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Kerrier organises Skate Park Graffiti!

Young people will join a local graffiti artist on Wednesday, to spray the skate bowls at Tuckingmill Valley Park – at the invitation of Kerrier District Council!

The all-day event, arranged by the Council's Liveability Project Team, is an innovative response to the graffiti that has recently begun to appear at the Skate Park. The aim is to involve local youth with the development of their facilities as they work with the artist to design and create high quality graffiti artwork on the huge concrete bowls – themselves unique in Cornwall.

Liveability Officer Andrew Walters explains: *"It's generally accepted that high-standard graffiti artwork can reduce the appearance of low-quality 'tagging' on the same sites. By working with the local skate community, we can help to add direction to the graffiti that was happening, and also ensure that the designs will not be offensive to other park users."*

"Kerrier's Liveability project aims to involve a hard-to-reach parts of the community in the design of local open space, and this event will enable us to do just that."

As well as the graffiti design, the event will give young people the chance to participate in the Council's current consultation about parks and play facilities.

Cllr Malcolm Moyle, Kerrier's Portfolio Holder for Leisure, added: *"This initiative is typical of the kind of common-sense approach Kerrier's Liveability pilot will take to transforming the District's open spaces. We want to get local people involved in making decisions about their own facilities, and no part of the Community should feel excluded from that. After all, this is a Skate Park, and graffiti art is part of skate culture, so why not?"*

"If this event gives some young people more confidence in the Council, and shows that we're working for them as well as for their parents, that's a great achievement."

Notes for Editors:

Members of the press are invited to attend Wednesday's event at 2.30pm, by which time proceedings will be in full swing, with plenty of interview and photograph opportunities.

Tuckingmill Valley Park Skate Park was developed and designed through extensive consultation with the community, and local skaters. The structure is the only one of its kind in Cornwall.

The Liveability Pilot in Kerrier and Penwith focuses on fundamentally changing the way the two Councils go about managing their open spaces. If these improvements are successful, the area will be eligible for a grant in excess of £3 million to spend on open space facilities.

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