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North Walsham is the largest town in the district of North Norfolk, with some 13,000 residents (as recorded by Nomis, 2017). Of this figure, some 30% are aged 30 or below and are the key demographic this project hopes to primarily support.

The town boasts excellent transportation links via Rail and Bus connecting the town to both the coast and the city of Norwich.

In recent years, North Walsham Play (registered charity 1167444) and North Walsham Town Council have positively worked together to bring about 3 new state of the art outdoor play facilities. These consist of 2 play parks and 1 eco-gym. All have been created via consultation and designed by the users and those set to benefit.

The focus now turns to raising the funds needed for a state of the art Skate Park; something that everyone can enjoy regardless of age or ability and something that will last decades.

This document has been created by North Walsham Play to help support grant applications and requests for support received during the fundraising stage of the project.

If you need any more information or want to get involved in this exciting project don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Matthew Smith MBE

Founder & Trustee of North Walsham Play





THE CURRENT SKATE PARK

North Walsham is lucky enough to already have a Skate Park, a facility that has been in place for in excess of 20 years. The much loved facility currently in place is no longer fit for purpose and is close to being beyond maintenance and repair.

The materials used in its construction are very dangerous when wet and the flooring is rough, uneven full of pot holes/cracks. The presence of rust and the inability to repair/replace the sheet material on the ramps means that the town is close to losing the facility and the cost of replacing it is not something the local town council has the funds to do.

Over the years the current Skate Park has been the go to destination for hundreds of children, young adults and their families to try/master the art of Skate Boarding, Scootering or BMX riding. One of the biggest limitations of the current facility is that its neither great for beginners or challenging enough for the most experienced and skillful riders.

In recent years other local towns have invested heavily in new Skate Park facilities. This in turn has further demonstrated how out dated our facilities are.



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NOT GREAT FOR BEGINNERS OR CHALLENGING ENOUGH FOR SKILLED RIDERS THE CURRENT SKATE PARK IS NO LONGER FIT FOR PURPOSE

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THE NEW SKATE PARK IS DESIGNED FOR ALL RIDERS OF DIFFERENT NEEDS, ABILITIES & SKILLS

01:1500MM DEPTH BOWL WITH SPINE, VARIOUS HIPS, 2250MM HEIGHT-TOMBSTONE EXTENSION WITH POOL-CUT COPING, 2100MM HEIGHT STEEP GRIND BANK' & 2100 MM HEIGHT TACO CORNER,
02:1350MM HEIGHT, 28DEG FLATBANK, 03: 500MM HEIGHT AFRAME WITH HUBBA LEDGES & HAND RAILS.
04: 500MM HEIGHT, LOADING BAY, WITH HUBBA LEDGE, 05: 900MM HEIGHT CHINA BANK WITH LOVE SEAT.
06: 1800MM HEIGHT, EXTENDED, FLATBANK / JUMP BOX LANDING. 07: 350MM HEIGHT GRIND LEDGE, 08: 500MM HEIGHT DOUBLE SET WITH HUBBA LEDGE.
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10: 1800MM HEIGHT PARKING CURB. 11: 500MM HEIGHT LOADING BAY WITH HUBBA LEDGE.
12: 900MM HEIGHT PYRAMID HIP WITH ASTRO-TURF CUT OUT. 13: 365MM HEIGHT ROUND GRIND RAILS.

PLANNING HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED FOR THIS NEW 'STATE OF THE ART' SKATE PARK

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THE FUTURE SKATE PARK

We are very excited as a town! We have worked hard with many stakeholders and interested parties in the past 12 months via multiple consultation meetings to bring about a new designed park that 100% of attendees fully supports and wants to see become a reality. Not only that, but those not involved in consultations are also fully supportive of what we hope to achieve in the coming months and years.

The new Skate Park will meet the needs of such a diverse range of users, taking into account the differing needs, abilities and confidence of all those using it.

The design, its location and all the formalities required to get this proposal though official planning processes has taken place with planning have been granted as of January 2020.







IMPROVED FITNESS, MENTAL HEALTH & ENTERTAINMENT



NEW CHALLENGES AND AN INSPIRING COMMUNITY SPACE

THE BENEFITS OF A SKATE PARK

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The benefits of a new Skate Park are many and vast, and to list them all would take up far too much of your time. That said, we feel those below are ones that have come out of the various consultation meetings, feedback from users of the current Skate Park and from input from local youth advocacy groups / organisations:

- A well designed and planned Skate Park will be a hub for many hundreds of people, at which they can support, encourage and challenge one another. Skate Parks are rich in expertise and knowledge, much of which is freely passed down to either younger generations or those just starting out in the sport
- Increased access to exercise, fitness and improve mental health and wellbeing, all within a safe environment away from rules and regulation
- This well designed and managed Skate Park will become a hub for community life for all of the town to enjoy
- A skate facility can be a catalyst for healthy community life in which young and old socialise, have fun, develop new skills, make new friends, hang out and much more. This has been seen even at the consultation meetings
- This new skate park will have involved many people in its design, fundraising and creation; in turn these individuals will have a greater respect for this and other community spaces whilst at the same time realizing their input can make a real difference to the community they live within
- A well designed and equipped Skate Park stops other areas of the town being inappropriately used as a 'make do facility'
- A place for participants to learn patience and respect as well as concern for their own and others safety







THE NEXT STEPS



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As you can imagine a new state of the art Skate Park is not going to be cheap and nor do we want it to be! In losing the current park, we need to be sure that the new facility will be fit for decades to come! That's why we have specified the very best materials installed to the highest standards. We have a figure of £185,000 that we need to raise, and although some funds have already been secured, we have much more to do.

Can you help? There are many ways in which you can get involved with North Walsham Play to bring about the funds we need:

- Donate online to North Walsham Play
- Support our many community events taking place
- Volunteer to join/support our committee of dedicated members in our efforts to fundraise for this and other outdoor facilities across the town
- Donate unwanted items/gifts/pries to support the many raffles and other stands we have at events
- Donate time / resources to support with the running of North Walsham Play (printing, marketing, consumables, advertising, web design etc)
- Like us on Facebook and share/like our Posts and events to help us spread the word

To find out more visit www.nwplay.co.uk or email nwalshamplay@yahoo.co.uk



