

# Upgraded skate park is officially ready for use

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A NEWLY revamped skate park will officially open next week.

The upgraded skate park in Millbrook will be unveiled on Monday, June 23.

The second redevelopment phase has just been completed and now new ramps have been installed. The first phase was completed in February 2008 thanks to fund-raising by the Millbrook Extreme Skaters and local residents.

The project also benefited from grants from Millbrook Parish Council, Viridor Tax Credits, Cornwall County Playing Fields, Community Health Around Torpoint (CHAT), Torpoint and Rame Peninsula

Lions Club, Samworth Brothers (Ginsters), SS Gas and Millbrook Festival Committee.

Chairman of Millbrook Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Frances Brennan, said: "Securing the first part of the skate park was a priority of our parish plan and involved a fantastic community effort by skaters, residents, local businesses and the parish council.

"We were keen to build on that initial success and contacted Caradon District Council to see if they could suggest any other grant funders that we might approach for help with better equipment."

Early in 2008 Millbrook Skate Park hit the jackpot when Caradon secured a Big Lottery Fund grant of £28,995 to fund the equipment for the

skate park's second phase.

Cllr Jay Schofield, Caradon District Council's ambassador for young people and sport, said: "The upgrade to the skate park is wonderful news for young people in Millbrook and other communities in the Rame Peninsula.

"Millbrook Skate Park is just one of the schemes Caradon has been investing in to provide better facilities for young people and help our residents lead active and healthy lives.

"January saw the opening of the new sports pitch and changing rooms at Saltmill Park in Saltash, and we are also re-vamping four play areas in Gunnislake, Liskeard and Torpoint this year thanks to Big Lottery Fund grants."

