

Have your say on the future of Rhu & Shandon

This survey is for residents of the Rhu and Shandon Community Council Area.

Your views are vital in shaping the future of Rhu and Shandon. The Ardenconnel Wood Steering Group has formed a charity “Rhu and Shandon Community Trust” and has teamed up with Rhu and Shandon Community Council to undertake this survey.

One part of the survey, from the Community Council, will be used as part of your **Local Place Plan**. This will outline the priorities and aspirations of our community, directly influencing decisions on development, conservation and local services. The Local Place Plan will be submitted to Argyll and Bute Council, following presentation to the community, to guide the next Local Development Plan, which determines planning and development priorities for the Rhu and Shandon Community Council area.

The other part of the survey relates to the **Ardenconnel Wood project** and will help Rhu and Shandon Community Trust to develop plans to manage and conserve the woods. If you are interested in getting involved in the Ardenconnel Wood project or the newly formed Rhu and Shandon Community Trust, you can provide contact details at the end of the woodland survey. Whether or not you do this, any other information you provide throughout this survey will be used anonymously.

We want these plans to reflect what matters most to you. Whether it’s preserving the character of our villages, improving facilities, or addressing environmental challenges, your input will help us identify what needs to change and what should remain. **Survey closes Saturday March 8th.**

Community Enterprise are carrying out this survey on behalf of Rhu and Shandon Community Council and Community Trust: see [Community enterprise.co.uk/privacy-policy](http://communityenterprise.co.uk/privacy-policy) for more information. All responses, including those submitted on paper, are stored on SurveyMonkey: see surveymonkey.com/mp/legal/privacy. For any questions about the survey or either project, contact rhushandontrust@gmail.com.

How to take part



Go to: **bit.ly/Rhu-Shandon** to answer online or scan the QR code with your phone camera.



Fill this copy in and drop it at The Brae Shop, Rhu Inn, Rhu Community Hall, Rhu & Shandon Parish Church or Cafe Rhu.



Join us on Thursday March 6th (3pm-8pm), Friday March 7th (3pm-8pm) or Saturday March 8th (10am-5pm), at Rhu and Shandon Parish Church Hall.

This survey contains questions about the community for the Local Place Plan, and questions about Ardenconnel Woodland.

We hope as many residents as possible will answer the full survey, but if you would rather skip to questions about the woodland, go to **page 9**. Otherwise, continue below.

Village identity and priorities

1. Overall, how would you rate Rhu and Shandon as a place to live, work and visit?

	Very bad	Bad	Neither good nor bad	Good	Very good
Live	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Visit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Which of these statements do you think best describes Rhu and Shandon?

- Rhu and Shandon are separate villages, each with their own identity
- Rhu and Shandon make up one community with a shared identity
- Rhu and Shandon are an extension of Helensburgh
- Don't know

3. List up to three things you value most about Rhu and Shandon:

4. List up to three things you would most like to see changed in Rhu and Shandon:

Homes and development

1. What do you think are the top development priorities for Rhu and Shandon over the next 10 years?

	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority
Access and footpaths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Allotments and community garden	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Building conservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial forestry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environment: woodland / biodiversity / marine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment and/or training (e.g. apprenticeships)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leisure facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sea and flood defences	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
General / market-rate housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sheltered housing / care homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Use this space to list any other development priorities, or for comments on the ideas above.

Homes and development (continued)

2. Where should new development be allowed within Rhu and Shandon?

	Disagree	Agree	Don't know
Extension of Blairvadach	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smuggler's Way (demolished Navy houses)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Empress Field between Rhu and Helensburgh	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ardenconnel Woods	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Football and rugby pitches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Old Rhu Bowling Green	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gullybridge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rhu Marina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Glen Fruin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Aldonaig farm and the Reservoirs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
St. Andrew's House	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sub-division of gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other green belt/undeveloped land outside the villages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Use this space for comments on the sites above.

3. With the planned expansion of HMNB Clyde, do you think that personnel and families can be accommodated within the existing infrastructure of Rhu and Shandon?

Yes

No

No opinion

Use this space for comments.

Environment and nature

1. How concerned are you about local environmental issues?

	all	concerned	Very concerned
Threatened biodiversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Condition of sea wall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fragmentation of nature corridors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loss of trees and woodland for development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Commercial forestry on hill and Glen Fruin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Blocked drains/culverts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invasive non-native species	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marine litter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rising sea levels	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flooding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Use this space to list any other local environmental issues you are concerned about, or for comments on the issues above.

2. Would you support any of the following community-led environmental initiatives?

	yes	no
Path maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Litter picking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sea wall maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community garden / allotments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Woodland restoration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Measures to reduce dog fouling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beach cleans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Use this space for any other suggestions for community-led environmental initiatives.

Active Travel (Walking, Cycling, Wheeling) and Transport

1. Do you agree with the following statements about active travel in Rhu and Shandon?

	Disagree	Agree	Don't know
Walking and cycling is safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are good quality routes for walking and cycling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking and cycling is pleasant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Are any of the following walking routes in need of repair or upgrade?

	Does not require repair	Requires repair	Don't know / don't use this route
Aros Road to Scout Hut	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lover's Lane	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quarry Knowe to Manse Brae	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Highlandman's Road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Glenoran wood to Duchess Wood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Railway siding route above Shandon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ardenconnel Wood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shandon old road	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Village footpaths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Use this space to list any other routes you think require repair, or for comments on the routes above.

Active Travel and Transport (continued)

3. What are your priorities for improvements in active travel and transport within Rhu & Shandon?

	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority
Reopening Rhu and/or Shandon train stations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A water taxi from the Marina	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop a safe practical cycle route	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Path maintenance, cleaning and safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A public slipway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better lighting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced traffic speed (30mph zone) through Shandon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced traffic speed (20mph zone) through Rhu	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved accessibility for all along public paths	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A Community Speedwatch Programme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Use this space to list any other active travel/transport priorities, or for comments on the ideas above.

Social and Cultural Activities

1. How would you rate the following facilities?

	Not adequate	Adequate	Don't know
Children's nurseries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Blairvadach Outdoor centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rhu Primary School	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rhu & Shandon Parish Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rhu Playpark	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rhu & Shandon Community Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seating areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rhu Amateur Football club	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus stops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scout hut	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ardenconnel Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accommodation for tourists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. What types of activities or events are you interested in seeing more of in Rhu and Shandon?

	Not at all interested	A little bit interested	Very interested
Rhu and Shandon Gala	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and crafts fairs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature walks and outdoor learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education talks / events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rhu and Shandon Christmas lights switch on evening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Live music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ceilidhs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Festivals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other activities (please specify)

Social and Cultural Activities (continued)

3. How do you currently find out about events and what's happening in and around Rhu and Shandon?

Tick any that apply.

Noticeboards

Helensburgh Advertiser

Community Council Facebook page

Community Council newsletter

Word of mouth

Social Media

Other (please specify)

I don't find out about what's happening

Ardenconnel Wood

Ardenconnel wood between Manse Brae and Lineside Walk is being considered as the flagship project for the community-based charity, Rhu & Shandon Community Trust, for the conservation and use of the woodland by all members of the community.

Membership of the charity will be open to anyone over 16yrs within the community boundary of Rhu and Shandon. Membership will be free, annual donations will be welcome.

The questions below will help the Community Trust to develop their plans.

1. How often do you visit the woods?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Annually

Never

Ardenconnel Wood

2. What, if anything, do you use the woods for?

Select any that apply.

Taking part in an organised group

Dog walking

Observing nature

Education

Recreation / adventure / fun

Access between communities

Other (please tell us)

I never use the woods

3. Please tell us what you like and/or what you don't like about Ardenconnel Wood as it is today:

What you like:

What you don't like:

4. Are you broadly supportive of a community purchase of Ardenconnel Wood?

Yes

No

Not sure

Please use this space for comments, including any concerns you have about the community project to buy and maintain the woodland, or activities you think should be prioritised as part of this project.

Ardenconnel Wood (continued)

5. In general, how do you feel about the new Rhu & Shandon Community Trust?

- It is not necessary Don't know
- It will be an asset for the community

Please use this space for comments, including any other projects that you think the Community Trust should get involved in.

6. If you are interested in getting involved in the Ardenconnel Woodland project and/or the Community Trust, what role(s) would interest you? *Select one or more answers, or tick 'not interested'.*

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration / secretarial | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland management | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Trustee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pathway maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Website / social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer, bookkeeping or accounting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending work parties in woodland | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delivering activities within the woodland | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please tell us) | |

7. As membership in the Community Trust will be free to all residents of Rhu and Shandon, would you be willing to make a regular (annual / monthly) donation towards the restoration and maintenance of Ardenconnel Wood?

- Yes No Not sure

Do you have any other suggestions for generating income to cover the costs of managing Ardenconnel Wood?

Participant Information

The questions on this page are optional, but will help us understand who has taken part in the survey, and to get in touch if you want to be involved.

1. If you indicated that you would like to get involved in any way, please tick the relevant options below and provide your contact details:

	Yes	No
I consent to Community Enterprise storing my personal details only for the duration of this research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I consent to Community Enterprise contacting me about this project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I consent to Community Enterprise passing my personal details to Rhu and Shandon Community Trust for the purposes above	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your contact details - name, email and/or phone number:

2. Where do you live?

- Rhu Shandon Glen Fruin Somewhere else

3. Please tell us your gender

- Man Woman
 Other

- Prefer not to say

4. Please tell us your age:

- Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44
 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+
 Prefer not to say

Thank you for your time! If you've completed this printed copy of the survey, please don't forget to return it by Saturday March 8th.