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**Subject:** Torpoint Skatepark 2025

hi all,

Hope you're... TRF had our AGM last night and it was lovely to welcome five new residents to our committee.

Tom Crago has stepped up to chair the group for 2025, Eleanor Bonsor (who did a great job last year as chair) has now offered to be Treasurer. I remain Secretary and happy to keep the communications flowing - as we progress ambition for a new skatepark in the town.

We're attaching a very brief impact report from 2024 work and want to build on things in here - have a read!

Also attaching a summary of the Torpoint Skatepark Community Survey, which we'll keep open to allow parents and young people to continue to feed I their views. I am happy to run through wider answers (including other things residents would enjoy at the park and in the town).

We'd like to set-up a meeting with relevant stakeholders (aware is lease arrangements between Cornwall / Torpoint) and to agree next steps, to get *in principle* agreement that the existing skatepark can be redeveloped, scope of how we engage design companies (we plan to put some funding applications in to ensure we keep young people involved in the process). This project offers opportunities to improve drainage, revitalise the basketball area, explore a BMX pump track, youth shelter and make the scheme better talk to Benodet walled gardens as well as the football pitch etc... we can collaborate and build a brief for future skatepark design companies.

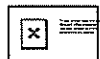
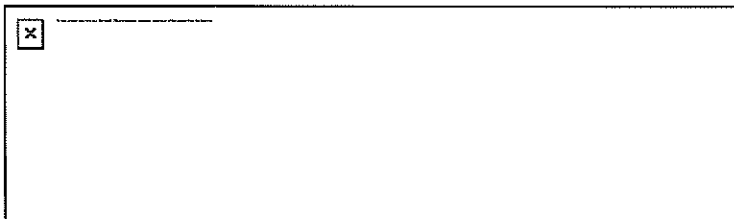
We're aware that Liskeard Town Council has fast-tracked it's skatepark and we feel Torpoint Skatepark needs to be on the map as soon as possible - so how we fundraise and work with TTC effectively is important, especially re levelling up funding, CIL, and any future infrastructure investment new housing developments might bring. We can do some Crowdfunding and more but need solid backing behind this project.

We're ready to move things forwards... in turn sustaining our volunteers' enthusiasm and managing expectations off young people *desperate* for a new skatepark.

Do get us some dates for a meeting.

Matthew (Secretary at TRF)

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# Torpoint Ramps Forum

## Social Impact Report 2024



### Introduction

Torpoint Ramps Forum is a voluntary community group dedicated to improving recreational spaces for young people in Torpoint. In 2024, we worked to engage the community, promote the need for a new skatepark and advocate for better facilities.

### Key Achievements in 2024

- **Community Engagement**
  - Conducted an **extensive community survey**, gathering feedback from local residents, with over **150 responses**.
  - Engaged with over **30 children** through various activities and outreach efforts.
- **Events & Outreach**
  - Attended **Torpoint Street Markets** speaking with families and offering free skateboard repairs.
  - Organised a **Festive Social & Raffle** in December, bringing together young people, parents, and supporters to discuss plans for the skatepark.
- **Committee & Volunteer Work**
  - Held **12 committee meetings** throughout the year to coordinate efforts.
  - Logged over **200 hours of volunteer time** from our dedicated team (8 volunteers in total) and supporters.
- **Fundraising**
  - Successfully applied for a Town Council **Section 137 grant** to support start-up costs (insurance, marketing and safeguarding support)
  - Generous **donation of skateboards and accessories** from member Tom Crago for prizes.
  - Raffle that **raised over £320**

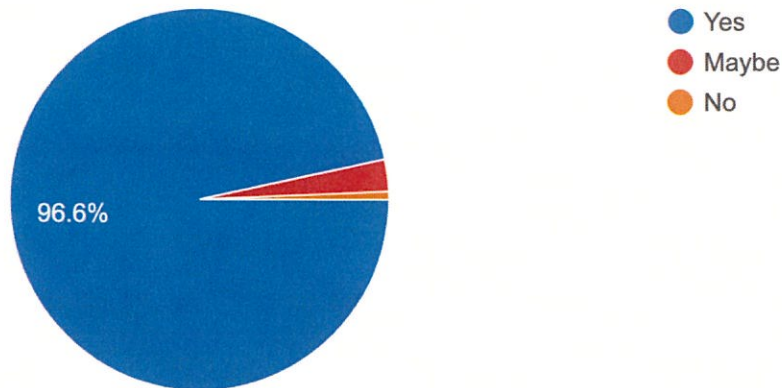
### Community Voices: Why a New Skatepark Matters (from our survey)

- *"Place for my kids to enjoy and helps put Torpoint on the map. Skateparks are destinations now."*
- *"So my mum doesn't have to drive me to get to a good one."*
- *"The current skatepark is not usable or safe."*
- *"Keeps children off the streets and gives them somewhere to play and socialise."*
- *"A skatepark isn't just a place to ride—it's a place to socialise, stay active, and be creative."*
- *"Investment in youth is key to everyone's future."*
- *"We have to travel to Millbrook or Plymouth to find a decent park, but Torpoint deserves one too."*
- *"The current park is falling apart. A modern skatepark would be a facility for generations to enjoy."*



## Do you think a new skatepark will benefit Torpoint?

148 responses



### Working with Torpoint Town Council

A major milestone this year was successfully securing support from **Torpoint Town Council**, who have now included the **skatepark project in the updated Town Action Plan**. This marks an important step in turning our vision into reality and ensuring the project remains a priority for the town's future development.

### Summary

Through consistent engagement, advocacy, and community-building efforts, **Torpoint Ramps Forum has made significant progress in 2024**. We have laid the groundwork for the development of a new skatepark and will continue working with the community and local authorities to bring this project to life during 2025.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported us last year! As we step into 2025, we are excited to work on developing plans for a new skatepark in our town.

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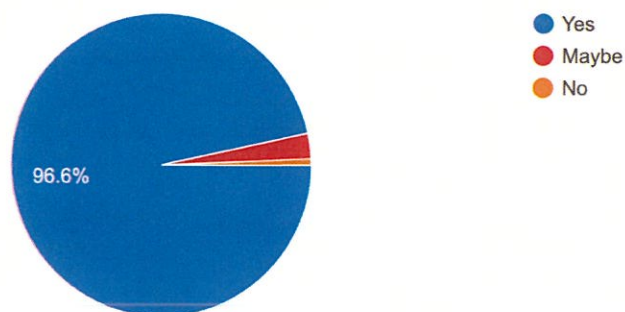
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# Torpoint Community Skatepark Survey

## Overview as of January 2025

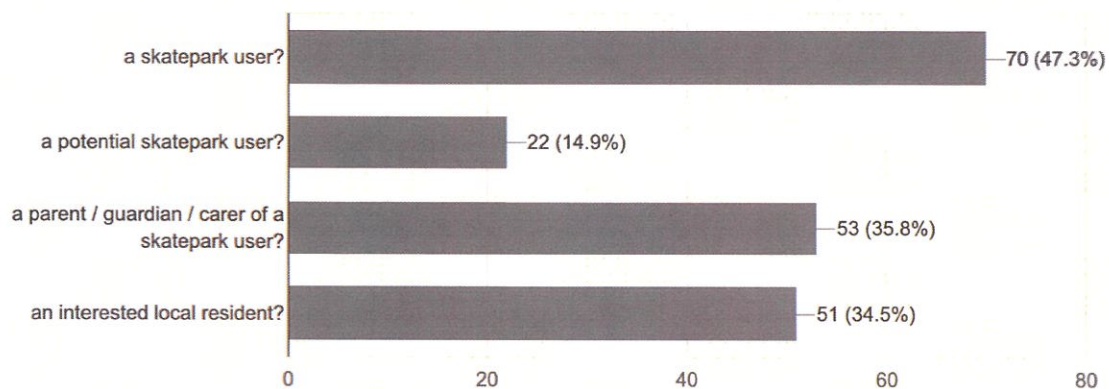
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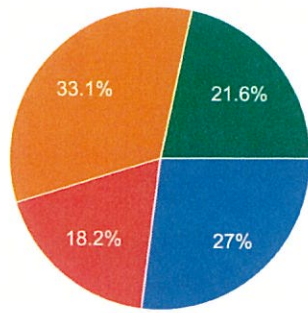


Are you (tick more than one if needed)

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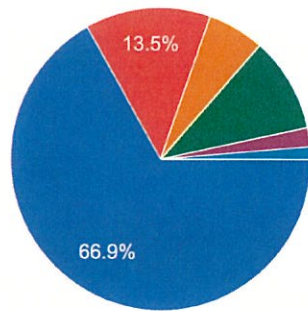


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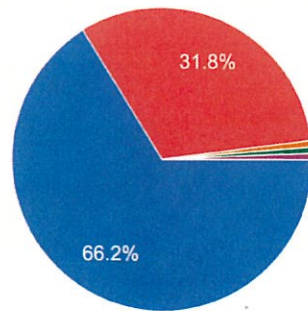
- Under 18
- 18-29
- 30-44
- 45+

Where do you live  
148 responses



- Torpoint
- Rame Peninsula
- Plymouth
- Cornwall
- Devon
- Outside of Cornwall & Devon

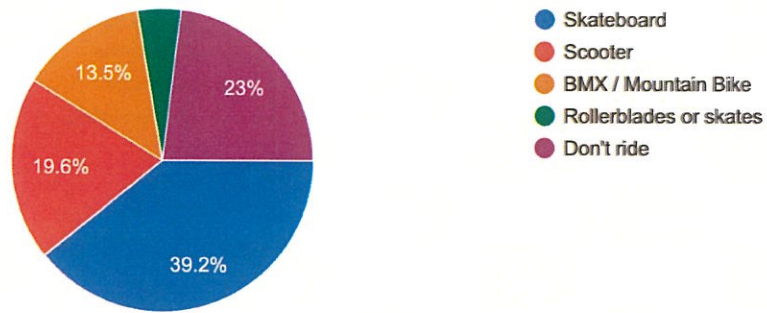
Are you?  
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- Male
- Female
- Non binary
- Other
- Prefer not to say

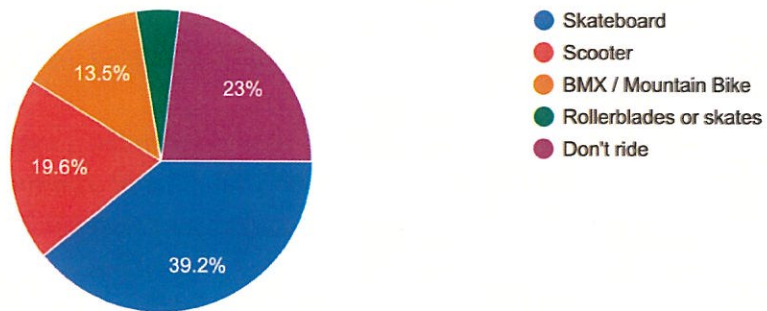
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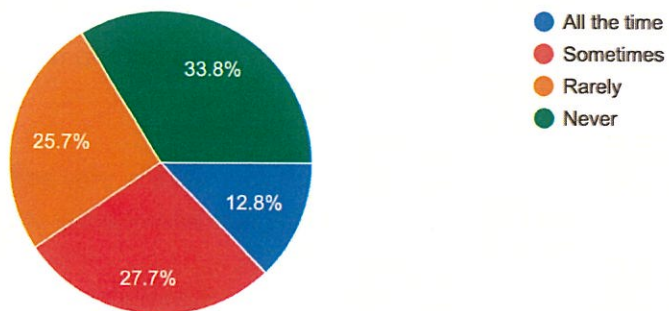
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### How often do you use Torpoint skatepark currently?

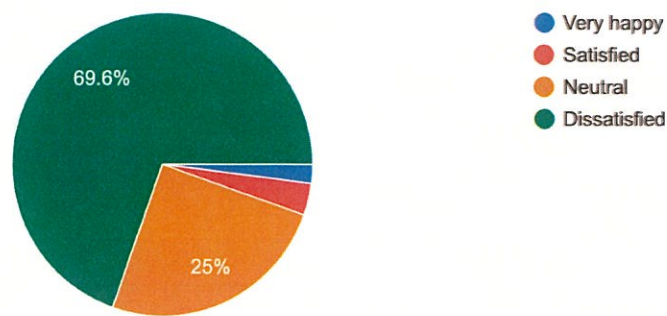
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## How satisfied are you with the current Torpoint skatepark facilities?

148 responses



### Community Voices: Why Torpoint Needs a New Skatepark

- "Skateparks are destinations now. A new one in Torpoint would put us on the map and give my kids a great place to enjoy."
- "The current skatepark is not usable or safe. The awful surfacing and constant water make it hazardous."
- "I have been a skater most of my life, and it has always given me a massive outlet. As a kid, I met most of my long-time friends through skating, and it kept us out of trouble."
- "It's important that young people have activities to get them outside, socialising, and being active."
- "Torpoint's children, youth, and adults deserve a good facility. We lag behind other towns and villages that have already invested in good skating spaces."
- "So my mum doesn't have to drive me to get to a good one."
- "Better facilities for young people would help build a stronger sense of community."
- "It will help me to practise more and get better at skateboarding if there are better ramps and a better skatepark to use."
- "The old skatepark is dangerous and outdated. A modern one would actually serve its purpose."
- "I've been skating in Torpoint for the past 25+ years and seen it in different states over the years."
- "There is literally nothing to do in Torpoint for young people."
- "A skatepark isn't just a place to ride - it's a place to socialise, stay active, and be creative."
- "Investment in youth is key to everyone's future. A new skatepark is a step in the right direction."
- "Having a skatepark in Millbrook has transformed the children's lives. They have a focus and a safe space. Also, there has been a lot less antisocial behaviour amongst the youths, which has been amazing!"

### Why a New Skatepark is Important



- *"Place for my kids to enjoy and helps put Torpoint on the map. Skateparks are destinations now."*
- *"So my mum doesn't have to drive me to get to a good one."*
- *"The current skatepark is not usable or safe."*
- *"Keeps children off the streets and gives them somewhere to play and socialise."*
- *"I have been skating in Torpoint for 25+ years and have seen it in different states over the years."*
- *"It will help me practise more and get better at skateboarding if there are better ramps."*
- *"Skating was a big part of my childhood. It brings people together and gives them a place to push themselves."*
- *"Torpoint's children, youth, and adults deserve a good facility. Other towns have already invested in better skateparks."*
- *"The park is too basic – you run out of new tricks to do and it becomes boring."*
- *"A skatepark isn't just a place to ride—it's a place to socialise, stay active, and be creative."*
- *"Investment in youth is key to everyone's future."*
- *"It's important that young people have somewhere to go, be active, and feel part of a community."*
- *"We have to travel to Millbrook or Plymouth to find a decent park, but Torpoint deserves one too."*
- *"The current park is falling apart. A modern skatepark would be a facility for generations to enjoy."*
- *"Having a new skatepark will create opportunities to learn, progress, and stay active."*

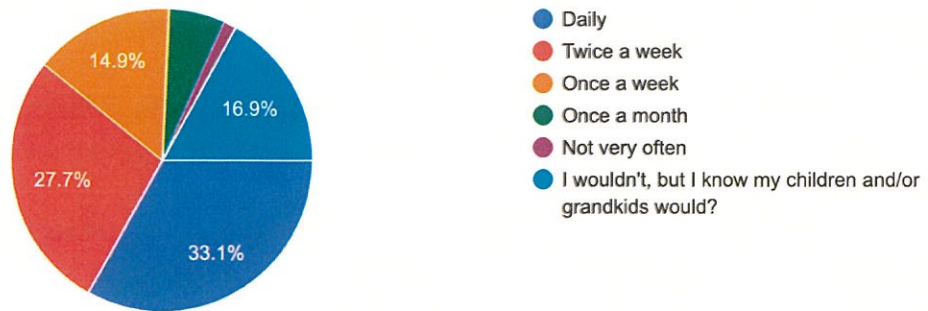
## Short Summary of Desired Improvements for Torpoint Skatepark

The local community has highlighted key improvements needed for the Torpoint skatepark:

- **Complete Redesign & Resurfacing** – Many respondents called for a **full rebuild**, with **smooth concrete** to replace the rough and hazardous surface. Proper **drainage** is also a major concern.
- **Better Ramps & Layout** - Requests included **more ramps, a bowl, a half-pipe, flat rails, ledges, and a better flow between obstacles** to make the park more usable.
- **Inclusivity & Social Spaces** - Suggestions included **dedicated areas for beginners and younger users, seating for parents, and even a small café** to create a welcoming space.
- **Facilities for All Wheeled Sports** - Many want the park to accommodate **skateboards, BMX, scooters, and rollerblades**, with a **bike jump track or pump track** as an additional feature.
- **Safety & Maintenance** - Concerns over **gravel, vandalism, and poor visibility** led to calls for **better upkeep, lighting, CCTV, and regular maintenance** to ensure long-term usability.

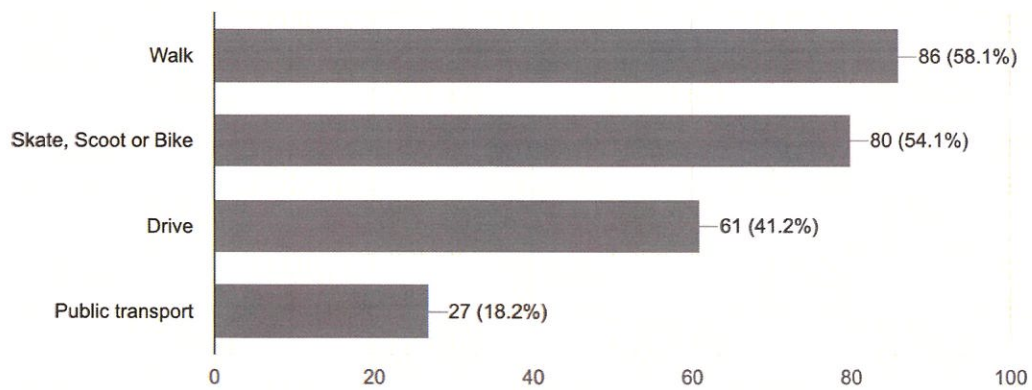
If there was a new skatepark and it was safer and more accessible, how often would you or your family use it?

148 responses



What ways do you or would you travel to Torpoint skatepark?

148 responses



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