

Pump 17 Annual Report



Chair's Report - October 2018

We decided it was time we had a decent skatepark in Tewkesbury and so we did something about it.

Our dream is to have a brand new concrete skate park to cater for all wheels. We want a park for BMX and scooter riders, skateboarders and scooters. A new purpose built skate park will bring new people into our town. Health and well being are very important and it would provide a safe, fun, self-policing, sociable area which would cater for all ages, experience and disabilities.

On 12 October 2017, supported by HOPP and Tewkesbury School, we formed **Pump 17** (skate park youth committee) and we currently have nine committee members.

We have held seven community committee meetings and hold regular after-school meetings for Pump 17 members only.

We initially started looking to re-vamp Link Road in Priors Park and researched several skateparks. We met with Maverick, Rhino Ramps, Wheeled Sports and Evolution Skateparks, looking at different materials, surfaces and flood options. On 8 March, at one of our committee meetings, we presented our research in detail to Cllr Cromwell and Cllr Greening. With their support, we have now changed our focus to a brand new concrete skate park for Tewkesbury.

Events:

We've attended a HOPP committee meeting, presented at a Tewkesbury Business Breakfast Meeting to raise awareness, spoken to Tewkesbury School Student Parliament and fundraised at Queen Margaret's Christmas and Easter fayres.

Marketing:

With the help of Will Rendell, have designed our own website www.pump17.co.uk. We have an electronic survey and a business support letter ready for when (if) planning permission is granted for a new site.

We applied for a Barnwood Trust Small Sparks Grant and were successfully awarded £250 for Pump 17 hoodies. We have designed our own logos for the clothing to demonstrate what we are trying to achieve.

We are currently working on a promotional video about who we all are and our vision. We approached Mr Amphlett, Drama Teacher to help us and Severn Vale Comms Team have very kindly agreed to produce our video.

Support:

So far, we have enlisted the support of Tewkesbury Borough, Tewkesbury Town and County Councillors, Barnwood Trust, Severn Vale Housing, Police, Mr Watson-Headteacher Tewkesbury School and several members of the community.

A solicitor from the Tewkesbury Business Breakfast has offered to provide some legal support, pro-bono and Laurence Robertson MP has added his full support to our project and offered any assistance he's able to offer.

We have achieved so much this year and would like to thank everyone for all the support and guidance we have been given.

Miles Rendell - Pump 17 Chair