

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

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| Title: | Summer of Skate |
| Date: | 25 October 2022 |
| Contact Officer: | Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager |

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update on the Summer of Skate event held at Thame skate park on Friday 2 September 2022 from 2pm until 5pm.

Update

2. The ATB Summer of Skate events were organised and funded by South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC), Community Safety Team. These events featured skateboarding and scooter coaching, competitions, and prizes. These events were held across Vale and South Oxfordshire and open to anyone wanting to take part.
3. The publicity from other events by SODC, encouraged other users from different towns to come to Thame. The event was well attended not only from Thame residents but also Wheatley, Banbury, and Princes Risborough. A cross section of young and old all taking part in the activities on site. Estimated attendees: 100 to 150 people took part in the activities on offer.
4. The event involved partnership working with Thame Youth Projects who provided and funded additional activities such as Street Art Workshop, bottled water and promotions of their Youth activities in Thame. Thame Neighbourhood Policing team provided security advice and a local company provided maintenance servicing and advice during the event.
5. The ice cream van provided a donation which covered the costs for the bottled water provided by Thame Youth Projects.
6. The event received six compliments on social media commenting on how good the street art and skating activities were.
7. It was the ATBShop Skate Warehouse Team's first time at the Thame Skate Park and they were really impressed with the Thame Skate Park and stated it has the best street scene within the Vale and South Oxfordshire Districts that they had visited.
8. Thame Town Council was the overall event organiser with no outlay for event costs except Officer time.
9. Officers' recommendation is to hold this event again next year in collaboration with the SODC Active Communities Team and other partners, if the opportunity arises.

Action required:

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