

# Youngsters queue up to see skatepark get off ground



MORE than 100 youngsters rolled up to the official opening of a do-it-yourself skatepark at Millbrook Torpoint.

The park, which already attracts young people from miles around, was largely funded by the villagers' own efforts.

Youngsters from Looe and Plymouth have already visited the tennis court-sized park area to skateboard, roller skate and ride BMX bikes since it was finished two weeks ago.

The children celebrated the official launch on Saturday with skateboarding competitions, music and a barbecue.

The park was officially opened by the parents of Andrew Elworthy, one of the driving forces behind the scheme who died recently.

A trust fund set up in his memory raised £2,000 towards the park's £11,000 cost. His parents Maureen and David, from nearby Cawsand, cut a ribbon to open the park. A memorial stone is also to be installed, dedicated to his memory.

Villager Jean Bounsall, of the Millbrook Youth Group, which was set up to boost facilities, said: "It was a very emotional occasion. Some of the children came out and thanked us."

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LIFT OFF: Daniel Holden gets airborne at the opening of Millbrook's skatepark