

Subject:	Skateboard workshops and skatepark	
From:	Claire Wilding	
Date:	21/5/23	
For information and decision		
Summary of decisions or actions requested: The Town Council is asked to agree to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit an application to Sport England to fund a second skateboard workshop • Obtain quotes for repairing the skatepark surface with a view to including in next year's budget. 		
Financial implications: None. Skatepark workshops will be grant funded so no cost to Town Council. Quotes for repairs are just for information at this stage.		
Communications: NA		

The skateboard workshops at the end of April were a great success. Seventeen children attended and paid a subsidised cost of £5. The event sold out within 48 hours of it being advertised. Feedback was excellent, with 90% rating it as "excellent" and 10% as "good". See comments we received below.

I would like to run a similar event in the late summer, and I could apply for a grant from Sport England for this. I would like Town Council agreement to go ahead and apply for a grant of between £300 and £400.

The skateboarding coach commented that the damage to the surface between the ramps and the flat surface is dangerous as it could catch a wheel. This was also picked up on the last safety inspection. I would like to seek quotes for repairing the surface, with a view to including this in next year's budget.

Feedback on skateboard workshop

So upbeat, encouraging and positive

It was awesome

It was amazing

This was a fantastic initiative - MANY thanks to the town council for organising and subsidising it. Tom was so full of energy and wisdom and fun.

Tom was excellent in showing tricks and techniques in a fun, motivating way.

Tom was very engaging with the group and this was great for my child's confidence.

The lesson was great! The enthusiasm was infectious from the teacher, and for a first lesson I thought it was just the right balance of practical / theory.

Tom the coach was great with the kids, it was really fun, and he was teaching the culture of being mutually supportive and kind too, which I thought was fantastic.

More classes/workshops could be very helpful.