

Torpoint Ramps Forum



A short 2025 Impact Report

Overview

2025 has been a progressive year for Torpoint Ramps Forum (TRF) as we moved from skatepark campaigning into formal project development for a new park in Torpoint. Through community events, consultation, youth engagement and partnership working, TRF has built a strong evidence base demonstrating overwhelming public support for a modern skate facility. This work has also led to formal collaboration with Torpoint Town Council and the launch of a tender process to appoint a professional skatepark design company.

The progress made this year has been driven by volunteers, young people, local partners and small grants that can enable community engagement activities and youth-led consultation.

Saturday Social at Torpoint Fest

One of the key highlights of the year was the Skatepark Saturday Social, held on Saturday 14 June 2025 as part of Torpoint Fest. The event took place at Torpoint Skatepark and was supported by a £100 Section 137 grant from Torpoint Town Council. The aim of the event was to create a positive and inclusive skate community experience for young people while also raising awareness about the poor condition of the current skatepark and the need for redevelopment.

Over 65 people attended the event throughout the afternoon, including young skaters, scooter riders, parents and local residents. Eight TRF volunteers supported the day by mentoring younger riders, helping with equipment and ensuring the event ran safely. Three experienced skateboarders also attended to provide encouragement and informal coaching.

The event created an opportunity for young people to access support and equipment. A young person from a low-income family received a donated skateboard which, according to their parent, “made his year”. Another participant was able to replace a broken board deck and return to skating, which provided a significant boost to their confidence. Seven young people were also gifted TRF t-shirts (thanks to a TRF member for sourcing) to help them feel part of the growing local skate community.

The event also played an important role in gathering community feedback. Around twenty people signed up to the TRF mailing list during the day and additional skatepark surveys were completed. Conversations with families and riders consistently highlighted frustration with the unsafe surface and poor condition of the current facility, with many residents explaining they regularly travel to Millbrook or Plymouth so their children can skate safely.

Several local councillors attended the event, including three Torpoint Town Councillors and Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert, who spoke with families about the importance of improving youth facilities in the town.



Community Consultation and Public Engagement

Throughout 2025 Torpoint Ramps Forum continued to engage with residents through local events and consultation activity. The group hosted four engagement sessions at Torpoint Street Market, where volunteers spoke with families, riders and community members about the future of the skatepark.

We also attended the Carbeile School Easter Fayre to let families and children know more about the new skatepark plans. These sessions helped gather feedback on what people would like to see in a new facility, while also encouraging residents to take part in the community survey and join the TRF mailing list. The conversations demonstrated a strong level of support for a new skatepark and highlighted the importance of designing a space that works for different wheeled sports and for riders of all ages and abilities.

Alongside face-to-face engagement, TRF also continued to communicate regularly with the community through social media updates and newsletters, helping residents stay informed about project progress and opportunities to get involved.



Skatepark Community Survey

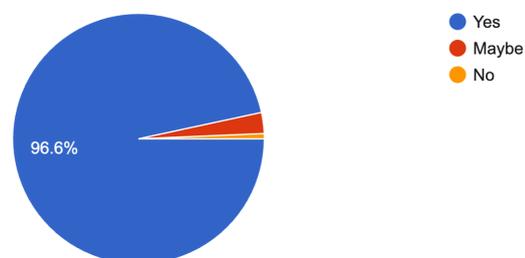
A major milestone during 2025 was the completion of the Torpoint Skatepark Community Survey. The survey provided detailed evidence of public support for redeveloping the current skatepark and highlighted widespread dissatisfaction with the existing facility.

More than 95% of respondents supported the development of a new skatepark in Torpoint, while over 90% expressed dissatisfaction with the current site. The results also showed that more than 70% of respondents would use a new skatepark weekly or daily if it were improved and safer to use.

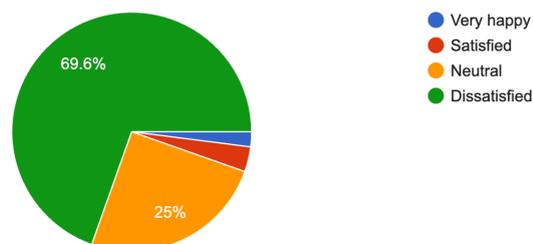
The survey responses highlighted a number of serious issues with the existing park, including uneven and unsafe tarmac, poor drainage that frequently leaves the surface wet or covered in slime, and outdated ramp designs that do not suit modern skateboarding, BMX or scooter riding. Several respondents described the park as dangerous or unusable.

Participants also shared their hopes for a future facility. Many called for a smooth concrete skate surface, improved drainage, better flow between features, and areas suitable for beginners through to experienced riders. Families also suggested seating areas, improved lighting and space for spectators so the park can be enjoyed as a wider community space.

Do you think a new skatepark will benefit Torpoint?
148 responses



How satisfied are you with the current Torpoint skatepark facilities?
148 responses



Respondents repeatedly highlighted the wider social benefits of skateparks. These included improving mental health, encouraging young people to be active outdoors, helping friendships develop, and reducing antisocial behaviour by providing a positive place for young people to gather.

Strategic Progress Towards a New Skatepark

During 2025 the project moved from community campaigning to formal project planning. Torpoint Ramps Forum worked closely with Torpoint Town Council to develop a Skatepark Redevelopment Proposal and a Project Initiation Document (PID) outlining the first phase of the project.

This phase focuses on consultation, site investigation and concept design development, ensuring the future skatepark reflects the needs of local riders and the wider community. The council also initiated a formal tender process to appoint a specialist skatepark design and construction company to lead the next stage of the project.

The vision is to replace the current facility at Thanckes Park with a modern poured-concrete skatepark designed through collaboration with young people and the local community. The Town Council has identified £20,000 in reserves as initial seed funding to support the project and help unlock additional external funding.



Youth Engagement and Skatepark Trips

TRF also secured funding from the Carew Pole Trust to support youth engagement activities linked to the skatepark project. This funding forms part of the ReRamped initiative, which aims to ensure young people have a genuine voice in shaping the future skatepark.

The project includes skatepark trips TBC for local young people, consultation activities and events designed to inspire ideas and gather feedback on design features. These activities are being delivered in partnership with organisations such as Torpoint Youth Project and other community partners.

By involving young people directly in the process, the project helps build a sense of ownership and pride while ensuring the final design reflects the needs of the people who will use it most.

Volunteer Contribution

Torpoint Ramps Forum is entirely volunteer-led, and the progress achieved in 2025 reflects a significant contribution of volunteer time and energy. It is estimated that more than 130 hours of volunteer time were contributed during the year.

This includes approximately 30 hours supporting the Skatepark Saturday Social event, around 32 hours delivering community consultation sessions at Torpoint Street Market, and over 50 hours of meetings, project planning, survey analysis and preparation of project documentation such as the Project Initiation Document and tender materials. Additional time was also spent maintaining communications through newsletters and social media updates.

Looking Ahead to 2026

The progress made in 2025 has created strong momentum for the project. The next stage will see the appointment of a professional skatepark design company and the start of detailed design work with young people and community stakeholders.

During 2026 the project will focus on concept design development, further consultation, and the creation of a full funding strategy. TRF and the Town Council will work together to secure major grants and external funding, including partnerships with organisations such as Canvas Spaces, to support the delivery of the skatepark.

The long-term ambition is to deliver a modern skatepark that becomes a positive focal point for Thanckes Park and a destination for young people and families across the Rame Peninsula.



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Skatepark Community Survey (still open)

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