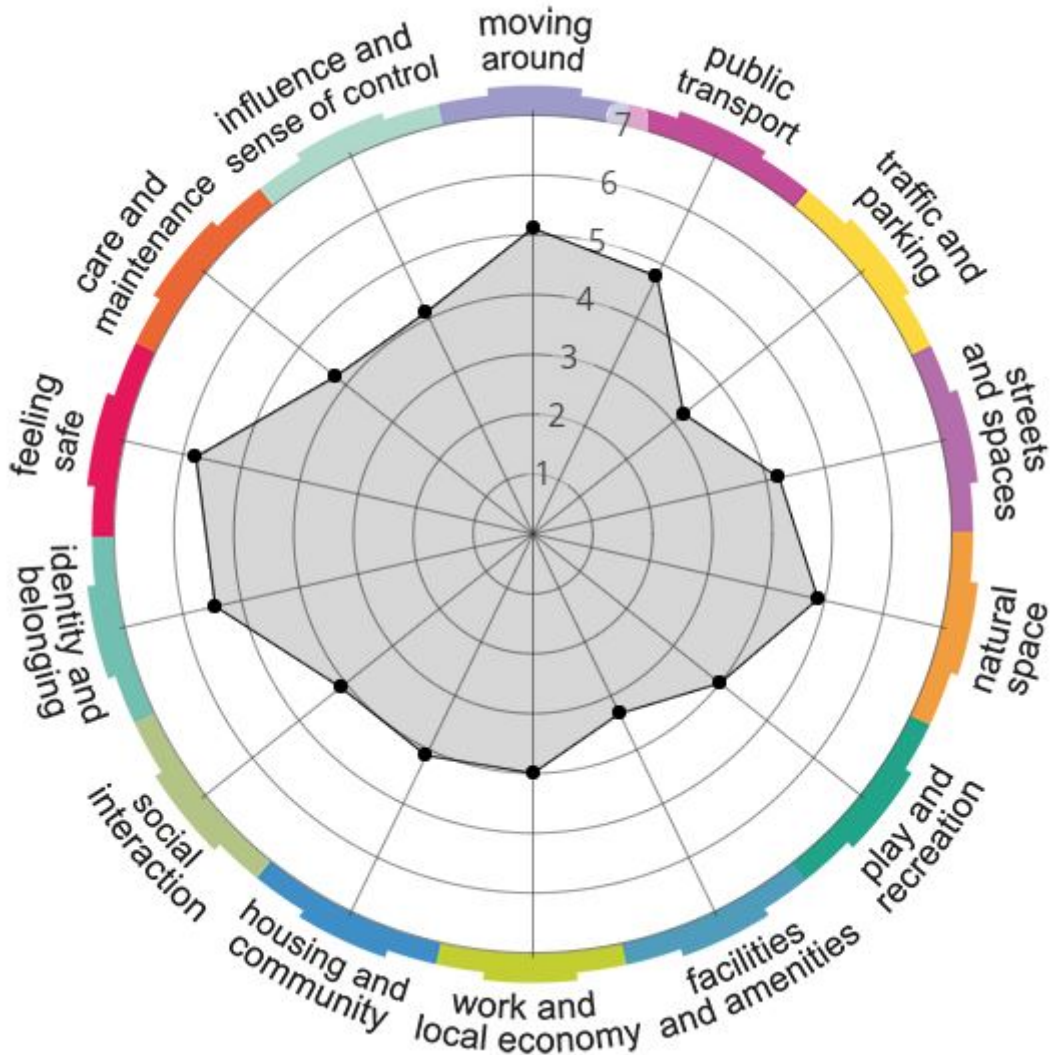
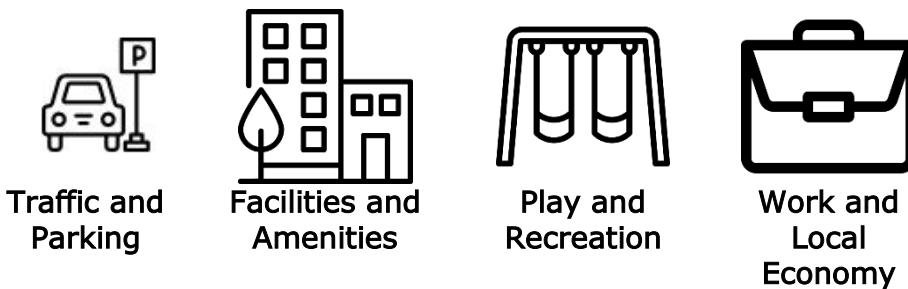


Dunbeg Responses 2019



Priority Areas for Improvement:



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](#).




Dunbeg Responses

Our Top Rated Areas are:

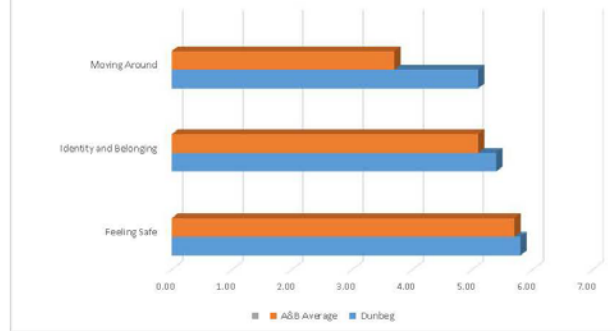
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	Identity and Belonging	Respondents rated this area 5.4 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 5.1 out of 7.
	Moving Around	Respondents rated this area 5.1 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.



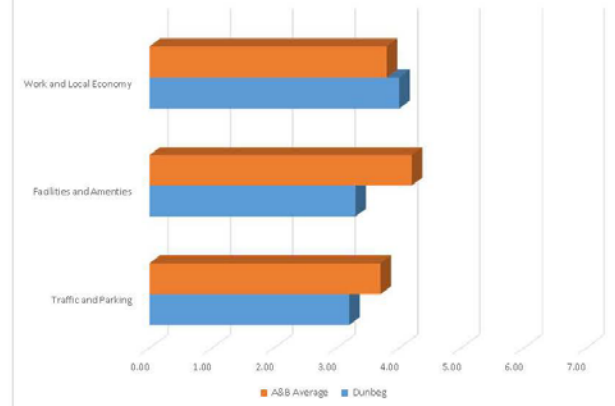
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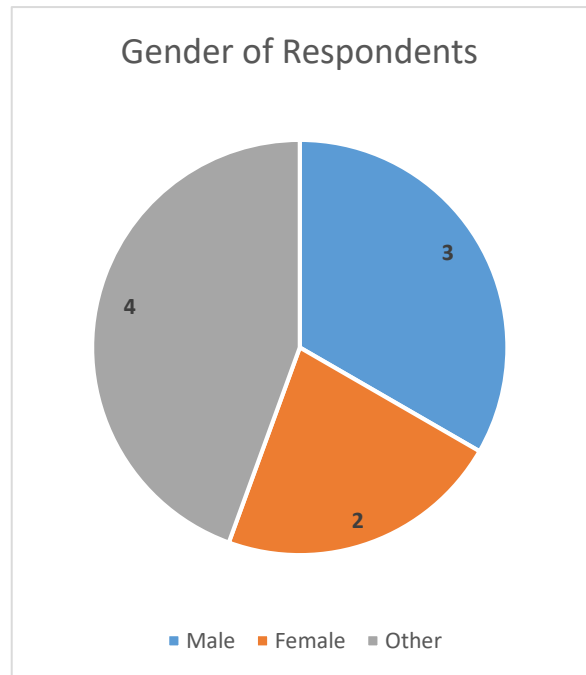
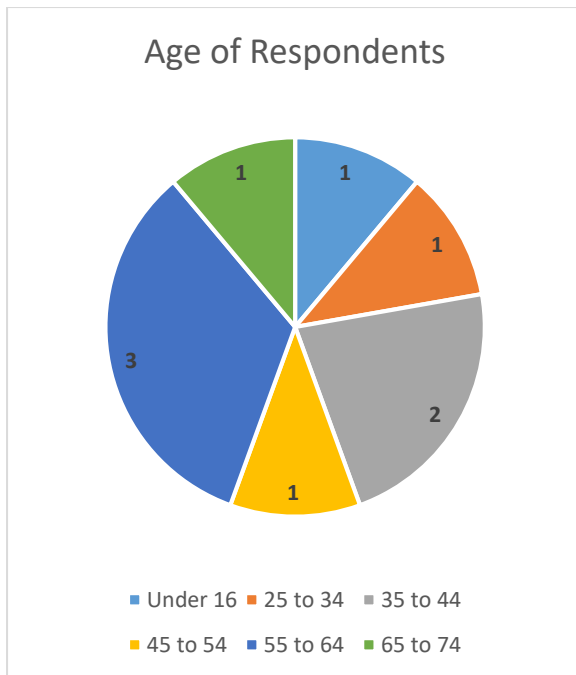
	Traffic and Parking	Respondents rated this area 3.2 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.7 out of 7.
	Facilities and Amenities	Respondents rated this area 3.3 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 4.2 out of 7.
	Work and Local Economy	Respondents rated this area 4 out of 7 compared to Argyll & Bute Average of 3.8 out of 7.

Top 3 Ratings



Bottom 3 Ratings





Thematic areas by lowest score to highest score

Thematic Area	Average Score
Q3. Traffic and Parking	3.2
Q7. Facilities and Amenities	3.3
Q6. Play and Recreation	4.0
Q8. Work and Local Economy	4.0
Q9. Housing and Community	4.1
Q10. Social Contact	4.1
Q14. Influence and Sense of Control	4.1
Q4. Streets and Spaces	4.2
Q13. Care and Maintenance	4.2
Q2. Public Transport	4.8
Q5. Natural Space	4.9
Q1. Moving Around	5.1
Q11. Identity and Belonging	5.4
Q12. Feeling Safe	5.8

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

9 responses in total – Average Score of 5.1							
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	5 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Safe cycling for the kids and I is limited to the Dunbeg/Ganavan path. If going to Connel direction we need to take the car. Also not keen on my kids cycling to school in Oban as there is no provision for them once they leave the cycle track.

We need a cycle path between Dunbeg & Connel that will join up with the one that goes from Connel to Ballachullish. Main road too unsafe for cycling.

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

9 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	2 responses	1 responses	4 responses	1 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Bus service is OK, but not frequent enough.
Could do with more regular buses & later buses from Oban to the outskirts. Taxis are very expensive compared with other places.
Too infrequent; does not adequately cover the spread of the area. Additional housing been developed and no apparent plan to increase bus service to cover this

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

9 responses in total – Average Score of 3.2							
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	0 responses	2 responses	1 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

<p>Parking in Oban is a huge problem. During the summer months getting travelling is often very congested. Adds time travelling for work etc., which adds to stress and reduces productivity. Where possible I use video conferencing etc.</p>
<p>School entrance and parking.</p>
<p>The parking situation in Oban is ridiculous & needs serious thought. Traffic is also getting worse as more & more houses are built with no thought about extra roads & infrastructure. What about a Park & Ride from somewhere near Dunbeg? This would help with the public transport issue also.</p>

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

9 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	1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

In recent years there has been improvement, but as a tourist destination I often think we fall short of keeping this part of Argyll an attractive, welcoming place to visit.
Parking in Oban is a nightmare
We have some lovely areas but they are not maintained properly. Litter & dog fouling persist. Greater penalties required.

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

9 responses in total – Average Score of 4.9							
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	2 responses	1 responses	3 responses	2 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

A lot of what we had is now being used up for overspill housing. Many trees have been removed & very little new appear to have been planted. Wildlife has suffered too.
Living in Argyll I feel we are lucky to have this on our doorstep.
Losing natural space in Dunbeg because of house building
not while there is a major housebuilding development going on

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

9 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	3 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Get playpark fixed at Atlantis
not while there is a major housing development going on
The playpark in Dunbeg is basic, but good for the kids, and the cycle track to Ganavan is great - but overall this is definitely a big area for development. Particularly in Oban - the playpark is not accessible as it has been closed for many months and there is no skate park etc.
Very few opportunities. Once again we have gone backwards.

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.

9 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
0 responses	4 responses	1 responses	1 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Bins not emptied often enough
I think a lot more could be done to encourage people to live healthier more active lifestyles. From support for third sector organisations who play a vital role in encouraging and maintaining health behaviours to dedicated space for leisure and sports facilities etc. - Atlantis is at capacity of what it can offer.
one small general store
One small shop & an expensive garage shop. No Post Office or banking facilities. No local pub. No GP surgery. One restaurant just within environs (at Dunstaffnage marina). No library. One overcrowded school. One oversubscribed nursery. ...

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

9 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	2 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

in local area
Not much local employment so folk need cars/ buses/ taxis etc. to access their workplaces.
Working in third sector I have a good job, but it is limited to a fixed contract, as are many charity jobs. This impacts on security for the future, mortgage etc. etc.

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

9 responses in total – Average Score of 4.1							
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	0 responses	2 responses	4 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

At the moment generally not bad, but with 300 houses currently being built, who knows what will be coming?
I am in a 2 bedroomed rented property. Currently trying to buy a three bedroomed property for myself and the kids. This is proving very difficult to achieve, even with being on a good salary and not being in a chain to buy. Affordable 3 bedroom housing is a big issue.

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

9 responses in total – Average Score of 4.1							
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	1 responses	2 responses	2 responses	2 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

I generally come into Oban to meet up with people. There are good places to have informal social contact - not great for finding space however for groups for work. The hospitality is something I think could be improved - flexibility to serve meals later, welcome tourists, create a thriving community. Things like Oban Live have been brilliant to have on so many levels.
not while there is a major housing development
Religious buildings seem to be the only meeting places

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

9 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	0 responses	0 responses	1 responses	4 responses	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

I do think better awareness and links of what is available to individual/communities would support a feeling of identity and belonging

Q12. Feeling Safe: Do I feel safe here?

9 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	1 responses	1 responses	6 responses	1 responses	0 responses

Comments

Felt safe for the last 30 years or so, but feeling less so with the increase in new properties & incomers.

Mostly I do feel safe, however there are some issues with antisocial behaviour that arise periodically.

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

9 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
1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	1 responses	2 responses	3 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

Big area for development. Recycling facilities etc. are pretty poor, and bin collection doesn't seem to always run according to the diary schedule issued. Dog fouling is also an issue. Being a dog owner I do notice that I often have to carry the poo bag quite some distance before there is somewhere to dispose of it.

Very little publicly done these days. Some private houses are eyesores & there should be efforts to make the owners clean up their acts.

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

9 responses in total – Average Score of 4.1							
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	3 responses	1 responses	0 responses	0 responses

Comments

I attend local community council meetings, but we seem to have very few teeth when it comes to decision making.
I guess I would like to hope so, but reality is it all comes down to how proactive and forward thinking organisations such as the council etc. are. And, ultimately how much money there is to go round. Honestly - I don't think much notice will be taken from feedback and the consultation is potentially a paper exercise. I really hope I am wrong!

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

Affordable Housing Safe walking /cycling access between all communities Playpark/skate park for the kids

Roads, Public transport, Parking, Cycling, Lack of infrastructure, Poor maintenance, Litter, dog-fouling,

The grass areas are looking terrible as the grass does not get lifted after being cut and trying to get out the village now we have so many extra houses with another 200 planned is a nightmare, there is going to be an accident at the junction onto the main road as so many people are taking very bad chances to get out, it can take up to 20 minutes to get to the junction some mornings, there is no village hall anymore so nowhere for people to have a get together

The school size and access road.

What actions could be taken to deal with these?

A village hall Traffic lights at the junction Lift the grass cuttings at least every second cut
Collaboration between housing associations / private sector to identify a way to support affordable 3 bed houses in the area. Extension of the ganavan/Dunbeg cycle path out towards Connel. Action re play park which is lying unused, and support for community drive re skate park
New school with a suitable access and parking facilities.
Roads need maintaining better. Parking could be solved with "Park & Ride" up to a point. More public transport Complete cycle path from Dunbeg to Connel. More shops, Post Office, banking facilities

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