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News Release

From Street to Park: A New Home for Seaham's Riders

Wednesday, 5th August, 2010 saw the official opening of the Seaham Town Park BMX/Skateboard Park. The Mayor of Seaham officially opened the facility and approximately one hundred youngsters were treated to demonstrations by professional skaters and BMX riders. They were then given an opportunity to try out the park for the first time and receive coaching from the professionals. Skaters and BMX riders jumped at the chance to be the first to try out the new £130,000 skate park.

The young people of Seaham worked alongside council officials and the Record RSS in-house skater and skate park designer, to create the ramps and other features. Working in partnership with Seaham Town Council, Record RSS were also able to use the results of a public consultation to design the skate facility.

Mike Foreman, Skater and Record RSS Lead Skate Designer said of the design: "It took only a few brainstorming sessions with the group to come to a conclusion but once we did I was just as excited as the group to see it coming to fruition, especially once it began construction. Its been an amazing experience to see the whole project grow to what it is today, and after the reaction on the opening day, and how much I personally enjoyed riding the park, I now know for definite we reached the best outcome with the space and budget we had to work with. In December last year, we had our first meeting with the group then another three meetings over the next six months, it became quite clear that Seaham had a larger fraternity of bikers than any other discipline, making the overall design more transitioned as opposed to a skate/street plaza style design. This being the case we moved ahead with these ideas and ended on what we have in place today. The user group played a major part in the process so what you see today is pretty much what we came up with together."

Mark Welsh, Town Clerk for Seaham Town Council added: "The BMX/Skateboard facility at Seaham Town Park has been a resounding success and will provide a great deal of enjoyment long into the future. The key to this has undoubtedly been the involvement of the children of Seaham throughout the development of the project which has ensured that we have delivered the kind of challenging facility they wanted. This early involvement of the children has also developed a feeling of ownership which will ensure the facility is treated appropriately and with respect. The project was made possible by collaborative working between Seaham Town Council and the Durham County Councillors representing Seaham who jointly funded the project from their Area Action Partnership budgets."

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