

What's important in the Caernarfon Area

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Number of responses = 123

Gender	Number
Men	16
Women	43
Think of yourself in a different way	0
Not answered	64
Total	123

Age	Number
17 or younger	0
18-29	12
30-39	15
40-49	10
50-59	15
60-69	5
70 or older	1
Not answered	65
Total	123

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

Comments	Number
The beautiful environment, sea and mountains in one location, countryside	103
A Welsh area, use of the Welsh Language and identity	56
Friendly people and a sense of community, good neighbours	49
Facilities, services and families close by e.g. close to the town, plenty of things to enable socialising e.g. pubs, shops, eating places, hospital	43
Feel that the area is safe, low level of antisocial behaviour, enables one to feel confident	24
Roads and paths to walk are convenient, able to go for a walk and walk into town	18
Peace and quiet	16
Culture and the arts e.g. theatre gigs, history, venues such as Pontio, Galeri	16
A variety of leisure activities, clubs for children, outdoors, cycle park (BMX), attractions	15
Close and convenient to get to work	10
Sufficient public transport (bus)	8
Close to family	7
Fresh air and clean water, no noise pollution	7
Wildlife	6
No litter, good recycling service	5
New school / good	4
Small pleasant villages	4
Caernarfon town is vibrant in the summer, tourism is good	3
The cylch meithrin is welcoming and good	2
Affordable to live here E.e. Low house prices	2
Roads in good condition, no traffic	2
Access to main roads such as the A55	2
Low population density	2
Public services	1
Work Opportunities	1
Good service from surgeries	1
Mixture of different people	1
Slow pace of life	1
Law and order	1

Convenient parking	1
No urban over-development	1
Total	412

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

Comments	Number
Poverty and the lack of jobs and variety, local businesses and low wages, loss of educated people	44
Public transport, quality of service and no train, not enough cycle paths	36
Road safety and condition, e.g. travelling through the traffic in Bontnewydd / poor pavements	36
Cleanliness of streets and parks/public places, litter problem, dog fouling and fly tipping and a lack of respect	35
Have to travel further and further to get to services and to more social, cultural, leisure, shopping events and facilities etc.	28
Parking barriers	15
Decline in the Welsh language	11
High house prices, no affordable housing, a lack of quality housing	10
Incomers (non-Welsh speakers) and a lack of integration	10
Shortage of public services due to cuts	9
Not as much of a community	9
No 3g/4g in some locations, poor telephone signal, cost / availability of superfast broadband	8
Nothing for small children to do, or young people, facilities need to be replaced	6
Crime / antisocial behaviours	7
Planning control and building - lack of eco-friendly developments, condition of buildings	5
Not enough concerts / large gigs, events	3
Lack of investment in the area and the economy E.g. Bangor City compared to larger cities such as Chester	4
Lack of services and facilities at a village level e.g. suitable community centres	4
The weather	4
High Council Tax and Business Rates	4
Recycling and waste collection arrangements	3
Police	3
No public house	3
Nuclear power site	3
Street Lighting	3

Primary school classes are too large	2
Lack of nursing care service and health services	2
Travel far to hospitals for treatment/healthcare	2
Lack of social opportunities apart from public houses, things for older people to do	2
Inconsistent maintenance work e.g. hedgerows	2
Gwynedd Council bureaucracy, does not solve problems	2
Visitors, too busy over the summer	2
Not many young people about	2
Need to improve provision in the schools	1
Cash machine is far away	1
Unacceptable waiting list for appointments and treatment	1
No priority for local people with social housing	1
Closure of schools	1
Stuck when there is snow	1
Scrap vehicles	1
Social inequality	1
Friends do not live close by	1
Pylons	1
Town Centres of very poor quality	1
No 'safe' outdoor areas closed off for dogs to run free	1
Improve services for older people, get to grips with loneliness	1
Children and young people hanging around	1
Second holiday homes	1
Seagulls	1
Lack of confidence in the area	1
Japanese Knotweed	1
People have a negative attitude	1
New Bypass	1
Lack of access to agricultural land	1
Depopulation	1
Lack of holistic support for underprivileged children and families	1
Total	342

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

Comments	Number
Beautiful environment, open, clean and healthy	69
National Park and the coastal paths, walking paths	68
Family, neighbours, a sense of community	41
Outdoor opportunities	21
Plenty of opportunities to socialise, arts events	16
The use of the Welsh language and culture	15
Sport and leisure provision, keep fit	15
Quality facilities e.g. local shops, library, schools, chapels	11
Work Opportunities and better wages, small creative businesses	10
Peace and quiet 'pace of life'	10
Convenient commute to work, A55	9
Local surgery with flexible opening hours, health services	8
Low crime level, feel safe, tackling crimes such as theft	8
Activities for families and older people, community clubs e.g. dance groups	6
Clean roads and streets	6
Wildlife	5
Library	5
Better parking arrangements	4
Good public transport	3
Investment in renewable energy	3
Reduce business rates, council to consider reducing charges	2
Better access to broadband, internet	2
Public services	2
Improve roads and infrastructure	1
Able to live without a car/everything close by	1
Football	1
Improve building control	1
No nuclear power site	1
Lack of population density	1
Ability to afford housing	1
Visitors / tourism	1
Total	347

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

Comments	Number
Facilities such as good local shops, pubs, community centre, leisure activities	16
Job opportunities, higher wages	12
More things for children/people to do, sport opportunities, events	12
Improve transport and connections e.g. with Cardiff, infrastructure	12
Improve street cleanliness and reduce graffiti, dog fouling, litter	11
Better pavements, condition of roads, road safety	10
Develop better safe paths (walking and cycling)	9
Protect and respect the Welsh language and culture, the arts, provide more services in Welsh	8
Housing provision - affordable housing, available to people from the area first	7
Parking barriers	7
Investment in town centres, outdoor activities, encourage enterprise and innovation	5
Better phone signal, computer links	4
More of a sense of community, promote the appearance of housing and buildings	3
Less bureaucracy by the council, policies need to be re-visited, need to listen to people	3
Inward migration	3
Promote and educate about the natural environment	2
Good public services	2
Free from inequality, more integration, between the privileged and underprivileged	2
Police presence, reduction in crime	2
Better quality of health service provision, Less waiting time for hospital appointments	2
Nuclear power site	2
Promote the rural economy	1
Promote volunteering	1
Open public spaces	1
Antisocial behaviour	1

Pylons and underground cables	1
Get rid of grass pavement verges and adapt into parking spaces or widen the road	1
Control of Seagulls	1
Reduce light pollution	1
Reduce the number of second homes	1
Total	143

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

Comments	Number
Welsh is strong in the area, it is very important that it is promoted and supported more e.g. in play parks, providing services in Welsh and how to complain if these are not available, need to reduce snobbery	20
Concerned/disappointed about the reduction in the language in the area	12
Have not seen the booklet	9
Need to keep young people in the area	5
Migration and inward migration is important to support communities, concerned that this has an impact on the Welsh language	4
The information was not surprising	3
That it is possible to continuously support the older generation with quality services	2
No statistics about Welsh learners	2
Lack of qualitative information about well-being in the areas	2
It will be necessary to care for more older people	1
Useful information	1
Public services to jointly fund a provision to deal with the older population, increase the wages and status of workers and carers in the health service in order to attract young people into the profession	1
More non-Welsh children in schools	1
Need affordable housing for young people	1
Increase low wages	1
Make Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen a specified Welsh medium school	1
Total	66

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

Comments	Number
Protect the environment and wildlife	28
Cleanliness of streets, parks, dog faeces	22
Improve recycling percentages, regular recycling	14
Have not seen the booklet	5
Improve transport and infrastructure to avoid having so many cars	4
Improve parks and public footpaths	3
Maximise the benefits from the natural environment, sustainable developments	3
To be safe	3
Beautiful environment, a combination of urban and rural	2
Need qualitative information about the environment and its impact on well-being	2
Society	1
Protect the language	1
Need training opportunities and work in the green/environmental field	1
Improve roads	1
Safeguarding from flooding	1
Reduce water, air pollution	1
Councils use the environment as a way of making money	1
Total	93

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

Comments	Number
Booklet is conveyed in a patronising way	2
Information about grass-cutting	2
Information about use of public transport	2
Information about river and land pollution, biodiversity	2
Changes to the garden waste collection arrangements	1
Statistics on dog fouling	1
People to keep their waste bins and recycling containers tidy	1
Information about the number who do not recycle	1
Access for the disabled	1
Seagulls	1
Pack not available/ not seen	1
Need qualitative information about the environment and its impact on well-being	1
Information on policies regarding building and establishing industry	1
Develop the quay	1
Information about renewable energy / alternative provision of energy, community environmental projects	1
Information about car use per household not only the number who own cars and figures	1
Concern about road safety matters, blocking road access	1
Information on built environment	1
Protecting the environment and wildlife from developments	1
Cleanliness of streets and educating	1
Total	23

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

Comments	Number
Health in general and living older, reduce the life expectancy gap	6
Able to speak and socialise in Welsh, and this needs to be promoted	5
Access to facilities and services e.g. Public transport, telephone, broadband/internet	4
Concern regarding the availability of emergency services, keep roads clear in terms of parking to ensure easy access for emergency services.	4
Have not seen the booklet	4
Concern about obesity	3
Safety	3
Socialising with friends and people of all ages in different places e.g. public houses, going out for a walk	3
Concern about the availability of trained staff to deal with the older population	2
Concern about isolation	2
Lack of appropriate facilities for surgeries e.g. Location or surgery size	2
Keep in contact e.g. via the telephone and computer	2
Timely medical treatment.	2
Qualitative information	2
Need to support participatory activities e.g. Sports and the arts and cultural matters	2
Health needs as a result of the older population, support at home	1
Family support to strengthen the network in order to support older members and their families	1
Caring for underprivileged people and support/protect them	1
Leisure centres and libraries	1
Work opportunities for young people	1
Ensure that there is appropriate care for those in greatest need	1
Concern about antisocial behaviour	1
Concern about drug culture	1
Education	1
Local people on low wages	1
Local people cannot buy houses	1
Keeping communities alive	1

Introduce adult education that encourages people to learn out of interest	1
Encourage adult education that leads to useful qualifications for the workforce	1
Encourage volunteering amongst those who do not work/with more free time within the community	1
Improve the community	1
Understand the reasons / what has an impact on issues such as loneliness	1
Feel that more people are drinking and smoking than the statistics indicate	1
Lack of choice in terms of support in the home for the elderly to keep them independent	1
Total	65

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

Comments	Number
Action plans to improve figures such as crime, isolation	2
Information about mental health	2
Access to facilities that consider public transport	1
Information about youth clubs	1
Information about access to services for the disabled	1
Facilities such as a cinema	1
Information about organisations that change from Welsh medium to English/ bilingual due to inward migration	1
Qualitative information	1
Young people's ability to socialise and foster interests	1
More services and places for older people to go	1
Lack of direction and the potential role of social enterprises and the third sector as a result of the Well-being Act in the future	1
Improve the arrangements to get appointments at the surgeries	1
Encourage volunteering amongst those who do not work/with more free time within the community	1
Contribution of libraries to social cohesion and the role of reading in the development of a cultural and tolerant society	1
Main health issues in accordance to age groups or social status	1
Care for older people	1
Broadband speed	1
Total	19

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

Comments	Number
Quality work opportunities for all e.g. Professional ones	20
Cost of living and wages low	12
Attract new businesses into the area, large business in order to keep local people in the area, educate and support people to be self-employed	9
Wage equality	7
House prices too high, unable to afford housing	4
Need to improve the economy, surprised that the economy is stronger than in nearby areas	3
Encourage local businesses to be sustainable and to prosper	3
Concern regarding the percentage without central heating, fuel poverty	2
Interesting information	2
Have not seen the booklet	2
Reduce the number of the population without any qualifications at all	1
Need to attract tourists to stay in the area not just to attract them for the day	1
More factory work	1
Children's education places too much emphasis on attaining targets rather than their well-being	1
Unacceptable gap between the attainment of pupils receiving free school meals and those who don't	1
Qualitative information	1
Concern about how many people have no qualifications	1
Maintain and improve public transport	1
Quality education	1
Seasonal jobs causing concern	1
Feel that there are not enough shops in the area	1
Further information about those who are economically active and inactive	1
Need to spend in a better way	1
Too many obstacles and negative attitude	1
Need to work to extend the tourism sector/seasonal work to the periods that are currently quiet	1
Total	79

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

Comments	Number
More detailed information and understanding on wages such as population in wage bands, self-employed, reason for wages gap	3
Qualitative information	2
Lack of suitable and affordable housing	1
Planning regulations too strict	1
Plaid Cymru do not promote external investors	1
Less money in the pockets of Gwynedd people to spend on taxes, transportation, recreation	1
Information too simplistic	1
What is available to support the deprived	1
No historical information for comparison	1
How many disabled people work	1
Information about part-time and full time work	1
Childcare Provision	1
How many young people are out of work	1
Have not seen the booklet	1
The impact of leaving the European Community	1
A vision is required for these areas	1
Need to invest in retail and support local businesses	1
The need to develop a care workforce that is thoroughly trained	1
Better salaries	1
Information on access to training, apprenticeships, lifelong learning for young and older people	1
Information on the implications	1
Information about people who re-train	1
Concern about the lack of opportunities	1
The Council needs to listen to local people	1
Total	27

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

Comments	Number
The Welsh language is very important, needs to be promoted, used as an unique selling point	12
Opportunities and cultural venues such as Pontio, theatre, films for children, activities in the community, literature	11
Concern that the numbers who keep fit are low	1
Keeping fit is important and needs to be promoted in terms of locations etc.	4
Cultural links and the environment	1
Opportunities to make the best of the natural environment	3
Leisure Centre, library important	5
Multicultural society	1
Have not seen the booklet	2
More interweaving between local people and tourism	1
Keep young people in the area	1
Qualitative information	1
Celebrate, learn and protect the culture and history from an early age	2
Get more people into work	1
Wider impact of culture, not just financial cost	1
Reduce leisure centre prices	2
Be part of the community	1
Need affordable fuel	1
Cost and convenience of public transport has an impact on participating in cultural activities	1
Total	52

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

Comments	Number
Information about activities, projects and arts enterprises and history, sports, cultural events for all ages	5
Value of culture not just financial	3
Lack of public transport to attend the locations	1
Information about Welsh culture	1
Promote new companies that move to the area to use Welsh	1
Have not seen the booklet	1
Affordability of activities offered	1
Increasing tendency to hold events in English	1
Qualitative information	1
Information about the area's creative economy	1
Information about creative schemes and activities for deprived people, in poor health	1
Language that people use to socialise, physically or virtually	1
Contribution of libraries and the importance to promote reading	1
Future schemes to promote culture	1
Information about Welsh learners	1
Total	21