

# What's important in the Bangor Area

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## Number of responses = 112

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number</b>
Men	23
Women	46
Think of yourself in a different way	0
Not answered	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number</b>
17 or younger	1
18-29	9
30-39	15
40-49	20
50-59	17
60-69	5
70 or older	2
Not answered	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
The natural environment - landscape	75
Views	38
Excellent opportunities to keep fit	29
Community spirit / community events	29
Facilities on the High street - shops / libraries	28
Family / Friends / Neighbours	26
Welsh Language - able to live through the medium of Welsh	25
Good transport links	21
Tranquillity / Silence	19
Feel safe /Low crime levels	17
Quality education	11
Bilingual/multicultural community	5
Area's culture - Pontio / Cultural events	5
Fresh air	4
Close to emergency services - Ysbyty Gwynedd / Ambulance / Fire Station	4
Good job opportunities in the area because of the University and Ysbyty Gwynedd	2
Agricultural Industry	2
House prices	1
Tourism	1
The University	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>343</b>

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

<b>Total</b>	<b>Number</b>
The appearance of our streets - litter and dog faeces	44
Crime - Antisocial behaviour / noise pollution / use of drugs and alcohol	22
Roads - their design in Bangor /condition of roads/pavements	21
Quality and variety of jobs - not enough high value jobs	18
Lack of facilities - no local shop / choice of shops	17
Transport connections not sufficient	16
Traffic and traffic speed	16
Lack of opportunities for children/young people in the area	14
Lack of facilities - leisure/restaurants/public houses	14
Student housing - untidy / too many student housing	14
House prices too high	13
Parking problems - lack of car parks / parking for residents	12
Too many 'problematic' people being relocated to the area (Bethesda)	11
Telephone signal / Connection to the web insufficient	10
Economy not flourishing - lack of investment in the area	9
Area has been Anglicised / People refuse to learn Welsh	9
Planning Policies - too many houses being built	9
Empty buildings - empty shops and houses	8
Lack of protection of our natural environment - pollution	7
Deprivation	6
Discrimination - bullying in schools / break-up of society	5
Gwynedd Council waste service	5
Not enough social events / meeting places	5
No sense of society now	4
Unpleasant neighbours	4
Flood risk	3
Health Service not good enough	3
People's health - obesity and smoking a problem	2
Lack of support for those learning Welsh	2
Standard of education - schools full / lack of resources	2
The weather	2
Pylons	2

Too many supermarkets and fast food shops	2
Problems with the sewerage / drains	2
Local Authority cuts	1
Too many people from overseas living here	1
Lack of services in Welsh - Betsi Cadwaladr Board and private business	1
Homelessness	1
New street lighting does not shed enough light	1
Leisure Centre prices too high	1
Flies in the summer	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
Keeping fit in the outdoors - walking/ cycling	61
The natural environment and the views	35
Access to facilities locally - shops / leisure centres / libraries / pubs / restaurants	33
Community spirit / community events	28
Family / Friends / Neighbours	13
Close to Ysbyty Gwynedd / Health services	12
Fresh air	11
Connections / Good standard of public transport	10
Tranquillity / Silence	9
Welsh Language - able to live through the medium of Welsh	8
Low level of crime / Feel safe	6
Work - close to it / Standard of work available	5
Clean and tidy streets	5
Good standard of public services - waste collection	4
Chapel / Christian society	2
Play parks / Skating Park in Bangor	2
Standard of Education	2
Fresh fruit and vegetables locally	2
Quality of life	2
Live in a Flying Start scheme area	2
Breakfast/ After School clubs	1
Clubs – Rugby club	1
Allotments	1
House prices	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>

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

Comments	Number
Improve the appearance of streets - litter and dog fouling / make places more attractive	14
Make sure that the area prospers	9
More local shops in communities	9
More community activities / specific activities targeted to older people/young people	9
Increase the numbers who speak Welsh - more emphasis on the language	9
Traffic Management / Reduce school traffic	8
More activities for children - play parks	7
Less litter	6
Parking control / More parking areas / free parking	6
Better cycle / walking paths	6
Reduce number of student housing / improve appearance of student housing	5
Reduce the number of new houses built	5
Better public transport / offer park and ride	4
Protect our natural environment / reduce pollution	4
Better opportunities for high value quality jobs	4
Improve our roads/highways	4
More attractions - restaurants / cinema / bowling	4
Tackling the area's drug problem	3
More litter bins on our streets	3
More affordable housing - keep young people in the area	3
People should respect what they have and take responsibility	3
Better neighbours	3
Better telephone signal / web connection	2
Ensure that all secondary schools in the area are specified Welsh medium schools	2
Ensure that non-Welsh speakers are included in the society	2
Better quality of life	2
That the new houses built are of a good standard - not bundled together	2
Fewer immigrants to the area	2
More police on our streets	2

Ensure that only local people are entitled to social housing	2
Reduce the prices in the Leisure Centre / offer a reduction to those who cannot afford the prices	1
Less emphasis on the need for Welsh medium education at school	1
Less hate towards English people	1
Improve the trains system - reduce flood risk	1
Give local people an opportunity to make decisions on how to invest money in their own areas	1
Clearing beaches	1
Better public services by the Council	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>



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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
Need to make the Welsh language more visible - raise its profile	14
Impact of students evident in the language statistics	11
Have not seen the information pack	9
The age profile of Bangor is obviously affected by students	6
Need to prioritise the Welsh language in schools	5
Need to support non-Welsh speakers to learn Welsh	5
New housing developments will have an impact on the numbers who speak Welsh	5
House prices have an impact on the numbers who speak Welsh	3
Not as much emphasis is required on the Welsh language in schools/workplaces	3
Information is required about the use of the language at grass-roots level for every age group	1
The establishment of Pobdy in Bangor assists to raise the profile of the language	1
The Hunaniaith campaign is needed in the village	1
Social housing given to non Welsh speakers has an impact on the Welsh language	1
Surprised that the population has grown so much	1
No need to translate everything - some signs should be left in Welsh only - encourage people to learn the language	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
Have a balance between developments/land use and protecting our environment	20
The appearance of our streets - litter and dog faeces	18
Access to the natural environment / nature	17
Recycling percentages need to increase / encourage students to recycle more	16
Fresh air	7
Waste collection service costly / not dependable	2
Need to develop green energy	2
Over dependency on cars as a means of travel	2
Need to keep an eye on the sewerage system	1
Have not seen the information pack	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
A list of things that are being done to teach children/people about their area / look after their environment	5
Information about developments in the area and the impact they have on the area/health/people's quality of life	4
Information about National Trust sites in the area and what they offer	4
Air quality	3
Much more about wildlife	3
Quality of sea water	2
Information about local energy work - Ynni Ogwen and Cyd ynni	2
Annual rainfall	1
Numbers who attend the recycling centres	1
Information about the coastal path	1
Information about dog fouling	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
Crime levels	11
Obesity figures are frightening - need to target children in school	10
A sense of society - know the people who live nearby	9
Need places to socialise	4
A lack of jobs has an impact on the society	3
Social care for older people - need for collaboration between social services and health	2
Suicide figures are a matter of concern - need more support for people in need	2
Life expectancy	2
Need to tackle the problem of transferring problems from one generation to the next - need to break the cycle via education	2
Patient figures per GP is alarming	2
Use of alcohol and the number who smoke	2
Health statistics need to be analysed at a level lower than Gwynedd	2
Homelessness	1
Connection to the web	1
House prices have an impact on society	1
The number of volunteers appear low	1
Ambulance response times	1
Social housing filled by people who have left prison	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
Information about clubs/ community groups in the area	5
Impact of medical conditions on the health service	3
Information about loneliness levels	1
Numbers who feel safe in their community	1
Number of dentists in the area	1
Residential care for older people and children	1
Number of people/children with disabilities	1
Number of abuse cases	1
Figures of those who suffer from mental health issues	1
The impact of prejudice against English people on society	1
Number of public houses	1
Figures on the number of drug users	1
The impact of students on society - number of empty houses during the summer	1
Number who suffer from different medical conditions in our society	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
The need for high value jobs	18
The number who have been priced out of the market is concerning	11
Wage levels are low	8
Concern regarding the wage gap between men and women	6
Gap between the attainment of children who receive free school meals and their peers	5
Number of unemployed	5
Work needed for local Welsh people	5
Support needed for small businesses	4
Need to increase the skills of local people to be able to seek/undertake work with higher wages	4
High cost of living	3
Promote the use of small local shops	2
Standard of education - GCSE results	2
Better planning - no over-development Need to develop things for the benefit of the community	2
Need to attract tourists to the area	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
Use of food banks	2
The gap between the most and least wealthy	2
The number who work in the public sector compared to the private sector	2
Number of young people who stay here once they have graduated	2
Number of local businesses compared to other areas	1
Number of children who live in deprivation	1
Number who have used loan-sharks, short-term loans	1
Number who are made bankrupt	1
Number employed by the NHS	1
Ways that the area's economic situation may be improved	1
Figures in numbers rather than percentages	1
The variety of work opportunities available in the area	1
Annual salary	1
Figures of self-employed persons	1
The value and use of grants in the area	1
Figures and the value of benefits to homes	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
Importance of cultural events / institutions in the area	14
Able to speak Welsh naturally everyday	9
The physical exercise opportunities available / need to be affordable for everyone to have an opportunity	6
That the library service continues	4
Understand the nature and all the varied cultures that exist in Bangor	4
Lack of variety and cultural events	4
Impact of house prices on our culture	3
Impact of the number of students on our culture	1
Educate children about their culture	1
Grow more food ourselves	1
Need to note the importance of culture and people's well-being - health promotion, economy, tourism	1
Too much has been spent on the Pontio building	1
Ensure that old buildings are protected / safeguarded	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

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

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Number</b>
Information about cultural events e.g. Pontio, Storiell	6
Information about leisure centres	2
The impact of the University on our society/culture	2
Information about walking / cycle paths	1
Different types of religion in the area	1
Population ethnicity	1
Information about people socialising	1
Information about Eisteddfodau	1
List of small local societies	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>