

**Question 2: If you don't feel that there is adequate provision of toilet / shower / campervan waste disposal between Mallaig and Arisaig, where do you think the issues are?**

All areas

No campsites between the two.

Village centre and harbour

Traigh beach, tougal/silver sands layby camusdarach beach car park.

Traigh needs toilet block to accommodate all the day visitors and roadside campers Mallaig needs larger toilet block, shows and chemical waste disposal point to support increase in visitors to area

Traigh toilets

Mainly at the beaches, but also in Mallaig

A distinct lack of toilet and parking facilities particularly at Morar sands. Motorhomes have nowhere to drain grey water along the coastal road.

There is a great need for chemical waste point areas for campervans in particular

Throughout the area.

Lack of public toilet facilities

Campervans stop in non designated areas There are not enough toilets and they are not maintained during the day.

More camper van parking spaces need with all necessary toilet and waste disposal facilities for visitors in general

The toilets at Traigh being closed especially as the beach gets well used and as there is already a toilet block it's terrible that it was closed in the first place.

The lack of accessible public toilets throughout the year is disappointing. Living on one of the Small Isles travelling on the mainland often means reaching Mallaig in the evening or early morning when the current public toilets are locked, and I have found them still locked even after the supposed opening hours. Not everyone wants to go into a pub to try and access public toilets. Showers would be an added bonus although I believe toilets should be the priority.

Mallaig centre, tougal beach and traigh beach

Need more toilets. Need more parking spaces.

At Traigh, morar sands on the river side on the old road and in Mallaig at the car park

TRAIGH

Not enough toilet facilities, need more in Mallaig to support the tourists , more at popular beaches Especially at Traigh

Everywhere but especially along the coastal road

Bins overflowing with rubbish

Camp sites were full 10 days ago when I was up.

Morar

i think these showers toilet and electrical points are badly needed as most times sites are fully booked even when trying to pre book

Demand is outstripping supply

No service point signage for use of site facilities only. Have to enter sites to ask & often not too happy to oblige.

If tourism is to be enjoyed by the local community then facilities have to improve

In the Arisaig area particularly off season.

Tougal/Morar Beach, Mallaig Village.

All along the old road between Arisaig and Mallaig. And in the villages of Mallaig and Arisaig.

Specifically in Arisaig, in the centre of the village there is campervans/ campers every night, usually 3-4 campervans. The public toilets close at night until about 8am. Cars that would like to stop don't/ can't stop due to the fact the car park opposite the main local businesses is full of campervans, constantly.

Mallaig

Require more toilet facilities

A lack of toilets, a lack of bins.

No toilets no chemical waste disposal

There needs to be more bins along the road beside the beaches

There are no facilities between Arisaig and Mallaig and the facilities in Mallaig were only meant to be a temporary measure.

Traigh beach and silver sands

The beautiful locations such as the beaches and Loch Morar, and Mallaig village itself is poorly served for toilets and bins. The field in Morar cannot reasonably hold sports events without changing and shower facilities.

Mallaig and all the way along the old road into Arisaig

Arisaig, Morar & Mallaig

It's the level of tourism that's the problem, it's become a living hell out here, most camper vans park anywhere they please and call it wild camping, wild camping involves a tent, in a camper van it's simply dodging campsite fees, we need parking and traffic wardens, not more facilities.

There is not enough facilities.

Tougal and Traigh in particular.

All the way from arisaig to mallaig especially the coastal road.

west bay really need showers

We could not find an open public toilet anywhere between Arisaig and Mallaig on the coast road

Everywhere. Mallaig village centre, the beaches, there should be some near the circular walk.

Funding?

No official toilets in Mallaig. Sometimes the opportunity to use the hall or Calmac toilets. No public toilets in Morar

In the village of mallaig and the beach areas between Morar and Arisaig.

No facilities at Traigh

council not caring about providing adequate facilities for anyone far less tourists.

Need for elsan and waste/fresh water facilities accepting motor home "wildcamping" will continue. If near shopping / catering will attract greater spend. Would be happy to pay reasonable small charge. Meter and charge for fresh water fill up. Charging based on waste disposal more likely to encourage bad behaviour.

From Mallaig to Arisaig on the 'old' road in particular especially at the beaches.

Mallaig, where no public toilets are available

All along the coast from Arising to Morar

grey water and black water disposal, parking/stop over area's

Mallaig

Their Is only public toilets in the hall wich is out the way especially if you have small children

No campervan waste disposal point and not enough large-space parking so that campervans can park without encroaching on pavements and impeding pedestrian access

traigh beach and morar beach

Always on the hunt for proper waste and water points any type of improvement would generate a good income for the local community not all of us like to stay on campsites we like the more rural spots and Scotland has so many of these spots that could generate money locally.

No where near enough considering the amount of tourists

Water and waste disposal

Lack of toilets ect

Lack of waste water and toilet empty points. And with this a water tap, and this will bring the money into the local economy.

Water fill up and waste water disposal opportunities are needed for motorhomes touring everywhere in Scotland. Arisaig is a popular destination but is served by only a couple of campsites so could do with more facilities.

There are too few we only found them on sites

Mallaig-not suitable to have community hall toilets open to public. Traigh beach-absolutely no provision! Arisaig-not sufficient

To the best of my knowledge there are no Riley waste facilities except at commercial campsites. At least if there are we were unaware of them and consequently unable to empty/ fill etc on our recent visit to the area

Nowhere to empty motorhome Toilets or get fresh water

Need more especially chemical disposal points

there is no pionts parking water cassette toilet / personally been going to mallaig for over 40 years now and morar my advice keep up with the times not much changed up this way some things must change, i know a family who have ground in Morar who are intrested in opening a motorhome camp site for water and chemical piont rubbish

24 hour access to facilities

Lack of facilities

A slight increase in spaces and facilities would be great

Elsan points and fresh water.

Arisaig

Not enough, catering for the increased popularity of the area to those in self contained motorhomes to be able to sensibly dispose waste would go a long way. It would also placate the locals who are complaining of the inconsiderate few who do just what they like

Nit enough for the grow in tourism

Lack of toilets in mallaig to deal with volume of visitors to the area. Also campers dumping waste in local toilets is causing problems.

No showers between the two areas, toilets in mallaig limited to hall opening times. No campervan waste points unless visiting campsite, leading to some owners emptying waste in inappropriate places

Mallaig, Morar and Traigh beach.

Nowhere to empty waste or take on water. Showers would be good, we have everything on board

Waste and fresh water could be more available, plus somewhere to empty toilet would be extremely helpful.

Not enough toilet facilities, rubbish bins to meet the influx of tourists in the summer months. Also camper vans are disposing of their chemical toilets anywhere they please.

There are none available unless you book into a site and these are often full

Harbour

Increase in tourism particularly camping and mobile home travellers but there is not the infrastructure, i.e toilets, parking and camp sites.

Whole area but more parking is required generally to allow motorhomes to use the amazing beaches. Area seems very anti motorhomes.

Not sufficient facilities.

Lack of facilities

Traigh, Morar and Mallaig.

There just seems to be a complete lack of these facilities. We drove through Arisaig to Morar a few months back and found nothing

Traigh, Tougal Beach and Mallaig

Around the beaches, Traigh, Tougal etc.

Not enough public toilets, no waste emptying points , more buckets !

In the busy periods we have way too many people in such a small location

Main toilets in Mallaig are situated too far out of the village

Need more water/waste disposals and fresh water fill up facilities for a motorhome/camper use. Would happily pay for these facilities.

Car park at Camusdarroch is insufficient. Often rubbish left beside bin. Even a roadside bin would help.

Arisaig Morar and Mallaig

Arisaig Morar Mallaig

There simply aren't much of facilities in the wider area, which is incomprehensible

not sure where disposal points are, general lack of info

Chemical emptying points, waste water emptying points and water fill points needed. Also overnight stops for Motorhome's with minimal charge as in Europe, take the initiative, Show you appreciate and encourage our love for the area

More people enjoying this wonderful area, and campsites not open for much of the year

It's all over, but seriously think that there should be some suitable facilities at Mallaig !

We stayed overnight by the harbour & although we could use the public toilet there was nothing else. There was a box for donations & we happily gave to keep them going. Nothing else.

All main beaches would benefit from facilities, traigh, camusdarroch and dedicated toilets in mallaig

Toilets in Mallaig to be open 24 hours. Traigh to be reopened.

We need a toilet and waste disposal point.

More visitors, than ever before. Therefore facilities no longer adequate.

Arisaig, silversands and mallaig

MALLAIG, MORAR AND ARISAIG

Maillag

camusdarroch area

Campervan/motorhome tourism is on the increase. Embrace it or loose out. Campsites do not cater for most motorhome who do not need all of the facilities every day. All that is needed is cheap overnight parking, somewhere to get fresh water and safely dispose of waste water (black and grey).

There should be more

Most parts of the area

Need them somewhere near the water front/ beach area.

Out of main village areas

No where to empty waste in the general area

There are no facilities whatsoever for people who wish to wild camp. There isn't even a camp site that will allow camper vans/motorhomes to empty their waste water and toilets - so some people just empty them by the side of the road, as has been witnessed by numerous locals.

If there are any non campsite showers & waste disposal I do not know where they are

Lack of water pipes and waste facilities away from the campsites. Obviously costs are involved in this set up. Most rich are happy to pay for these facilities when camping off grid and through all seasons.

Council should welcome motor home travellers and accommodate for a huge market out here

A designated parking area for Mohos is definitely required. Chemical waste disposal and fresh water filling areas would be great

Need more showers and toilets

I'm not familiar with the area but anywhere that motorhomes visit

No toilets at traigh

We were not aware of any provision for Motorhomes other than at the sites. We made sure we had empty waste tanks and topped up with water before we reached the area. We were on our way to the ferry at Mallaig and wanted to stay just one night en route. Had to pull into Caravan Club CL at £15 for the night. Only water tap and chemical disposal provided. We considered this to be very expensive for just overnight parking.

Local councils closing toilets everywhere isn't good for visitors. Motorhomes need basic waste points and fresh water availability and are happy to contribute to use them

Waste points definitely needed to stop inconsiderate disposal in surrounding countryside.

There is on the campsites so if they were happy to let motorhomes use these facilities for a small charge it could solve the problem.

Mallaig

Campervans/motor homes are so popular now there is a need for toilet facilities but essentially waste disposal points are essential especially during busy summer months.

Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig

Traigh

Too few facilities along the whole stretch for the volume of visitors

There are toilets in Arisaig, Tougal and Mallaig. There are no toilet provisions at the beaches where most tourists gather. Also the toilet in Mallaig are inadequate.

Mallaig, Morar & Coastal Road

Improved structure at or near ferry ports

More and Arisaig

Campsites can be full in the summer and then there is no where to empty campervan toilet waste - we often camp up near Mallaig before catching an early ferry or when staying in the area for a couple of nights would be great to have a charging facility to empty waste.

Arisaig and Mallaig.

In the area between Arisaig and Mallaig. Obviously. More specifically, none of the obvious stopping points (Arisaig / Glenfinnan / Mallaig) have any provision

Height barriers at public toilets Should be removed so that disabled people can get their vehicles in to carparks to facilitate the use of the toilets. And more adequate vehicle parking around the coastal routes with water and waste point's at some of them

Not enough grey and chemical waste disposal points.

Disposal of waste and showers

Arisaig and Mallaig

not enough

Too many campsites which, because of popularity, charge very high rates, which not all of us can afford. Affordable stopovers for one or two nights with facilities, would be a great asset to the area.

Very busy at peak times

Not enough waste emptying facilities, last time I travelled in that area, no campsites where open, so nowhere to empty waste.

It would be great to have a drive over drain to drop grey waste water and also somewhere to empty the toilet. A water supply would be useful too.

Just need toilets and rubbish/waste disposal at the beaches for adequate provision for all visitors including locals

No facilities

Morag - Silver Sands Arisaig Traigh Beach mallaig

Tougal and Mallaig

Disabled toilets that have a hoist and changing table would be great

Inbetween both

Elsan point and location for the grey waste water.

Need more toilets

There are very few, if any, facilities outwith the campsites, and not everyone wants to be on a site. We prefer to wildcamp, spend our money locally buying fresh provisions each day or so , and use public facilities if we can.

Need more upgraded ones

Too many campers from all over world assuming that they should be able to park up and stay overnight anywhere in Scotland whether it causes disturbance to locals or not

More public toilets

Toilets that are in place st the moment are far the small for demand, there isn't any showering facilities or disposal facilities to encourage more tourists to the area.

We drove all around this area summer in 2017. We would have loved to stop and look around and spent some money in the local shops. We couldn't park our 7m long motorhome anywhere other than a tight side of the road mud pull over at Morar beach.

missing Points for Grey Water and Toilet dumping.

Lack of capacity

Mallaig for toilets and the whole area between Arisaig to Mallaig for camper waste etc.

Currently not enough PUBLIC toilets available.

Our VW camper does not have a toilet or shower so we rely fully on suitable amenities and sadly there are very few so we just use private camp sites and this is expensive

All over. Public toilets should include waste disposal facilities for chemical toilets - outside the building.

Not enough facilities

Timed zones in campsites and always full due to all us posting wonderful images of the campsites from arisaig to morar.

Not enough public toilets. A chemical waste disposal facility is needed

Not enough facilities

Lack of places to dispose of waste and to refill with water

Last week couldn't Park in car park by community centre (small motorhome ok in car spaces, but badly parked cars made those available too tight). Therefore had to park round far side of harbour & walk all the way back to find toilets! Usually use van toilet, but needed emptied so had to wait till on campsite. Toilets at beach spots not essential for us, but would have been useful before we had van.

There is not adequate parking or toilet facilities for visitors

I've not managed to locate them.

Increase in campervans/motorhomes etc. Popularity of area means demand outweighs supply

The whole area where visited by tourists is lacking in all facilities.

All over

No toilet facilities.

Some type of motorhome service point would be helpful

Council

mallaig and arisaig

Campsites are often full and we need somewhere to get rid of toilet waste safely and take on fresh water

A drive through point allowing grey water, chemical toilet and rubbish disposal would be of great benefit and would ensure the environment doesn't suffer from irresponsible visitors actions. A shower block would also be a welcome addition.

From Back of Keppoch to Tougal

Not enough campsites, we can never get booked in anywhere, unless you book months in advance

A height barrier has been put up at Morar making access harder to the toilets. There is no provision for a self contained campervan, i.e. with own toilet, at all. A campsite is not required just a French 'aire'

Lack of facilities in both areas. Hall toilets in Mallaig being used as public toilets are run down with the constant use and Tougal toilets are appalling. Reopening Traigh toilets would be great too! May be this would cut down on the mindless rubbish left behind too!

On the beaches where people want to stop.

Everywhere really, the amount of visitors to the area mean the current provisions are vastly inadequate.

Need facilities to empty toilet / Grey waste and get fresh water. The Aires system in France is great, parking and these facilities. Some with electric and a small fee charged

not nearly enough facilities for a growing tourist trade.

There should be toilet facilities beside the beaches which are more frequently used...especially Traigh and Camusdarach.

Morar beaches

All over

Just not enough capacity for the number of vans coming through.

Maybe old toilets area at Traigh could support a chemical disposal point. Also at Mallaig ferry point.

They are on site at camp sites but none (that I can recall) that are obvious to those not booked into sites.

In the Main Street

Mallaig, Arisaig

I've said yes because I always stay on one of the numerous sites along this stretch. For those who want to be more independent, however, I am unaware of any facilities, especially since the height barrier has been uninstalled at Morar where the toilets are.

Overnight parking and waste /toilet facilities could be improved.

Increasing numbers of visitors and lack of public toilet provision, Localised pressure on parking.

CUT BACKS

Everywhere

Not enough proper parking spots or rubbish points in popular areas

there are only facilities on camp sites which are always fully booked and do not allow non residents access to their facilities. So community owned/run facilities would be a great idea

Arisaig, Traigh, Loch Morar & Mallaig

We need places to be able to get water and empty full loos and park safely with permission so as not to disturb locals or disrupt them

Not enough provision for waste disposal

Not enough toilets - water taps and 'blackwaste' points or rubbish bins

Mallaig needs good public toilets

Not enough during busy times

Mallaig

In some areas where motorhomes/campers overnight, lay-bys etc

Not enough space and facilities



Imperative to have good facilities to stop inappropriate dumping by 'people'.

Just in general there is a massive need for these all over the country

Arisaig

The toilets at Mallaig Community centre are incredibly busy during holiday seasons and could do with an upgrade to cope with the the volume of visitors. The wild camping at silver sands also puts a strain on facilities in the area.

Inadequate toilets

Demand outweighs the provision.

the current toilet facility at Morar, which if memory serves me right also has a disabled toilet facility there. There is now a height barrier at this car park/toilets which effectively discriminates against any disabled person wishing to access these facilities but cannot do so as their vehicle exceeds the height barrier. I haven't visited this area since the barrier was put up so not sure if the toilet facilities are still available!

As we are self contained as regards toilet facilities we didn't look at them. However, waste disposal points would be most welcome as we are not happy about using public toilets to empty cassettes. We went into a campsite and asked to use their facilities.

Initially there are nowhere near enough parking spaces for motorhomes, especially larger ones. Grey water and chemical waste points would be such a forward thinking asset to your beautiful area, and encourage more acceptable behaviour from the minority of thoughtless, selfish motorhomer.

All the way on the beach road

Just need a aires type stopping place as an alternative to vans driving onto grass areas. Like the ones you see in all the european countries.

Never seen any

Mallaig village

Insufficient overnight parking and lack of fresh water and waste water disposal.

Campsites are full to bursting and only open 6 months of he year but besides that I personally am not a fan of campsites and would prefer to just use them as a service point. I'm a respectful wild camper who will only stop in laybys and not on the machair and toilets would be a great bonus not only to myself but to daytrippers who will use verges bushes and roadsides to relieve themselves... when the campsites in the area close for the season where is there toilets to use??

Need emptying points regularly

Waste disposal. This is a UK problem where many just litter rather than clear up after themselves.

More toilet and shower rooms needed for campers and motor homes

At the port

Waste disposal. Black and grey waste

If your out in your car or van I feel being disabled that there's just not anywhere equipped to take a wheelchair except Malliage .. if it's an emergency stop you have miles to go

We are gaining bumper visitors each year coming to our lovely areas. And we need to have facilities to accommodate them where ever possible. And with the weather being what it has been people drink more so they need these facilities

Morar and Arisaig

The toilets at Traigh would be great if reopened

toilets in Mallaig when the community centre is closed. Nothing near Camusdarach

A general lack of support / encouragement for motorhomes to stay. ALSO a lack of any real enforcement for those who flout the rules.

if there were facilities to empty waste and top up water, then even more people would visit obviously willing to pay a fee for the use of services would bring an income to the area too,

The height barrier blocking access to the disabled toilet at silver sands. Not all disabled people drive cars.

As a local the biggest problem I see is not enough bins. The amount of campers has increased massively over the last few years and with that brings a lot more rubbish so we need more facilities for them to dump their rubbish instead of on the side of the road or beaches

Basically campervans just need somewhere handy and accessible to empty their chemical loos, refill with water and, preferably, somewhere to dump their rubbish

Lack of facilities for people not wanting to stay on an organised site around Traigh, Mallaig

At Ariisaig & Morar.

No facilities for waste rubbish water and human if there were facilities at a fair price people would pay quite happy.

Traigh and Morar Silver sands areas mainly

Mallaig toilets cannot cope, no disposal for motorhome waste or few other facilities for wild campers particularly at Traigh.

All designated beach car parks.

Camusdarach beach and Tougal beach

Beaches, villages, everywhere it's shocking

Toilet facilities

Mallaig

Toilets needed at beaches, in Morar village and extra facilities of showers etc in Mallaig

At the beaches and in Morar.

Morar, around beaches, Mallaig village

The whole area but mainly the beaches.

Waste points needed to prevent use of public loos, for example, Ariisaig being used for chemical toilet waste.

Toilets and waste facilities

The volume of tourists in the area now mean that the current facilities are nowhere near adequate.

At beach areas

Having nowhere for camper vans to put their waste has meant they've been dumping it at the side of the road. Tourist numbers are increasing year on year and due to a lack of facilities wild campers go to the toilet alongside paths and bushes. I've heard of local people avoiding beach areas with their dogs so the dogs don't get in amongst the human waste.

The growing number of tourists and vans - there is a need to increase facilities for waste disposal and/or have more Campsites in the area

not enough toilets, camper van parking & facilities, too few refuse bins particularly for carry out food boxes and leftovers and general tourist rubbish.

Ruined facility at Traigh beach is unsightly as well as useless

Toilets are limited. There are no showers. Don't care about camper vans - hate them but suppose we have to welcome them.

Public Toilets near the beaches and a place where camper vans can empty their toilets

There is no where for chemical toilet disposal. Visitors have to leave the village for the toilets which isn't great

Out of season access to toilets can be an issue. And a lack of toilets overall

Mallaig

No facilities at Traigh.

There's a drastic need to adapt to the needs of the style of tourism in the area

Between Traigh and Tougal beach's

They are common across the three communities.

In all the areas they can park.

This area is a real tourist hot spot during the season and has year round visitors heading to Skye and the Small Isles or to Mallaig and Arisaig. The current facilities for toilets, showers and chemical loo disposal are not adequate. There is also a big problem with litter and this could be alleviated by better waste / litter provision services.

Lack of toilet facilities

Traigh Beach, Tougal/Silversands and Everywhere in Mallaig.

Everywhere

Morar beach, traigh beach far end of the kyber car park in the village

Mallaig centre traigh area morar

The issues are from arisaig to Mallaig there are just not adequate facilities

Pollution potential

**Question 3: Have you experienced issues caused by a lack of toilet facilities / chemical waste emptying points? (E.g. coming across human waste while out walking) If you have, please describe these:**

Mess when out walking

Human waste traigh beach area.

I have seen people doing the toilet - and have pictures of it. Also my dog has rolled in human waste. I have seen someone empty their chemical toilet out on field.

Yes I have heard of a number of issues

In the sand dunes above the White Sands, my dog was eating human waste!

I've had issues with a lack of toilet facilities and have had to urgently try to find some facilities. Fortunately I was able to use the toilet in the seamans mission but the lack of public toilets needs addressing urgently.

Witnessed a campervan user emptying their chemical waste directly into a drain by the Community Centre; finding evidence on human waste along paths to the beaches.

Yes. I recently came across human faeces at Traigh on a footpath and have heard from friends about similar human waste on a footpath in Arisaig and on the beach at Morar.

Fortunately not!

Coming across human waste is not pleasant when out walking. As our district is getting more popular with the visiting public.

There are so many people around especially in the summer time that they have no option but to go to the toilet wherever they can. As a local I avoid the beaches due to the mess made

No. But it has to go some where and I'm wondering where it us going at the moment. Hopefully not down the drains.

Yes , on beaches , having to use cafes , restaurants as existing facilities closed , or full due to numbers using them

Several times on beaches at Traigh. Disgusting!!

yes i have especially around morar sands and loch morar human waste and litter also just directly across from triagh golf course on waters edge

Yes, not able to empty waste tanks.

No as we didn't stop due to lack of facilities.

Yes. Tougal/famous Silversands beach and Camusdarach beach are covered in human waste during the height of the season due to inadequate provisions.

Yes, walking in Arisaig, I have witnessed numerous times, people going on to tje shore to donto toilet. I have witnessed numerous times people doing the toilet just at the side of the road. There is used toilet wipes everywhere.

Yes on beaches

Lack of toilets, with a three year old just toilet trained, it can be difficult to get facilities. Shop owners however, have been fantastic if we've been stuck

Yes a lack of toilets at Morar meant we as a family had to drive to Mallaig to use the mission.

Human waste trigh beach

Visitors walking round East Bay go behind containers 2 do the toilet.

I have heard of such stories around Traigh and I think we almost caught someone doing a number two at beach opposite Traigh House. Whether they were planning to dispose of it properly I have no idea but with so many beach goers and campers about, there really should be basic toilet facilities at the very least.

I have on occasion come across human waste on both the beaches and the circular walk.

Mid June I saw a man emptying his chemical waste directly from his van into the drain in the West Bay carpark.

We regularly get cars and campers pulling up outside our house in Beasdale and urinating against our hedge, and on several occasions we've had to remove poo from right outside our gate, we've also had to avoid walking the dogs at Traigh after a camper van emptied it's chemical toilet down the side of the boathouse, it's disgusting what these people are doing on our doorstep seven days a week, never mind the tourists, what is being done to help local residents?

Soiled nappies left on the beach

Not personally but aware it is a problem.

Smell of urine on warm days in the long grass near the beach. Probably because of lack of toilets

Yes all over Scotland. Biggest problem is needing the toilet and there is no where to go

Yes. My partner who has a bowel condition was left in severe discomfort until Calmac office opened in Mallaig

Have tourist knocking at my door asking to use my toilet.

Had to drive back to the caravan just to use loo

I Have not personally experienced anything of this sort but know as caretaker of mallaig hall that there are serious problems.

Not seen waste but will not stay as long as need to go off elsewhere to empty/fill up motorhome.

YES! Walking my dog at Traigh beach and saw human faeces in the dunes. My dog found even more and rolled in it.

When 200+ tourists come off the afternoon Jacobite Steam Train and there are no toilet facilities in Mallaig

Yes not always on a site , passing through good to empty and refresh .up this area about 3 times a year

Human rubbish

lack of toilet facilities

The public toilets in Mallaig hall are disgusting my 4 year old will not use them

human waste at traigh

As a responsible motorhomer I always dispose of my waste in the proper manner but I do as most motorhomers will tell you that finding places is getting harder and harder the local council are missing out on a good income not having these kind of stops.

Yes, frequently walk beaches with my dog & I pick up his waste yet human waste is seen on paths, beach etc

Tend to move on when we can't find chemical waste disposal points.

When out walking finding human waste on grassland and on local beaches

Yes human waste hidden in tall grass, behind trees and waste water drained in carparks

Just an overflowing loo once

Yes I live locally and walk beaches daily. Constantly see human waste and members of public embarrassed with no other option

Not specifically in this area but have certainly seen it in other areas

No but as a sufferer of ulcerative colitis I need access to toilet facilities at the drop of a hat. This generally means using the van toilet (not a major issue in itself). ASA result I need access to disposal facilities

where does it go \\\\/???

When looking for emptying points you shouldn't feel like a criminal they should be welcoming and accessible

Haven't personally but have been told horror stories by friends

No. I thought this was only stirring it up for motorhomers. In 30 years, I have never seen anything like that.

Regularly during the months of may - September you come across human waste in local beaches and walkways which is infuriating as a dog owner you pick up dog poo, just awful to spoil such beauty spots!

Human waste on beach around silver sands, used toilet paper hanging on branches of trees and bushes.

Yes, there are many campervans around the beaches, I have seen them emptying their waste in ditches. I have also come across toilet roll and human waste in the long grass around the beaches.

Not just the waste but loo roll too

No, not noticed this whilst in the area. This should not be normal practice - one has to move to next available town/area

I personally have had tourists use outside my shed for the toilet on a number of occasions.

Yes, toilet waste dumped behind bushes with loo roll

If there were adequate facilities this wouldn't happen

No but have never been able to stay in the area due to lack of facilities. Sites always full. Shame beautiful area.

No but I have heard that others have.

Saw a motorhome emptying chemical toilet over the fence at a layby.

Walking home over the beach and finding human waste.

Yes, human excrement and dumped toilet contents

On the beach I have come across human waste which was unsightly

Yes human waste at the beach due to the toilets being closed

We could do with chem waste emptying points. I have no idea how the camper vans manage.

Lots of human waste silver sands in trees Also witnessed someone dumping waste into a drain on side of road that fed into the sea

Walking on the beaches at Traigh. Beside the run down toilet block Ive seen Chemical loo waste and human waste

Most campers seem to behave very responsible, but there is always the odd one who sorts the problem on the spot. The lack of facilities encourages such behaviour.

No as we have to pay exorbitant site fee's we can not all afford £22+ per night

Frequently seen human waste on beaches especially traigh and camasdarroch but sometimes at Morar as well

Old toilets at Traigh. Black tank disposal and dog waste.

NEEDING TO GO TO THE TOILET WHEN OUT AND THERE ISN'T ONE

yes . . frequently at camusdarach, tougal and the turning at bourblach . . . I have three dogs and they either roll in it or try to eat it !

If facilities aren't provided then what do you expect people to do. Car tourists needing a pee or a dump are going to go into the woods or dunes or anywhere they can find. Campervan eras are going to dump waste water at the side of the road. Unfortunately it's human nature. Give people the correct facilities and educate those that need educated and everyone will be happy.

Yes, sometimes there has been waste because there are no toilets close by

Yes... toilet paper by beaches

Yes in a parking layby.

No - but I've not visited recently

Numerous occasions we have come across chemical waste, especially around Glen Uig

Regularly come across human waste while walking along the beaches and paths at Traigh. This is not just from camper vans chemical toilets but from people as there are no toilet facilities whatsoever at Traigh.

No thankfully. Hope most people still sort themselves out responsibly notwithstanding the lack of facilities. These would just improve the local experience if available.

Unfortunately there will always be one or two as in any form of environment, who will spoil it for the majority, a main reason while many places are installing height barriers

I don't because I use sites and pay something I would gladly do more if we don't ask for much

Went to Arisaig last year and every site was fully booked. I then had to park up on Mallaig harbour to wait on ferry next day to Skye

No but facilities made available would surely prevent this happening.

No, but not visited very recently

I holiday in Arisaig a few times per year, and always use campsites. But have noticed human waste and litter at Morar sands obviously by wild campers.

Chemical waste emptying points - there aren't sufficient places to dispose Black and grey waste in any places in north Scotland

Yes, along from Morar beach on roadside in layby near Camusdarich.

No but I'm a visitor to the area. I have witnessed a motorhome emptying their loo over a fence near Perth - it was a hire one and they were obviously cleaning out before returning it.

Not personally as we have facilities in our motorhome.

Mallaig lack of toilets. Used the one at railway station big queues.

Human waste and loo roll found on beach

Yes, human waste on beaches and overcrowded toilets

I have come across human waste near the beaches on a number of occasions.

Yes, beaches full of human waste

Not personally but heard of it from others

Walking on or near the beaches

Not in this area - have come across it in the Cairngorms when toilets have been closed at Linn of Dee and people have resorted to using unsuitable places - I've never seen any campervan waste dumped

Chemical toilet emptied in a loch, by a lay-by



Yes at morar beach where the problem is not motorhomes or campervans it people camping in tents

Yes in the trees at the Silversands car park.

Not personally but have been told by others.

Human excitement next to lay-bys

Witnessed a young couple with a child (French), who were NOT allowed to use a campsite toilet for their young child, as they were not paying guests.

No, not personally, but I have experienced lack of facilities to dispose of waste myself and had to find alternatives.

Yes. But can't remember exactly where.

Human and dog waste left on the paths and beaches at Traigh, Camusdarach and Tougal

Lack of toilets puts you off going to the area

Yes walking along beach at Traigh Camusdarrach

Yes I had great difficulty finding a facility to change my wheelchair bound Grandchild ??

As I know it's difficult to find a suitable point to service the vehicles waste. I am able to go for about 4 days before needing to empty. I then have to find a c&cc location to do this so having to leave the area to do this. Losing your location income.

Personally not, but have heard of a few who have.

no there are local campsites

On multiple walks with my dog I have come across what looks like human excrement and chemicals which I can only assume is from chemical toilets being dumped.

We were not too worried about toilet facilities as we have our own on board, however there was no place we found to empty chemical waste, and had to wait to find another campsite away from these areas.

Yes, I was unable to find facilities or a campsite so moved on.

Yes I've seen people emptying chemical toilet waste into the verge whilst parked in a lay-by.

I personally hate that motorhomes expect to park anywhere and everywhere and leave all their litter behind them

No. You can never stop idiots - need to look at hired campervans. Hire companies should have responsibility for passing on code of practice

Not so far Most people use proper facilities when available but if there is not any they would probably a few who would dump anywhere

I do beach clean every year only oucked up babywipes and human waste by daily visitors as the traigh toilets are closed no excuse there are three others to use incl golf vourse if they ask.

Unsafe parking, eroded road sides because of parking. Glass and general waste left on beaches and roadside. Human waste left on beach with toilet paper!

I have seen greywater tank residue by the side on a layby. It was quite smelly!

Camusdarach beach, close to the Dunes, someone deficated. Unfortunately I have come across this on a few occasions.

Lots of times

Triagh area.

Unable to empty waste

We haven't fortunately but other motorhomers have said they have

I have never come across this. I have had the inconvenience of having to store toilet waste until suitable facilities were available to empty safely.

Used to be public toilets in Mallaig would be good to be replaced

Yes, especially at Traigh and Tougal.

Yes, unfortunately numerous times and it's pretty disgusting at some of the beaches.

Have seen people weeing against trees at the LSIC, when camping overnight,

On occasion

As a police officer I see and hear about the frequent issues with litter, human waste and campervan waste disposal

Not enough loos

As a motorhome user, yes, and personally deplore this act. Occasionally people think that it is ok to drop a rock over the mess.

No, there are plenty of campsites to book into

Yes several times...also rubbish being dumped and dog waste bags left on paths and even up the hills.

Came across human waste on beach

Rubbis yes but not human waste

Yes, human excrement in the sand dunes at both Traigh and Camusdarach!

I have seen tent campers dumping their waste ??

Not as such. Have picked up other folks rubbish a few times

I've seen people/motorhomes empty their loos inappropriately as couldn't find a disposal point. But daily visitors and tent campers tend to leave a lot of rubbish, including nappies and human waste

**Question 4: Do you change your daily routines / habits in order to avoid peak tourist times, and if so, what changes do you make? (e.g do you walk your dog a different route / avoid Mallaig while the Steam Train is in etc.)**

Avoid mallaig. Leave work early to get home on time. Avoid beaches in nice weather

The steam train and many coaches [7-8] all in Mallaig at the same time is spoiling the village both for residents and tourists. There is no where to eat or sit especially in wet weather

Yes. Avoid mallaig from 10,am ,onwards. Change dog walks in response to available parking spaces.

I live near the beach between arisaig and morar and have to pick up other people's rubbish nearly every day during the summer.

Avoid costal road, beaches, and mallaig during the day

Only walk on the beach when the tide is out so I can keep well away from the campers.

We stay in the Arisaig area for our main holiday each June. We certainly avoid Mallaig during the hours that the steam train is in, mainly due to overcrowding.

Stopped using the toilet at the Community Center during summer holidays/day times as it has been left in a disgusting state. Do not use the local beaches during summer holidays, this is mainly due to rubbish left behind by visitors - no waste disposal/bins

Yes, I can't park at the beaches and so have to walk my dog elsewhere. I can't get parked in Mallaig and so don't shop there very often or walk there.

Yes we avoid busy times when we require to go to the village in order to park and shop.

Avoid Mallaig while steam train is in, and plan shopping/meeting people around that. Also face problems with parking during the day in the season.

The parking in Mallaig is a nightmare at peak times. I tend to avoid going down to the village when the steam train is in.

Living on the Small Isles I prefer to reach Mallaig in the evening or early morning when the car parks are (hopefully!) quieter.

As soon as the steam train starts I avoid the centre as much as possible. Also with the tourist season I do use different walks to avoid the chaos on the beaches

Avoid Mallaig in the summer because of parking problems

Will be avoiding the coast road in the daytime as there are times, even before the school holidays, that it is difficult to get through. Glad I don't drive the service bus!

Yes , learned to avoid peak times and learned to use facilities in other places knowing that provision in Morar /Mallaig are not the best

Yes

Avoid Mallaig while the steam train is in, avoid morar beaches at all times, often no where to park safely anywhere along the coastal road or in Mallaig

Avoid restaurants and cafes when the steam train is in avoid taking car round the road no parking or parking space at home is gone when come back

Stay off Coast road as too many camper vans/ caravans etc blocking the road

no i try and not change habits

Do not visit regularly enough to be affected by any of above.

Park away from station in Mallaig

I think when the train is in shows the need for greater facilities

Tour off season where possible to avoid crowds.

All of they above. Basic day to day business is very difficult due to the lack of parking. I've started to drive to Fort William for basic provisions in a weekly basis. Not good for local trade.

I do not take my children, or dog on to the shore in Arisaig anymore. Also down Rhu road, there is often 15+ campervans a night. Toilets????

Yes , go shopping before or after steam train

We come up here every year but usually parking is a major issue in peak times

When visiting Mallaig to shop, we tend to go early evening to avoid the rush.

Avoid mallai g if lis while train and avoid the old road when the sun is shining can't move for badly

No I do not change my routine . Visitors/tourism is very important to this area and we should be looking to improve facilities for people visiting the area.

Yes to the steam train question. Not really to the dog walk although we do sometimes go to slightly more secluded beaches. I have no problem with the place being busy, it's good.

I stay away from the beaches at certain times and avoid the village at train times where possible.

Allow a lot more time travelling back to get the Knoydart ferry.

During summer we don't go to the beaches, even if they weren't heaving with people there's never anywhere to park, and all the nicest spots are being camped in, our dogs love the beach, but only

see it in winter now, tourists take our home over every year, and it's now getting busier in winter too, to the point we're considering moving away, as for Mallaig, I wouldn't go there in tourist season if my life depended on it, it's like the turnout from a football match every time a train pulls in, there are cars parked everywhere, even in the middle of the road as people run into the co-op, the woefully inadequate car park is always full to overflowing, and east bay is heaving with cars and campers, even restricting footpaths throughout Mallaig, the place should be closed down, and the steam train rerouted to Istanbul.

Definitely walk my dog on different routes and tend to avoid Mallaig when the steam train is in

Avoid Mallaig at all costs during summer as no parking available. Can't leave my recycling wheelie bin out as it gets filled with glass which won't be collected.

avoid mallaig when steam train is in

Hahah avoid the village to the best of my ability during steam train times. Avoid the beaches. Try not to run anyone over. Encounter horse shit all over the place now too sadly

Avoid Mallaig when the Steam train comes in.

Avoid summer school holidays. When parking motorhome can be more difficult.

Avoid Mallaig unless absolutely necessary eg doctor's appointments. Also take our dogs further afield and walk them inland.

Avoid the busy times because of a lack of parking space

Always out of Mallaig before Jacobite arrives. Been visiting Mallaig 2 or 3 times a year for 19 years. Now getting up earlier on holiday than at home to be able to park in Mallaig or near the beaches.

Avoid Mallaig while the steam trains in

Avoid peak times if possible but enjoy seeing visitors

stop going to beach with dog and walk earlier

I try to go outside high season because it is so busy and parking is always a problem if we had places where we could empty and fill and maybe have a couple of hours to go and do shopping etc it would be a great benefit to the whole motorhoming community.

Not really but would avoid beaches as there's not enough parking

Yes we now have started to camp during the week so to avoid the people that do not know how to behave.

I would avoid the busier periods if I can.

Yes I avoid beaches in peak season

We would try to avoid peak times as parking is limited for larger vehicles. We would also try to avoid the crowds when the train is in

As a teacher I have little choice in when I take my holidays

We always travel out of season ie sept/October

Both of the above and I dread the drive on the "scenic" route when I visit my Mum. The traffic congestion at Kinagarry, Tougal and Curtaig and Traigh is treacherous, only a matter of time until there is an accident.

Try and go mid week and leave peak times to school holidays families

Pick quieter periods to visit

Go in the winter ,or go where others don't want to go

Never walk animals on beach during summer months. Avoid jogging on beaches during the same months. There is absolutely no parking in mallaig village from may - Oct from as early as 9am until 6-7pm at night puts me off using local shops in fact easier to shop in fort William. Parking in mallaig when you have small children it is extremely difficult managing children and shopping due to poor availability of parking.

Work fulltime in season so don't need to alter routine.

Avoid taking dog walks with too many people, as not everyone dog friendly.

I SHOP at different times to avoid the busy time when the steam train is in

We try to avoid peak time

Try not being there when steam train is in

Yes, I do not go to the village of Mallaig between 12-2. I sometimes have to come to the village for business reasons, ie bank/post(public sector), but sometimes find it impossible to park my car to do this.

Have tried in the hope of getting somewhere to stay but still doesnt work.

We only travel out if peak season due to limited facilities.

Yes, avoid July and August

Avoid Mallaig when the steam train is in and avoid the beaches when it is busy.

We normally visit mid week when it's likely to be quieter

Avoid Mallaig when the steam train is in.

I try to avoid mallaig when the steam train is in and tend to avoid going passed the beaches when it so busy as with the lack of parking it can take a lot longer to travel the coastal route due to visitor parking randomly at the sides of the roads. I worry that if an emergency service needed to get passed it would be delayed due to silly parking.

I avoid Mallaig at train times on all occasions as they walk off the train and forget it is a village wandering all over the road

Avoid when steam train is in

Parking in Mallaig is difficult at any time.

Would avoid if steam train in

I do avoid Mallaig at steam train times but that's not an issue for me

I'm a motorhome camper myself, and certainly avoid the peak periods to visit the area.

yes i avoid coming during school holidays roads are too busy

no, we come at anytime of year the Steam Train is a great boost to local trade as are other tourists, all should be welcomed or lost

would go out of peak/schools holidays !

Not a resident, just a visitor but tend to go out of season.

Avoid Mallaig shops and restaurants when train is in, and go further to arisaig to visit the beach as parking at the side of the road at Morar is dangerous

Yes, avoid shopping at peak times due to lack of parking facilities in the village.

I travel to Scotland out of school hols

I cant walk a different route with my dogs . . I always avoid mallaig when the train is in and I had to use the toilets in mallaig a while ago and they were stinking . . (ladies )

I drive a motorhome, in the summer I avoid the highlands of Scotland due to the lack of facilities and go abroad where the Europeans have their heads screwed on and provide the facilities and infrastructure required.

Yes. If traveling toward/from the Mallaig area from Fort William I make sure to leave 15 mins earlier because the traffic during summer is worse. I also would not visit Mallaig when the steam train comes in because it is just so incredibly busy and the facilities are swamped.

I tend to use my vehicle off peak.

We try to stay out of town and away from the campervan hotspots especially thru the summer months

Definitely! Won't go into Mallaig when the Steam Train is in, avoid the beaches during peak periods when it's sunny.

If I have a park up in mind try to arrive late, leave early.

We try to avoid school holidays. We spend many weeks all over Scotland mainly autumn winter and spring

No I just love the biz and seeing the place buzzing with people

Unfortunately we are probably peak time users due to having kids in school, Scotland

If staying in the area for longer we would adapt to whatever is happening at the time. However we would usually visit the area out of season as we prefer it when it's quieter.

Never go to Mallaig when the Steam Train arrives, due to it being so busy.

Having been in Mallaig as the train gets in I would always try to shop/dine before or after this. Usually park our motorhome way round the bay so it's not a nuisance.

Would prefer to tour out with busy summer months.

Avoid Mallaig during hours of 9am-6pm in peak season

Yes we enjoy visiting out of peak season but need facilities to support us in motorhomes to be open all year round.

Try to work around it but not always possible

Yes, certain areas I would avoid in hot summer weekends as they will be too busy

I tend now to avoid the area totally during school holiday times. This means that the c £1,000 I budget for a week for meals, entertainment etc is spent elsewhere.

Go all year round, but prefer autumn and winter, when it is quieter.

No just go with the flow

Tend to travel out of peak holiday times, but then find the campsites are closed.

We try and avoid the school holidays.

Absolutely! Can't get parked on a sunny day - don't have a dog - just want to walk.

Have stopped going to one of my favourite places

Yes. Go to get shopping after last train. Avoid some beaches

Try not to go near village when steam trains in and tend to stay away from beaches when walking the dog in the summer, firstly because tourists don't have a clue about walking on pavements and beaches are a nightmare to get to also the parking is atrocious.

Always avoid school holidays as too crowded .

I suppose we do, we tend to adjust our routine to fit in with our situation and although we are both Scottish, yet tourists in the area at the same time, we try to avoid the busiest 'tourist' times and get out when things are a bit quieter.

no the steam train is a great asset to the area

Avoid school break up week



I personally love the hustle and bustle of Mallaig and surrounding areas when it's busy and don't have the need to change plans often because of it.

avoid the Area between Mai and September

I tend to avoid peak times as I live in Scotland but sometimes I can't avoid due to school holidays.

Avoid Mallaig when the train is in because you can't get parked nor get in any cafes etc.

We camp from Feb to November often at short notice but even this year we were away in minus 5 overnight temps.. we have 2 dogs and like to allow them a bit of freedom to walk so yes we change our routine

Visit at off peak times.

If unable to park we move on!!!!

No out all year in this area and as said in order to do beach and roadside clean ups

Avoid high summer

No, but sometimes I wish I had!

I don't walk my dogs on the beaches in the summer. I try to avoid going to the beaches with my kids which they love as they are just a mess! I have to drive past them to get to work so unfortunately can't avoid seeing the mess and unsafe parking. I avoid Mallaig at steam train time

Yes, my work type means I only get to travel in the off peak months including wintertime.

Carry on as normal

We didn't but will remember how busy Mallaig is when the train or ferry arrives.

We regularly come but in the quieter months as facilities are limited

To a certain extent . It is always easier travelling and parking at 'less busy' times.

Visit Mallaig every year for the past 20 years, started visiting in May / June because too busy later in year. Too many camper vans parked along small roads

Would love to visit in July but far too busy

Having driven through the area and found no provision for campervans we now avoid it.

Avoid Tougal and Mallaig when excessively busy.

Yes, I avoid Mallaig as much as possible, but need to do weekly shop there.

Yes, I try and avoid the village at steam train times if possible and we have to change routes we take our dog/child for walks. The dunes at Traigh are a no go area with children because of the human waste lying about

Difficult up park motirhone as lack of parking places in high season

Only go to Mallaig about once a month..Nowhere to park,even just to pop to the bank or chemist..Needs a 30 min short stay space.or spaces.

I definitely avoid Mallaig during the Steam Train surge of visitors to the village.

I will not go to the most popular beaches at busy times

Don't live in Mallaig

Try to get to the amazing Bakery before the steam train gets in.

Yes. With all the good weather recently we have avoided the beach as parking is insufficient and thus a nightmare.

Yes, we try not to visit during the summer season

More parking as locals can't get a parking space to go to work in the mornings cause it's so busy

Avoid Mallaig during main visitor hours due to restrictions on parking a larger motorhome.

Yes I do I never walk my dogs when train is in or go shopping

I would go to the bakery earlier to avoid the rush but work in a busy cafe that's only running because of the train so can't negatively comment haha

I always avoid Mallaig when the Steam Train is in and I actually try to avoid Mallaig in general during the high season as it's impossible to park.

Not really no as some events we need to be able to attend

Try and avoid train times

We avoid this area in the peak seasons

Avoid peak times, find other things to do and see

Yes we don't holiday in peak season anymore

We tend to not use school holidays.

Due to my disabled son's respite we can usually only get a longer break winter months and that way avoiding the crowds

We try to park away from houses and towns and villages, but of course we like to come into towns to eat etc. We like the big car park in Mallaig to park while we go around town.

We avoid some of the main tourist points if we are here in July and head to some of the quieter more remote beaches.

I have to put up with it because I provide a service in this area

Definitely avoid Mallaig during busy times, as parking a MH is a nightmare!

I have not visited since the barrier was erected at Morar as my people carrier exceeds the height.

Avoid school holidays

Can't its mobbed all the time

Yes, I avoid Mallaig when the steam train is in

Avoid Scotland in high season and take the van abroad where facilities are much better for camper vans

I do tend to avoid high season as I know every man and their dog and MH is visiting and don't like to make matter worse

Avoid peak times

Definitely, would never shop when the train is in, I walk in the evenings

Yes I definitely check the times & holidays when I know it's going to be busy .. although I love that tourist and our homegrown tourists visit this stunning part

No I don't see why I should. The facilities should be available full stop

Avoid school holidays

I tour when schools are not on holiday. Otherwise change very little

we visit mallaig area as often as we can lovely area been many times and will be back many more cant say ive ever avoided any set times for visiting

Like to visit the area off season

I would definitely avoid mallaig when the train is in and I wouldn't bother taking the coastal road on school holidays anymore. It's such a lovely road with amazing beaches but it's not really worth the hassle of trying to get past all the campervans

Avoid peak times driving when locals travelling to school or work.

Aim to holiday in 'shoulder' season to avoid busy times in general, which means some public facilities are closed as they are only open in peak summer

We try to avoid peak tourist times

Don't go near shops at steam train times at its manic but I know it's good for the area.

I avoid visiting the area at all at peak times!

try and avoid Mallaig at lunch time, and avoid the beaches in the day

Dog walks changed to avoid human waste and rubbish left and to avoid horses on the beach.

Avoid Mallaig when Steam Train is in

Yes dogs get walked early morning and late evening now.

Yes we do not go to the beach at peak times, parking in Mallaig is horrendous especially during peak times. I love seeing the place busy and we need to accommodate this thriving village.

Avoid Mallaig during steam train time and visit in the evening so parking is not such an issue

Dog walking done very early morning or evening. Don't go shopping at steam train times.

Definitely avoid Mallaig while steam train is in.

I work in mallaig and people constantly ask where the toilets are

Avoid beach areas when parking is an issue. Avoid co-op when steam train is in.

Try and avoid steam train times in the village

Try to avoid shopping during peak times.

Yes. Make an effort to shop before steam train, busses arrive etc

I do change my dog walking route, especially when there are lots of tents at the beach because you wonder what rubbish you may come across. I work in an eatery in Mallaig and often we have people coming in solely to use the toilet.

We re tourists and have noticed over the past 5 or 6 years how much busier it is, and harder to park.

avoid shops and village at steam train/tourist bus times..... go to beaches in early evening

Avoid while train in.

Avoid the beaches in the summer with the dogs due to campers... and try to avoid steam train times

We all try and avoid the village at peak times . We shop before or after and never try get in a restaurant when the trains jn.

Always try to avoid Mallaig when the steam train is in. Go through glasnacardoch and not Mallaig.  
Avoid the coastal road if peak season

I live in the Small Isles so I pass through Mallaig regularly. I find the amount of cars in the high street mind boggling. I lived in cities for many years, so I am no stranger to motor vehicles, but the narrow street, the limited parking and the sheer amount of traffic is quite intimidating at times.

Avoid beach at weekends especially as there are always camper vans and campers pitched up in places totally unsuitable

Yes i walk my dog early & late.....also i tend to avoid the village in peak times as the bulk of tourists don't seem to know how to use a pavement or realise we still have to go about our daily business & we'd rather not be sporting a tourist hood ornament

I normally try and walk the dog on Tougal beach at the first low tide of the day to avoid the parking issues by the beach

Avoid Mallaig at steam train times, walk the dog later when the beach has cleared

All of the above.

I live on the Isle of Rum so my usual routine would not be affected but I would recommend to visiting family or friends or try to time my own visits off the island to coincide with quieter times.

Yes but only because it's busy and I can shop later

I try and visits places when they are quieter just for convenience though. Tourism is the main industry for the area but there are many wasted opportunities to encourage better behaviour and earn money for the local communities.

Shopping early in morning or later at night. Not driving near beaches during the daytime, unless necessary. Due to very dangerous parking. Leave 30 mins earlier for college/work so I can get a parking space.

I walk the dog in different places , don't go to the beaches on sunny days due to parking

Try to avoid the village at steam train time

Yes avoid tourist hot times

**Question 5: What other improvements could be made locally to either enhance the visitor experience or make life easier for locals to go about their daily business?**

More parking and polite signs asking tourist to use pavements etc

Use the village hall as a café area

Better and more parking

More parking areas.

suggest there needs to be restrictions on roadside parking of motorhomes and tents. More parking is required in Mallaig.

Restrictions on campervans during peak months (June, July August and September). A permit system could be in place to control numbers to ensure the area is not overrun by campers. This would not only make life easier for locals but make the area more enjoyable for visitors

Desperately need more parking everywhere. I live in Morar but shop in Arisaig most of the time because of parking in Mallaig. More Bins.

Mallaig needs far better parking facilities. Residents of the whole area rely on Mallaig for shopping, banking etc and it can be particularly difficult during the summer season to park. The main car park is abused with many parking there 24/7.

Increased information about the affect waste has to the fragile environment. More emphasis on the designations the area promotes - such as Loch Morar SSSI for example. Visitors should be aware of these designations and the impact their negative and positive behaviour may have on these.

Increased police presence as there is a lot of antisocial behaviour from large numbers of visitors as well as vandalism (cutting of trees for fires) and theft (eg of local people's log piles). Also increased frequency of emptying waste bins and / or more bins. Bins emptied on Friday are full by Sunday morning.

More of road parking inMalaig

Parking wardens to police illegal parking.

More parking, more and better toilet facilities, and waste disposal. Barrier in front of station entrance to stop people meandering into the road when they come off the train. Tighten up on boatyard kerb parking so that locals and visitors can walk on the pavement.

The main thing in Mallaig is parking and each year it seems to get worse with more cars on the roads and camper vans.As Mallaig is a village and local businesses rely on extra trade in the season it can be a bit awkward for locals going about their daily business

Parking is a major issue, ideally west bay should become a multi-storey car park in order to deal with the demand. Waste facilities need to be improved as they are not sufficient to meet the demand in the summer months. Public toilets are a must, we need to encourage visitors to the area and giving them facilities will hopefully improve the area

More parking spaces. And I thought that Highland Council had introduced parking charges across the Highlands?? Locals should have permits

Car parking needs to materialise out of non-existent land! More campsites also need to be found. There needs to be a nationwide public awareness programme about what wild camping is. It is not setting up a camp for a week on the beach at Tougal.

GET LOCALS TO STOP PARKING OUTSIDE THE COOP/BANK WHEN THEY ARE WORKING INSIDE, CAUSING EVERYONE ELSE TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE PARKING

More benches , seating in Mallaig for tourists to sit , eat , view etc . Better fuel sites , the existing one is small , crowded and only open limited times

Better parking. Some people think it's acetable to abandon their cars wherever they want with no regard to others.Enforce Parking restrictions .

Better infrastructure - toilet facilities and parking

Let locals buy a parking space at home which is specifically theirs nobody else's. so nobody can park in it! Someone directing the traffic and watching where people are parking

more facilities especially for children and dropping the price of swimming baths as i think they are far too expensive as it is alot cheaper elsewhere especially swimming be run by the local government

Residents/shop staff negative & rather unfriendly attitude could improve. There's ill feeling towards motorhomers regardless of amount spent in their little communities or how respectful we are of them & the area.

More parking (short stay)

Greater motorhome parking areas

Use Harris trusts example of providing different levels of facilities at differing price points with waste collection to give Motorhomers chance to act responsibly. I am advocating this approach on Islay where we have similar problems.

I now avoid the Main Street in Mallaig at peak Steam Train times. Temporarily pedestrianised areas at peak times. Designated long stay and short stay parking. A tourist information office.

I would like the car park in arisaig. Opposite the Old Library, ship, post office, cafe to have a no overnight parking restriction for campervans, this would allow patrons of all these local businesses, tourists and locals to be able to park and use these businesses much easier. It is very off putting when all people can see is campervans. There is not enough parking in Arisaig for the number of visitors coming here.

more car parking around Mallaig

Possibly more parking and another set of public toilets in Mallaig.

More carparking. Definitely NOT traffic wardens, I would be mightily annoyed if while shopping in already extortionately priced shops I was hit with a parking fine. Aldi is only 40 minutes away these days!!

Better parking

Extra parking is required in Mallaig and Arisaig

Get locals to not hog parking in the village

Although I'm local I live away, so am aware of parking issues. Probably the opinion of people living in the area is more valid on that question. I like the work being done in arisaig to keep the toilet open and clean and replicating that in key areas around Traigh, Camusdarach, Tougal and Loch Morar would be very positive. I would also like to see more bins in these key areas including dog poo bags bins. These would also have to be emptied regularly - otherwise that would be worse than no bins. I think staffing these key points would ensure that.

The lack of parking needs to be addressed.

Replace Mallaig public toilets. Increase island & Knoydart mainland parking spaces.

Locals don't have the option to go about their "daily business" during tourist season, the shops are heaving with people, and parking is non-existent, we are forced to change everything we do in summer and find ourselves waiting for winter so we can have a little peace, tourism eventually ruins everywhere it touches and pushes locals away, that's now happening here. The only difference I see

here to places like Blackpool and Cleethorpes is that here people pull up and camp everywhere instead of booking into proper places, and camper vans fill every grass bank, car park, lay-by and passing point they can find, this includes places where signage is in place saying no camping, no overnight parking, and passing point only, these people don't give a damn, they're here to enjoy themselves, sod the locals....

More parking facilities

Sort out the parking at Tougal. Enlarge the car park and stop vehicles from parking on both sides of the road. Enforcement needed.

there needs to be a caravan park with facilities for tourists

A Motorhome service point and an honesty boxes for parking.

Parking .

More toilet facilities. Better parking

A second doctor. Dog litter bag dispensers.

Facilities at the games field

A parking warden ,which I believe is coming, will help,I think.

Parking for motorhomes.

Hospitality businesses in Arisaig need to be hospitable and open all day. Of the 5 businesses offering food, only 2 are open all day and 1 of them is the shop! Food should be offered all day from May - October.

Parking seems to be an issue in Mallaig but truth be told this has been an issue for ages Instead for restricting parking and employing a traffic warden which they will regret as this drives tourists away Get on and find somewhere for additional parking even park and ride from Morar if you want people to come to Mallaig make the effort don't drive them away

More pull in parking bays to admire views

A park and ride for day trippers

parking for motorhomes/camper vans, if you can get parked up it would allow you to walk into the village and spend time and money there

Separate parking facilities - ideally one for stays up to 2 hours, one for stays up to 8 hours (for people wanting to visit the Small Isles for a day trip) and one for over 8 hours for people visiting the Isles for more than a day. As visitors, we would be willing to pay to park but think residents should have a permit allowing them to park free of charge. Perhaps the parking fees could be used to employ a warden to ensure the system is adhered to.

Better parking facility's especially for locals



Definitely need public toilets - well signed.

stop buses stopping in line outside police station when there is a very adequate car park alongside road

Please provide us with a small stop over area with parking for a few vans with waste and fresh water even put a time limit on such a spot to give the other half a chance to go round the shops we are great believers in spend locally where ever possible but as often is the case parking is not possible.

Parking Toilets/showers Petrol station open ! Just a joke of a petrol station at moment

Longer parking bays for motor homes with meters and more disabled parking

If in a car park do what is done in Europe. For example have a mesh area that a van can stop on to empty the waste water. In centre of mesh area a unit that would cost £2 to open. Once open there is a hose that will dispense up to 100 ltr of drinking water and a pipe to empty the toilet waste. This will help to make the area clean and all Motorhomes will use it and help to bring more money into the local economy.

Provide basic motorhome-only overnight parking opportunities at a reasonable cost. Ideally with water and waste water facilities.

Improve Existing Camp spots to include water and waste

More car parking at beaches

Provision of more Motorhome parking would be useful. In particular in the Morar region we came across a number of carparks with high restrictions barriers. On our recent visit we were unable to find anywhere to stop during the day in the white sands region.

More parking for motorhomes

parking parking i think mallaig is missing out on a lot of revenue as to overnight parking camping

Ask the locals, were just visiting and making the local people's life better makes everyone happy

Parking, toilets ,more dog waste disposal points and a Traffic warden?

If possible more seating, grass area (I know this can invite problems!) BBQ area, friendly signage welcoming and informative.

Make it easy for them to drop waste and pick up fresh water then move on quickly. We all don't want go make a dinner date out of a 10 minute job.

More toilet

More spaces to accommodate large vehicles

Parking that doesn't hinder daily activities of daily life for locals ,toilets that have chemical toilet facilities.

Immediate attention to parking in mallaig in particular coach parking or drop off points in mallaig.. Aim to implement some sort of camping restrictions on local beaches wild camping regulations clearly stated. Refuse pick ups in summer months increased at local beaches.

Place to dispose of rubbish to avoid black bags been left in layby and at side of roads.

A larger, better equipped toilet facility would make life easier for all.

Stop campervans blocking roads, and blocking views. Stop large tents wildcamping for long periods of time, eg at Rhu

Parking for motorbikes. Happy to pay, not necessarily overnight

Fewer over large vehicles (motorhomes, etc) on roads which were not built to accommodate them.

Nothing to change, it is the natural beauty that is attractive,

More parking facilities - short term parking for th locals during the summer months.

Toilets, fresh water point, disposal points for toilet waste and grey water, like they have in new zealand

A purpose made Motorhome or campervan area near to the harbour would improve the tourism influx and give more income to local businesses

More parking. Better facilities ie toilets for visitors. The public toilets are in the local community hall and used by a lot of local groups but toilets are now quite unpleasant because of the reliance on this one toilet block serving as a public toilet also.

Not a local but suggest parking areas to get vehicles away from verges would be useful and why height restrict what exists already?

As a visitor i find it frustrateing that Scotland promotes the NC500 but does not have the supporting infrastructure to support it.

Easier parking for motorhomes with adequate access and space for larger vehicles

Better car parking for locals. Mallaig is in need of some tlc. Weeds everywhere , rubbish lying around and not a lot to do. I realise that there is very little ground available and that is the problem.

Given the huge increase in motorhome numbers, we need allocated spaces in or near the town, preferably with facilities. We can and do spend money in towns that welcome us as a group. I.e. On food, gifts, fuel etc.

More parking places in Mallaig.

More parking around Silversands, camasdaroch and in the villages of mallaig, morar and Arisaig would make life easier for locals to go about their daily business.

Designated camper parking !!!

More car parks

Extra parking

Overnight parking facilities for motorhomes like French style Aires would be great for increased footfall in the area.

Managed car parks off the coast road with adequate bins.

Adequate facilities and parking

More Parking, More public toilets

Plenty of Parking

A system of "aires" as they exist in France and Belgium would certainly serve the interests of locals and visitors.

better signage and better roads more seasonal cafes or snack vans

better parking and tourist provision will alleviate the locals daily business, most daily business is Tourism after all

More stop overs/suitable layby's , Not everyone wants to have to drive around for hours looking for a place to stop either for a cuppa or layover

A central point for emptying chemical toilet, grey water & filling up with water. Just back from France, Spain & Belgium in our Motorhome & all these countries have units, normally outside car parks, Usually they are free, some charge for water & most people happy to pay. Like everything else there will always be some who don't.

Better parking and bin provision at beach's and local officers patrolling roads at peak times to reduce cars left almost blocking the road. Public toilets in the centre of mallaig would be beneficial as well.

More dog friendly establishments for visitors with dogs.

More parking places. Charge for parking for people who leave their vehicles whilst travelling to the islands.

**MORE CAR PARKING**

in mallaig we need more disabled parking bays. parking is very difficult for disabled and elderly . its a long walk for elderly people from east bay carrying shopping.

Publish information or where tourists (car and campers) facilities are available.

More parking in Mallaig would make a huge difference.

Places for motorhome to stop overnight

Waste water disposal point and portaloo emptying facilities . Fresh water tap. Happy to pay for this facility.

It would be good to have some basic Campervan spaces - like the Harris Trust on Western Isles. Spread out and in places that won't annoy residents. And charge for them.

I think if there is good shopping and good general facilities i.e. water waste disposal points and showers it would be a better experience and more people would use the ferry to skye

Facilities for motorhomes/camper vans to empty waste and fill up with water - so they are not doing it at the side of the road or in the public toilets at Mallaig. Local only car parking in Mallaig - stop people visiting the islands for a number of days blocking up the main car park next to the hall. Introduce camping management zones/parking restrictions by the beaches so that locals can go about their business without being impeded by carelessly and thoughtlessly parked vehicles.

As on continent provide basic overnight parking allowed facilities. Decent view would be great.

A French type of "Aire" would be warmly welcomed by motorhomers with a possible 48hour limit

If no space in town have a site outside and use a tractor or similar with coach in tow to ferry people back and forth from the site to the town

Provide a structured parking facility for Mohos with all the required disposal routes covered

A good area provided so it does not interfere with their daily lives

Designated motorhome parking

A routine bus into town The park to be bigger with all facilities that motorhomes and camper vans need

Better disabled parking facilities in Mallaig that are policed, non badge holders not using them

Create designated parking for motorhomes, off road and with view of the beautiful beaches. When "wild camping" people like to have a good view not just of a car park. Providing water and waste disposal would be excellent. Honesty box for donations for upkeep etc. Works a treat on the Outer Hebrides where £5 is the suggested donation for overnight.

I like it the way it is, but have noticed how busy it is becoming now. I would let the locals decide, as they have to put up with it.

Provision of a French type Aire

Designated parking for motorhomes and campervans as not enough in carpark .

I was in Mallaig/Arisaig at Easter and previously in October and it seemed fine but I can imagine it would be heaving during the summer holidays. As motorhomes tend to be all year round use, it would be nice if some of the sites stayed open longer or there was somewhere else we could pitch up during the winter months. This would extend the tourist season.

More parking facilities for campervans and motorhomes.

Parking for motorhomes means more money spent in local shops all year round

More public waste bins

Improve parking

Waste grey water and fresh water facilities and showers

Parking

Expand the car park at Mallaig as its often full and/or provide dedicated campervan spaces - people would pay for an "aire" type facility with the ability to stop overnight, empty waste and fill up on water - there have been some great community examples in the Outer Hebrides and Shetland, often on community hall or marina sites where there may already be toilets.

Motorhome parking

More adequate parking for motorhomes

Provide Aires as in France and ban parking on verges

Having a large enough dedicated area for Motorhomes to park up for the night that doesn't interfere with the day to day life in the area. It is a very popular spot for lotirhomers and I sometimes feel that I am an intruder. All I want is to visit this beautiful area with the peace of mind that I will not be moved on. Don't mind paying a fair rate for facilities.

Provide more reasonably priced toilets/waste disposal facilities

more shops

Better parking at popular spots would prevent 'side of road' parking. Possibly!

Aire type set ups for motorhomes and Campervans.

Maybe have dedicated parking for motorhomes. Also, there could be more information on how to properly use single-track roads.

Co-ordination and consistency of care and standards right along the strip of beaches from Arisaig to Mallaig.

Cheap overnight stopover go motorhome

Enough bins. More parking spaces

Better parking facilities & signage made clearer, when working can take u a good 10/15mins to get from one end of the village to the other and let's face it it's not a big village, tourists don't have a clue where they are going and it's painful to say the least.

Difficult as I know my way around possibly think about if it was your first time in Arisaig Mallaig .  
Toilets very important .

Specific designated motorhome spots for parking

Suitable parking in a similar way to that of the French aires. About 4-6 euros for a night in which there normally are water and waste disposal points

Bigger parking spaces for motorhome - longer and wider. More than prepared to pay for parking.

Easy access to fresh water fill points would be a huge advantage,

A good Aire type thing

less campers looking for free facilities

Overnight parking spots

Tourist information.

More suitable parking for long vehicles and overnight stopping options. This allows the local area to benefit from us spending our money there. You can't if you can't park you just drive through causing congestion unnecessarily. The Morar car park we had been told about had a height restriction bar, so you don't feel welcome in a motorhome, so we go and spend our money elsewhere

Dumping Points with Trash-containers to avoid Littering

Designated parking and facilities would go along way. I would prefer a campsite if staying more than one night but if there is no camping spaces available I would use air type facilities. These have a net benefit to the local community as per the french model.

Ban wild campers from car parks/lay-bys and public areas, as they disrespect the environment and parking legislation. Enforce parking rules/double yellow Morar beach area/Camusdarach etc.

Public shower facilities would be good, also Elsan disposal points.

We also love coming up on motorbikes so good quality bunkhouse accommodation is great such as the one near UIG on Skye Toilets are also a must Picnic areas would be great for the campers

Proper Aire facilities for overnight stays for campervans/motorhomes with drinking water and disposal facilities. France is the model here.

parking,,, showers,,, waste disposal for grey water,,, and chemical toilets emptying.....

Better parking for overnight stays

Hard one to answer....as i carry everything in motorhome and alliw otherd to use my toilet. However possibly a 15 min waiting time at the public toilet areas and reopen traigh beach toilet and recieve go fund me cash ..many will pay.. timed lock after 22.00 . U educate public and fine if possible.. waste of anykind is not exeptable .

Provision of an Aire

Can't think of anything - stay on a campsite though so all facilities there...trying to camp for free might be harder without inconveniencing locals (which is why we don't do it intact area).

More parking in Mallaig. Road barriers to stop roadside parking by beaches and dedicated beach car parks with bins and public toilets. No wild camping like in the tossach. The local problem has definitely got worse since people have not been able to wild camp there.

Remove or trim large trees at laybys. This would help reduce the midgie menace and...it could stop dumping!

Car parking spaces increased.

Roadside parking is a problem, but can't think of a solution without spoiling the area!

Parking spaces at Morar beach. Sometimes you can hardly get through.

Dedicated campervan parking to avoid having to use 2 spaces

More stopover points

motorhome parking spaces

Better facilities for motorhomers would encourage tourists into the area - we always try to spend money in local shops and cafes to support the local area as im sure most motorhomers do

Some late night shopping and more suitable parking facilities for larger vehicles would make life easier for all.

Restrictions on overnight parking of campervans and motorhomes

Few more cheap campsites to avoid the roadside campers

More parking bays for campervan/motorhome, toilets open 24/7 and a chemical waste disposal

The area is too popular to allow parking except in proper parking areas including an aire for campervans with water and waste disposal for a small charge. Usual price in France is €3 for 100 litres of water. Toilet waste disposal free - to make sure people use it. A night on an aire is about €5-10 in costal towns. Keeping roads clear will help locals. Education about use of single track roads, only allowing self contained campers on aire, don't provide toilet block.

Upgraded/new facilities in Mallaig, Tougal and Traigh. Local are also constantly collecting rubbish that strangers have left dumped on the beaches.

Parking outside the Co-op should be for customers only.

A more visible police force who would enforce parking regulations in the village and surrounding areas.

Dedicated motorhome parking and facilities

Local parking spaces.

I think parking is the major issue in Mallaig and the lack of proper enforcement. The village needs a dedicated officer in the summer months to keep the flow of traffic working well and preventing cars being parked illegally etc.

Additional parking

Water

More viewing areas and parking spaces especially disabled bays.

Parking at Traigh

Better parking

More parking for locals

Make more provisions for camper / motorhome tourists so they don't block facilities. Have a time stay restriction. I have seen some motorhomes taking the mickey and parking up for days / nights at a time. Create stayover places and ask for donations for the upkeep, similar to the West and North Harris Trusts.

More rubbish bins would be a help and efforts to encourage folks to clear up after themselves.

GOOD PARKING FOR LARGE VAN'S

Better parking, tourist information center, more open spaces, its lacking in a common open public area

More parking in Arisaig but especially in Mallaig and maybe another campsite or two.

Make sure people travelling around know where it is okay to stay and not.

More parking for motorhomes

Larger bay car/van parking areas

Parking bays for larger motorhomes, toilets and waste and rubbish disposal. Overnight parking..

Making sure toilets are kept clean

Need more air like Europe

More bins and regular collections; more toilets

More parking for tourists.

Anything to improve it for visitors and locals.

If there was an air type carpark similar to abroad with facilities it would be very well used. There are examples in Fleetwood Lytham St Annes. And Hawick

Parking has become an issue over the last few years as the area has gotten busier and busier.

It is a beautiful area for tourists to visit but with more motor homes on the road we need another public toilet opened



More parking facilities for motorhomes plus grey and black waste emptying points. Fresh water provision. We would be quite happy to pay a nominal amount for all of these things.

ensure that there are adequate facilities for visitors especially at tourist hot spots. toilets, showers and chemical waste outlets.

Better and larger car parks/stopping areas would perhaps prevent some of the daft parking at the roadside.

More designated motorhome parking spaces, especially for larger vans- this would go some way to discourage selfish parking.

Less barriers.

More parking

Aires type area with public toilets on the outskirts of the village.

Car parks for camper vans. Even a small charge for overnight would be acceptable.

To stop the campsite owners and the locals from complaining about us campers put in what we need... tap and elsan points.. small barriers to stop parking on the machair, encourage campsite owners to charge us a nominal fee to service our vehicles

Better parking

More parking for locals.proper washing facilities for tourists

I would love to see a motorhome station .. with toilet facilities showers & water fill up & waste disposal.. and bins for general rubbish.. as my husband always picks up any trash we see laying about .. plus some seating areas on the route dotted about to take in the beauty

Open more facilities in the more remote areas

More parking areas especially around Arisaig

Fresh water / Grey and Black waste disposal (for a small fee) are all that would be required to make me stay longer

possibly more parking (disabled) designated motorhome spaces ?

More parking areas to stop parking on grass verges

There needs to be something done about people parking on the roadside along the coastal road. The fire engine and ambulance both proved they couldn't get past and how dangerous it is and it causes trouble for everyone

It's all about loo and waterpoints and the availability of parking spots with spoiling other people's view or interrupting their lives.

Facilities for visitors not wanting to use a regimented site, but willing to pay a fair charge (e.g. for use of showers, toilet emptying facilities, fresh water top-up). If these facilities already exist, a more

concerted information campaign so people can easily find out about them - see for example the latest leaflet from westernisles informing visitors of facilities for motorhomes.

Clearly marked MH/campervan 'casual' parking spots with 'one night only' signs.

Good parking

Higher police presence and actual enforcement of 'no camping' signs?

parking restrictions and an area warden

Designated non paying areas for parking for residents - increase in public facilities for visitors

More parking at Tougal road can get blocked by people parking irresponsibly

Parking could be made easier if we could some how create more parking spaces

Suitable parking and larger supermarket. Mallaig coop does not provide the levels of fresh food for the amount of people that use it which gives us limited choice for healthy food. Parking on east bay should be made wider and larger as during the tourist season the road is dangerous

Certainly more parking is required, public toilet facilities

Information boards with directions to beaches etc

Adequate parking designated for locals and visitors

I'd suggest - as someone with a small motorhome - using the model used in Hebrides. Specific marked/official parking spots along the shore only, with a small fee, to cover. This will limit the volume of motorhome/campers at any time. Perhaps suggest that those without toilet facilities park in designated car park with toilet block only.

More parking Long term solution for cars being left for people visiting the islands and for the islanders

Perhaps the additions of more picnic facilities in various spots with adequate bins etc would help stop thw amount of rubbish left lying about the beaches.

Improved parking..... especially Mallaig. More information to tourists re parking, driving etc

Parking is definitely an issue. There seems to be a large number of cars, trailers and other vehicles owned by island folk taking up spaces at West bay. Some of which haven't moved for a year or two. Maybe if there were restrictions on numbers of those it may help free up some space. I know the council plans to introduce parking charges but that won't change the fact that there aren't enough spaces to begin with (at least when it's busier). I know space is limited and we can't magic up more spaces.

More parking somewhere...not sure where! More loos - but I have to say I always really appreciate the facilities that are available now, and pay for them through the donation box. Thank you

make the businesses who make money from tourism take more responsibility for supplying facilities for tourists, including steam train operators, restaurant owners, guest house owners and bus companies. Not everyone makes money from tourism but everyone has to suffer the consequences of the crowds who visit

Car parking. Tidy up Mallaig. Saw a great thing at Alnmouth. Huts making up a market - all selling crafts / food etc. Paint, clean up. Litter bins everywhere. Signage.

No car parking charges for locals between October and Easter

Car parking, local maps , signage to warn people about walking on the road. Also make the village a slower zone for peak times

More parking in Mallaig. As a disabled driver it can be very difficult to get anywhere to park. I don't know how it would be possible but more parking between Arisaig and Mallaig as the number of cars and campers just stopping in stupid places is increased this year.

I don't really know the answer - Mallaig has a linear form to it, curving around the harbour, so creating pockets of parking for cars is always going to be hard.

Increase size of West Bay car park. Make sure busses are not parked on the road

Make walkways or marked areas for walking so the droves that come off the train/ferry can be guided to pavements not the middle of the road.....also to remember that folk are trying to get home on short lunch breaks & spend at least 20mins trying to negotiate meandering tourists :(

Better toilet facilities and more parking but also the police actually doing something about inconsiderate drivers who abandon their cars where ever they like i.e. blocking roads/parking in dangerous places

Reference the excellent paper Dave Newnham and Stuart Griffin wrote about Seasonal Pressures

Many more waste bins in the parking areas.

Improved parking - more spaces!

More regular bin collections in the main areas, especially Arisaig shops. Those bins need relocated as on a hot weekend the smell is unbelievable and could be considered a health risk as well as an eye sore!! Designated parking areas for campers or a local campervan pass should be purchased by visitors to help the local communities.

Controlled parking at beaches. Long stay parking charges. More toilets, better signposting from station to public toilets. Designated campervan and coach parking.

From a tourists point of view. I have been visiting the traigh area for over 2 years now and as a family we feel vwey unwelcome. We visit for a good few days every month or so in our campervan and wild camp as we prefer wild camping to a hook up. And we so beach cleans offer passers by like the golfers refreshments etc etc and im not sure how mamu times we have been asked to be moved by the locals. I know you have campsitesfor campervans but as i said we do not like this way of camping. We have our own chemical toilet which we dispose of correctly also. We also advertise the

area to others to visit as it is a beautiful place especially for families. We as a family feel there needs to be more of a welcome for wild campers and facilities for those who do wild camp. Have a donation box at the side of each part where wild campervans are likely to park so they can help towards the community as we do already with the beach clean.

separate car park for motor homes to stop them blocking the pavements and allowing prams, children and pensioners to walk on the road

More parking facilities somewhere to empty chemical toilets and water facilities

I think it's important that we don't scare the tourists away as the village depends heavily on tourism. I think we don't just need to improve toilet facilities. We also need to improve/increase the amount of bins in the area. Also other facilities like the petrol station. We are at the end of the road in Mallaig and all too often we see people at the petrol station trying to get fuel and it's closed. This could be a little gold mine if money was invested in it.

Better facilities for parking for tourists making easier for locals

#### **Question 8: Do you have any other comments / suggestions you would like to share?**

We desperately need more laybys on A830. There should be railings around the train station to stop people wandering onto the road

The New building in Mallaig should not be on the grassy area at the end of the car park but by the village hall

Mark/sign routes as suitable or not for coaches or camper vans.

The issue is not that the area has a lack of facilities like toilets, showers and waste disposal. The issue is that the area is not capable of dealing with the volume of cars and campervans. The coastal road is impassable at times due to campervans parking on the road and setting up for the night. The fire engine and ambulance proved this and identified that should they need to get by in an emergency they couldn't. Local businesses are getting fed up with campervans parking on their premises and in some cases trying to steal power. Something has to be done to control the number of people wild camping. This may have to be a similar approach to that which was taken in the Loch Lomond area and introduced a complete ban on wild camping. It would be a shame to introduce such a ban but if something is not done then the problem will get out of hand and the area will be destroyed. If it was introduced it would need to be enforced June-August.

Ensure any and all facilities are well signed

Campervan hire companies should be onboard by providing information on how and where to empty chemical disposal units safely.

Tourists contribute a lot to the area and in my opinion are very welcome. The so-called "wild" campers contribute nothing but their discarded waste and antisocial behaviour (eg blocking the public highway). If large numbers are to be encouraged to the area even under these latter

conditions then the situation has to be managed and resourced. I have heard from several genuine tourists who have visited for many years and love the area as I do, that the area is being irreparably spoilt and they are considering no longer coming here. A shame, when they make a calculable contribution to the local economy.

Your area is beautiful and tourism is an important part of your economy, facilities need to be sustainable and at the same time affordable

It's important to welcome visitors into the area, but equally important to have the infrastructure to support those visits. Parking, toilets and waste disposal are paramount and need to be dealt with urgently otherwise both residents and tourists are unhappy.

Yes regarding the grass cutting around Mallaig is bad due to the council's so-called cut backs

The area seems to be getting busier year after year but needs to be able to deal with the demand and offer services as required. People won't be able to stay here if they can't get parked anywhere. Everyone likes things for free but the reality is people pay for parking and using public toilets. If it helps to keep them open 24 hours then it can only be a good thing

No. Think you've asked all the right questions

Yes, what exactly does VisitScotland do? It appears to promote places without thought for the infrastructure needed to support increases in tourist numbers

GET THE LOCALS TO PARK MORE RESPONSIBLY

This part of the world is amazing and the local businesses and community have done an amazing job balancing the growth of tourism, the need for a traditional community and preserving the beauty and charm of the area, that's why we have visited here regularly for 45 years

Better police presence with greater powers especially in regard to wild camping which is becoming a joke.

Tourists make the village survive so it's imperative that they feel welcome and can easily get anything they need showers toilet or parking

As mentioned, I drove from my camping spot in Glencoe 10 days ago to visit the Silver Sands and general area and had planned to stay overnight, but due to the campsites displaying full signs and there being no safe available areas I could find to pull over I decided to head back to the Glencoe area.

I think the government that runs these areas should be doing more for the tourists as the tourists help these places to survive even a government-run campsite at the end of the day these places would have no population without tourism

Beautiful area, good roads, clean beaches. Responsible motorists of all kinds using sites or off-grid should be made to feel welcome as we do spend our money & leave nothing but footprints. We cannot take the blame of those less scrupulous. Noticed hotel & shops overflowing waste bins & leaving lids open.

Great area. More facilities may help prevent some people from spoiling the area when wild camping. Personally, I always use campsites instead of wild camping to bring revenue to the area.

See above. Problem common to all west coast areas which will not go away. We need to give motorhome visitors to all our communities the opportunity to act responsibly by providing adequate facilities. See West Harris's revenue generation by putting a £5 charge on unserviced designated wild camping spots to supplement the main sites.

Parking in Arisaig, Morar and Mallaig and the surrounding area, including all lay bys needs to be looked at as there is campervans everywhere, disposing of chemical waste, or just doing the toilet outside is happening everywhere in our area, this can not be underestimated.

to provide showers? This would only encourage even more wild campers and camper vans to park on the roadside

Stop the silly parking at Trigh and Morra

Concerned about the increase in wild camping on our beaches and the impact that this is having- beaches have no toilet facilities and not enough bins for rubbish

Locals should park better, they are the problem in mallaig

Have the law/rule of no overnight camping/parking enforced, especially those that effectively live on or at our lovely locations for weeks on end. While at the same time recognizing that people sometimes might be stuck to find somewhere to stay overnight in all innocence and are people who appreciate the beauty of our area.

Only that tourism makes our lives a misery every year, parking and traffic in general is horrendous, and it's only getting worse, what used to be a lovely place to live is now hell, and I forgot to add the litter that comes with tourists, including the food packaging and plastic bottles thrown from passing car windows day in day out, these people are ruining what they come to see, we left the city to get away from all that, and it's worse here...

car parking meters fed up with tourist parking on pavement round east bay

The French model of service points for Motorhomes costing around £2 to £4 for fresh water, waste emptying and chemical toilet dump is the way to go in my opinion.

I really hope facilities in the area improve, it would make everyone's experience much better

Paint the double yellow lines in the Mallaig, especially at the bus stop areas.

Parking meters along East Bay with free permits for residents. Ticket machines for west car park. 20 minutes only in front of shops in Mallaig. Traffic warden in Mallaig. No overnight camper van parking in car park opposite Spar in Arisaig. More large bins for refuse & recycling with more frequent pick-ups. Actively discourage local businesses from using the said large bins. I believe they are for public use not for businesses to discard their rubbish.

Mallaig is famous for its Kippers but these cannot be purchased after 6.00pm which means the afternoon Jacobite Steam Train passengers go home empty handed Surely the Coop or Spar shop could hold vacuum packed Kippers

Stop long vehicles parked in East Bay from overhanging the pavement and out into the road. We use the Co-op and other local shops as much as possible but the amount we buy is limited by how close we can park when carrying heavy bags.

new large carpark needed

I hope that the council reads the survey and indeed takes notice to a scheme that would generate a healthy income all year round, To have forward thinking to such a scheme would greatly help the motorhome community and indeed the local economy.

Not sure if I could have any more ideas

Encourage motorhomes and they will spend locally.

Love the area

In general Scotland is quite poor for Motorhome facilities. We found out recent trip quite a contrast to a to to New Zealand a few years ago where most communities has facilities that you could use.

WE LIKE YOUR AREA MAKE US WELCOME GIVE US FACILITIES WE WILL BE BACK

We will still visit but hope your funding makes a better opportunity for local people to benefit from, better facilities = more visitors =more local opportunities Good luck

Season is short but getting busier, we need to accommodate people. Could School car parks be used for Public during the holidays?

Clearly marked pitches, bins, informative signage

Good luck trying to update the local infistrcture to deal with the increased visitors to the area

Wild campers on the beach should be checked regularly to ensure they are not damaging the environment.

Thanks for trying to do something about it

There are some places which would be ruined by the introduction of too many large vehicles. Motorhome owners have a growing reputation as a group who will come, park, block the view for everyone else, contribute as little as they can get away with to the local economy, then leave, claiming to have been "wild camping". Chemical waste disposal units ought to be attached to campsites, and motorhome owners encouraged to stay on these sites. It would be a shame to see such a beautiful part of the world being overrun by these massive vehicles.

Reclaim more of the shore round East May to make a teired car park

If you make the area motorhome friendly local businesses will benefit all year round

Despite my comments i will still visit Scotland as it's a beautiful country.

Motorhome/ campervans are a large part of the stay at home holiday industry

More poo dog bins.

Charging people to use a toilet and to empty chemical waste may make them decide not to do so. If it was free then they would probably be more likely to use these facilities.

More waste buckets, good signage to indicate facilities and charges... on the spot fines for dumping and parking badly !

Area should be checked for wild camping and camper vans to ensure safe disposal of waste possible jobs created?

More rubbish bins and dog waste bins

We just returned from a tour of the Outer Hebrides and Arisaig/ Ardnamurchan. Especially The North Harris Trust is running a number of actions towards campers which benefit visitors as well as local projects, mostly for reasonable prices

I have been visiting/holidaying Arisaig for up to 8 weeks a year for 16 years and have many friends who have been visiting/holidaying, some for nearly 50 yrs We feel part of the area and community. Please look forward and see how europe treats its visitors, many provisions are free! As you can tell I am now a Motorhomer, all we need is a patch of grass and somewhere to empty our waste and fill water, nothing else, no electric just basic needs. Thank You

As modern motorhomes are /can be used all year round so any facilities should also be available all year round too ! Electric hookup either with a nominal nightly charged or metered would be widely appreciated.

Chemical waste is essential, self sufficient in other services & would prevent people disposing of waste inappropriately. We have used the Centre at Balintore & this works well but no chemical disposal. Have a look.

I am a regular visitor to the area on my way to the islands. There is a lack of toilet facilities in Mallaig during the night. Also travelling with a dog, there is a lack of bins for dog waste.

There also should be more litter bins which should be emptied more often as busy times.

Doing nothing isn't really an option. The growth in the number of campervan and motorhomes on the road is only going to increase. With the promotion of routes like the NC500 there is a huge number of English and European tourists coming and without the facilities it will be chaos. When I'm in Europe and speak to other motorhome they ask me about Scotland and they all want to visit but the two things that worry them is narrow roads and no facilities.

Embrace the opportunities visitors bring to the area ... get rid of high barriers and no parking signs and instead encourage and charge for the facilities ... most of us would be happy to pay £5 - £10 per night.



I would visit more often if there were more facilities for Campervans (toilets are the minimum facilities I would expect).

If we provide facilities it would be better for everyone, it would keep the place clean and be beneficial for tourists

Think a camping management zone should be implemented along the B8008.

Am amazing area so please do everything you can to keep it that way

48 hour Aire,with Water,Grey and toilet waste facility's as previously mentioned would be appreciated and we'll used I'm sure

Motor home travel has really taken off its most folks escape even for a weekend utilise your school, church , or any empty space you have and encourage people not chase them away .... you are losing a fortune if this was done right and not charge an arm and a leg .... I have seen school play grounds being used for park up with all money going straight to the school ....just think of the extra money but get this right cheers and good luck

It would be great to have this survey conducted across every council in Scotland. Make it happen!

Make it available to people with disabilities.

A swimming pool would be great for families

Provision for recycling and waste bins. Clear signage to show where facilities are.

Signage for motorhome/campervan parking

I really try to park carefully in my motorhome as I never want to offend the locals. In your area we tend to always pitch up on sites though they can be very busy at times. In other areas we have wilded it but this usually means we have more money to spend in other ways in the area. e.g. in Cromarty we stayed on the links for free and ended up spending nearly £200 in shops, cafes and restaurants because we were made to feel so welcome. I'm conscious of trying to sustain the local economy.

As touring in campervans/motorhomes is so popular now I think Local Authorities and Community Groups should try to accommodate them as the majority spend a lot of money in the local areas.

Just had 2 weeks in Scotland.Stayed on sites and one overnight in car park. Had meals out and food and present shopping. Motorhomes everywhere. Provide facilities and money will be spent in local shops.

We need to sort out roadside parking, it is a real problem in summer months

Better,cleaner toilet

Brilliant that local community is taking this seriously and trying to do something - campervan owners contribute to the local economy, most use local shops, petrol, cafes, pubs, ferries, boat trips, outdoor activities - it would be a real shame if that income stream was cut off because the area is

too busy or too unwelcoming to campervan owners (ie, nowhere to park (height barriers etc) and no public toilets or facilities)

More bins and recycling points.

Have a look at 'Aires' on the continent. Great idea.

Let's try to welcome motorhomes and Campervans and recognise the benefits that can bring to the local economy throughout the whole year.

Much could be learned from the Aire du Camping Car system in France. There are similar set-ups all over Europe. The idea is that motorhomes with all onboard facilities can use them.

Ensure that all visitors are welcome without the tourists and their £££ this place would die.

A great area that would benefit from more visitors if facilities improved

“Changing Places “ not all disabled can use a toilet !

Maybe electric hook up points outside of campsites with ability to pay electronically for them similar to europe

Get your area council to study how the french villages welcome motorhome visitors who will spend money in your location if they feel welcome

It is such a wonderful area to visit which is let down by a general lack of facilities. The addition of facilities such as those suggested would greatly enhance the visitor experience.

Go on do it

I have a camper and have travelled all over Europe, as a landscape photographer I have also traveled extensively all over Scotland, owners of campers and motorhomes should not be allowed to swamp the Scottish countryside especially staying overnight in the beauty spots just because they have invested in a vehicle that they can sleep in. Recently there was a post on a forum regarding five motorhomes traveling in convoy to NC500 from n e England there intention was to wild camp not use local campsites. Welcome visitors but avoid allowing some to take over.

Very happy to pay reasonable sums for provision/use of facilities

More day parking, basic overnight parking and touring parks as we couldn't find any, or they were full. We just drove through and moved on to where caters and welcomes motorhomes. Would have loved to stay around there, particularly between Malliag and Morar.

plan for more Motorhoms/Campertvans comming the next Years, look for possibillitys for Aires like in Germany / France with adequat charges and useable Points for Dumping and Trash.

Great area and thanks for sharing

I would discourage wild camping in motorhomes in car parks by having the 2.1m high barriers.. they should find and use proper sites

Good facilities bring visitors, who spend money and return if they feel welcome.

It would be of great benefit to visitors with motorhomes and caravans to have these facilities, as we are now in years of wildcamping era.....

I have hundreds incl how to implement incl many working examples all over Scotland that are now in everyday use.. Facebook Scottish motorhome wildcampers on Facebook we have info and a safe guide of cleaning our country up .. we are miles from how Europe do this but as above several communities are getting there . Our group bought the defibrillator for Arisaig in sure 22k members would be happy to donate to your go fund me to get this concept of yours up and running...

Lovely area - hope your funding bid is successful

I think car parking is an issue. I don't think we should in any way be encouraging wild camping there is a very good reason they don't allow it anymore around Loch Logins and the Trossachs!! I realise we need the tourists but we also need to preserve our beautiful area. It's a fine line between providing facilities and ruining what we love about the area.

I think there should/could be specific motorhome places provided. Some of these motorhomes are so large they would take up 2 or 3 bays in a normal "car" park. I think this angers locals.

No bins at Camusdarach and as my house is close by visitors use my domestic bins which is not ideal, but I don't have a problem with, this is a better option than leaving litter on beach.

You want to improve things, but you don't want to take away the magic of this beautiful place.

This is such a beautiful area sadly missed by some. Inconsiderate overnight parking on narrow roads gives campervaners a bad name. Police should issue penalty points etc

As I live in Cumbria and work in the community people need to realise if you want visitors like Appleby Horse Fair ,attractions,Lake District etc you need to cater for basic facilities

grey water disposal point

You have a beautiful area and 99% of motorhomers respect it and endeavour to leave no footprint. Facilities would help us to visit responsibly

I think most motorhome and camper van users would be happy to pay for the facilities mentioned. I visit these areas because they are beautiful. I would be very happy to pay something for a facility that would help keep them that way.

Cheaper campsites would stop many people camping by roadsides and blocking roads and parking facilities around local area.

I know toilet waste facilities cost to build but use grants and donations as that way no one has any excuse not to use them. Sell metered water.

It's the issues that let our area down so poorly. Especially when you think how busy the area can be during the Summer season.

If there is insufficient funding for the building of toilet block facilities would it be possible at least for Portable toilets to be placed beside the beaches at least during summer months. Even if they were emptied on a weekly basis it may still be within any funding given to this purpose. Camusdarach beach is so popular ..there really should be at least a portaloo near to the beach/dunes there. I am apprehensive about providing showers for beach area. I see this as an open invitation to campers to use the beaches as camp grounds and ruin the beaches for everyone who wish to use them on a day out basis. In the past these type of campers have made a terrible mess of the area and ruined the enjoyment of the area for others. I do agree with having toilet facilities made available but I'm not sure the extra expense of having showers built is really justified.

I guess just that there is a fine line between providing for tourists so they get the best experience possible and spoiling our landscape/area with services and increased footfall.

There are plenty of campsites but I would be willing to pay money for an aire/similar parking if i thought the money would help local projects in the community

Locals always suffer at busy times and it's not fair

Look at other areas who are already embracing the up turn in camper / motorhome useage. Any income can only be a good injectionto the local economy. I dislike people feeli g the can park up anywhere and pay nothing.

I think the community could be more accepting and accommodating of tourism. Its what keeps this area alive and fighting it wont help in the long run. Is not A very inviting village with regards to attitudes but has potential

Make sure that if the above changes are made people are aware of this through the relevant tourist channels

It is a beautiful area ans we all wish to visit, but provision is definitely a must for the longer vans.. to park and walk to the shops and cafes, puts money into the community, no parking no money spent, we have to move on.

Drinking Water tap

Not at the moment.

Reasonable sized parking bays so that there is space between the vans there is nothing worse than trying to sleep and hearing your neighbours snoring and farting

I think it's great if you do this.

Thanks for trying to improve the area for everyone

It would be an investment to secure tourism and give a better quality of life to those who live there

A French Aire type system between Arisaig and Mallaig with a payment machine operated barrier. Also near Mallaig and Arisaig. This would bring funds into the community and stop people dumping inappropriately.

Tourism is big in Scotland, we have a fantastic country and we should be doing everything we can to enhance the visitor experience. Visitors help the local economy and keep people in employment. Also perhaps a couple of electric hook ups at hot spots with a small charge for an overnight stay would be good. A great example of this is the North Harris trust who have created overnight areas at their most popular beaches, Luskentyre etc. That is forward thinking on their part and its good to see that visitors are encouraged.

How sensible to start tackling this problem, before it really escalates, as more and more people are visit your beautiful area

Beautiful area for tourists to spend money in local shops

I drive tour coaches all over Europe and facilities in uk for tourists in like going back in time to the fifties.

With the increase in motor homes and campers on the road, local authorities are missing a trick with the potential income they bring to the area. Make it easier for us to visit you!

Fresh water and grey waste disposal sites

I'm happy to fill in the online link you have provided and feel that at least we motorhomers are valued in as much as your at least asking for our opinions Too many times we're ignored or looked down on in society and that should never be the case... I personally will in payment for my park up, clean up the area I have parked in including removing the waste and tissues I have found and buried one cassette load I came across as I'm sick and tired of folks thinking we're scum. We are folks who enjoy travelling and admiring our beautiful country and being respectful.. All we need is more taps and elsan points and that I feel would certainly help the areas we visit.

Contact Thetford about their Chemical Disposal point

We need to work with the community also it has to get done soon as we may lose out on tourists

Charging for waste disposal would encourage a certain type of person to dump illegally. Charging for toilets can be difficult and awkward when you are desperate and arrive with no change for toilets. It has happened to me on several occasions

I'm proud of our wee country .. but it takes a whole mound of ants to work together.. not a few ..  
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Scotland is, in general, very welcoming for Motorhomes but access to facilities would make it better.

mallaig area is a beautiful part of the country and hopefully will remain so extra facilities can only be good for the area and provide more revenue.

Remove high barriers to allow toilet access to all disabled users

Good wash out set up at chemical toilet disposal site

The area is becoming spoiled at certain peak times by the actions of visitors. As is much of NW Scotland. It is absolutely right to take action now before it gets really out of hand. People will NEVER

stop visiting the area because of its beauty - dont be too afraid of applying sanctions to control 'wild camping' - many of the people I see in 'wild camping' forums admit they spend nothing into the local economy anyway!

Car parking attendant in full time position during the season - visitor parking is often dangerous to pedestrians

More bins

Thank you for your efforts! Much needed!

<https://www.visitouterhebrides.co.uk/visitor-info/facilities/motorhomes> Also note that most motorhome owners are responsible re parking/litter/toilet/ chemical disposal etc. What we have found is the mass HIRE of campervans/motorhomes where folk have no clue to basic etiquette around all the above - it's been giving the community a very poor name recently. Be good if hire companies handed out info like this but sadly I fear your biggest problem comes from the ignorance of those in hired vehicles, many more interested in not paying than 'Wild camping'

just to reiterate that NOT everybody in the area relies on the tourist industry for a living, so it is only right that those that do, should step up to the plate and put some of their profits back into the community

Well done for getting this started.

Well done to everyone who spent time on this issue and to those who intend to take things forward... thank you!!

Police presence in the village at peak times for parking / safety checks

The toilets in Mallaig were in excellent condition when we visited

The village gets very congested at peak times and there's going to be a tragic accident before anything will be done :(

Get the parking and access sorted for Camusdarroch beach

More information

Lack of waste bins.

Monies earned should be reallocated to local community projects and this should be highlighted very clearly to encourage visitors to pay. A campervan pass could be purchased via the local shops to also encourage good etiquette. Campervan owners are usually self sufficient so their generally don't have to contribute to an area but yet can be a cause of inconvenience.

Anything that improves the current situation is great.

I think it's so important that we charge for toilets facilities so what the money generated can be used to keep the facilities in as good offer as possible. It would be so sad to see new facilities end up like the old public toilets.

