

What's important in the Ffestiniog Area

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Number of responses = 23

| Gender | Number |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Men | 4 |
| Women | 6 |
| Think of yourself in a different way | 0 |
| Not answered | 13 |
| Total | 23 |

| Age | Number |
|---------------|-----------|
| 17 or younger | 0 |
| 18-29 | 1 |
| 30-39 | 1 |
| 40-49 | 4 |
| 50-59 | 3 |
| 60-69 | 1 |
| 70 or older | 0 |
| Not answered | 13 |
| Total | 23 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|--|-----------|
| Natural environment, countryside, beauty, agriculture and wildlife | 19 |
| A close-knit and friendly community | 18 |
| The Welsh language and culture and history | 12 |
| Tranquillity | 4 |
| Facilities such as a school, leisure centre and shops are convenient | 3 |
| Location | 2 |
| Places to go walking | 1 |
| Have always lived in the area | 1 |
| Railway | 1 |
| Tourism | 1 |
| Public transport - bus comes into the village | 1 |
| Outdoor Activities | 1 |
| Things to do in the area | 1 |
| Health services and social services available | 1 |
| Feel safe | 1 |
| Total | 67 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|---|---------------|
| Lack of facilities - no suitable food shops, bank / cash machine, petrol station, market, post office have disappeared | 22 |
| Lack of good jobs, employment and opportunities in the area, lack of creating new skills in order to be self-sufficient | 12 |
| Lack of health services, timely health service, lack of local hospital, huge impact from this | 7 |
| Public transport - times of bus service, train Transport timetables are not published now in paper format | 6 |
| Concern regarding inward migration and the type of incomers Concern about the effects of incomers who are dependent on the state and incomers from English cities who drive up house prices | 5 |
| Negative image and that the town is full of offenders | 3 |
| Not much for children and young people to do in the area | 3 |
| The Council - waste collection arrangements, recycling and garden waste, charging for services | 3 |
| Offences and drugs and antisocial behaviour | 2 |
| Concern about the economy | 2 |
| Second homes, houses are priced too high, local people have been priced out of the market | 2 |
| The weather | 2 |
| Limited services | 2 |
| Litter | 1 |
| Losing opportunities to improve and promote tourism | 1 |
| Distance from arts centres | 1 |
| Decline in the Welsh language | 1 |
| Cleanliness of streets | 1 |
| Condition of Roads | 1 |
| Total | 77 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|--|---------------|
| Leisure centres and fitness and leisure activities | 8 |
| A close-knit community and good neighbours, family and friends | 7 |
| Places to go walking, outdoor pursuits | 7 |
| Natural environment, rural area | 5 |
| Fresh air, clean water | 5 |
| Able to speak Welsh, need to promote Welsh and the culture | 5 |
| Events and clubs, for all interests to be able to socialise e.g. Age Gwynedd & Môn, Women's club | 4 |
| Attractions that draw tourism | 4 |
| Happy family life | 3 |
| Improve infrastructure and transport links and costs | 2 |
| More craft shops and local produce | 2 |
| Facilities returning such as shops, hospital, shops closer by | 2 |
| 'Pace of life' | 2 |
| Things for young people to do, and the freedom to play outside | 2 |
| Need to promote engagement | 1 |
| Cleanliness of streets | 1 |
| School | 1 |
| Respect and people's principles | 1 |
| People to be able to buy all the empty houses | 1 |
| Able to use the bus pass on the train in Winter | 1 |
| Work opportunities that pay well | 2 |
| Easy to travel to different places | 1 |
| Total | 67 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|---|---------------|
| Facilities - no suitable food shops, bank / cash machine, petrol station, market | 6 |
| Sufficient public transport, improve infrastructure | 5 |
| Health Provision and hospital | 4 |
| More opportunities for local people to start local businesses, number of empty shops, to be self-sufficient | 3 |
| Reduce negative attitude, improve the area's image | 2 |
| More opportunities for children and young people in the area, indoor facilities e.g. Develop the café at Trawsfynydd lake to include a play area for children | 2 |
| Offer free courses for local people to try their hand at a new practical craft or skill, opportunities for the unemployed | 2 |
| Cleanliness of streets | 1 |
| Promote the Welsh language | 1 |
| Reduce antisocial behaviour problems and drugs which come with some people who move into the area | 1 |
| Get rid of the scrapyard | 1 |
| Higher wages | 1 |
| More of the people's voice The area is not heard by the Council | 1 |
| More events | 1 |
| A close-knit community | 1 |
| Total | 32 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|---|---------------|
| Very happy with the educational provision in Welsh, Welsh culture | 2 |
| Believe that more use is made of Welsh in the area than the statistics indicate | 2 |
| Inward migration has an impact on the Welsh language and culture | 2 |
| Everyone has a responsibility to speak Welsh at every possible opportunity | 1 |
| Good local health provision but not as good at Ysbyty Gwynedd | 1 |
| People move here with antisocial behaviour and drug problems | 1 |
| Local people have to wait for housing after the incomers | 1 |
| Link refers to the English questionnaire rather than the Welsh | 1 |
| Quality of 3G and 4G phone signal and fibre-optic broadband are very poor | 1 |
| Lack of jobs and opportunities for young people and families mean that young people move away | 1 |
| Total | 13 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|--|---------------|
| The natural environment and biodiversity, need to protect the environment | 5 |
| Effective recycling, recycling sites in the town, need to move towards developing ways of recycling soft plastic | 2 |
| Need to improve street cleanliness standards and road verges where weeds grow. | 1 |
| Prevent pollution and dog fouling, cleanliness of streets is very important | 1 |
| More police presence walking on the streets | 1 |
| Dref Werdd (Green Town) is very important. | 1 |
| Convenient walking paths | 1 |
| Have not seen the information pack | 1 |
| The environment used in a sustainable way that brings work to the area e.g. Coed y brenin, Go Ape high ropes, Bounce Below | 1 |
| Total | 14 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|--|---------------|
| Recycling arrangements - collection of waste and all sorted at recycling site | 1 |
| Concern that too many public toilets are closing | 1 |
| Concern about the effects of closing the tourist information centre | 1 |
| More about sports | 1 |
| Consideration should be given to actual broadband speed 3g and 4g phone signal | 1 |
| Species that are harmful to the environment | 1 |
| Total | 6 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|---|---------------|
| Lack of local hospital services Huge impact on older people, care provision in the area is not good | 4 |
| Need to deal with antisocial behaviour and crime | 1 |
| Nothing for children to do | 1 |
| Long-term employment for young people. | 1 |
| GISDA brings troublesome people into the area | 1 |
| Much more deprivation, need to extend the food banks | 1 |
| Deprivation and rural communities - this is hidden | 1 |
| That there is a provision in Welsh | 1 |
| Total | 11 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|--|---------------|
| Information about community events | 1 |
| Health Board has closed the local hospital contrary to the will of the community | 1 |
| Too many obese people | 1 |
| Memorial Hospital needs beds for men and women | 1 |
| A need for more social and recreational events in the area | 1 |
| Public transport is poor, use of car is essential | 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 |
|---|---------------|
| Need better jobs, not a few hours, zero hours contracts, totally dependent on the weather and tourism | 3 |
| Investment required in the area e.g. high streets in poor condition | 2 |
| Concern about the poor state of the economy | 2 |
| Wage equality between men and women | 1 |
| Small wages | 1 |
| Local school is effective and compares well with the rest of Gwynedd. | 1 |
| High street is poor, facilities are disappearing such as the bank/cash machine | 1 |
| Need to promote new businesses, the arts, media, film-making | 1 |
| Reduce Council Tax | 1 |
| Agricultural sector to get more support and business grants to enable it to modernise and diversify | 1 |
| Low jobs due to educational attainment | 1 |
| The policies of the Council and the National Park prevent entrepreneurship | 1 |
| Need to keep/more young people in the area | 1 |
| The area has improved over the last few years | 1 |
| Total | 18 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|---|---------------|
| Have to travel too far to school | 1 |
| Re-open the nuclear power site | 1 |
| Improve integration between Welsh and English people | 1 |
| More facilities for people without access to a car | 1 |
| Benefits to the community stem from tourist attractions | 1 |
| Travelling costs are high | 1 |
| How much support does the economy receive from Europe | 1 |
| Unemployed people convene on the high street | 1 |
| Total | 8 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|---|---------------|
| Welsh culture and language are very important, priority to Welsh medium education | 4 |
| All the organisations and regular events in the area - need for more cultural and recreational events in the community, the booklet does not convey these | 3 |
| Need to market events more and market leisure activities | 2 |
| Opportunities with sports and use the library. | 1 |
| Concern about the number in fuel poverty | 1 |
| The use of leisure centres is limited in terms of opening hours | 1 |
| Library provision is good, need our support | 1 |
| Strong agricultural sector | 1 |
| Total | 14 |

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

| Comments | Number |
|--|---------------|
| Loss of history and good locations | 1 |
| More information about the Welsh language | 1 |
| More information about the arts, theatre, other cultures | 1 |
| Total | 3 |