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SKATEPARK FACILITY ON TARGET FOR COMPLETION BUT AWARENESS FROM THE COMMUNITY NEEDED

The construction of the exciting new skatepark facility at Tuckingmill Valley Park commenced in February 2004. Works on the site are being carried out by Kerrier District Council as a part of the third phase of the parks development with funding from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, County Environmental Trust, Kerrier District Council, Cornwall County Council, Camborne Town Council, Carn Brea Parish Council and Illogan Parish Council.

The construction works will create two large concrete bowls for the skaters, in line skaters and mountain bikes - a structure unique in Cornwall. The bowls will be suitable for use by all ages and levels of competence. In addition to the bowls, there will be some street skate equipment.

The construction works are presently half way through to completion and photographs showing the development of the site can be found on our website: www.kerrier.gov.uk. The facility is scheduled for completion soon and should be open to the public from 1st May 2004, it will be free for the public to use.

Steve Wood, Senior Engineer who has been involved with the design and construction of the site said: *'The development of the skatepark is now generating a great deal of interest. In order that we can produce a first class finished skatepark, we ask that people allow the works to be completed without interference. Unfortunately a few individuals have been vandalising the site out of working hours. This is a great pity, as this mindless destruction will inevitably result in delay to the completion of the works, add to cost and will affect the quality of the completed skatepark.'*

Cllr Malcolm Moyle, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Arts & Culture endorsed Steve's comments and said: *'People entering the works area at Tuckingmill Valley Park are putting themselves in danger as well as potentially holding up the completion of the facility. We'd like to ask users of the site and neighbouring residents to be extra vigilant and to ask that if you do witness any vandalism, then please contact the police on 08452 777444 to report it.'*

Watch this space for details of the forthcoming opening

Notes for Editors

Two photographs of the bowls under construction have been sent separately for your use.

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