

What's important in the Dolgellau Area

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Number of responses = 38

Gender	Number
Men	9
Women	10
Think of yourself in a different way	0
Not answered	19
Total	38

Age	Number
17 or younger	0
18-29	0
30-39	3
40-49	5
50-59	6
60-69	5
70 or older	0
Not answered	19
Total	38

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

Comments	Number
The Natural Environment	31
The local society / social spirit	16
Family / Friends / Neighbours	14
Views	14
Tranquillity / Silence	9
Living in the countryside	8
Low level of crime / Feel safe	4
Fresh air	3
Welsh speaking Area	3
Standard of education in the area	3
Close to shops	3
Close to work	2
Public transport	2
Clean and tidy neighbourhood	1
The local library	1
Total	114

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

Comments	Number
Dog fouling / litter on our streets	16
Distance / Lack of access to health care / hospital / dentist / GPs	15
Transport Links	8
Lack of work / quality work	8
Lack of variety of local shops and expensive / Distance from large shops	7
House prices - unable to buy a house where I was born and bred	5
No telephone signal / web connection	4
No facilities/activities for older people in the area	4
Too many incomers	4
Threat of cuts	3
High price of petrol/diesel	3
Unpleasant neighbours	3
Have to travel far to receive many services	3
Too many empty buildings / untidy streets	3
Standard of schools not good enough	3
Lack of investment in the area by the Government / Local government	3
No parking places	3
Leisure facilities insufficient - no swimming pool / high prices and inconvenient opening hours	3
Traffic / Traffic speed	2
Lack of areas for dogs	2
Lack of social housing for local people	2
The weather	2
Not enough places to take waste /recycling	2
Condition of roads and pavements - roadworks at Dolgellau	2
National Park Regulations / Policies	2
Unable to speak Welsh in my community	1
Too many sheep grazing on the mountains	1
Lack of outdoor activities	1
Lack of illuminated footpaths at night	1
Many are cheating the benefits system	1

Too many 'Brexiters'	1
Not as much wildlife now	1
No activities for children and young people.	1
Having to pay to use a public toilet	1
Not enough police on our streets	1
Social housing given to people on drugs / offenders	1
Total	123

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

Comments	Number
Keeping fit in the outdoors - walking and cycling	24
The community / social spirit	12
Fresh air	9
Views / Natural environment	7
The library	4
Biodiversity /area's wildlife	3
Public Transport	3
Feel safe / Low crime levels	3
Services available locally	3
Footpaths maintained	2
Able to work in the area	2
Health Provision	2
Village Café	2
Mother and toddler groups / social activities	2
Low cost of living	2
The leisure centre	2
Family / Friends / Neighbours	2
Tranquillity / Silence	2
Public Toilets	1
Clean streets	1
Quality schools	1
Low traffic levels	1
Connection to the web	1
Barmouth Bridge	1
Total	92

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

Comments	Number
Keep streets clean and tidy	6
Better public transport	4
Protect the Natural Environment	3
Activities for children and young people	3
Attract more tourists throughout the year	3
More work opportunities	3
Better telephone signal / web access	2
Demand that everyone speaks Welsh	2
Reduce traffic / traffic speed	2
Safe footpath/cycle path	2
More affordable housing	2
Better management of tenants	2
Better access to health services	1
The weather	1
Swimming Pool	1
Renovate old, untidy buildings	1
Activities for older people	1
Free Parking	1
Not having to pay to use public toilets	1
More developments / investment in the area	1
Total	42

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

Comments	Number
Confirm the importance of supporting and promoting Welsh language	2
Surprised that the figures of Welsh speakers is lower than other areas of Gwynedd	2
Reflects the numbers who come here to retire	1
Language is not important in terms of socialising	1
Forcing children to learn the language at school and pass the Welsh GCSE examination	1
Need more support for learners	1
Sadness that many who can speak Welsh choose not to	1
The area's boundaries are too wide to have a correct picture of the Welsh speakers / population	1
Total	10

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

Comments	Number
Access to countryside / beaches	7
Conservation - we don't want to lose our habitats / wildlife	5
Clean and tidy streets	4
Need to increase recycling percentages	4
Pollution levels	2
Have not seen the information pack	1
Adapt our way of farming to be more organic	1
Clean water	1
Total	25

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

Comments	Number
Impact of planning policies on the environment	2
Green energy generation	2
Recycling figures at the recycling centres	1
Information about bus numbers	1
Sites of scientific importance	1
Too extensive an area as different environmental issues affect different villages/ towns in the area	1
Cleanliness of rivers / sea	1
Total	9

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

Comments	Number
More opportunities for jobs / people's ambitions	5
Meeting places to socialise - village halls / support local organisations	4
Care of older people	2
Provision of hospital/doctors	2
That it is safe for children to play outside	1
Number of police on our streets - drugs and law breaking issues	1
Affordable housing	1
Total	16

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

Comments	Number
Information about the number of older people in care homes / community care	1
Importance of the air ambulance to the area	1
Leisure provision in the area	1
Impact of planning policies	1
Number of affordable houses being constructed	1
List of different organisations that exist in the area	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
Opportunities for jobs / high value jobs - the future of our children	8
The contribution of farming to the economy	3
Data reflects the poor performance of the area's economy	2
Lowest wage levels in Britain - this is deplorable	2
Contribution of tourism to the economy	1
Need to double Council Tax for vacant houses	1
Total	17

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

Comments	Number
The contribution of retired incomers to the area's economy	1
The balance between safeguarding the environment and developments that create work	1
Numbers who work in the public sector	1
Further information about monthly salaries	1
How to overcome the economic problems	1
Total	5

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

Comments	Number
Welsh traditions should not be lost	5
The Welsh language	5
Cultural events being promoted	3
The numbers that keep fit	1
The area needs to be bilingual	1
Total	15

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

Comments	Number
The cost of having everything bilingual	1
List of outdoor activities in the area	1
Need to provide Welsh lessons for incomers / make more of an effort to speak Welsh with incomers	1
Total	3