

MALMESBURY SPEEDS UP ITS COMMUNITY PARK PLANS

Latest news from Malmesbury Town Council

Plans for a new Malmesbury Community Park are entering a significant new phase, with Malmesbury Town Council inviting tenders for the development of a skatepark and pump track on land at White Lion Park.

The project is led by Malmesbury Community Park CIC, a community interest company formed by residents with the aim of creating an outdoor space for people of all ages to include a skatepark and pump track. The site identified is an under used large grass area beyond the existing playground at White Lion Park.

As the landowner, Malmesbury Town Council will allow free use of the skatepark and pump track. Town councillors Steve D'Arcy and Gavin Grant have been working with the CIC to get the project to this point, while keeping the town council updated on progress.

“We are delighted to invite tenders for this work. Once a full design has been created, this will be submitted for planning permission so that all residents and interested parties can have their say,” said town mayor Cllr Stephen James.

“The tender process for the skatepark and pump track will also provide detailed costings that will be valid for 12 months.”

The design and costings will enable the CIC to apply for external funding, including from organisations such as Sport England and the National Lottery. The town council is also expected to contribute from payments received from housing developers through the Community Infrastructure Levy they have to pay, of which 25% comes to Malmesbury Town Council and the rest to Wiltshire Council. The overall cost of the full project is likely to be around £500,000.

Cllr D'Arcy said: “This is a really important step for the project. Inviting tenders gives us clarity on costs and designs and allows approaches to funders. We are confident that the hard work of CIC volunteers will secure the funding during 2026.”

He added: “The vision is to create a vibrant, inclusive outdoor space that encourages young people and families to be active. White Lion Park is an ideal location, and this project will transform an area that is currently not being fully used”

Alison Scott chairs the CIC behind the project. She said:

“We’re incredibly excited to have put the tender out for Malmesbury’s new skate park and pump track. This is a huge step forward for the project and shows real momentum. The next stages will focus on choosing the right contractors and progressing the design, and we can’t wait to see this facility take shape for the community.”

For more details or to take part in the tendering process which runs to 6 March 2026 visit <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/002382-2026?>.

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Editor's Notes:

Attached is an image of some of the team behind the project standing on the land which could become the town's new skate and pump park – from left to right – Cllr Steve D'Arcy, Alison Scott, Cllr Stephen James (town mayor) and Cllr Gavin Grant.

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