What's important in the Porthmadog Area

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Number of responses = 69

Gender	Number
Men	9
Women	24
Think of yourself in a different way	0
Not answered	36
Total	**69**

Age	Number
17 or younger	0
18-29	6
30-39	3
40-49	11
50-59	4
60-69	4
70 or older	5
Not answered	36
Total	**69**

Question 2 - Note up to 3 things that makes your area a nice place to live.

Comments	Number
The natural environment - close to the sea and mountains	56
The social spirit	31
Views	24
The Welshness of the area / Culture	22
Tranquillity / Quietness	19
Local facilities - no need to travel / choice of local businesses	15
Low Crime rates / feel safe	8
Family / Friends / Neighbours	5
Fresh air	4
Appearance of streets - clean and tidy	2
Connections with other towns/villages	2
Leisure Centre	2
Playgrounds for children	1
The world of nature	1
Local Primary School	1
Good standard of public transport	1
Low cost of living	1
Plenty of activities happening	1
Mild weather	1
Total	**197**

Question 3 - Note up to 3 things that are not as good about living in your area.

Comments	Number
Lack of shops /banks on the High Street	36
Lack of public transport /connections	22
Lack of social / recreational activities at night	19
No work opportunities in the area	18
Distance / Lack of access to health services	15
Too many second homes/holiday homes - lack of affordable housing	13
Too many incomers - change the area's culture / decline in the Welsh language	8
Condition of roads and pavements	8
Lack of activities for children and young people	7
Gwynedd Council cuts	5
Lack of facilities for disabled adults	4
Lack of infrastructure development / investment in the area	4
Lack of leisure facilities	3
Antisocial behaviour	3
Low wages in the area	3
Dog fouling on our streets	3
Traffic / Traffic speed	3
Having to pay for parking	3
Too many visitors during the summer	3
Business rates are too high	2
Condition /appearance of harbour	2
Lack of protection of nature/habitats	2
Lack of parking for residents	1
Cost of petrol and diesel too high	1
Council tax too high	1
Seriously bad phone signal	1
Far from my family	1
Drug users and sellers	1
Concern about flooding	1
Lack of police on the street	1
Numbers attending chapels or churches are in decline	1

Concern that small local schools will close	1
Some people's anti-English attitude	1
Wet weather	1
Lack of enterprise of local people	1
Total	**199**

Question 4 - Note up to 3 things in your area that improve well-being and contribute towards your quality of life.

Comments	Number
Opportunities to walk /go for a stroll	33
Socialising / Societies	24
The Natural Environment	19
Fresh air	16
The leisure centre	12
Family / Friends	9
Local independent shops	8
Way of Life / Tranquillity / Silence	8
Views	7
Health Service	5
Public transport /connections	4
The Welsh language	3
Low crime levels	3
Welsh learner classes	2
Arts / cultural offers	2
Close to my work	2
The world of nature	2
Gwynedd Council encourages recycling	2
The library	2
Nothing	1
Swimming in the sea	1
Flowers around the villages / towns	1
Public Toilets	1
Equine therapy service	1
Tourism Industry	1
Housing for local people	1
Council Service	1
Total	**171**

Question 5 - What would you change about your area to make it a nicer place to live?

Comments	Number
Create more jobs in the area	11
More shops / local businesses	8
More social events	7
Improve the appearance of our streets - cleanliness	5
Improve public transport connections	5
Nothing	4
Ensure there are enough housing for local people	4
More investment by Gwynedd Council and the Welsh Government	3
Encourage tourism - potential to be one of the main destinations in Wales	3
Everyone to take more care of their environment - reduce the impact of climate change	2
Improve the condition of our roads / pavements	2
More events / facilities for children and young people	2
Disabled Access	2
Improve the roads network	1
More opportunity for the public to influence Council decisions	1
Incomers to learn Welsh	1
Residential care for older people	1
Less business rates	1
Residents parking	1
More cultural facilities	1
Less Council Tax	1
Develop the marina	1
Demolition of St David's Hotel in Harlech	1
Control of dog owners / dog fouling	1
Improve the 4G network and telephone signal	1
Better cycle paths	1
Better access to GPs	1
Total	**72**

Question 6 - Do you have any comments about the information under the Population and Language heading in the information pack?

Comments	Number
More should be invested to support the Welsh language	8
Have not seen the information pack	5
Lack of work has an impact on the language - people leave	4
House prices have an impact on the language in a negative way	3
Very difficult to learn the language - have tried but failed	2
Need to invest in the area be that from Wales or otherwise	1
The ability to speak Welsh should be a condition to get a job in the area	1
Good opportunities to learn the language here - institutions such as Nant Gwrtheyrn and Bangor should collaborate more	1
Considering that the population is getting older - efforts should be made to encourage people to keep healthy to reduce the pressure on the health service	1
Too much emphasis on the Welsh language	1
Total	**27**

Question 7 - From the information in the information pack, what is important to you regarding the environment in your area?

Comments	Number
That the natural environment is protected /kept tidy	13
Maintain recycling services / increase recycling percentages	8
Limit developments that may have an impact on the landscape/views	6
Quality of beaches	4
Protecting wildlife	2
That environmental issues get more attention in the education system	2
Have not seen the information pack	1
The environment is not important to me	1
Need to look at flooding problems	1
Lack of public transport increases car use	1
Total	**39**

Question 8 - Is there any information missing in the environment section?

Comments	Number
What are different institutions doing to protect our environment	3
Local nature reserves - these are not designated - therefore are not protected	1
How many people make use of the environment	1
How much does Gwynedd Council spend on environmental issues	1
Control of invasive plants such as Japanese Knotweed	1
Have not seen the information pack	1
List the places that are likely to suffer flooding	1
Control of dog fouling	1
Total	**10**

Question 9 - From the information in the information pack, what is important to you regarding social issues in your area?

Comments	Number
Need to tackle the huge problem of obesity amongst children and young people	4
Access to quality health services	4
Social/cultural activities in Welsh	3
Support for young people.	3
Have not seen the information pack	2
Social services for Older People	2
Crime levels	2
Access to facilities	1
Levels of holiday homes	1
Web speed	1
Reduce deprivation	1
Need for work in the area	1
Need places to socialise	1
Reducing loneliness amongst older people	1
Access for the disabled	1
Numbers who smoke	1
Total	**29**

Question 10 - Is there any information missing in the social section?

Comments	Number
Information about activities/networks for older people	1
Number of facilities in every village / town	1
What does 'poverty' mean	1
Possible future job opportunities	1
Dentistry services	1
Drugs use	1
Total	**6**

Question 11 - From the information in the information pack, what is important to you regarding the economy in your area?

Comments	Number
Number of small businesses / support	10
Number of jobs in the area	6
Low wage levels /difference between the level for men and women	5
Importance of tourism for the area / too dependent on tourism	5
Local people should be able to afford buying houses	3
Training/skills that young people have	3
Have not seen the information pack	1
Council tax too high	1
Total	**34**

Question 12 - Is there any information missing in the economic section?

Comments	Number
Number of holiday homes /holiday accommodation	2
Number of young people who move away to get jobs	2
Self-sufficient area - use of electricity power / renewable energy	2
Number of small local businesses	2
House prices	1
Total	**9**

Question 13 - From the information in the information pack, what is important to you regarding culture in your area?

Comments	Number
Protecting the Welsh language is essential / more Welsh speakers	9
Access to cinemas /theatres and museums/libraries	7
Use of leisure centres / sports clubs	6
Have not seen the information pack	1
Integration of different cultures	1
Total	**24**

Question 14 - Is there any information missing in the cultural section?

Comments	Number
Link cultural activities across to other areas	2
Statistics to a lower level	1
Number of volunteers	1
Figures for inward /outward-migration	1
Numbers that use Neuadd Dwyfor	1
The leisure activities of people in the area	1
Holiday trends - where people go /how much they spend	1
Total	**8**