

Millbrook Skatepark Project

In 2020, the Parish Council received complaints about the noise from Millbrook Skatepark as noise was becoming an issue due to the age and construction of the ramps. Local skater, Aaron Barrett, approached the Parish Council to discuss the issue and promoted the idea of replacing the current tarmac and metal skatepark with a concrete wheeled sports area. Millbrook Skatepark Project, a volunteer group, was then set up with a purpose of engaging with the local community and raising the money required to replace the current skatepark with a new concrete one.

The metal ramps had been updated in 2008 by the Parish Council and the mini-ramp became a re-nowned and well-loved skate spot. However, natural degrading (not helped by our lovely sea air), means that the ramps are now at the end of their life. Two ramps had to be removed within the last year as they were unsafe and beyond repair, leaving the distinct possibility of no facility at all.

Tasked with raising funds to provide the community with a new wheeled sports area Millbrook Skatepark Project have been fundraising since 2020. They've organised events at the skatepark, film nights at Millbrook Football Club and most recently in Autumn 2022, ran a Crowdfunder campaign which took a lot of work to organise and utilised the skills within the group to create a brilliant video. It was highly successful due to the impressive amount of community support from local people and businesses, and the match funding which secured money from Sport England and British Cycling, in total the Crowdfunder raised £60,500 - the largest amount raised for a skatepark anywhere in the country, which is something the whole community should be proud of.

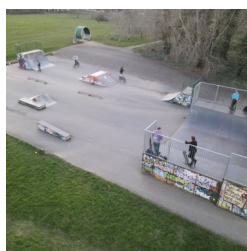
Following this, conditional grant funding has been obtained from Cornwall Council, as well as grants of £10k from the National Lottery; £15k from Prince's Countryside Fund; £5k from Carew Pole Charitable Trust; together with funding from neighbouring Parish Councils including St German's, Sheviok and Maker with Rame. In total £97,000 has been raised. The target is £250,000 to be able to provide a wheeled sports area that our young people, and the whole community can be proud of. Further funding applications are ongoing in order to reach this target.

The group has set up a Steering Group which includes local people from the skating/bmx community, engineering, design, and youth sectors, to assist and help with the development and consultation.

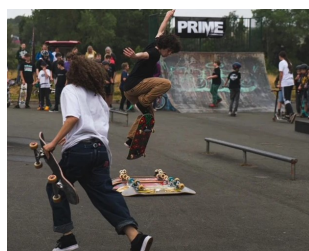
There's an online survey where anyone can give ideas and views: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVlp3YXY7z8DFgRSclQuCCyW6ln7ZppFx0aLX5pxBfLJNqXQ/viewform>.

The group believe that the new area should be inclusive, intergenerational, aspirational, creative - reflective of our community and the new skatepark design is key to this.

Recently, a formal tender process was held for the appointment of the skatepark developer, there were extremely high-quality submissions received. These were considered by a review panel and the Parish Council then formally approved Maverick Skateparks as the chosen developer at its meeting on March 30th. This is a real marker for the project, next steps will be a public consultation event - a chance for the community to have a real say on designs and ideas directly with the Maverick (dates and times will be announced soon so please look out for this), and the volunteer group have some big funding application bids in the pipeline. Anyone who has any comments or wants to get involved please do get in touch!



Overhead image



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Millbrook Skatepark Project logo



Pizza stall at Harfest

The initial designs proposed skatepark designs are available the Council's website:

<https://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/millbrook-skatepark-tender-annoucement/>