

WHITEPARISH SKATEPARK

OPENING CEREMONY

Saturday 8th December 2018 2pm

The £100,000 facility in Whiteparish Memorial Ground, will be formally opened by the young design team and Mrs Sarah Skeates who initiated the project. The opening ceremony is on Saturday 8th December 2018 at 2pm. Everyone is invited to the opening, come along and enjoy this marvellous new facility, whether a beginner or expert. The grant awarding bodies will also be invited, along with the press and Wiltshire Council representatives. The skatepark was designed and built by Gravity Skateparks.

The Parish Council is extremely grateful for the help given by Mrs Sarah Skeates, a local resident, who worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm and dedication to accomplish the funding for the new skatepark. Concerns had been raised over the original metal half pipe and its limitations and inability to encourage the users to progress. It was considered a more varied wheeled sports facility would be more beneficial to a greater age range of users. No longer do people have to travel across the county to use skate facilities.

The village now has an amazing free formed concrete skatepark thanks to a grant of £50,000.00 from funding body Sport England plus £20,000.00 funding boost from The Cleansing Service Group and £7,500.00 from The Hills Group Limited. The latter two awards have been made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) who administered for both The Hills Group Limited and The Cleansing Service Group by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire. The Parish Council also received a £5,000.00 grant award from Wiltshire Council Southern Area Board and a further £15,000.00 payment under section 106 planning agreements.

As a further launch of the skatepark the Parish Council is arranging a skate jam next year, ideally when the weather will be more suitable. This should be a fun-filled event to signify its opening and include competitions for all ages and ability, games for juniors to play, competitions with prizes for all ages and abilities from novice and beginner to intermediate, demonstrations and teaching on scooting, skateboarding and BMX. Watch this space for the date!