



Press Release

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STREETSPACE RAMPS UP OVER £80000

StreetSpace Youth Project has just secured it's final grant to complete improvements to the Skate Park in Chard.

Following the successful installation of the lights at Henson Skate park which were installed a few months ago, StreetSpace Youth Project has now also secured a grant of £49999 from Community Spaces to develop the site and install new ramps. Working in partnership with young people, the Town Council and District council the group was been able put together a strong case to Community Spaces (a grant programme of the Big Lottery Fund administered by Groundwork).

The work StreetSpace has been doing with the young people over the past few years has built a real sense of community and this was reflected in the feedback we received from the funder and the project has been recognised by Demos as model of community participation. Having already raised £8800 to increase the size of the park and £17000 for lights, the young people themselves were again key in raising this new grant. They have been working on the application including being part of an independent review of the project, complete questionnaires, consultation on design, securing letters of support from community groups and writing their own letters.

Richard Passmore StreetSpace project leader says

"It is great to have such positive feedback about the young people and secure the funding, with facilities being so sparse for young people this will make a huge difference. The sheer amount of admin to complete and manage an application of this size has put a lot of pressure on us as a small community organisation but the hard work and cost has been worth it. The partnership with the Town and District council has really helped"

Sarah Robson Deputy Town Clerk says

'Chard Town Council is very pleased to be involved in this exciting community project which will improve the facilities at the skate park. This is a great example of what can be achieved when agencies work together with a common purpose'

John Furze, Town Clerk to Chard Town Council said

"Chard Town Council has been happy to work with Streetspace on this exciting project and we are delighted the application to the Big Lottery Fund has been approved."

In many ways the work really begins, tenders for the new ramps are out and StreetSpace will be working alongside the District and Town council to host a



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Community Day in July once all the work is complete. With the new cycle track, lights, new ramps, multi use games area and green space it is hoped the site will have a real community feel, with something for everyone and we certainly want this to be reflected in our community day.

If you are a community organisation or business and would like to be involved in the community day or are able to support StreetSpace in any way please email Richard Passmore admin@streetspace.org.uk or telephone 07830197160.

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Notes to Editors

StreetSpace Youth Project

StreetSpace (an Initiative of Frontier Youth Trust) is an innovative youth work project that was piloted in Chard and is now being rolled out across the country. The project works primarily with Young people that are not in contact with existing youth provision and hanging around. The project works through regular contact and informal activities with the young people to enhance their personal social and spiritual development.

- Widely recognised as a leading detached youth work provider Streetspace will be growing 36 new projects in the the next 3 years.
- This funding means in total the young people and StreetSpace **have raised over £80000** to expand the footprint, install lights and secure new ramps for the Skate Park
- ‘You are invited to send a reporter/photographer to a photocall at Henson Skate Park, at 6pm on 31/3/10.’ Young people, StreetSpace volunteers and Councillors (TBC) will be present.

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Community Spaces

Community Spaces is a £50 million open grants programme that is managed by Groundwork UK as an award partner to the Big Lottery Fund’s Changing Spaces initiative. The programme helps community groups create or improve green and open spaces so that the quality of life in neighbourhoods across England is enhanced.

Only community groups in England are eligible to apply to Community Spaces - a full eligibility criteria is available at www.community-spaces.org.uk. The



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programme has been open for small and medium grants (£10,000 - £49,999) since March 2008 and will remain open for these sizes of grants until 2011.

Groundwork UK

Groundwork supports communities in need, working with partners to help improve the quality of people's lives, their prospects and potential and the places where they live, work and play. Our vision is of a society of sustainable communities which are vibrant, healthy and safe, which respect the local and global environment and where individuals and enterprise prosper. **For further information visit:**

www.groundwork.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme was launched in November 2005 to help communities enjoy and improve their local environments. The programme is funding a range of activities from local food schemes and farmers markets, to education projects teaching people about the environment. Groundwork UK was appointed as a Changing Spaces award partner, responsible for distributing £50 million through its Community Spaces scheme.

The Big Lottery Fund, the largest of the National Lottery good cause distributors, has been rolling out grants to health, education, environment and charitable causes across the UK since its inception in June 2004. It was established by Parliament on 1 December 2006.

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