

Survey Responses Report

# Wendover Skate Park

## Responses to the Survey

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## Introduction and Overview

A survey was conducted by the Wendover Parish Council Open Spaces and Skate Park Working Group. The purpose of the survey was to gather people's views about what they wanted in terms of amenities in Wendover's open spaces and how best to implement the commitment in the Wendover Neighbourhood Plan to improve the town skate park (which has subsequently been dismantled).

## Executive Summary

The survey had **522 responses**. Among the results, certain key aspects can be seen:-

- **98% of respondents want a skatepark somewhere in Wendover.**  
(510 Respondents (97.7%) identified at least one location in Wendover where they would like to see a skate park. Only 12 respondents (2.3%) ticked "I don't want this amenity in Wendover")
- **95% of respondents felt there needed to be more facilities for young people in Wendover.**  
(497 Respondents (95.2%) selected "There should be more to do". 25 Respondents (4.8%) ticked "There is the right amount to do".)  
  
(Not a single respondent ticked "There is too much to do".)
- **Many respondents chose to take the time to provide extra feedback and suggestions in support of the skate park and about additional facilities.**
- **Of the 3 options provided (skate park, MUGA, outdoor gym equipment) a skate park was the most popular amenity**  
(97.7% in favour, as opposed to 94.4%, and 91.2% respectively)
- **Some respondents listed reasons why they would not use a skatepark but many of these can be addressed through further communication or through consideration in the design of the skate park.**

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## The responses in charts

### Where were our survey respondents from?

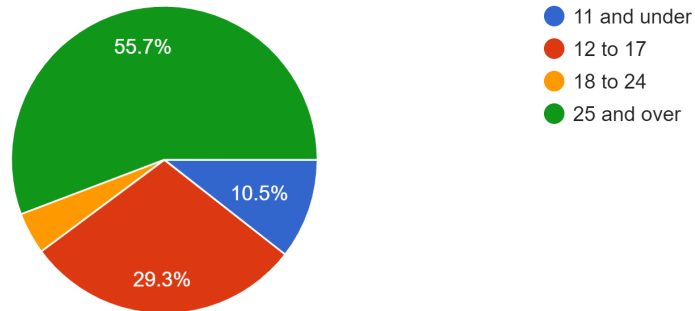
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Aston Clinton	3		Marsworth	1
Aston Clinton	3		Milton Keynes	5
Aylesbury	18		Pitstone	1
Beaconsfield	1		Quainton	1
Bedgrove	1		Radlett	1
Buckland	2		Risborough	1
Butlers Cross	1		St Leonards	1
Cadsden	1		Steeple Claydon	1
Cholesbury	2		Stoke Mandaville	6
Didcot	1		Terrick	2
Drayton Beauchamp	1		Tring	7
Great Missenden	1		Waddesdon	1
Halton	5		Wendover	434
Little Kingshill	1		Weston Turville	14
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### What was the age demographic of our survey respondents?

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How old are you?

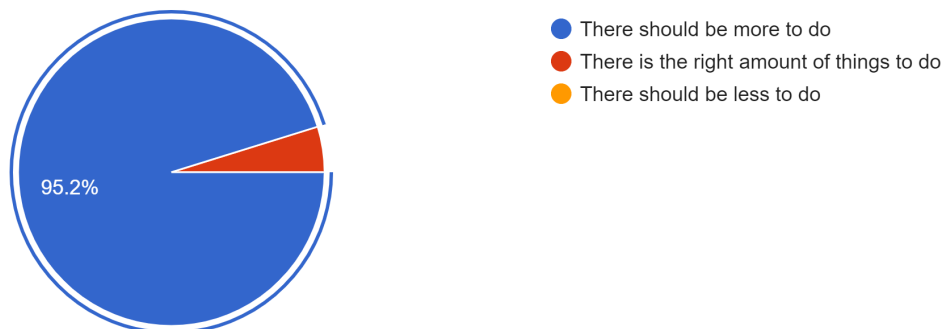
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**There was an overwhelming consensus that Wendover needed more for its young people to do:**

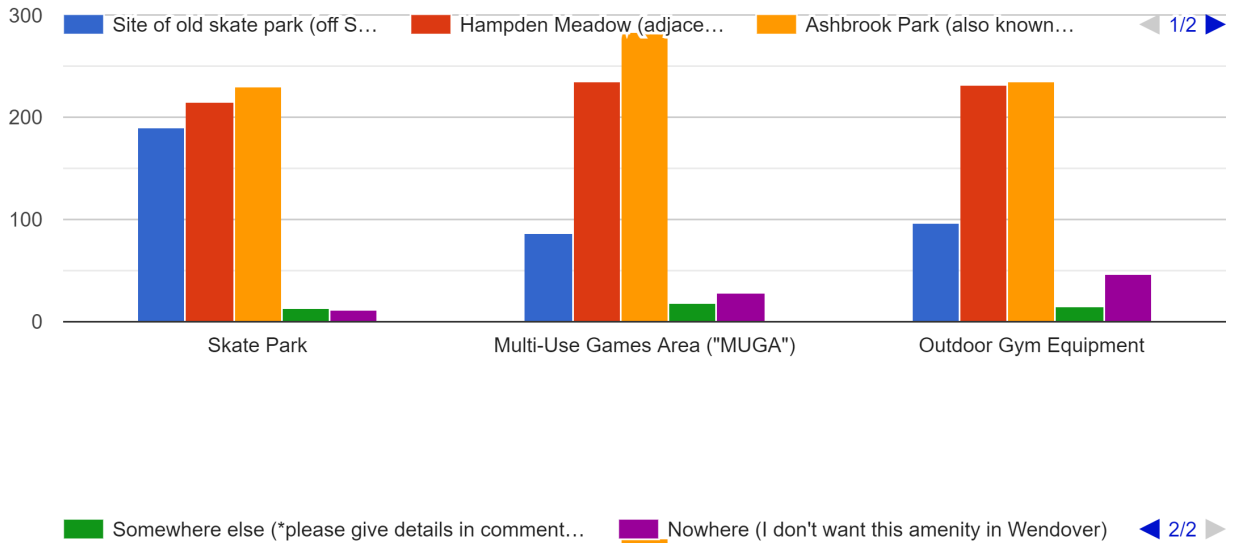
When you think about what there is for young people to do in Wendover, do you think...

522 responses



**The skate park was the most popular amenity. Respondents' views on locations for amenities were mixed.**

Looking at the map of Wendover, where would you like to see the amenities listed below? (Please tick at least one option in each row)

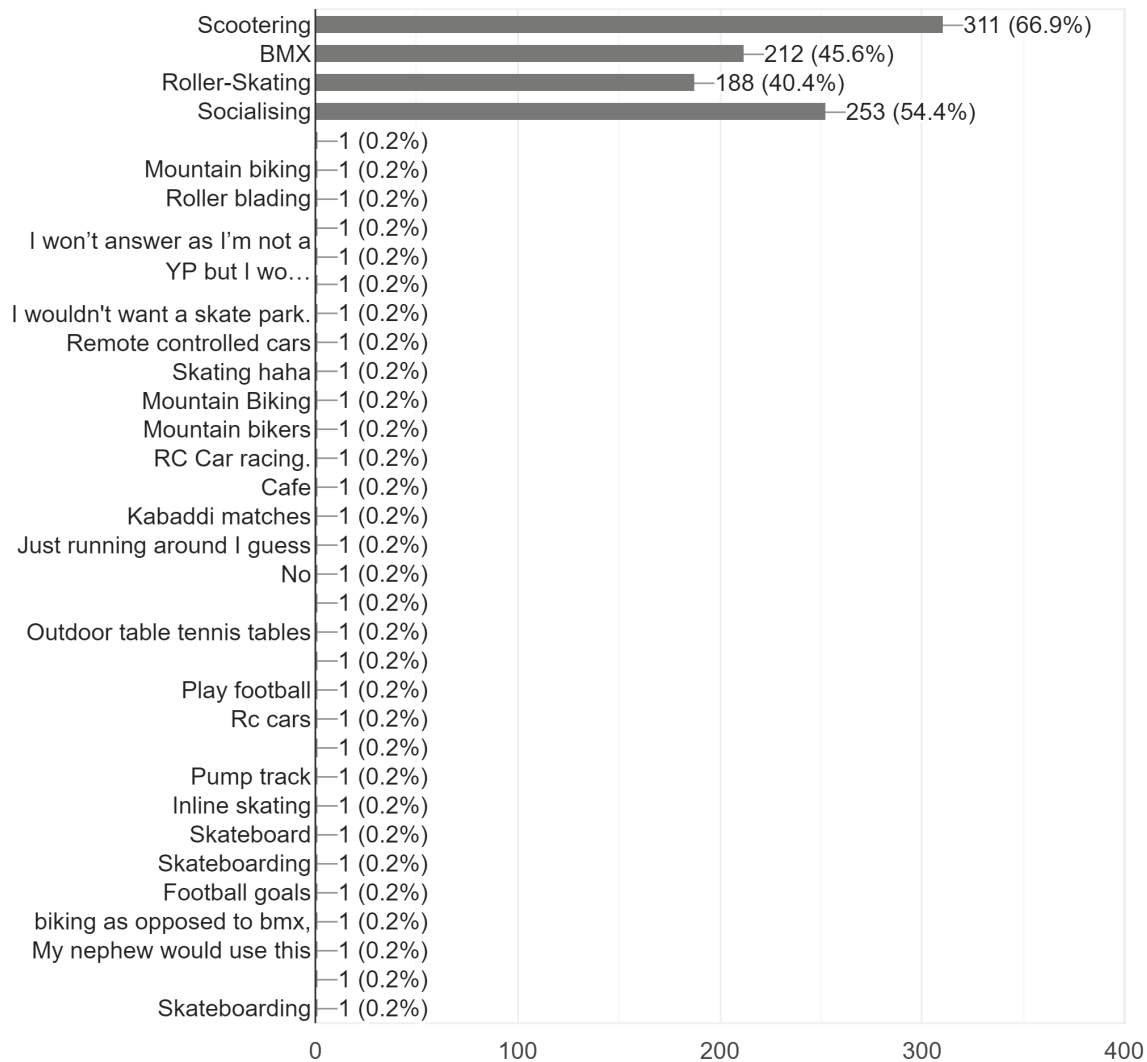


**Many respondents indicated that they would use a skate park for other purposes as well as skating...**

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As well as skateboarding, would you use a skate park for any other activity? (tick any that apply)

465 responses



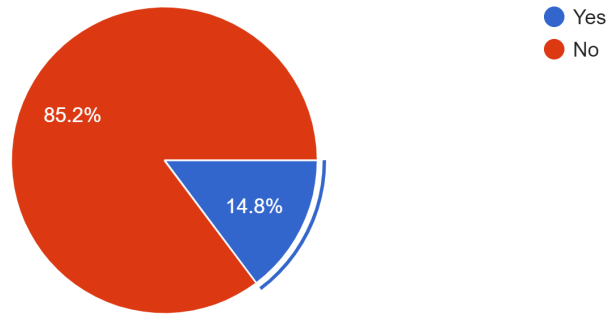
(This graph does not show the other uses that respondents suggested very clearly, so I have added more detail in the next section.)

**A very large majority of respondents indicated they would use a skate park but a not-insignificant minority indicated they would not:**

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Is there any reason you would NOT use a skate park? (If there is, you will get a chance to say more on the next page)

522 responses



(I have provided more detail in the next section.)

**125 respondents have asked to join our mailing list.**

Please tick as appropriate:

512 responses



**Some of the questions in full**

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**Every answer to the question, “If you have any further comments on alternative locations and other activities or facilities that should be considered, please add them here (otherwise, you can leave this blank)...”**

- There is an old abandoned playground near pirate playground along bridal path that could also be a good location
- Consideration should be given to creating a new public open space area near the site of the proposed new cricket ground at the vet surgery.
- Ash room park is a large park and could easily accommodate all the facilities.
- Edenbrooke bike park is amazing
- I would like to see gazebos in the parks for me and my friends to sit in and chat. Also more of the fun activity events that wendover youth club have every year in castle park.
- There should be more youth facilities, a place for young people to meet up with their friends.
- Also there should be more activity trails, jungle gym type equipment that is suitable for older children. Tennis courts or climbing walls.
- An outdoor Theatre would be a really great place for all ages.
- Could there be provision for a pump track and cycle track (velodrome)
- Are the community able to use a Chiltern Way's facilities out of school hours? We saw they had planning permission signs for a MUGA also this would mean we still keep the land in Witchell park as it is.
- Pump tracks are also an amazing facility for many young people
- Something for mountain bikers
- I'm always worried about children crossing the road where the skate park was located
- How about a coffee booth or similar in our park spaces.
- Paddling pool at one of the parks
- Inclusion within a park feels safer to protect the youngsters using the skatepark. Having more people passing by should help protect the children there from harm (eg in case of an injury and to avoid bullying & grooming) and simultaneously reduce opportunities for misuse or anti social behaviour at the site.



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- As a parent, I would be more comfortable having these activities in a more visible place. My concern with the old skate park is that it was so secluded. I also think it gives a better message to young people not to hide them away! Thank you for this survey. Activities for young people are so important.
  - Equipment to suite girls as well as boys
  - Small pop up cafe facility on Ashbrook and Hampden meadow
  - Wendover heights
  - A velo track would be ace! Help with triathlon training for teens.
  - A MUGA Would be Amazing and so many local sports teams could and would make use of it
  - PMG
  - I have always been really shocked at the lack of play area for kids in wendover in the 8 years I've lived here. It's really not sufficient for the 1000s of kids here. Look at tring and Aston Clinton and other local areas. the tiny weeny ashbrook and witchell play areas are almost embarrassing they are so small. It's a real down side of living in wendover. Even wendover woods now has ko decent play area. Who ever designed that clearly din6t have kids. It used to have an adequate play area. Why on earth did they get rid of it!!
  - As a life long resident of wendover I strongly believe that myself and my peers were the last generation as teenagers to appreciate and experience a once strong and financially supported youth programme, just before strict health and safety regulations came in! As teenagers we had access to funded youth centre, playscheams, half-pipe skate park, Wendover carnival sponsored event's, national dance, singing and acting competitions, and so on, I managed to salvage decades worth of memorabilia from the wendover youth centre before the collapse of vital funding
  - The meadow behind Ashbrook Park would be great for outdoor gym equipment
  - I feel it would be really beneficial to many families, including my own, to have disabled facilities for children at the parks I.e swings for older children with mobility needs
  - The road is very dangerous on south street
  - Expansion and refurbishment of the shelter in Witchell Park- and covered area in Castle Park to allow young people to be outdoors in all weather.

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- Outdoor gym equipment up by the schools
  - N / A
  - I wouldn't want any concrete on the lovely grass.
  - The old site is quite remote so I worry it's not safe or is easily vandalised. The parks would be great to develop further but I understand residents concerns that it could get noisy late at night. If these concerns could be mitigated then hopefully this project can go ahead. if not I hope another site can be found.
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  - Ash room park is a large park and could easily accommodate all the facilities.
  - Pumptrack at the site of the old skatepark
  - Surely the best place would be Ashbrook park? Lots of space down by the basketball court which would be perfect for a skate park...plus youths will be out in the open so would hopefully help limit anti-social behaviour!
  - Splash park would be amazing
  - Mountain bike pump track.
  - Football goals/wall , better park
  - Would be lovely to have a natural play area like the one in tring park. Perhaps the meadow starting at End if Bryants Acre.
  - "A hub for children's activities, I run art workshops but there is no where suitable to run them as all the church halls etc are constantly booked up or not suitable ie the floor is carpet and there are no sink facilities or toilets where you can keep any eye on children for safety. This hub could also be used for other activities but not sports- we have a lot of facilities for sports already.
  - Canadian canoes and kayaks for hire on the reservoir/canal.
  - More cycle routes for children aged 4-10 years. "
  - Ashbrook park seems to already have a decent amount of facilities when compared to Hampton meadow. It would be good to revamp the entire offering there to facilitate an area close to wendover center that families and young people of all ages can enjoy together. I particularly like the idea of outdoor table tennis tables and a sports area that can be used for a number of sports.
  - A splash park
  - I would love to see a play trail similar to that found up at Wendover woods spaced out on the path next to the stream from Wendover centre (nr. Witchell) to the church (heron path?) these multiple small sites can provide a place for both outdoor

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gym equipment and children's play areas made out of wood and can integrate nicely with both the existing gym equipment and park at Hampden meadow towards the end of the trail.

- Tennis court - I lived in Manchester for many years and the free tennis courts in the park were always busy and a massive asset to the local community (I appreciate we have tennis facilities already, but not free ones for anyone to play) it would be appealing to a wide range of ages and might be able to bring in income by renting to tennis coaches. Having moved from Weston Turville we really miss being able to walk down to the tennis courts and just play at a moments notice.
- Upgrading the playground at hampden which is old and not all fit for purpose. Add more areas which are surfaces which dont get muddy for toddlers to play and learn to scoot and cycle. A werpour area with road markings for example.
- Joint project with Chiltern academy pump track?
- A splash park would be amazing, with the summers getting hotter and longer having an area for everyone to enjoy and cool down particularly during weekends, school holidays and even just after school would be fantastic and it would appeal to a large age range. I have been to Leighton Buzzard's one a few times and it is a focal point of the park and attracts people from far and wide - could be a great "tourist attraction" for getting more people to shop and enjoy Wendover and could even sustain a "cafe in the park" if the parish council wishes to create an income.
- Massive bowl
- As a BMX rider I liked the old park but it's like every skatepark in the area too small, please keep BMX riders in mind for the design thanks.
- There is a very busy road to cross to get to skate park, so we shouldn't put any kids facilities there. We also love the zip line - can we have a bigger one?
- More land may become available as the Cricket Club moves.
- Update all parks
- Having skate park in a more open park is better than it being hidden away so less likely to be monitored
- Not sure on the benefits/detractions for the proposed skate park sites so have not been able to select one more than another. I strongly advise not only consulting but working with the young people to develop the project. I appreciate this has been well nigh impossible in the Covid lockdown but it's vital they are involved from the

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start. I hope Wendover Youth Centre is already participating. The young people have a wealth of knowledge on construction, surfaces, layouts etc.

- A small bmx track for the kids to use
- None of your options appeal to me. You have very little provision for me as a teenage girl
- Im far too old and fat to skate now. But i did in aylesbury when i was younger. Befor they revamped and ruined the vale park skate park. My advice would be if your were to revamp the skate park. Please try to find out what the actual users of the park would want, not what wendovers elderly residents would like to see.
- A youth centre that children want to go to and with support workers in them to help, we have no children center and really not a very good youth centre for younger carers aswell.
- Aston Clinton Park
- The South St/London Rd location is not a suitable for youth facilities because it requires kids to cross the road at a dangerous point.
- I wouldn't use it if it is in an isolated area. The old site.
- skate park / muga would be good to have at the john colet
- Public toilets and a coffee van would be a huge asset in Castle park
- Open areas or basketball pitches could be nice, but with lighting in the dark so they feel safe for young men and women
- Pirate ship park
- A difficult one due to space required. Use the school facilities?
- biking pump track
- Old Skate Park site is too close to main and busy road. Safety is a worry.
- "Tennis court
- Basketball court "
- A good skatepark would be fantastic. It should be made from concrete, with a bowl feature, ideally bigger than the skate park before.
- "More skatepaejs is less antisocial behaviour I think
- Consider bikes, jump bikes are getting very popular
- Have a smooth concrete skatepark not a metal or wood one
- BMX Bike track
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- BMX or Motocross track
  - A velosolutions pump track would be a brilliant addition to wendover
  - Small bmx track like the one in haddenham
  - Facilities should be together near the youth centre. Not stuck out on the edge of Wendover
  - Would be great to see some of any new facilities based on or near The princess mary gate estate where there are many young people
  - All of the above amenities would be a welcome addition to Wendover.
  - I'd like to see the playground in Hampden meadow modernised / upgraded so it's also suitable for older kids not just under 12s. It's pretty old and outdated now in my opinion.
  - Halton Wood Road
  - biking pump track

**Answers supplied by Respondents who indicated they would use the skatepark for other uses (in addition to skating, BMXing, Scooting, and socialising)**

3 Respondents - Mountain biking

3 Respondents - Remote controlled cars

1 Respondent - Kabaddi

1 Respondent - Spending time with my children who skate

1 Respondent - Large flat smooth area for roller skating and practising

1 Respondent -Cafe

1 Respondent - Outdoor Table Tennis

1 Respondent - Football

1 Respondent -Just running around I guess

1 Respondent - I wouldn't want a skate park.

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(Some respondents mentioned in-line skating and versions of scootering which were considered to fall within the primary categories of usage and reflected in those figures)

### **Answers to the question, "Why would you NOT use a skate park?"**

(NB - It is important to bear in mind that only 12 respondents (2.3%) said they did not want a skate park in Wendover)

(I have tried to categorise these into broad themes. This isn't perfect - some respondents have listed more than one reason)

#### Not intending to use personally, but still supportive

- I fully support having one but I feel my skating days are behind me! I have no children either, but would be pleased to take friends with young families to use the facilities.
- My daughters (16 & 14) said they don't skate so wouldn't use it, but they think it would be useful for the community as they acknowledge lots of people do and so they agree with the idea
- I don't skate myself but my family does. But I do think there should be a skate park for them to use.
- I'm 40. My kids might use it though.
- I am an adult with kids - I personally wouldn't use the park but my kids definitely would
- I'm in my 40's so my skateboarding days are behind me. However my children would love it.
- I'm too old, but it would be great for local kids to have somewhere to skate and hang out with their friends.
- dont currently have a skate board, but would hang out

#### Concerns about park design, location or maintenance

- Often skateparks are overrun by young children 4-10 it can make the skatepark quite dangerous as they are unpredictable and cause collisions
- If it was not looked after.

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- Poor upkeep
  - If there was not enough room to scoot around in
  - It needs to be maintained. The old one often had broken glass near the ramps.
  - If it gets wet and takes ages to dry
  - Dangerous road
  - Worried about safety
  - If it become too overcrowded with younger people
  - As it might get very busy
  - if it was in poor condition or had badly built ramps
  - Broken glass, cigarette ends, rubbish would totally put me off taking my 10 yr old son there
  - If there was not enough room to scoot around in
  - The more secluded the skate park is, the less I would be inclined to visit it with my children
  - Drugs and people hanging about. It's too out of the way and hidden in South Street, people need to be passing by so it can be kept lovely. It wasn't a child friendly place before it was taken out. We wouldn't consider using it then or if it was reinstated there. A patrol needs to be set up within the community to ensure it is safe for young children and not just a hang out for teens.
  - Maintenance
  - They can often be used by teens as somewhere to hang out or by very experienced skaters making it a bit daunting to those less experienced or younger. Perhaps different zones might fix this.
  - All the things at the skate park are for older kids. There could be more things for younger kids
  - You cannot ensure it will be a safe area from broken glass & drug paraphernalia being left behind by older youths. Which is why I think all these activities should be in one place making it easier to maintain and monitor.
  - I wouldn't use it if I didn't feel safe using the facility, the area near the train tracks feel isolated and can be threatening to use if there are older people there.
  - 1. Safety: Dangerous pedestrian/footpath access. 2. Out of view, not overseen by passing traffic/pedestrians & therefore higher risk of inappropriate behaviour by some users.



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- If the ramps were not big enough and the transitions were too steep between the ramps. Metal ramps are not suitable as they can't be used in slightly damp conditions.
  - if it was a rough ground and you can chill and roller skate and with this you will need a bit of open space nothing too cramped
  - If the skatepark was metal. Concrete skateparks work better.
  - If area is isolated or near motorway
  - They can be dominated by skateboards/older boys. It would be useful to have designated areas for little ones, skateboard learners, scooters and rollerskaters

#### Lack of appeal

- Think it's a waste of money and that money could be better spent
- I'm not a skateboarder
- Don't skate
- Because I can't skate
- Personally I'm not into skateboarding so I wouldn't be able to use the facility. I think a skatepark only appeals to a limited amount of people.
- I think there is better stuff to do than skating
- Age
- I'm not very good at stunt scooting
- At 66 I'm reluctant to start on activities of this kind
- Money should be spent on better things like Mark's Spencer's and help the cricket club out
- Too old
- My age, I'm not cool enough
- It is not a hobby I enjoy
- I'm too old.
- Too old!
- I'm too old
- Haven't got any skates

#### Antisocial behaviour and safety concerns

- If there are dog people there

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- Another area for anti social behaviour to occur.
  - Graffiti
  - I'd be scared if there were groups of teenagers smoking/drinking/taking drugs
  - If there was too much intimidating behaviour, playing inappropriate music, using inappropriate language.
  - Because they will become all graffitied on and look all scruffy (Wendover shouldn't look like that.) Also big children will hang out there and put off little ones.
  - If it didn't feel safe.
  - Some bullying and also young kids using it for other purposes and parents having a go
  - Why I put no is because, we already have one, I think the ground just needs to be smoother, and if we did have a second skate park I'm worried that it would be used in bad ways and younger people like me would be inappropriate there. Emily- Jayne
  - If too many much older kids hanging around. Could be intimidating. Prefer if inclusive to encourage more to join in - show how to do skate etc.
  - Do get crowded with older kids
  - If it was a hang out for teenagers and not family friendly. The location of the previous one was very dangerous as no safe way to cross the very busy road to get to it. I would want the access to be safe. Castle park needs a crossing or zebra at least
  - If it were littered and always dirty from teenagers using it at night
  - If there were older teenagers hanging out there all the time.
  - I feel like sometimes groups use it as a hangout area which can be intimidating
  - It gets taken over by boys. I do not feel safe in that situation
  - If it was dangerous
  - If it was littered / signs of drug use there / aggressive youths
  - I would use it unless loads of people that think they are cool go there to drink alcohol and smoke or mess around leaving fizzy drinks cans everywhere.
  - I think it could be an area where some of the 'bad' people would hang around and likely scare off people that want to skate there.
  - In my experience they've tended to attract some of the older more "aggressive" kids, mainly boys. They've not therefore been seen as welcoming for younger kids and/or girls. The isolated location of the previous park may not have helped to be fair.

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- Safety - needs to feel secure - spaces for all ages

**Answers to the question, "Please make any further comments you have either in support of a skatepark or about any other activities you would like to see Wendover's open spaces used for."**

- There's nothing for older children to do in Wendover. A skatepark would be excellent.
- I think it would be a welcome facility for the town's young people. It would be fun, and it could be a venue for events and open up the community.
- Wendover needs a skatepark as the nearest is Aston Clinton which involves lifts from parents. Also the skatepark should be in a well used open situation such as Ashbrook Park for the safety of all age groups.
- i would love a local skatepark, not enough to do
- Build a tarmac surfaced pump track so BMX racers don't have to go to Haddenham. Leighton-Linslade Town Council recently built two for £20k to £25k each. Much more useful to a wider audience (including small children on balance bikes etc) than a traditional skate park that's limited to those with the ability to ride on ramps.
- "So many people go to bake park having a skate park in Wendover would be ace but please
- Make sure it is a proper one
- Not a baby one "
- Pump track and cycle track (velodrome)
- I am answering this survey as a parent to 13 year old and 10 year old boys. It would be nice to have picnic tables and seats nearby. A pump track would also be a very welcome addition.
- A skatepark is multi use and great for the whole community especially teenagers with limited things to do in wendover

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- After visiting Thame Skate Park numerous times with my son and seeing first hand how great it is for people of all ages. This is definitely what Wendover needs. The old site off South Street would be perfect for a concrete Skate Park like Thame.
  - "Picnic benches to socialise but I would also be worried about litter and antisocial behaviour.
  - Some older play equipment e.g. park in Thame."
  - Separate spaces for different age groups and abilities
  - I love to have a skate park, BMX track and mountain bike area in the town. I grew up in Wendover, and would have loved facilities like these.
  - If the skatepark is built it would be really nice to see a variety of different ramps and rails for people to perform tricks on
  - "We are a large family of 6, with 3 sons and a daughter. We spent many a long afternoon at the old skate park. We had lots of fun but the equipment was limited and the location meant that I could not let the children go independently. Having a more accessible skate park will give Wendover's teenagers somewhere to hang out safely and also give them the opportunity to improve their scootering and skateboarding skills. It may well be worth considering having two distinct areas one for older teenagers and one for much younger children. I do often see very young 3/4 year olds trying their best at the skate park in Aston
  - Clinton but accidents are waiting to happen with the older teenagers and young adults flying around on there. Everyone needs a safe place to be able to have a go. It would be such a fabulous addition to Wendover. Outdoor Fitness/outdoor obstacle fitness course would also be a great idea. Let's get our kids active again after having to spend most of the this year indoors with out their friends! "
  - Paddling pool, toilet facilities
  - There is a severe lack of amenities for the teens in Wendover. We have lots of play parks for the younger children but nowhere for the active teens to hang out and socialise. A skate park would be a real boost to Wendover and in my opinion, be widely used.
  - Facilities such as these would enhance the village and provide activities for young people.
  - A skate park is a really great idea.
  - A large skatepark is a good idea so is a pumptrack

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- Please Please improve facilities
  - I'd like more play equipment in Wendover Woods
  - "A multi use sports area and free tennis court would be ideal for a large market town with a population of c 9000. We would, ideally, like a coffee cabin with seating. Having more choice of outdoor facilities really encourages teenagers out of the house to meet with friends and do something constructive, rather than roaming the streets or staying indoors.
  - So many families can't afford clubs and it's unfair that their children's mental health and fitness suffer as a consequence, due to less disposable income."
  - Somewhere for the target audience is desperately needed in Wendover. The scare park in the right location is the best option available.
  - Ashbrook would be a much safer location for any facilities than current location
  - Alongside ongoing improvement of the playgrounds, it would be really important to give young people space and equipment for sports and recreation. A skate park can be used for multiple sports and encourages exercise, as well as enabling young people to socialise safely in public. It might help integrate young people into our community more by allowing a mix of generations if a skate park was located centrally.
  - I would love to see a new skatepark in wendover as my local skatepark is 20 minutes away. If it was in castle park or nearby then it would be a 2 minutes scoot. It would be great for the community and I would use the skatepark everyday.
  - Next
  - Please make it out of nice material unlike the last one so people will actually use it for skating. Or nice flat even concrete rather than mixtures with lots of bumps
  - Really need a safe place to run/cycle that's flat to help with training. People of all ages could use - scooters/bikes/roller skates. Encourage healthy activity. And maybe two lanes. One for slow and one for fast
  - tarmac pump track
  - Next
  - If the skate park is at the site it used to be in, it would be good to also have a better and safer way of crossing the road to get to it
  - Wendover needs much more for the kids to do for free or for a small fee. Floodlit football, tennis court. Full size Basket ball court, Ping-pong tables...

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- There should be a skate park as well as other items like parkour. Watford (although a large town do not directly comparable) has the most amazing park/skate facilities for families to use, even a fraction of what is in some of the parks there would be a huge improvement and give young people a place to go. You can't just stop young people from 'hanging around', that's what they do. What you need to do is to provide them with a place to take part in activities and things that interest them, not just try to stop them being together. Physical activity is key for young people to in order to stay healthy. A skate park would do this to some extent, as well as improved parks/open spaces for all age groups to improve their physical and mental well being.
  - I think a skate park would be a fantastic addition to Wendover. I have two young boys that I know would love to have decent facilities to ride on.
  - A skate park will be a great addition to Wendover
  - A net kingdom would be great in the woods like at black park also a splash park for little ones would be nice
  - As said previously, I wondered if Chiltern Way School could become more of a community resource during holidays and out of school hours. They have such a lot of space and if they build their MUGA this would mean the community has more options. The other area we always thought was wasted was the old scout hut behind the clock tower/old school house by the stream. This is just falling down. Also there is the overgrown allotment space by the library. I would like to keep Witchell as it is as this space is great for younger children and older people with dogs.
  - It would be worth considering an evening patrol if the skate park is not locked at night to avoid drug/alcohol use and littering.
  - The current skateboard park is located too out of town and it is dangerous to cross the road to get there. I suggest aligning the development of a new area near the proposed new cricket ground. It could include a fitness trail and picnic area, MuGA and bike trail.
  - We need more places for young people and children to meet. HS2 took away the skate park so should back equal facilities in another place.
  - We should Use Watford's new skate and bike park as the example model to build and adopt. It caters for all age groups, draws families and youth groups to socialise and build on skills and exercise. It's a fantastic example.

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- Good thing for me and my mates to go and socialise
  - Skateboarding is such a constructive pursuit as it promotes physical activity in a world dominated by inactivity and addiction to technology. Not only that but there is a real sense of progression and achievement as a person grows in skill level due to practice and persistence... which can provide valuable life lessons as that is how you grow and achieve anything in life. With the addition of skateboarding as an Olympic sport it is clearly a wonderful sport and one that will greatly benefit the youth (and not so young) people of our community.
  - I was devastated when the last skatepark was closed, sure it wasn't good, but it was the only thing in Wendover that resembled a skatepark, if you made another one it would be great, but I think it would be safer in a more open area like castle park. Again, thanks so much that you are considering making another.
  - Either separate spaces for the very young and older children, or enough equipment to make sure both can use it together safely would be good. Eg. At Aston Clinton the skate park is used by toddlers on micro scooters as well as by older children learning tricks.
  - Further mountain bike trails in wendover woods and pump/jump track for BMX and jump bikes in one of the parks
  - Would like to see Astro turf football facilities
  - It will be good for Wendover's youngsters
  - I believe Castle/Ashbrook Park would be the best place for a skatepark as the visibility is far better. This helps reduce the potential for antisocial behaviour
  - Please include kerbs and parking blocks in a skatepark, these are suitable for beginners and still used by more advanced skateboarders. Often skateparks are lacking these essential bits of terrain which is a shame.
  - It would be nice to have a cafe maybe at Castle park as it's furthest away from the town,so you could have somewhere to eat and drink. something like they have at Aston Clinton Park.
  - A safe skatepark is a great area for our kids to interact and keep fit with others
  - It would be great to have the facilities made suitable for smaller children with scooters, bikes and skates. My friends and I have children who are two, three and four years old and are loving using their scooters and bikes but other facilities often

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feel too big and dangerous, or else the presence of faster-moving older children makes it too dangerous.

- Skate park with a scooter section for the younger children
- I would love to see natural habitats highlighted with discrete signage to encourage learning about our natural environment
- I don't think the original site is ideal for kids to get to or congregate at.
- Ensure 2 sections to skate park. Toddler and junior area. Teenager and adult area. Learn from mistakes at Ashton Clinton skate park.
- Great idea and a safety need
- "Sculpture art park. One that encourages climbing on, over and through the sculptures. Totally interactive for young and old visitors, a destination and cultural space. Maybe large sculptures like the giant sculpture trail in the Forest of Dean. Wendover could run an amazing competition to bring sculptures into the spaces. I would be very willing to be involved - to write, run and organise a competition and installation of sculptures as I am an artist living in Wendover. My email is
- jaanyr@gmail.com "
- Replacement of the half pipe skate ramp originally located at Castle Park ie ashbrook park, re
- Driving to Aston Clinton almost every weekend have 2 kids love skateboarding. Maybe option for a coffee shop near 😊
- I used the old skatepark and would like to see one in a more central location in Wendover.
- Please get in touch with me to help you make this happen:  
kieren.jarratt@wendover-pc.gov.uk
- Massive bowl
- We need a bowl. Thank you.
- We agree it should be moved, not the best spot. A Muga is a great idea - can be used when parks are too wet and muddy. This would be really popular. A big zip line please.
- There are no facilities for older children in Wendover
- Any skate park location must be safe and acceptable to the wider community.
- I had nothing to do when the skate park was removed.



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- The original skate park, off South St/London Rd, was built by the local youth at the time. The area was originally given by the Lord of the Manor so a proper skate park could be built for them. Wendover needs somewhere for the older children to go safely. If the Old Skate Park is safe, it should be reinstated if that's what the young people of Wendover want.
  - CCTV in skate area to prevent anti social behaviour.
  - Keep the area by the cricket ground young family and elderly friendly. Let the kids go down the road to skate and have fun. Different use parks. Different demographics. Great idea.
  - Given Wendover has Wendover woods on its doorstep complete with Go Ape and the Ridgeway it has much more than many other towns & villages. The old skate park was mainly used as a meeting point by older youths, leaving broken glass & drug paraphernalia about. Its finding out how to engage the older youths 13-16 yrs which seem to be the age group that cause antisocial behaviour around town.
  - The skate park is brilliant for children of all ages however the current (old) location made it dangerous for all. Having this amenity in another location in wendover would give children and teenagers somewhere to go and be active and meet with their friends.
  - Sport a running club
  - We would love to have a skatepark and bmx track for our kids. At the moment we have to travel out of Wendover as there is very little for kids to do here and the playgrounds do not have much choice of equipment either. Thame has a great kids park as well as skate park.
  - A cafe with benches like they have at The Hub in Aston Clinton would also be appreciated as well as bringing in revenue
  - Would love to see a positive use for the space.
  - Im far too old and fat to skate now. But i did in aylesbury when i was younger. Befor they revamped and ruined the vale park skate park. My advice would be if your were to revamp the skate park. Please try to find out what the actual users of the park would want, not what wendovers elderly residents would like to see.
  - With all these things residents will be concerned about anti-social behaviour so I'd consider some form of cctv to keep those who use it safe from the minority who want to abuse such facilities

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- Strongly support having the skate park and it should be somewhere with safe pedestrian access and controlled traffic.
  - My daughters loves skateboarding and we live near halton it would a perfect location not to far out of the way for her to walk there, activity centre or soft play for little kids would also be amazing as RAF won't let civilians use the play area!
  - My son age 8 loves BMX and Scootering it's his bit of time after a hard day or week at school with daddy who also works long days. It's amazing how this sport attracts all ages where the older children 12 plus have a great time with my youngest all showing their tricks. I think any outdoor sport is amazing for them especially with so much technology around! My son often uses the skatepark at Aston Clinton but now based at Wendover School it would amazing for him to meet his school friends there of a weekend or after school etc.
  - An area attracting adjacent family activity and with nearby refreshment sales would be more likely to be better used. (as is the case with Aston Clinton Park & its skatepark).
  - The old skate park is a good place for the older children to go and be relatively safe. It was originally given for this purpose.
  - Would be great to have a Café area in this park too
  - I love skateboarding and BMX
  - basketball hoops would be good / running lanes / mini golf
  - Great idea
  - My son is an avid mountain biker / scooterer / skateboarder and goes to school in Wendover. More skate / scooting facilities in a more central place than the current skate park would be very welcome. The current skate park's location feels quite unsafe compared with the other parks in Wendover.
  - I think it is a good idea to provide recreational spaces for older children in an open, safe environment to encourage exercise and enjoyment whilst maintaining a balance with suitable noise levels within a residential area.
  - Splash park
  - Dogs on leads would be nice, my child is now terrified of dogs due to owners allowing them to jump up on her. There's also a dog poo problem, that needs some attention and I believe keeping them on leads would curate a more secure

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environment for children. We have also had 2 balls popped by dogs while using the parks in Wendover.

- I support the idea that young people need exercise and places to get together for an outdoor activity
- I was a keen user of the old skate park, I thought it was a great facility and I used to travel, by bike, with my children from Weston Turville regularly to use it. We all learned new skills there and I was really disappointed and will never understand why it was closed and removed due to having to 'cross a road'. I cannot fathom why money wasn't instead spent on traffic calming or a pedestrian crossing. I think the location was great for a skate park and would welcome it being rebuilt. Also I think in addition a pump track for biking would be well suited to the location with the natural fall of the site complementing such a facility. I would also add that a skate park in this day and age should not be dedicated to skate boarding and portrayed as a multi use park that welcomes everyone on wheels.
- "As a mother of teenage sons, who are both keen scooter and skateboard users, there is a definite lack of facilities available.
- One huge problem is that little ones with scooters, bikes and skates try to use the skate parks at the same time as the teenagers.
- Even though small children have their own play areas ( which teenagers aren't allowed to enter) they insist on also using the teenage facilities. Teenagers are then told off by the parents of small children for going too fast!!
- If a skate park is built there needs to be a smaller section for the small children clearly sign posted as such, and then a bigger section for the older kids which clearly states 'for aged 12+ Years and competent skaters only'
- Small kids have a play space in every park, why should teenagers be told they can't use the area designated to them, for fear of crashing into and hurting small children who are zig-zagging across the park at a snails pace, stopping the teenagers from using the facilities? "
- There is very little for people who like to do outdoor sports in wendover such as skateboard bmx or scootering. And with aston hill currently closed it for the foreseeable future it makes it hard for people to find things to do which is the cause of anti social behaviour

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- I see a lot of the youths going out up to no good, we need things to keep people occupied
  - Skatepark is such a good idea for Wendover as it teaches younger kids determination and what hard work and persistence gets you.
  - In support of a skatepark as it will help promote physical activity within the local villages
  - Picnic benches dotted around the open spaces
  - Just to say facilities should be more centralised
  - Live music
  - Will a wider consultation take place with current users of Hampden fields and Castle park?
  - We often visit the pump tracks in Milton Keynes or Thame. This would be a great facility for Wendover and encourage footfall to our shops and hospitality venues
  - If the skate park is going to be back at the old site then a pedestrian crossing point would be required as the road is busy for crossing with young children.
  - As mentioned before, I'd like to see the two main parks we have modernised. The addition of a MUGA to replace the existing basketball hoop near Castle park would be good.
  - We spend many weekends at Thame skate park, it would be great for Wendover children to have something similar and an area for them to play football and other ball sports.
  - I fully support a skate park for our younger residents - they do however need to have some sort of ownership of it - could we set up a young persons committee? I also support additional play spaces across the town and want to say thank you for the parish council for all their hard work - it is sometimes a thankless job but the town always looks well kept and maintained down to the work of the council!
  - The Ashbrook/Castle Park field would be ideal for a Muga, the single red goal is always popular so having a larger pitch would be great with 2 goals. There are always people over at the park having a kick about so the muga would be used a lot, giving kids an option when the weather is bad and the grass field is soaked.

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**Answers to the question, "If you have any further comments on alternative locations and other activities or facilities that should be considered, please add them here"**

- A velosolutions pump track would be a brilliant addition to wendover
- "As a life long resident of wendover I strongly believe that myself and my peers were the last generation as teenagers to appreciate and experience a once strong and financially supported youth programme, just before strict health and safety regulations came in! As teenagers we had access to funded youth centre, playscheams, half-pipe skate park, Wendover carnival sponsored event's, national dance, singing and acting competitions, and so on, I managed to salvage decades worth of memorabilia from the wendover youth centre before the collapse of vital funding
- "More skatepaejs is less antisocial behaviour I think
- PMG
- As a parent, I would be more comfortable having these activities in a more visible place. My concern with the old skate park is that it was so secluded. I also think it gives a better message to young people not to hide them away! Thank you for this survey. Activities for young people are so important.
- Could there be provision for a pump track and cycle track (velodrome)
- "There should be more youth facilities, a place for young people to meet up with their friends.
- Also there should be more activity trails, jungle gym type equipment that is suitable for older children. Tennis courts or climbing walls.
- An outdoor Theatre would be a really great place for all ages. "
- How about a coffee booth or similar in our park spaces.
- Paddling pool at one of the parks
- The meadow behind Ashbrook Park would be great for outdoor gym equipment
- I wouldn't want any concrete on the lovely grass.
- Small pop up cafe facility on Ashbrook and Hampden meadow
- Pump tracks are also an amazing facility for many young people
- Edenbrooke bike park is amazing

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- A MUGA Would be Amazing and so many local sports teams could and would make use of it
  - I would like to see gazebos in the parks for me and my friends to sit in and chat. Also more of the fun activity events that wendover youth club have every year in castle park.
  - Expansion and refurbishment of the shelter in Witchell Park- and covered area in Castle Park to allow young people to be outdoors in all weather.
  - A velo track would be ace! Help with triathlon training for teens.
  - Wendover heights
  - Outdoor gym equipment up by the schools
  - I'm always worried about children crossing the road where the skate park was located
  - Equipment to suite girls as well as boys
  - The old site is quite remote so I worry it's not safe or is easily vandalised. The parks would be great to develop further but I understand residents concerns that it could get noisy late at night. If these concerns could be mitigated then hopefully this project can go ahead. if not I hope another site can be found.
  - I have always been really shocked at the lack of play area for kids in wendover in the 8 years I've lived here. It's really not sufficient for the 1000s of kids here. Look at tring and Aston Clinton and other local areas. the tiny weeny ashbrook and witchell play areas are almost embarrassing they are so small. It's a real down side of living in wendover. Even wendover woods now has ko decent play area. Who ever designed that clearly didn't have kids. It used to have an adequate play area. Why on earth did they get rid of it!!
  - Ashbrook park
  - The road is very dangerous on south street
  - There is an old abandoned playground near pirate playground along bridal path that could also be a good location
  - Are the community able to use a Chiltern Way's facilities out of school hours? We saw they had planning permission signs for a MUGA also this would mean we still keep the land in Witchell park as it is.
  - Consideration should be given to creating a new public open space area near the site of the proposed new cricket ground at the vet surgery.

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- Something for mountain bikers
  - Inclusion within a park feels safer to protect the youngsters using the skatepark. Having more people passing by should help protect the children there from harm (eg in case of an injury and to avoid bullying & grooming) and simultaneously reduce opportunities for misuse or anti social behaviour at the site.
  - I feel it would be really beneficial to many families, including my own, to have disabled facilities for children at the parks I.e swings for older children with mobility needs
  - Pumptrack at the site of the old skatepark
  - Surely the best place would be Ashbrook park? Lots of space down by the basketball court which would be perfect for a skate park...plus youths will be out in the open so would hopefully help limit anti-social behaviour!
  - Football goals/wall , better park
  - Ash room park is a large park and could easily accommodate all the facilities.
  - Would be lovely to have a natural play area like the one in tring park. Perhaps the meadow starting at End if Bryants Acre.
  - Splash park would be amazing
  - Mountain bike pump track.
  - A splash park
  - "A hub for children's activities, I run art workshops but there is no where suitable to run them as all the church halls etc are constantly booked up or not suitable ie the floor is carpet and there are no sink facilities or toilets where you can keep any eye on children for safety. This hub could also be used for other activities but not sports- we have a lot of facilities for sports already.
  - Canadian canoes and kayaks for hire on the reservoir/canal.
  - More cycle routes for children aged 4-10 years. "
  - Upgrading the playground at hampden which is old and not all fit for purpose. Add more areas which are surfaces which sont get muddy for toddlers to play and learn to scoot and cycle. A werpour area with road markings for example.
  - Joint project with Chiltern academy pump track?
  - Ashbrook park seems to already have a decent amount of facilities when compared to Hampton meadow. It would be good to revamp the entire offering there to facilitate an area close to wendover center that families and young people of all ages

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can enjoy together. I particularly like the idea of outdoor table tennis tables and a sports area that can be used for a number of sports.

- Massive bowl
- As a BMX rider I liked the old park but it's like every skatepark in the area too small, please keep BMX riders in mind for the design thanks.
- There is a very busy road to cross to get to skate park, so we shouldn't put any kids facilities there. We also love the zip line - can we have a bigger one?
- I would love to see a play trail similar to that found up at Wendover woods spaced out on the path next to the stream from Wendover centre (nr. Witchell) to the church (heron path?) these multiple small sites can provide a place for both outdoor gym equipment and children's play areas made out of wood and can integrate nicely with both the existing gym equipment and park at Hampden meadow towards the end of the trail.
- Tennis court - I lived in Manchester for many years and the free tennis courts in the park were always busy and a massive asset to the local community (I appreciate we have tennis facilities already, but not free ones for anyone to play) it would be appealing to a wide range of ages and might be able to bring in income by renting to tennis coaches. Having moved from Weston Turville we really miss being able to walk down to the tennis courts and just play at a moments notice.
- More land may become available as the Cricket Club moves.
- A splash park would be amazing, with the summers getting hotter and longer having an area for everyone to enjoy and cool down particularly during weekends, school holidays and even just after school would be fantastic and it would appeal to a large age range. I have been to Leighton Buzzard's one a few times and it is a focal point of the park and attracts people from far and wide - could be a great "tourist attraction" for getting more people to shop and enjoy Wendover and could even sustain a "cafe in the park" if the parish council wishes to create an income.
- Having skate park in a more open park is better than it being hidden away so less likely to be monitored
- Update all parks
- A small bmx track for the kids to use
- None of your options appeal to me. You have very little provision for me as a teenage girl



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- Not sure on the benefits/detractions for the proposed skate park sites so have not been able to select one more than another. I strongly advise not only consulting but working with the young people to develop the project. I appreciate this has been well nigh impossible in the Covid lockdown but it's vital they are involved from the start. I hope Wendover Youth Centre is already participating. The young people have a wealth of knowledge on construction, surfaces, layouts etc.
  - Im far too old and fat to skate now. But i did in aylesbury when i was younger. Befor they revamped and ruined the vale park skate park. My advice would be if your were to revamp the skate park. Please try to find out what the actual users of the park would want, not what wendovers elderly residents would like to see.
  - I wouldn't use it if it is in an isolated area. The old site.
  - Open areas or basketball pitches could be nice, but with lighting in the dark so they feel safe for young men and women
  - A youth centre that children want to go to and with support workers in them to help, we have no children center and really not a very good youth centre for younger carers aswell.
  - Aston Clinton Park
  - The South St/London Rd location is not a suitable for youth facilities because it requires kids to cross the road at a dangerous point.
  - skate park / muga would be good to have at the john colet
  - Public toilets and a coffee van would be a huge asset in Castle park
  - Pirate ship park
  - A difficult one due to space required. Use the school facilities?
  - biking pump track
  - Old Skate Park site is too close to main and busy road. Safety is a worry.
  - A good skatepark would be fantastic. It should be made from concrete, with a bowl feature, ideally bigger than the skate park before.
  - "Tennis court
  - Basketball court "
  - Consider bikes, jump bikes are getting very popular
  - BMX or Motocross track
  - Small bmx track like the one in haddenham
  - Have a smooth concrete skatepark not a metal or wood one

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- BMX Bike track
  - All of the above amenities would be a welcome addition to Wendover.
  - Facilities should be together near the youth centre. Not stuck out on the edge of Wendover
  - Would be great to see some of any new facilities based on or near The princess mary gate estate where there are many young people
  - I'd like to see the playground in Hampden meadow modernised / upgraded so it's also suitable for older kids not just under 12s. It's pretty old and outdated now in my opinion.
  - Halton Wood Road