

## Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan – Tavistock Skate Park

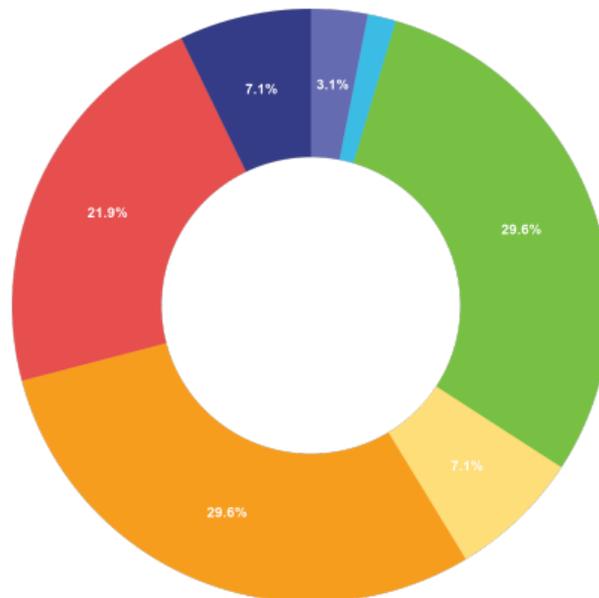
The Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan team approached community and youth groups at the start of our process, one of the youth groups identified was the “Tavistock Youth Café”, the youth café asked some young people for their thoughts on facilities within the town and we were asked by the youth cafe if we would give consideration to developing the skate park.

The Tavistock Youth Café had an initial meeting with members from the Tavistock Neighbourhood Development plan team and it was agreed to capture some data so that we can identify who the skate park is being used by and how might it be developed.

Two surveys were put together, one survey to capture data from the community and another survey to capture data from riders of the skate park

### Community Survey

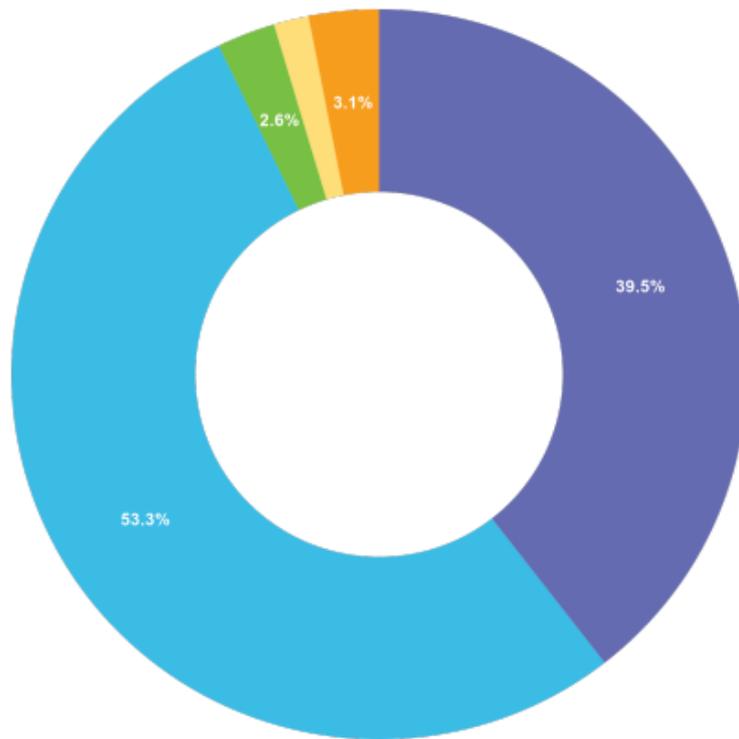
#### Age of responses



Answered: 196 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
Responding on behalf of a young person below 10 years	6
below 10 years	3
10 - 15 years	58
16 - 24 years old	14
25 - 45 years old	58
46 - 65 years old	43
66 years old and above	14

**Gender of responses**

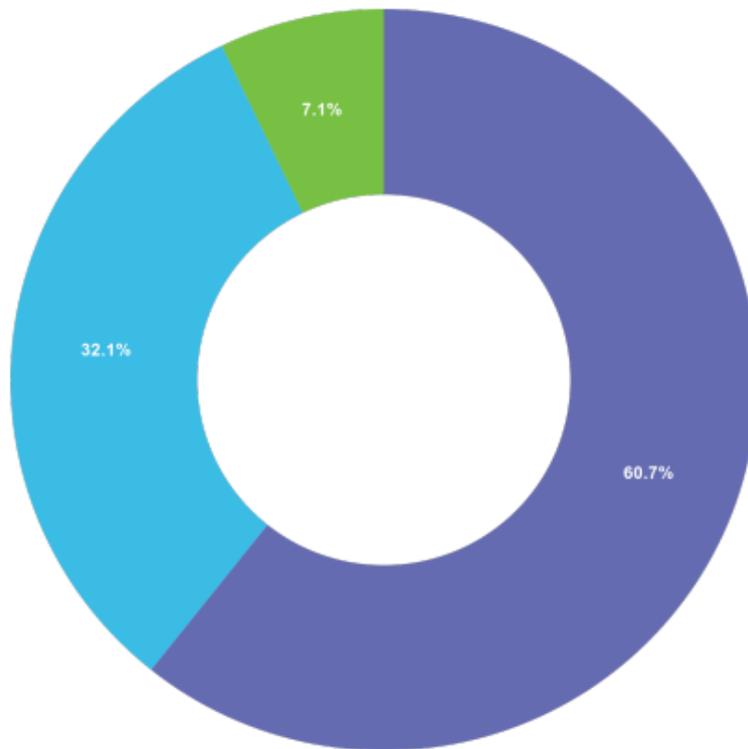


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Choice	Total
Male	77
Female	104
Non binary	5
Gender Queer	3
Prefer not to say	6

**Where do you live responses**



**Answered:** 196 **Unanswered:** 0

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Choice	Total
 In Tavistock	119
 In a close-by village/ town	63
 Beyond 10 miles	14

***Do you support our aim to build a new Skatepark in Tavistock?***

Comments given by those completing the survey:-

- I think a skate park should be for all ages, because some younger children like to go out on their scooters etc. I feel like we need a new skate park because the current skate park doesn't have a lot of things for the younger children, it's mainly for the older children/teenagers. I feel like with a new skate park with things for all ages
- The current skate park is bad and dirty I think it will encourage more skaters to go to Tavistock to use the skate park and it will help the beauty in Tavistock
- The idea would be pretty cool to be able to have a new spot to socialise
- To provide young people, children and their parents with a safe area for wheeled sports
- Rather have something different like a parkour area. It's always skating or basketball never anything unique
- I think the current skate park is unsafe and skaters of all ages in Tavistock need a safer, more up to date place in which to skate. There is little in Tavistock for young people to do and skate parks inspire young people to get involved something positive
- I think the children and young adults need and deserve a bit more to do in Tavistock. The town is becoming a place to retire our youngsters need things to occupy themselves and keep fit instead of being on their phones
- The skate Park that has been made from grass and soil, is good it just needs a bit of a tidy up. I don't think putting in tonnes of concrete to a lovely natural space is quite right. We do need these places for our children and teenagers but not made of concrete. Can we try and be environmentally friendly and think of something else other than concrete please?
- The existing one is dangerous if at all wet. It is vital we provide constructive, active and multi generational resources for our young community to thrive and feel included.
- Because it is an excellent activity for young people. Social, healthy and good for everyone
- The old one is at the end of its life and the kids deserve a new safe space

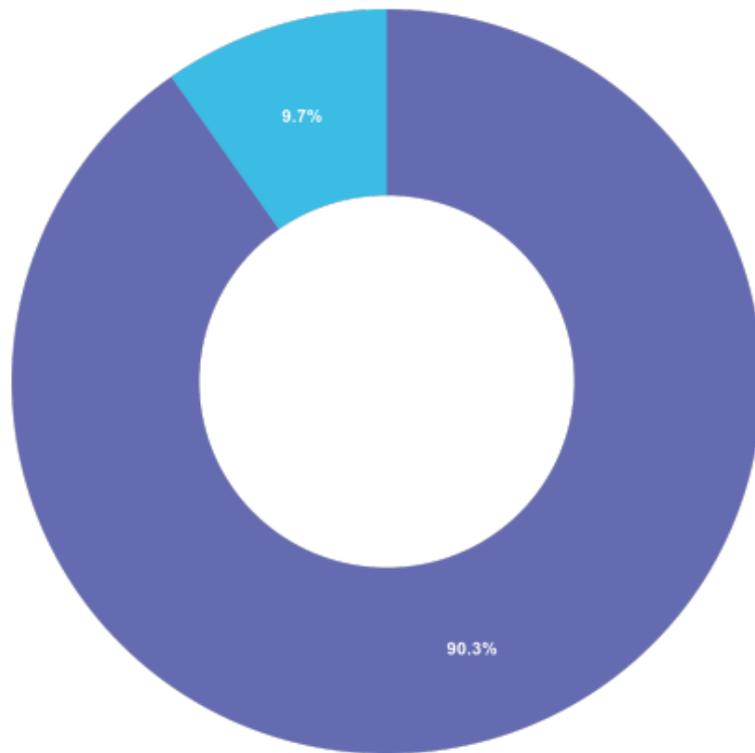
### ***How do you think a new skate facility would benefit Tavistock?***

Comments given by those completing the survey:-

- Investing in a new skate system will update the aging metal structure and invest in a low cost activity for young peoples health and play
- It would enhance tavistock by attracting people living in the surrounding areas as well as providing local children and young people with a safe place to skate which would be away from the playground
- Better community with more people outside
- Take up a new sport
- Where people can hang out
- It would benefit those riding and create new experience
- It would give young children new opportunities and get to express themselves and what they enjoy doing
- Give opportunities
- I feel like it would benefit Tavistock by bringing more skaters to Tavistock
- Extra activitys
- It would bring a different sense to the community
- More things to do
- Better view, more people and encouraging skaters to Tavistock
- I think it gives people a chance to do more outside activity and gives people a chance to try smth new
- people would go to it and it could build friendships
- Because allot of people like skating I think if Tavistock had a bigger skatepark then more people would come and it looks a bit old so if it looked newer and had new concrete that more people would come.
- I think that it would be nice to have a new modern skateboard park because people that skateboard can have a safe and fun place to skateboard and the old one is a bit messed up
- It would encourage more people to get out on their skate boards and scooters
- Fun for youths
- More enjoyment Being outside, instead of inside playing Xbox
- You can get new mates
- A skate facility and hub of some description would be an asset to promote predominately youth community. The hub could be a "cafe"/digital hub/ street art kinda place led by the users to help ownership and pride in their own community.
- The old park is worn down and doesn't have a good variety of skills areas for different ages
- becuz the skatepark now is all rusty and dangerous and old so i think we could make one safer and cleaner and less rusty n styff
- Young people need places to go, and especially ones that are active. The existing skate park is overdue a revamp and could be better laid out.
- Skate parks bring young people together, across quite an age range, in a supportive and encouraging environment. It gives them exercise in the outdoors taking them away from device screens. They are able to socialise and will talk about life the universe and everything whilst taking time out from the actual skating. Parents accompanying younger children also talk to each other. When young people find a good place to skate they will travel into Tavistock and along with their parents or whoever has given them a lift, increase the footfall in the town

- I think it will be a fantastic revival of a community asset which benefits different groups and families.
- Give the youth more opportunities and things to do. It would make the current skatepark safer. It would make the park a more social and vibrant space.
- Give an accessible and safe space for young people to meet up and socialise
- Build community, provide safe spaces for young people, improve safety and run of current skatepark
- Provide an area for young people to enjoy their activity and to provide parents of younger children with a facility to introduce their children to cycling. Ensure that Tavistock has a wide-range of sporting facilities appealing to the entire age range of residents. Improve the town's reputation as an inclusive and desirable place to live or visit.
- It would provide the youth an exciting venue to carry out this activity that is becoming more and more popular. The park at the moment is tired and unattractive. We need to provide activities to encourage physical activities and social connections
- It will be good facility for skater/bmx riders in and around Tavistock ...it will be another attraction for the town & encourage a healthy activity/lifestyle

***Are you happy with the current location***



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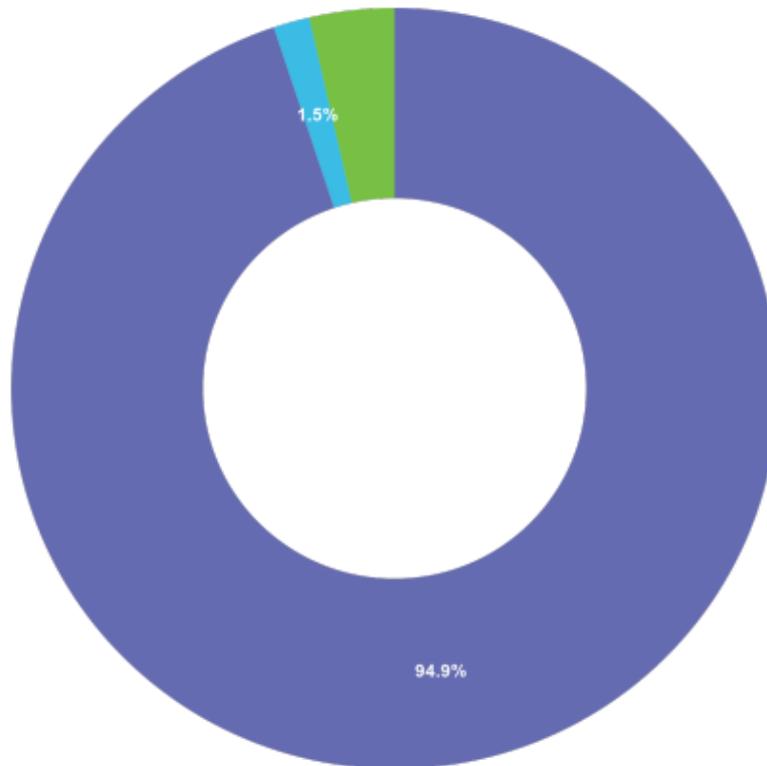
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Choice	Total
Yes	176
No	19

If you answered 'No', please explain below and share alternative location ideas:

- I think it's too small and too many people go there to do drugs
- Could be a bit more open cause it's quite dark there
- It is in an awkward location.
- The location should be expanded to make the park bigger but I have no objection for the location to be relocated as long as it is easily accessible and safe to access.
- Glad it has the pedestrian path which is frequently used as this helps with safety. Is evening lighting good?
- A bigger plot in the meadows, with more visibility, would allow parents to keep a better eye on children between the park and a new skate park. Being more visible would also hopefully prevent a certain level of drug use and antisocial behaviour that currently happens at the current skate park.
- In the centre of the park where everyone would benefit from it, as an adult it's great to see people enjoying themselves, At the moment the skate park is tucked out the way
- Too hidden away, unsuitable material and not very welcoming when groups of youths are gathered in the neighbouring green shelter.
- Either current skate park, where the dirt pump tracks are. I also feel like Gawton gravity hub could host a hard surface track, there's loads of untapped potential!
- Although the current location is okay, ideally it would be better to bring it closer to the playing fields/ park on the other side of the river. This would be so parents can keep an eye on their kids at both the park and skate park but also it may help prevent vandalism as it would be not hidden away like it currently is.
- Not big enough to accompany the requirement unless they also remove the basketball court
- I would rather it wasn't in the Meadows. I am not happy with a concrete construction. I have no idea where there is available land .
- The tree cover in that location keeps the ramps wet for longer. Keeping it in that location would work if there was some sort of cover protecting the ramps from the rain.
- Scout for suitable places. Don't settle on what's existing. There are always options
- I answered yes but I am not sure whether this is the best location for it. I would be guided by those with more knowledge of the subject.
- It would be great to have it on the other side of the river in the Meadows themselves, taking pride in having the facility visible and central, which would further encourage use, particular by the youngest folk with their parents/carers - I understand why this would not be popular with many folk, but there are plenty of examples of how this can work and help create a sense of place.
- More central to the park.
- The current location is in a dark, quiet area. A new location may reduce crime and vandalism.
- I have no idea, I'm new here, but the basketball court could be pushed back and the previous basket ball space used for the new design

***Do you believe more of the community will use the skatepark, if it were rebuilt to modern specifications:***



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Choice	Total
 Yes	186
 No	3
 Unsure	7

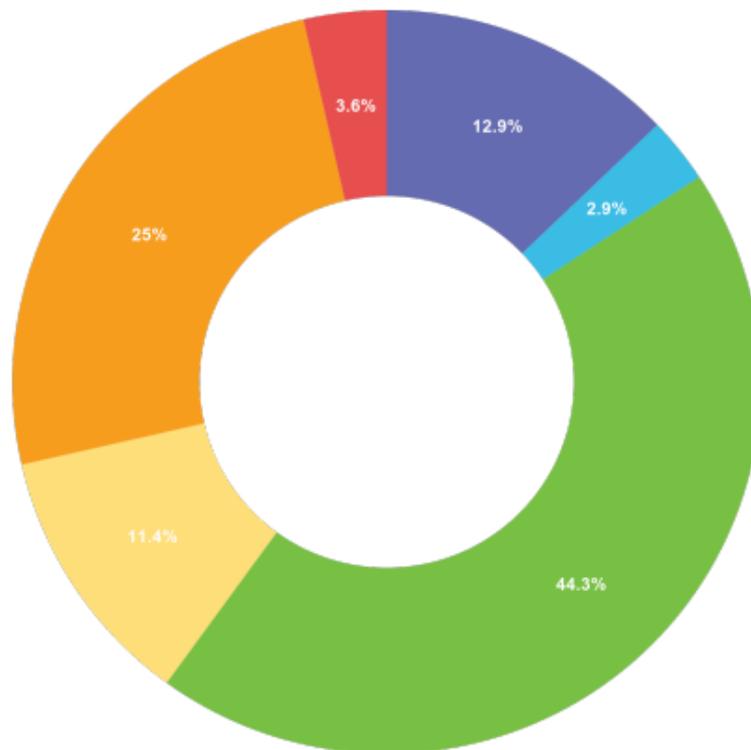
***Would you like to add any other comments regarding the vision for redevelopment?***

- Add a pump track around outside
- Investing in youth opportunities and keeping it contemporary is a logical investment, good job!
- Much needed
- I think that would be great to have a skatepark in Tavistock and if you build it I will buy a smoother or a bike to ride in it
- Would help the younger generation and help people to have fun
- Just make it a bit nicer and more welcoming
- make it a skate park with a community hub for users own drive and enthusiasm to make their mark on Tavistock.
- Every good skate park I've ever seen has been well attended with a good range of people, from little children to adults.
- It would be great to cater for a wider range of abilities from young beginners to advanced riders. A social area for parents, carers and friends to sit and watch would be beneficial too.
- A modern, more ergonomic setup would encourage younger users and families to have a go and use it regularly whilst providing a better facility for those who currently use or have previously used it
- Current skatepark is not only stupidly out of date, but very unsafe and the council currently keep having bodedged repairs done - IE the base of the rail being tarmaced in again with raised lumps, skate or scooter wheels will stop dead when hitting this! Making it unrideable
- Need viewing areas for adult, see Adrenaline Alley in Corby for ideas!
- If necessary, a concrete skatepark could be built 'up' with grass banking around the edge, like Dorchester skatepark (and others) if excavating to sink concrete bowls was not an option. It would also provide more soundproofing and a chance for tasteful and seasonal landscaping/planting
- I think the skatepark should have various levels of difficulty to allow young skaters the opportunity to develop their skills as well as providing challenge for older or more able users too
- Put in something different like a parkour area
- Maybe add a graffiti wall for those who want to do that. Maybe add some small ramps for little kids and beginners as well as larger ramps for experienced, a decent larger shelter for when it rains and lots of rubbish bins
- Make it something that the kids would like to get involved with all ages
- Footprint of the skatepark needs to be extended to accommodate all users abilities
- A graffiti wall built in. So that graffiti artists have someone to leave their tags and not all over the equipment
- So much evidence elsewhere of the impact of a modern skateboard park Current facility is old, potentially dangerous, extremely intrusive in terms of noise and often taken over by groups who are not necessarily representative of skateboarders as a whole
- Devon is in desperate need of a Olympic level park, there are already locals coming up in the skate GB team. Unfortunately though these kids and parent's have to travel far and wide to train.
- Good to have different features to other concrete skateparks in the area - providing new challenges and interest
- Training sessions, support services in the park.

- Hopefully built by riders and with beginners to advanced riders in mind and not so bowl or half pipe but a smooth mix of everything
- It needs to be in the park, in clear site to minimise antisocial behaviour, it needs to be concrete and it needs to have riders included in the design
- The proposal would be a huge attraction to Tavistock - the town is great and well regarded for older generations, but has little of interest to younger generations. Tavistock has fallen behind many other towns in the southwest in terms of provision for younger generations, and a modern skatepark would go some way to addressing this situation. Well designed skateparks are such important facilities and can help improve the perception of young people - good luck with making the vision happen.

## Riders Survey

*Please select your age group*

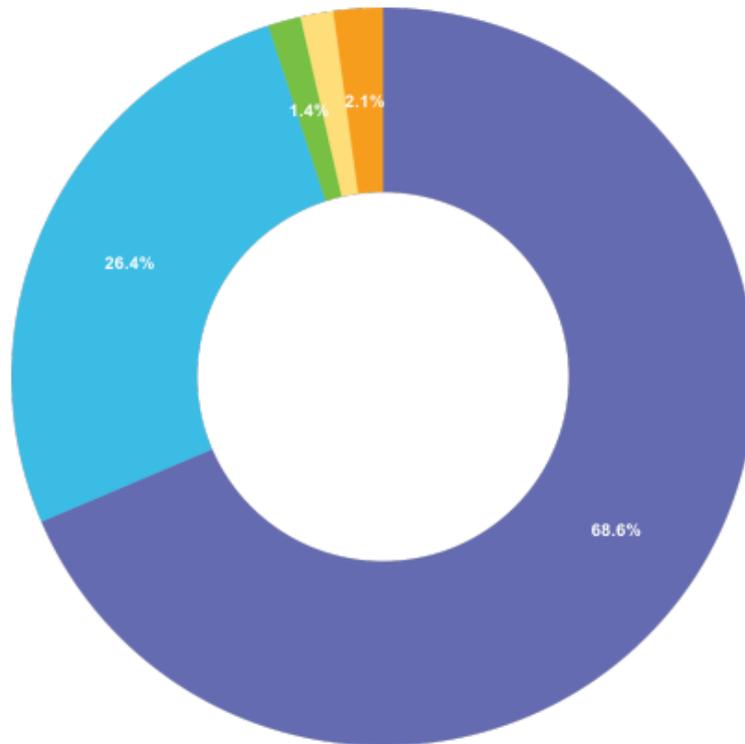


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 below 10 years	4
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**What is your gender or the persons gender you are responding for?**

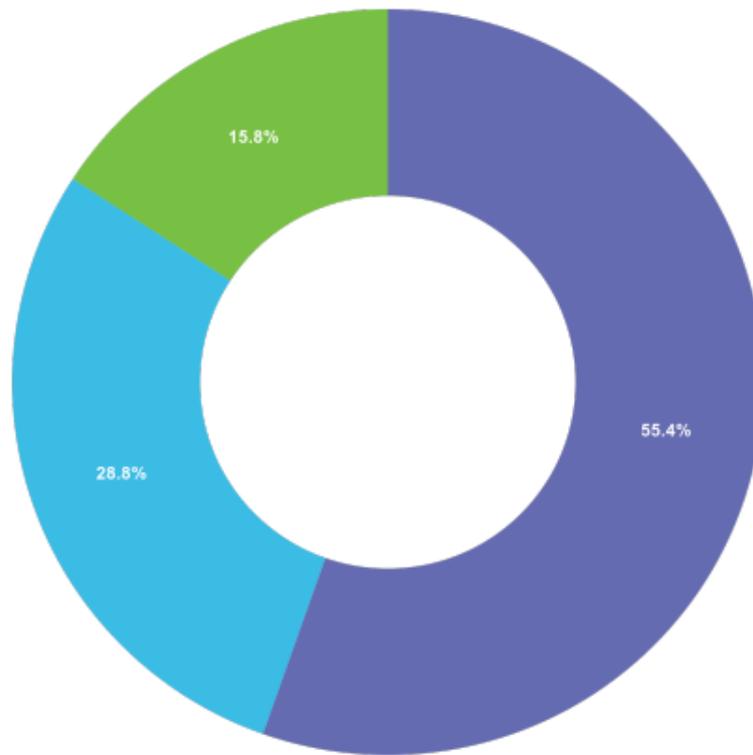


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Choice	Total
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Female	37
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**Where do you live?**

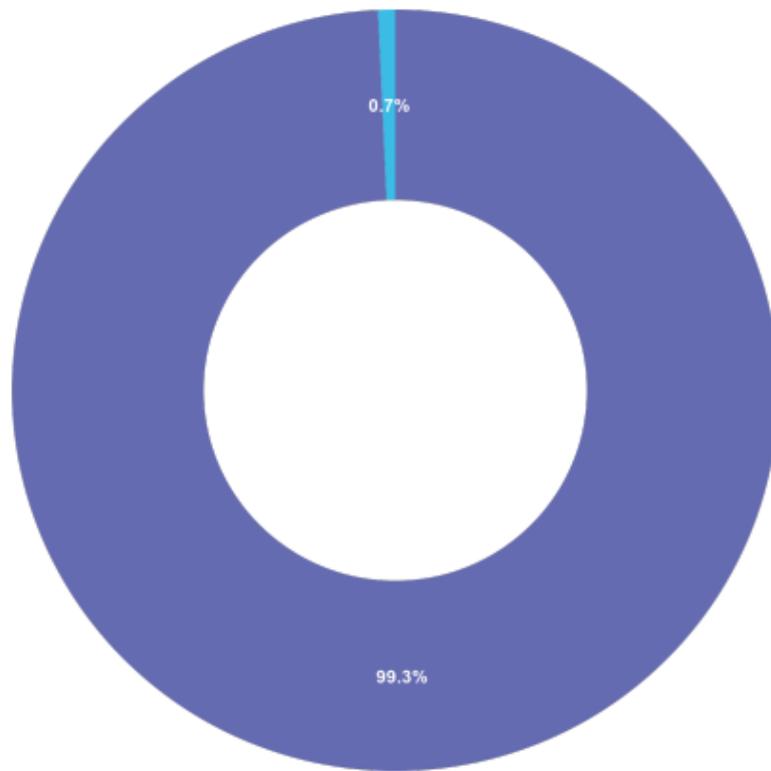


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Choice	Total
 In Tavistock	77
 In a close-by village/ town	40
 Beyond 10 miles	22

***Do you support our aim to build a new Skatepark in Tavistock?***



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Choice	Total
<span style="color: #4a5568;">●</span> Yes	139
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Comments given in this section were:-

- The current skatepark at time can be more dangerous to ride on than riding around the town due to the fact that the metal the ramps are made of can peel up and turn into sharp blade like objects to land on. Having the skatepark being made out of concrete will remove the problem
- It has needed renewing for the whole 15 years I've ridden there!

- It's good that they have thought about the neighbourhood and the people who ride the ramps because the old ones are so loud and they are getting boring so new ones I think will be great
- Love coming to Tavistock and coming with my son and daughter. They would love the skatepark to be another reason to come more often
- The current skatepark is very old and made of metal so always needs maintenance

***How do you think a new skate facility would benefit Tavistock?***

- Could draw more people to take up the activity, the concrete parks are better aesthetically. The current metal park is a bit of an eye sore
- more kids keen on skating
- It would bring people together and it would make it more fun for people to do
- Teens will stop riding in dangerous conditions and places
- Join local community and provide a place to learn and progress in the sport you enjoy
- Because it would make people go out more and want to go out every day and the skate park right now is really bad. If there is a new one it should be made out of concrete
- More scatters beginners would have better conditions to learn to skate
- Because I think it would be nicer and the old one was falling apart
- Safer Environment for littler children
- Increase usage Make me and my friends come out more
- More people would be able to hang out and make new friends! UwU!
- It would benefit Tavistock as it would help skaters be able to have somewhere nice to skate that isn't the roads or slippery metal, it would also help as it would reduce the amount of travel we have to do to get to a decent skate
- Better tricks for people and it would be fun
- Get more kids out
- Encourage us to go out more and get out of the house.
- As soon as word is out about a new good skatepark, riders and skaters will want to go and experience it, especially in a town with no other adequate facilities, the current park is outdated, and dangerous from age. This could be good for Tavistock. Not only will it give the locals a dedicated safe space to flourish their passions, it will prevent these individuals from using the public streets because they have a place that was meant for their craft. People will travel from pretty far to go to a new skatepark, which just means bringing more people to Tavistock. The skaters and riders deserve to have this space just as much as it deserves to have other quality sports and creative facilities
- It would be great because lots of people of all ages like scooting, biking, roller skating and skateboarding. We need a place to have fun and exercise and somewhere we can challenge our skills
- There aren't enough spaces for young people to come together and I think it would help some younger and older people come together and support each other
- Increased footfall, and something for the kids to enjoy
- loads more people would come here and the community could come together
- Build a community of users. Quieter than the current park. Better looking than the current scrapyard
- The current skatepark is definitely outdated and has seen a large decline in regular uses over the years. Other towns with new concrete parks have thriving communities which use

them regularly, such as Hatherleigh skatepark, or Exeter's arena park which are both similarly sized to Tavistock's.

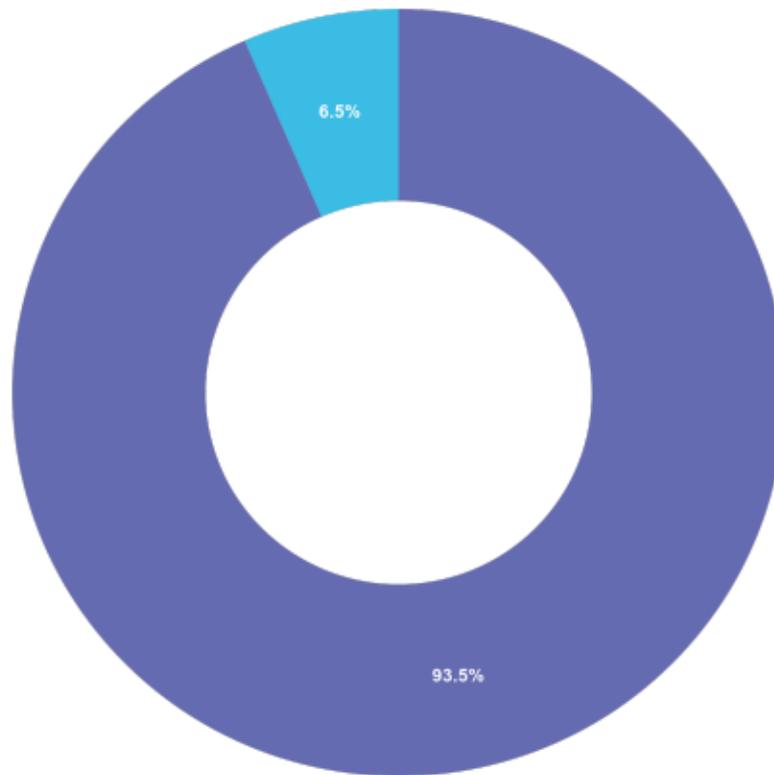
- A skatepark gives so many more age groups than folk expect somewhere to go. Good for families, teens and parents! My family travel most weekends to visit different skateparks around the area. We usually stop for a pub lunch or breakfast and visit the local shops and attractions as part of that.
- Give people somewhere to skate! There is NOWHERE to skate...every surface is rough / potholed / stony / covered in twigs / not-allowed-to-skate etc. It would give younger people more leisure options too, as currently, Tavistock is very much a town that provides predominantly for older people, people with money and tourists
- The old one is very old and outdated, it has become dangerous over time, and is no longer fit for use. New concrete parks are much safer, quieter, and better as multi use spaces, they can be blended into the landscape. they can also be designed to accommodate a much wider range of people and skill levels.
- Tavistock would benefit massively from a new skate park as there is not much to do around Tavistock the metal ramps are so dangerous and look hideous many people use this park and it would definitely benefit from nice smooth ramps and somewhere for people of all ages and abilities to go
- The skate park was super important to me growing up and a new and improved space for the skate etc. community would be a great help to Tavy. As well as helping out people who skate it'll be a positive change for everyone else as the current metal one is loud and dirty and a concrete one will be easier to maintain and cause less of a disturbance
- There are very few things for young people to do in Tavistock, especially free activities. In its current state the skatepark is dangerous due to the rust, protruding bolts and raised edges. Even with that being the case the skatepark still gets consistent use. Being a skateboarder I have travelled many miles to visit decent skateparks, whether for a day trip or to stay for longer. This is common within the skating community and the benefit of this is that it would draw more people to the town supporting the local businesses, paying for parking and using local facilities. In the skateparks current state it requires consistent maintenance to maintain some standard of safety. A concrete park requires little to no maintenance once complete.
- A concrete skatepark, unlike the current metal skatepark, would be rideable and skatable all year round. Concrete is quiet to use (not metal crashing sounds), is usable minutes after a downpour of rain as it dries quickly, and would encourage many more people to use it being updated and modern. The current park is at least 20 years behind modern skatepark designs, and Tavistock is not a destination for skateboarding, BMX freestyle riding (not dirt jumping which Tavi Trails caters for well) or scooters/rollerblades due to the outdated and dangerous skatepark currently there. The current park has gaps where the metal ramps meet the ground and other joins and is dangerous. Other towns in West Devon and beyond have excellent concrete skatepark facilities, making our town an embarrassment in this sports arena. Tavistock is a town to be proud of, and we should be able to be proud of our skatepark. Getting young people outside and exercising is a high priority. There is also a massive demographic of older skaters and bikers who wish to ride a decent skatepark, I am one of them.
- The old skatepark has served a demographic in Tavistock that on the whole has a limited amount of activities that appeal to them. This skatepark has been a home for me for my entire youth. It has kept me out of trouble and investing my time into something healthy & meaningful and has let me grow as a person. The skatepark now unfortunately is showing its

age. Despite repair efforts over the years these repairs are simply insufficient in a skatepark. A new skatepark would mean so much to the younger generation who would respect and ride the skatepark daily. Examples of concrete skateparks are popping up all over Cornwall & Devon but unfortunately these are not close enough for most of the skatepark users to travel to and visit. I think people will even travel to ride the new tavi ramps. This would help local economy. This skatepark is fundamental to the community and it would be very worthwhile investing in its future with a modern rebuild.

- The current park is unsafe and out of date. I grew up in Tavistock and have amazing memories of spending countless days in the skatepark, where I made long lasting friends who I'm still in touch with today (age 30). Through learning to ride BMX there it enabled me to travel around the country and abroad competing in BMX. It was also so good for keeping fit and healthy for people who aren't into conventional sports. It also provides a space for kids of mixed ages and backgrounds to mix which helps confidence building. Furthermore I regularly travel to new skateparks all over the country, where I always buy from local shops and cafes and Tavistock could definitely benefit from this
- A skate park is a brilliant place for young people to learn and enjoy an new sport. But is also a great place for older people to go and do a sport they've done for years
- The town needs safe facilities for healthy living that reflect the huge catchment of people who enjoy these outdoor activities locally and further afield.
- I ran a not for profit skate club in all the schools in and around Tavistock for 10 years and know there is a massive need for a new park within Tavistock. This will allow further development to all the young people now using extreme sports to manage their own mental health and self worth.
- It would be beneficial for the community/local economy and for people to come and visit from outside Tavistock. But it needs to be a quality built skate park and well thought out. Not metal! Like the current one. Concrete would be a great start, and needs to be of a good size too as this will allow the park to have lines within the jumps that can link up.
- It would give residents of Tavistock a good place to learn new skills. Would give young people a an alternative to traditional sports. Build a strong community for those interested in action sports. Cornwall has many popular skateparks which people travel from all over the country to go to. With Tavistock being almost directly on route to Cornwall, having a concrete skatepark would make Tavistock a great stop along the journey having a positive on local businesses and attractions.
- Skateparks do wonders for youth communities. It gives young and old generations a safe space to be creative follow there passion and exercise. If there's no safe place to skate, people will look for "spots" in the public and then they are categorised as vandals, simply because there is no adequate space for them to enjoy the sport. Not to mention the tourism a good skatepark can bring. People will travel miles to come to a good skatepark, which opens the doors for all kinds of community opportunities
- I was just starting out on my skateboard when the original park was built and I'm nearly 35 now! Tavistock is in dire need of an updated skate park, during the original parks hey day it was a constant hub for friends to meet up, skate and be active in an outside environment. If Tavistock has any chance of keeping its youngest active outside of compulsory education and paid sessions at the few places it has, then an updated & refreshed skate park can offer that.
- It gives the community a free to use sports facility that can be enjoyed anyone on a casual, just turn up basis. One built in concrete they are virtually maintenance free and long lasting. Skateboarding is a friendly social sport that has many benefits including improving fitness

and skills such as concentration and dedication. It was recently made an Olympic sport, Devon and Cornwall in particular have produced some high ranking skateboarders on the GB team. Tavistock could be a part of this success too.

***Are you happy with the current location?***



**Answered:** 138 **Unanswered:** 2

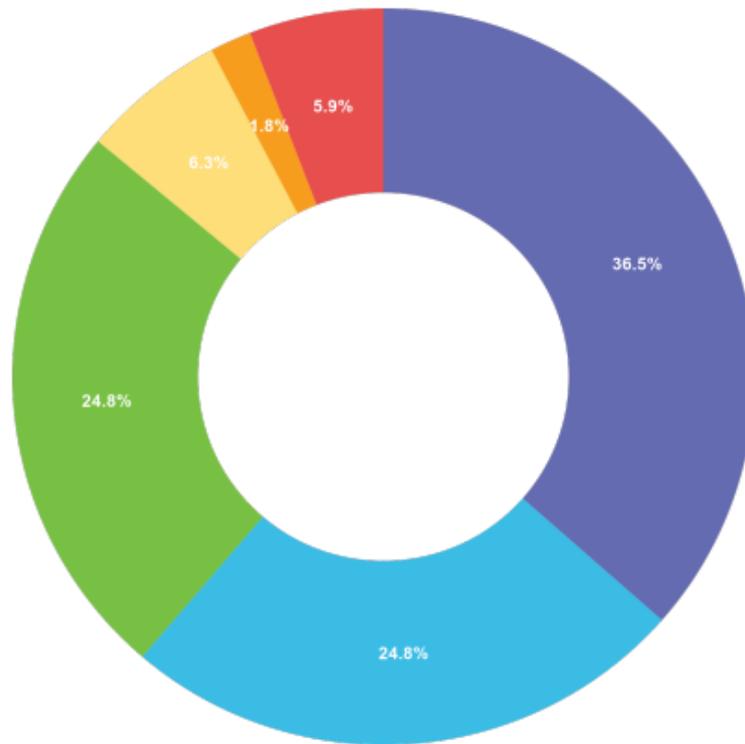
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<span style="color: #00a0c9;">●</span> No	9

If you answered 'No', please explain below and share alternative location ideas

- Happy with current location, or could be where Tavi trails is
- It is under trees so when in the right season the leaves will go all over the park making it dangerous
- near the park
- It is in the worst possible location for a skatepark...let me explain: for every 9 out of 10 times that I come to this skatepark, I have to turn around, get in my car and go somewhere else around a 45min 1hr drive away, instead of Tavistock which is 10mins from home. It is underneath very large, mature trees. In the Autumn the miniramp is plastered in wet twigs, seeds and leaves. Even after spending half an hour sweeping, it will be a slippery wet ramp. In the Winter it is covered in the rest of the dead twigs, leaves, seeds. In the Spring it is covered in sticky tree sap. In the Summer and the Spring mornings it is almost always covered in moisture from being in the shade of the trees, when the evenings are much colder than the days. The sun doesn't dry it out until nearly lunchtime, which makes it unusable and extremely dangerous. Metal is worse than concrete, but if the concrete is not sealed after it is built then it will be just as slimy and wet as the metal ramps. If you're a quad skater and you hit a damp leaf / a twig / seeds, then you stop dead and you're literally on your face with a split chin or broken teeth.
- It's pushed away as if it's bad should be placed within the park get rid of TIN
- I answered no, but the park needs to be much bigger. The current one is too small and tight to ride on a bigger wheeled dirt jump bike. Also the transition and height of each ramp needs to be long enough up in height that it can be ridden well on 26 inch wheeled bikes
- Meadows would be great - could enhance the space and make sure skaters aren't hidden away.
- The location of the current Park makes sense but it isn't safe
- It's in a cool tree environment which doesn't lend itself to recovering after bad weather
- More accessible

**What do you, or the person you are responding for, ride?**

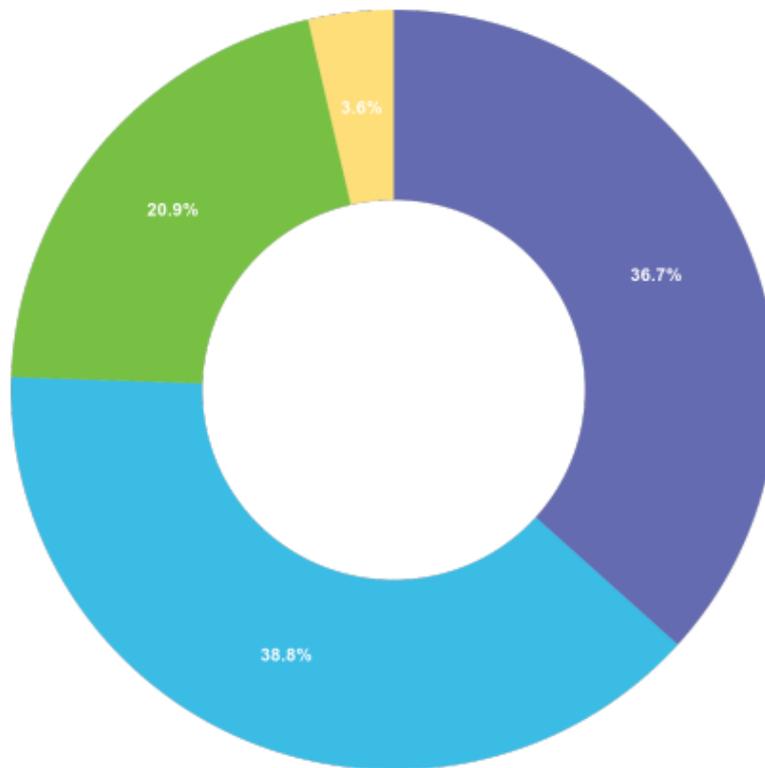


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Choice	Total
 Skateboard	81
 BMX	55
 Scooter	55
 Rollerskates	14
 Inline	4
 Other	13

**What is your standard of riding?**

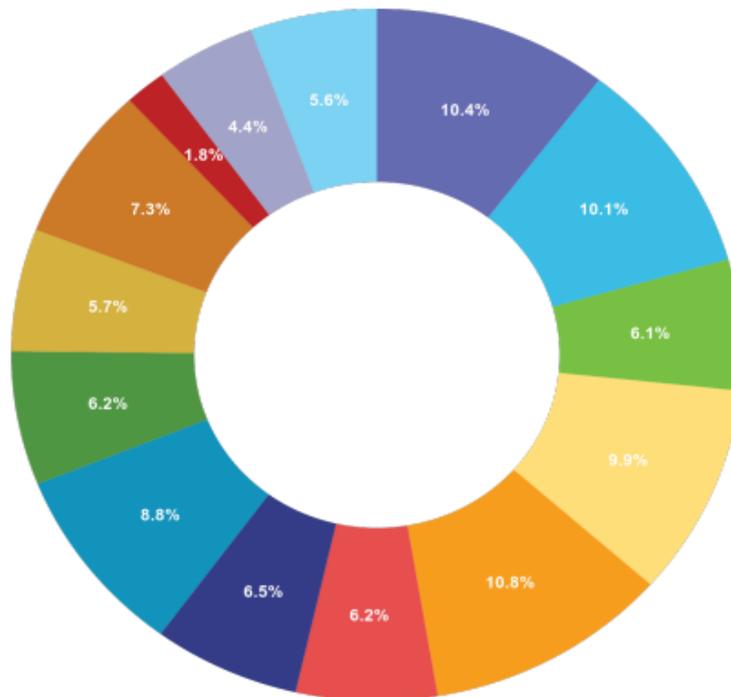


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Choice	Total
 Beginner	51
 Intermediate	54
 Advanced	29
 Expert	5

**What type of park / features do you like to ride?**



**Answered:** 139 **Unanswered:** 1

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Choice	Total
Street	80
Transitions (ramps)	78
Flatland	47
Bowl	76
Mini ramp	83
Launch ramps	48
Jump boxes	50
Half pipes	68

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Ledges	48
	Rails	44
	Banks	56
	Don't know	14
	Manual pads	34
	Outter seating for resting / spectators	43

### ***Do you use any other parks regularly?***

- I only use the one in Plymouth but I live about 30 minute away so I go to a skate park very rarely
- Only the one in yelvi ton
- Gorton gravity
- Prime
- PRIME skatepark in Plymouth, it's an indoor park with lots of ramps
- Sometimes
- Central Park Plymouth
- Tavi playground near Meadowlands
- Yes, the skatepark at Penzance promenade
- Prime skatepark, Sherford skatepark, any new concrete parks
- Central. Painton. Concrete waves, Hawke, The spot
- Exeter, Plymouth, Hatherleigh
- Central Plymouth
- Callington my local sometimes Plymouth
- Exmouth, Chudleigh, Cullumpton, Arena in Exeter, all outdoors. Lodge (Newton Abbot) and Prime (Plymouth) indoors
- Central Park Plymouth. Sherford Park Plympton. Prime Skatepark Plymouth. Mount Hawke Truro. Ashburton. Exmouth. Sidmouth (which is about the same size as Tavistock). Camelford. Concrete Waves Newquay. Okehampton (only for the metal miniramp because the concrete around the rest of the park is a disintegrating crumbly potholed mess). Hatherleigh. Callington (only for the baby spine). Duloe (for the mini ramp). RampWorld Cardiff. Prevail Bournemouth. Chudleigh (for the pump track because the skatepark is nearly always full of leaves)
- not so much, there are not many in close distance, the ramp at st annes chapel was removed a few years ago.
- Truro Skatepark
- Flower Pots, Exeter
- All the good outdoor skateparks in the south west - just not Tavistock!
- SPear park in Exmouth and Teighmouth skatepark on the beach front and an awesome one funded by Glastonbury festival in Pilton, Somerset
- Plymouth, Exeter, Tiverton. Any others I drive past I try to stop.
- Yes me and my family travel all over the UK to skate parks and we know all extreme sports enthusiasts travel far and wide to use decent skateparks.
- Ramp world Cardiff is a very good one, it's wooden but can use the layout as a bass plan
- Yes central park skatepark in plymouth is never empty since they have rebuilt the park and added more to it, it thrives with local talent every day its not raining
- Concrete Waves Skatepark Newquay Cornwall

### ***What would your dream Tavi skatepark look like?***

- Concrete bowl with banks, both with appropriate surf skate lines.
- Jumps bowl a good mix for all riders and soirt spaced out aswell
- I dream for it to be made out of concrete and have it look like the one next to the Life Centre in Plymouth
- Have a lot of specs to practise and have ramps
- Loads of smooth ramps
- With a bar a kids skatepark and a adult one and some pair stuff in case u forgot them
- Nice,fun and big
- to be nice and flat not rocky and a lot of decorations
- Big and smooth
- Big concrete modern just something fun in general
- Big and not be very dirty
- Big bowl lots of jumps volcano and half pipe
- Like PRIME but outside
- Big and open. Lots of choice
- Ramps. Bowls. Seating. Bigger. Area for beginners.
- Much bigger with space to watch and easy features for beginners and challenging ones for better riders
- Variation of all different disciplines, for different skill levels
- Open, no rubbish, places nearby to sit and have a picnic, safe, relaxed, in the sunshine (but also trees nearby to give shade)
- It would be much bigger and have lots of different sized features so that everyone from beginners to really great riders have fun. It should have easy things to start learning and harder things to challenge your skills.
- Be colourful and feature art from the community
- Sherford skatepark with a touch more street obstacles
- More modern and vibrant
- Concrete and big with a street and transition section made for skating, scooting and for a bmx
- It's should have rails ,stairs to jump over a bowls some swirly bowls to get lost of speed and then at the end a huge ramp , transition ramps
- Flowy. Well spaced. Fun transfers
- Look at Brighton local outdoor park it moves really well, also any park done by maverick industries they're pioneers and make everything fit really nice and flow
- 2 ft and 4 ft mini ramp, preferably with the ramps so they're not part of the 'park flow' so NOT like Exmouth! Plenty of seating and bins. Clear paths to the park so it's not surrounded by all grass
- Ideally a shallow bowl like the smaller of the two at Tuckingmill in Cornwall which can be used to carve and as a 3ft mini ramp. Otherwise, a 3ft mini-ramp (half-pipe) can be used by ALL the wheel types and are just as much fun for pros as newbs. The only other 3ft miniramps in the entire region are in Cubert (otherside of Newquay) and Pinhoe (other side of Exeter)....not counting the appalling cheap build at Week St Mary which is listing and has gaps and protruding bolts. A baby spine of the height that is at Callington. Some nice street-into-transition features and low ledges like the park at Exmouth which has great lines (but not the bowl there because it is an advanced level bowl which is very difficult to skate for

most people). Smooth, immaculate concrete that has been properly sealed. a clear line that scooter riders would enjoy so that their lines don't cross the paths of skaters (who always come off worse in a collision)

- great small concrete parks have been built all over the country, the companies that design them are the experts! Hatherleigh, Porthleven, concrete waves etc etc
- Nice smooth ramps concrete no metal a nice bowl and some nice drop ins
- Ideally a concrete park, a bit of vert stuff - bowls & half pipes etc. some street terrain with ledges and rails to grind and a decent space for people to sit and watch/spectate from
- Ocean reef skate park. Western Australia
- A concrete park which flows well from one obstacle to the other with a good variety of features and plenty of run in and run out for each obstacle. I feel a good halfpipe, ledge, and flat bar are essential to a good skatepark to allow people to learn fundamentals. I also feel parks are best when they have a unique/unusual feature.
- Concrete bowl, quarters, flat banks to ledges, mini ramp
- Children friendly, safe. Bright colours
- A mix of concrete ramp sizes to cater for all levels or skate and riding. Transition at both ends with mixed use banks and boxes in the middle to enable multiple people to use the park at once. Anything would be better than what is currently there though.
- Concrete, well Maintained, well lit, get rid of the green tin, don't have any under cover seating to curb anti social activities, mix of street, jump boxes and bow
- A good miniramp and some actually useable ledges and rails. A street section that flows. Most importantly a good miniramp though
- Interlinking bowls with good transitions and hips. Separate plaza section with spread out, well made features.
- Hard question. Look at any maverick concrete parks around the southwest and choose a design that has the most popular features while adding different ramps to encourage people travelling to use our park
- i think there should be a grid rail and a half pipe. a drop in would also be amazing a ramp too it could be decorated by a graffiti artist.
- A professional looking skatepark
- Inclusive, designed for all levels
- It would be designed to feel safe and inviting to all and has lots for ALL LEVELS. Its clean, bright and fun. It has a weekly skate club and offer lessons and loans equipment to new aspiring riders, who havn't got the means to access the park. We have a yearly skate-jam.

***Would you like to add any other comments regarding the vision for redevelopment?***

- Put some colours and safer spots for beginners
- I think it should be made for kids/teenagers from 10 to 25
- Concrete and a new shelter
- Concrete doesn't rust
- Kids need choices for fun, free, outdoor activity spaces, where we can move our bodies and meet new friends
- Please can local school children be involved in deciding the design of the skatepark?
- The scrapyard is poor quality, uninspiring and an eyesore. A new park would be a real draw to visitors as well as a safe space for locals
- Competitions events etc be a good idea for fundraising if a indoor was possible that'll be quite cool as only a few I'm Cornwall
- Go and visit other parks in the region that have a footprint similar to Tavistock; Wadebridge springs to mind. One thing I would say is that many parks I've visited (and I've been skating parks since 1989...I am old now!...but I still skate while I can) don't have decks big enough to safely exit onto, such as a deck out of a 2ft- 3ft quarter which is only 2 - 2.5ft wide, so a skateboarder can exit and step off the board...just, a scooter can do similar and so can a bmx rider who can put their feet down, but a quad skater and to some extent an aggressive inliner are on wheels, so stopping momentum enough not to drop off the wrong side is a seriously advanced capability. There tend not to be rails on these 'lower' transitions so if the deck isn't wide enough then users on wheely boots have a really hard time! I really hope you all get what you want, it's shocking that the Tavistock authorities don't invest in their young people (because although oldies like me will use the park in the wee hours of the morning and when the kids are in school, it's young people who will of course make up the majority of users). This park as it currently stands is extremely dangerous... there are huge gaps between the level of the ground and the lips of the ramps (I can slide my hand under them, they would stop me dead and result in my injury if I tried to skate them), they are rusting through and there are holes you can get a finger trapped in (and ripped off). The ground is SO rough that quad skaters cannot physically skate on it in wheels that are hard enough to actually use on the metal ramps...softer wheels for the rough ground make skating on the ramps very slow and sticky. There are bolt heads sticking up everywhere - lethal! The rail (which is very unusual in that it has a long section that is nice and low) is loose! It's one of the worst skateparks I have ever been to in 30years and I can't believe it is still there and so dangerous a condition and neglected, when it was a 2nd hand discard from Plymouth many years ago in the first place! (I know somebody who used to skate it in Plymouth). The town councilors should be ashamed of themselves. The only users who can still sort of safely use this park are BMX riders and to some extent, scooters. There are new skateparks all over west and mid Cornwall. There are new skateparks all over mid and east Devon, but nothing at all in East Cornwall and West Devon. If Tavi had a half-decent skatepark then it would fill the gap for more than just the young people of the immediate Tavistock area. I wish you all the best of luck and hope that you are getting the support you deserve.
- It makes total sense! bring Tavistocks sports facilities up to date.
- Tavistock skatepark has a very community feel, the local riders are welcoming and friendly to new users. It is a shame that the facility itself is such a low standard
- Please let this finally happen to my town!
- Tavistock is one of the only towns that isn't updating its skate facilities for youth and they really need to get with the times. It benefits people in so many ways and provides kids with

an escape where they can channel their physical and mental energy, whilst building long standing relationships.

- Between a new skate park and the dirt jumps Tavistock, and near by gawton woods, would be well on its way to becoming a real center of interest for cycling nationally
- Make sure you listen to local skaters and what they say about it. That's who it'll be built for so listen to them and not what you're told by big companies or corporations. Let the skaters design it
- Really nice art and good seating for parents
- sometimes less is more with features. and lots of flow would be awesome
- Supported sessions. InterGenerational coaching
- Said it already but it's desperately needed, if tavistock has any chance of keeping it's youth connected, then they need to see active development for them.

## Conclusions

The survey's carried out by the Tavistock Youth Café has provided the Neighbourhood Plan Development team with the insights that they need. The community survey results show that young people are willing to speak up for the future of their skate park and the rider survey has given some insights into their thoughts and feelings.

Whilst analysing the results from this section of the survey, we identified some notable comments:-

- The current skate park is unattractive and could be hugely improved. Last summer my then 3yr old was using the skate park on his balance bike and he made friends with a little girl of similar age with shared interest and level of competence on her balance bike. I was chatting to her mum, this in itself goes to show it's a great place to meet people and socialise however, the little girl fell off her bike onto boiling hot metal ramps. The fall in itself could have been very minor, but as she was stuck under her bike against the metal ramp unable to get up independently, the feeling of being burnt against the hot metal made the experience very distressing for her. My family previously lived in Bristol. There were several hard surface pump tracks around our local area. They were fantastic, free outdoors places to visit for young people and families. We really miss them! My son used to be able to use his bike all year round, but the Tavistock skate park and pump track are very badly affected in the winter months with bad weather because of the materials used to build them, making them only enjoyable and accessible for a few months of the year. I believe the hard surface park would completely change this.
- The current skatepark is noisy, slippery, has sharp and open edges and is out of date. A new concrete skatepark would benefit the community so much. It would be a destination for many outdoor sports including freestyle BMX, freestyle MTB riding, skateboarding, scooters, inline skating. Concrete would be silent to ride on (unlike metal), would dry after rain very quickly, and would make Tavistock a destination for those sports.
- The current skatepark has been in place for about fifteen years, it is made of metal so is extremely noisy for local neighbours, it is coming to the end of its life and needs much more maintenance to keep it safe which is paid for by Tavistock Town Council as it is on their land. The new skate park we need, will be in concrete so much quieter, more modern for the riders of the facility. To be able to have a learner area would be fantastic. Young people enjoy showing off their skills to younger children and are proud to do so. Skateboarding is an Olympic sport and at the 2020 Tokyo Games, the three medals were won by young teenagers, they should be able to come from Tavistock, how great would that be as an inspiration to other young people to take up this sport which is what it is nationally recognised to be. I will keep fighting and urging all to support a new skate boarding facility for our town of Tavistock.
- I have 3 children ages 7, 10 and 13. At the moment we travel to Plymouth or Hatherleigh to use the skate parks there. If there was a better skate park in Tavistock we would definitely make use of it and therefore more local facilities
- Young people would have a modern much needed facility. A concrete skatepark is much quieter than the current metal one, which also requires regular maintenance from Tavistock Town Council, bringing in an outside welder, plus Tavi Gates to do repair works. In the town we have an Olympic sized swimming pool, with elite swimmers. We also have an AAA athletics track, now we need an Olympic skate park. At the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, skate boarding was a new sport and the medals were won by young teenagers. The national skateboarding organisation had funding to build new skate parks, we should have been in on

the act of applying for the grants. Many towns in Devon have had their town councils fund these much needed facilities, Tavistock Town Council need to support young people who want this facility. It will help boost the economy as skateboarders travel to parks in the area, so they buy food, drinks etc. in Tavistock we need these young people.

- I skateboarded when I was younger. My own experience with it (although I didn't realise it at the time) was that it was an excellent form of exercise coupled with much needed social bonding. At the time I looked at it as a fun thing to do, and it was, but the existence of a place where people with a passion for the same sport can gather and socialise has a much more profound impact. When skateboarding, it is important that the ramps are dry as skating on wet ground can damage the wheel bearings which can be costly to replace and wet metal ramps specifically increase the risk of slips (and injuries). I think the idea of replacing the existing skate park with a concrete one is excellent as in the location it is, the ground should dry more quickly which will allow skaters to spend more time there socialising and exercising (as opposed to waiting for the ramps to dry) and, if people are still willing to skate in wet conditions, reduce slip injuries. I believe that young people are using the skate park less frequently now because of the problems with the out of date and frankly dangerous ramps that exist there now. In summary, I think the benefit to Tavistock will be that replacing the skate park with a concrete alternative will provide young people with a much needed place to exercise and socialise simultaneously which will lead to healthier young people and a way for people meet people in different social circles who have the same passion. Which in the long term will make for a stronger economic system in Tavistock. To evidence this, a lot of people who I skated with as a child have gone on to form successful businesses which are now clients of my accountancy practice.

The survey has indicated a need for a replacement skate park and that it should be inclusive for a variety of age groups. In order to accommodate some of the suggestions that the survey has received the current space allocated for a skate park would need to be increased.

In summary consideration in the very near future should be given to: -

- Replacement of the existing skate park
- Increase in allocated space for a skate park
- Review location of a skate park
- Building materials of a new skate park
- Inclusion of all ages
- Safety (day and night)

We have identified that the Skate Park should be a project which should attract time and investment, the existing skate park is at/near the end of it's life and without future investment into the skate park the existing park will become unsafe for use.