

Amesbury Youth Council

Skate Park Questionnaires

Amesbury Youth Council has conducted two questionnaires – one targeting pupils at The Stonehenge School, the other outside the Co-Op in Amesbury, targeting adults in the community.

Questionnaire 1 (Stonehenge School Pupils)

No. returned	271
No. who would use a skate park	145
No. who would not use a skate park	126

Questionnaire 2 (Members of the Public)

No. completed	92
No. for	90
No. against	2

Comments from the public Questionnaire:

- The young need such facilities
- The teenagers in Amesbury have very few leisure activities
- The youth definitely need a skate park, because the new play parks are aimed at people younger and there is nothing for 16-19 year olds
- There is more to do in a bigger skate park and it will keep people off the street and out of trouble
- Anything for the teenagers to do is better than them wandering the streets causing trouble
- Very good idea!
- The youth of Amesbury – especially teenagers – have been short-changed for years. In a growing town with more young people – it seems obvious that more facilities need to be provided
- Not enough being done to support the youth of the villages
- Please give the youth a nice active place to gather
- Very good idea!!
- Anything to help the young folk of Amesbury lead a happy trouble-free life would be welcome

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- The youth of Amesbury have limited facilities, and need a place to call 'their own'. Anti-social behaviour is getting worse in town. If the youth had a skate park, this would help enormously
- There is so little for young people to do here
- Yes, if no rubbish is left behind
- There is nowhere for the youths of Amesbury to go. They need something to keep them out of trouble
- Badly needed to give our young people a real interest
- An excellent idea and great to see youngsters getting involved in this project
- Anything for them to use would be nice
- Additional facilities like this are essential
- The infrastructure in Amesbury is out of proportion to the housing, well done Amesbury Council! You've been taken to the cleaners by professional developers
- Providing the youth of Amesbury with new facilities will keep the off the streets. It's about time Amesbury Council did something right!!
- Great idea!
- More facilities for youths/youngsters please!
- Need much more for kids 13-16
- Long overdue – should have been sorted a long time ago
- I'm surprised that there are so few facilities for youths in Amesbury. I fully support more things to be provided for them
- Providing high quality facilities for young people should be a top priority
- We need a bigger one, as ours is wrecked
- We need a bigger skate park
- We want a bigger skate park with more ramps
- Amesbury needs a bigger skate park

In March 2010 members of Amesbury Town Council met with the developers of Archers Gate, and were offered the chance to create a skate park on the open space next to the Astro turf opposite Boscombe Down. The Town Council fully supported this idea, as did the local police.

However, the Highways Dept and Development Control would not support the skate park in this location, as it would necessitate children crossing a 40mph road to access the facility. Councillors were advised that it was not possible to install a zebra crossing, nor to reduce the speed limit to 30mph along this stretch of road.

The developers consequently withdrew their offer of a skate park at this location, and offered to install one during the first phase of the Kingsgate development .

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There is currently a small skate park at Bonnymead Park . The Town Council has recently installed a play park for teenagers at Harvard Park. The proximity to housing, although acceptable through the daytime, is causing problems for nearby residents due to youths meeting there during the evening/night-time. With the installation of a skate park on Kingsgate, much of this anti-social behaviour would be avoided, with older teenagers having a more suitable place to meet in the evening.

- The public view towards the building of a new skate park is evident from the results of the questionnaires.