



PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION

WHY

After removing ramps that became unsafe in Feb 2023, Swanage Town Council invited skatepark users to a consultation day in March 2023. However, young people were clearly missing and their views would not have been represented. In response, Swanage Skatepark Community Project (SSCP) was formed to run a consultation that would reach more people, fundraise for new equipment, create a design brief for new facilities and work with the council throughout the tender process.

Skateparks encourage more people to be physically active in an accessible and informal way. It's particularly important that young people have access to skatepark facilities for physical activity, socialising and forging friendships.

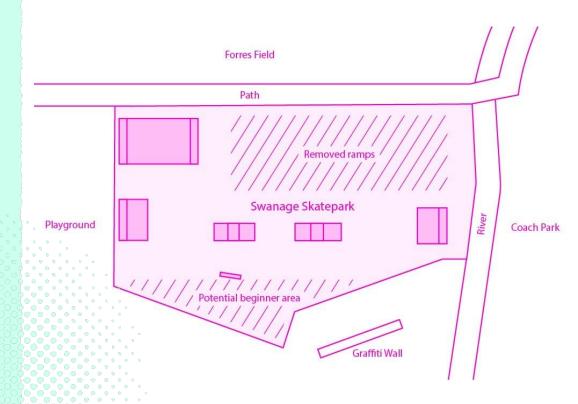
It's the aim of SSCP to create new facilities that will not only respond to the need of existing riders, but also engage a wider section of the local community. Therefore, the user consultation sought to understand more about current Swanage Skatepark users, the barriers faced by those who want to use the park but don't currently and the features people would like to see in future.



AIMS OF THE CONSULTATION

The consultation survey invited people to have their say on the design & development of new Swanage Skatepark facilities. The responses will be used to assist with funding applications and guide the design brief for new facilities:

- 1. Ramps to replace the ones recently removed by Swanage Town Council
- 2. A new beginner friendly area
- 3. The possibility of expanding skatepark facilities into adjacent areas



HOW WAS THE SURVEY PROMOTED?

- 5x laminated posters in the Skatepark
- 15x posters distributed to local businesses in Swanage and Wareham
- Press release distributed to 7x local news outlets (we secured coverage with Swanage & Wareham Advertiser & The Dubber)
- Emails & phone calls to local schools
- Facebook & Instagram
- The survey circulated between Jul - Sept 2023 and received 170 responses.







WHO
RESPONDED
TO THE SURVEY



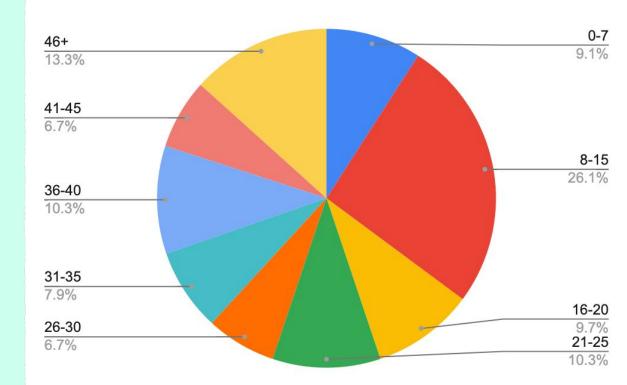
170 SURVEY RESPONSES COLLECTED JULY - SEPT 2023

- 81.2% of people who responded are Swanage Skatepark users (138 responses)
- 18.8% of people who responded don't use Swanage Skatepark (32 responses)
- 66% of people who responded live in Swanage
- 13.5% live in a nearby town/village
- 16.5% live outside Purbeck, but within Dorset
- 4% are visitors to the area.
- 61.3% identified as boys/men
- 33.3% identified as girls/women
- 0.6% identified as non-binary
- 4.8% skipped the question



HOW OLD ARE YOU? 159 RESPONSES

- Combined, age 0-15 year olds represent 35% of the respondents to the survey. By comparison, this age groups makes up 12.3% of the population in Swanage. The high number of survey responses from this age group highlights the importance of the skatepark to young people
- Age 46+ (13.3%) represent the second largest age group of respondents to the survey.
 However, 50% of this age group are parents or spectators who don't use the park themselves.



WHO IS USING SWANAGE SKATEPARK



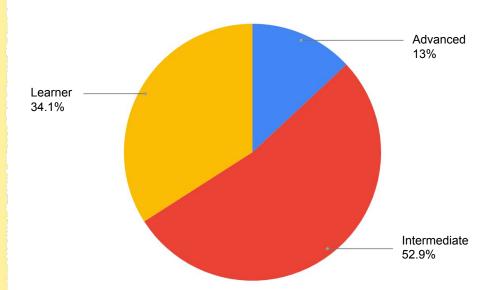
HOW DO YOU ROLL? 138 RESPONSES

Many people use the skatepark in multiple ways with skateboarding being the most popular

HOW DO YOU ROLL?	NUMBER OF PEOPLE
SKATEBOARD	86
SCOOTER	68
вмх	42
INLINE OR ROLLER SKATES	23
BIKE	7

HOW DO YOU VIEW YOUR ABILITY AS A SKATEPARK USER? 138 RESPONSES

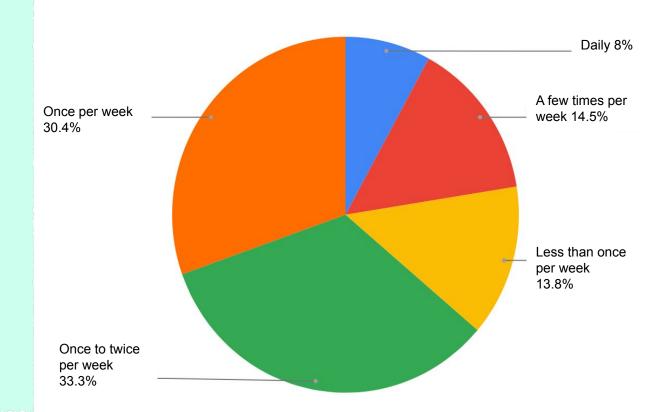
The majority of Skatepark users view themselves as intermediate.



HOW FREQUENTLY DO YOU VISIT SWANAGE SKATEPARK? (138 RESPONSES)

Over 60% of Swanage Skatepark users visit the park once, or once to twice per week

We've heard anecdotal feedback from parents in the skatepark that their kids used to use the park more frequently, but since some of the ramps have been removed there's no equipment suitable for their kids.

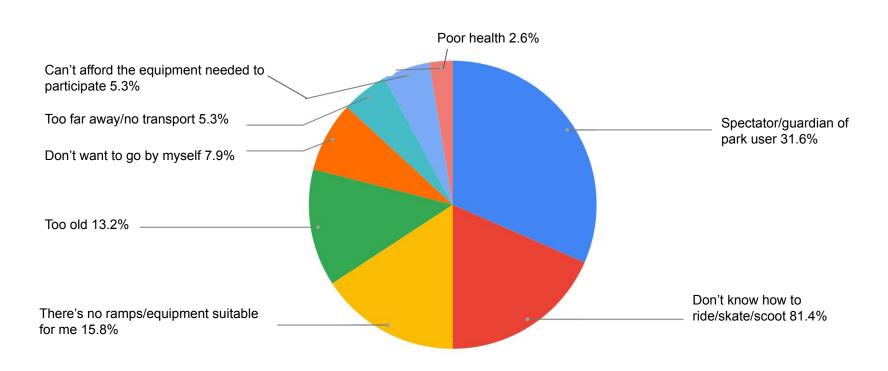


WHAT ARE THE
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SKATEPARK



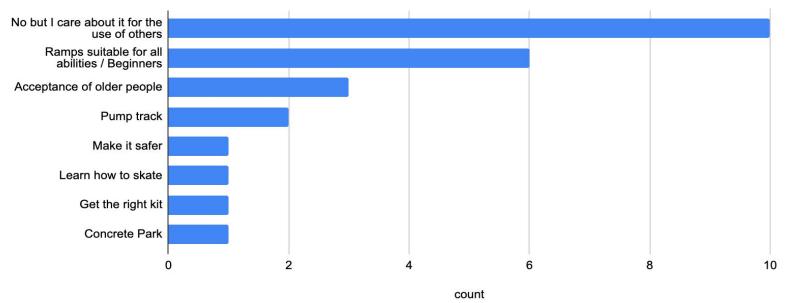
WHY DON'T YOU USE SWANAGE SKATEPARK?

(32 RESPONSES, TICK AS MANY AS APPLY)



IS THERE ANYTHING THAT COULD HELP YOU USE THE SKATEPARK IN FUTURE?

(25 COMMENTS)



There were a few respondents citing age and inability holding them back from using the skatepark. There's a clear opportunity to normalise the inclusion of older people at Swanage Skatepark too.

NEW DESIGN FEATURES



WHAT'S YOUR PREFERED TYPE OF SKATEPARK?

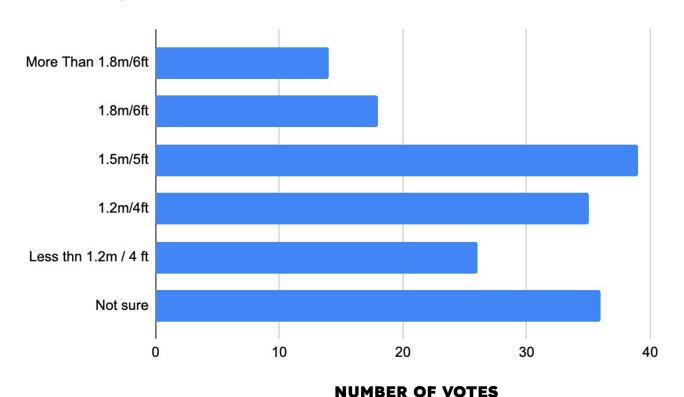
(168 RESPONSES)

TYPE OF PARK	RESPONSES
Mainly transition/ramps: Including quarter pipes, vert walls, jump boxes, hips and pyramids	26.80%
Mixed: Transition AND street style obstacles	66.70%
Street style: Mainly angular street style obstacles e.g. ledges, banks, flat bars/rails and flat ground	6.50%

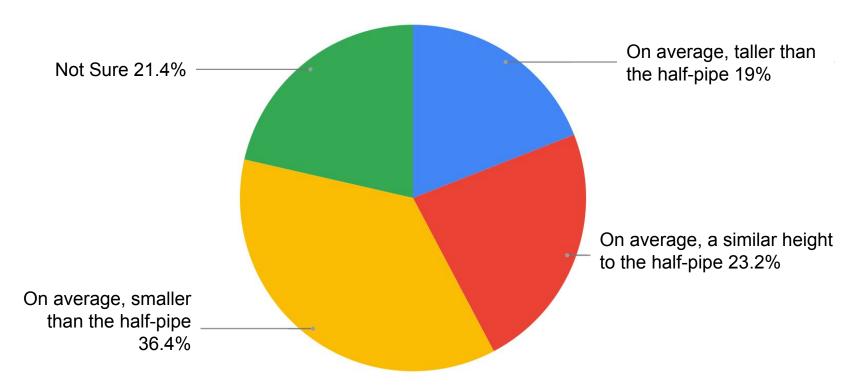


WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE AVERAGE HEIGHT OF THE NEW RAMPS/BANKS/TRANSITIONS IN SWANAGE SKATEPARK TO BE?

(FOR REF, THE LOW SECTION OF THE HALFPIPE IS 4.5FT & THE TALL SECTION IS 6FT) (168 RESPONSES)



HEIGHT CONT. CONSOLIDATED RESPONSES



A lot of respondents used their chance in free response field to request small ramps, for beginners/learners

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 5 TRANSITION & STREET STYLE SKATEPARK FEATURES?

(154 RESPONSES)

VALUE	COUNT	VALUE	COUNT	VALUE	COUNT
Funbox/pyramid (a box shape with		Manual pad aka Manny pad (flat		Hubba (tall narrow ledge which	
a flat top with ramps on two or more sides)	96	elevated platform for manual tricks)	46	angles down a set of steps or bank)	24
Bank (a skate-able surface that angles up or down from the flat ground)	91	Flat rail (a long rail on flat ground for slides and grinds)	44	Smaller Half Pipe	13
Quarter-pipe (quarter of a pipe shape/circle)	84	Ledges	44	Pump track (smooth surface for all wheels)	7
Hips (a bend in a curved or flat transition so that the two faces turn away from each other.)	58	Spine (two quarter pipes put back to back to form a spine)	45	Pump track (Dirt)	7
A-Frame (two flat ramps placed back to back to form a wedge)	58	Stairs	27	Painted Route on Flat Area	4
Euro gap/step up (a wedge ramp with a flat section and a step up to the deck)	51	Hand rail (a railing down a set of stairs or a bank)	26	Bowl	2

TOP 8 MOST VOTED FOR SKATEPARK FEATURES



FUNBOX



BANK (CENTRE)



QUARTER PIPE



HIPS



A-FRAME

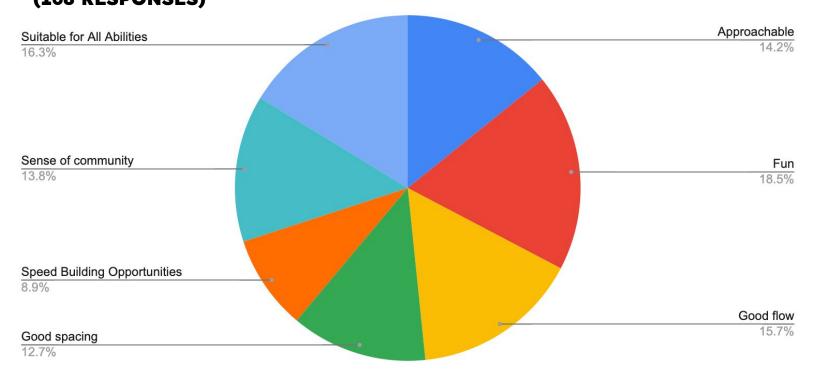


EURO GAP



LEDGES & FLAT RAILS

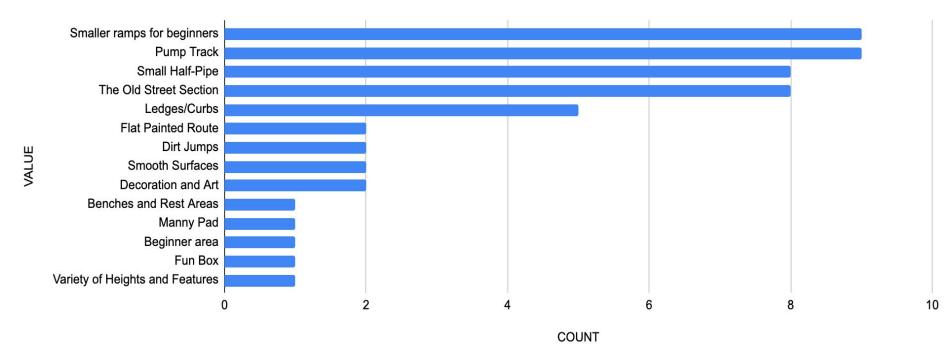
WHAT MAKES A SKATEPARK A GREAT PLACE TO USE? (168 RESPONSES)



Other valuable suggestions included: keeping it clean and well maintained, floodlit, safe, smooth riding surfaces, sustainable, benches & rest areas, decorations and art.

ARE THERE ANY FEATURES YOU ENJOY USING WHEN YOU GO TO SWANAGE (OR ANOTHER) SKATEPARK?

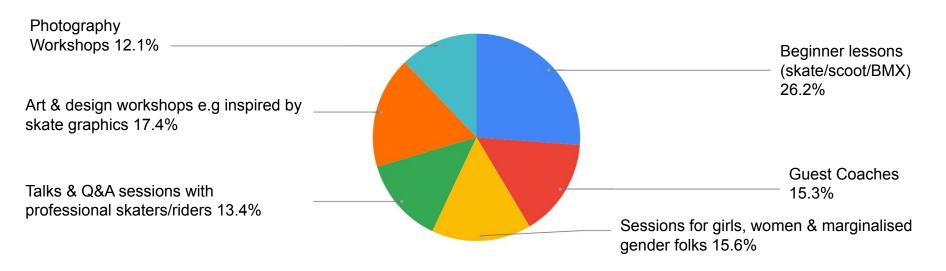
(OPTIONAL FREE TYPE RESPONSE)



A couple of respondents suggested marking out a route or track on the flat ground areas for (younger) users to follow around the park. This is a wonderfully simple idea to maintain interest in the time before ramps are built.



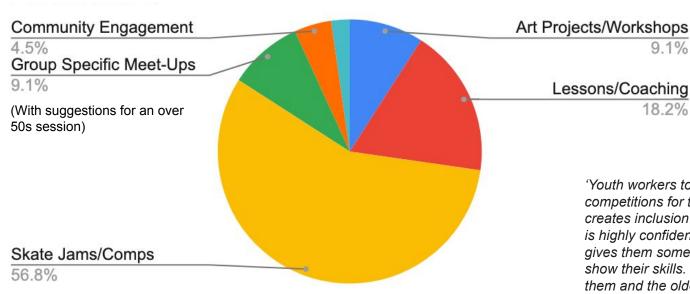
WHAT TYPE OF EVENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE TAKING PLACE IN SWANAGE SKATEPARK IN FUTURE? (321 VOTES)



Nearly 60% voted for lessons/sessions with special guest coaches. This presents an opportunity to increase the number of park users ahead of the new ramps being installed and increasing usage of the current equipment. Running events is an opportunity to build an inclusive and active community around the skatepark. These activities meet Swanage Town Council's strategic objective of building strong and healthy communities.

ANY ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENTS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IN SWANAGE SKATEPARK?

(44 RESPONSES RELATING TO WAYS TO BUILD COMMUNITY & INCREASE USERS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED)

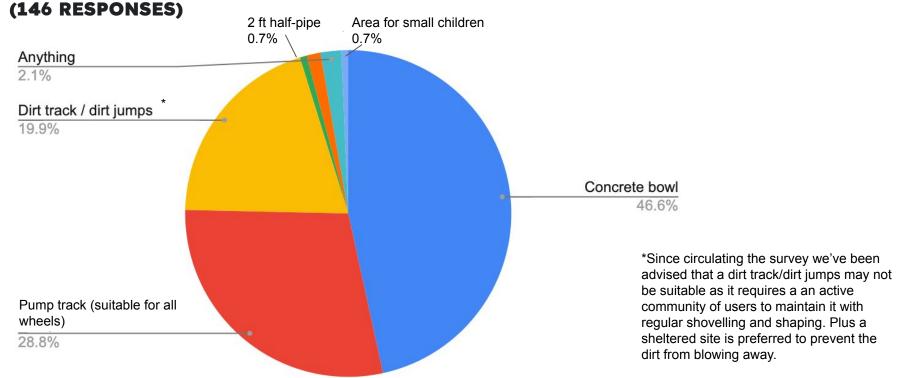


(Comments included how much users enjoy the #Willdoes skate jams and would love to see skate jams taking place more regularly featuring demos from pros)

'Youth workers to help organise informal competitions for the public to come and watch. This creates inclusion and something to do/show which is highly confidence building for the youngsters and gives them something to engage in and be proud to show their skills. It closes the age gap between them and the older community and creates better understanding and communication between youth and older people'



IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND SWANAGE SKATEPARK FACILITIES INTO AN ADJACENT AREA IN FUTURE, WHAT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE?



SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS



TIMELINE

Nov 23 Publish survey & write design brief Dec 23 Confirm charity status under the SPDT umbrella Dec 23
Obtain quotes to set fundraising targets

Jan 24 Begin fundraising

SUMMARY

Swanage Skatepark has a large portion of intermediate and beginner users.

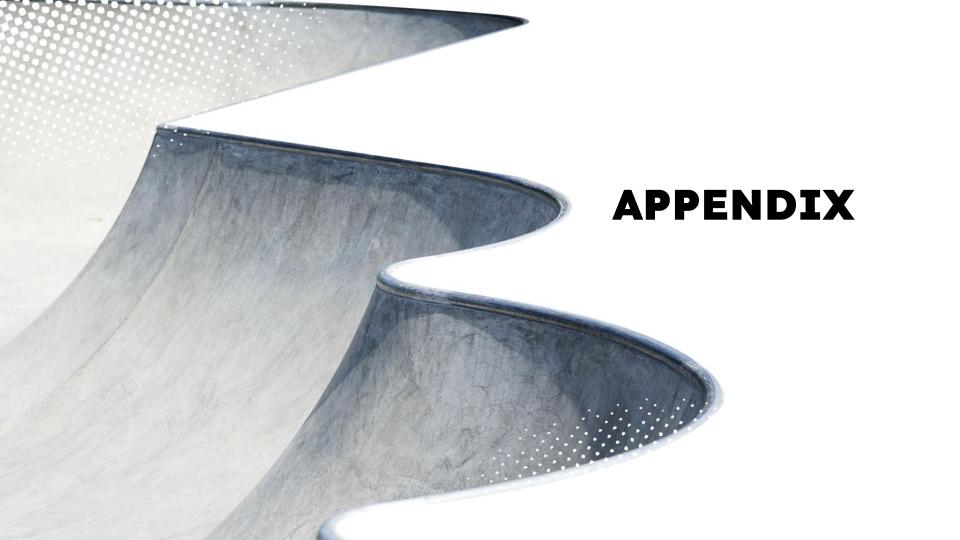
The top 8 most voted for skatepark design features are mostly the same as the equipment that was there before with the addition of an A frame, hips, ledges and rails.

A park that's suitable for all abilities with approachable features, good flow and is fun to use is important.

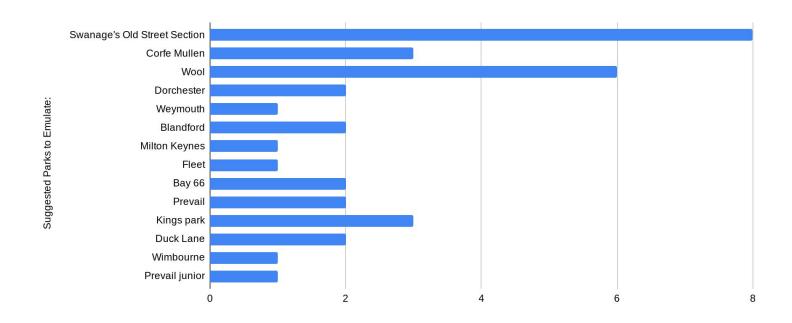
There's demand for lessons and meet-ups for various user groups and other creative activities.

There is opportunity for SSCP to collaborate with youth organisations and other groups to organise lessons and events in Swanage Skatepark before new ramps are in place. Funding for these events would be separate from raising funds for the skatepark build. Increasing the number of skatepark users in advance of the new ramps will help to more support for the project and ensure there are plenty of people ready and waiting for the new equipment.

If there's an opportunity to expand Swanage Skatepark in future, a new consultation will be undertaken to gather more detailed opinions from park users.



SKATEPARKS REFERENCED AS HAVING DESIRABLE FEATURES



Free response answers indicated users had been fairly happy with the layout of the old street section (the area that has recently been removed). It was the most referenced park section to emulate.

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Notable features: Good use of space with ramps built along the outer edges, split level banks for building more/less speed, multi height quarter pipes, 2x staircases and a multitude of rails and

ledges.

BLANDFORD



DUCK LANE

Notable features: A wide variety of heights allowing beginners to build up, lots of flowing curves and opportunity to build speed





CORFE MULLEN

Notable features:





FLEET

Notable features: large half pipe as well as small street section with wedge, quarter pipe, box and rail. Perhaps most notably, graffiti is everywhere and is not discouraged.



KINGS PARK

Notable features: A variety of slopes and street features. Often highly decorated.







WOOL

Notable features: Good flow with street features





DORCHESTER





PREVAIL

Notable features: Something for all abilities











THE OLD RAMPS IN SWANAGE

Notable features: Approachable height bank



OTHER SKATELITE PARKS WITH INSPIRING FEATURES







