

Lights for Chard Skate Park

Developed by young people with support from Chard Detached Youth work Project

Chard Detached Project is a Frontier Youth Trust youth work initiative engaging young people in the community in creative youth work activities. Working in partnership with Chard Baptist Church and in association with Chard Churches Together Frontier Youth Trust is a registered charity 1059328



The Background

There are at least 50 regular skaters and bikers using the park between 2-7 times a week
Younger skaters use it after school and older ones in the evening making the need for lights paramount
The skate park gets more use than the MUGAs



What young people say

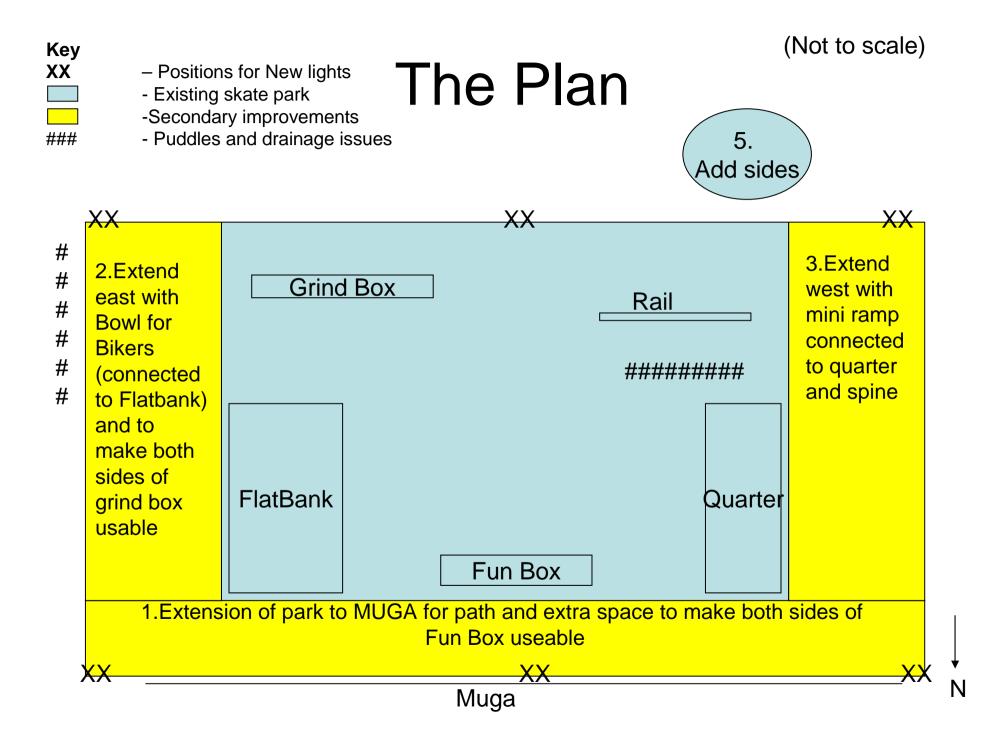
"The improvements did nothing" "Can't use it after 4pm in Winter" "No sides on the shelter" "Puddles on the park and sides" "No path between MUGA and skate park" "It's a good start but could be better" "Not enough variation to improve skills"



The Need

•Primary Need 6 White street lamps

•Secondary Need (see plan) Extension of park to MUGA for path Extension of park to east and west Remove puddles and improve drainage Sides on Shelter





The Specification of lights

6 White street lamps 5 or 6 Meters high to match the existing streetlamps 3 of the lights with photosensitive dusk till dawn sensor 3 of the lights with sensors and timers set dusk -11pm All to include metering for separate billing to Town Council (Lights must be White not orange to avoid shadowing) Primary Need Costs
 -Set up for lights 9k
 -Running costs to be metered

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•Secondary Need -Costs to be confirmed



Income

Primary Need

-Set up for lights 9k to be applied for from Mendip & South Somerset Community Safety Partnership (deadline 10th Sept) -Running and maintenance costs to be met by town council

Secondary Need

-Fund raising by young people and from Chard Community Forum funding and other sources inc local authority

Compared to other facilities in Somerset Chard Skate park was the poorest maintained and smallest, yet had the one of the highest number of users. We would strongly request the council: - Supports the Primary need outlined - instillation of lights - Meets the ongoing maintenance and running costs of the lights -Visits Ilchester and Somerton parks seeing this as a minimum acceptable requirement for a town of this size and number of users. -Supports the Secondary need outlined committing themselves to Extending the concrete to the Muga and removing puddles by Oct 2007 Putting sides on the Shelter by Oct 2007 Supporting action for the East and West extensions