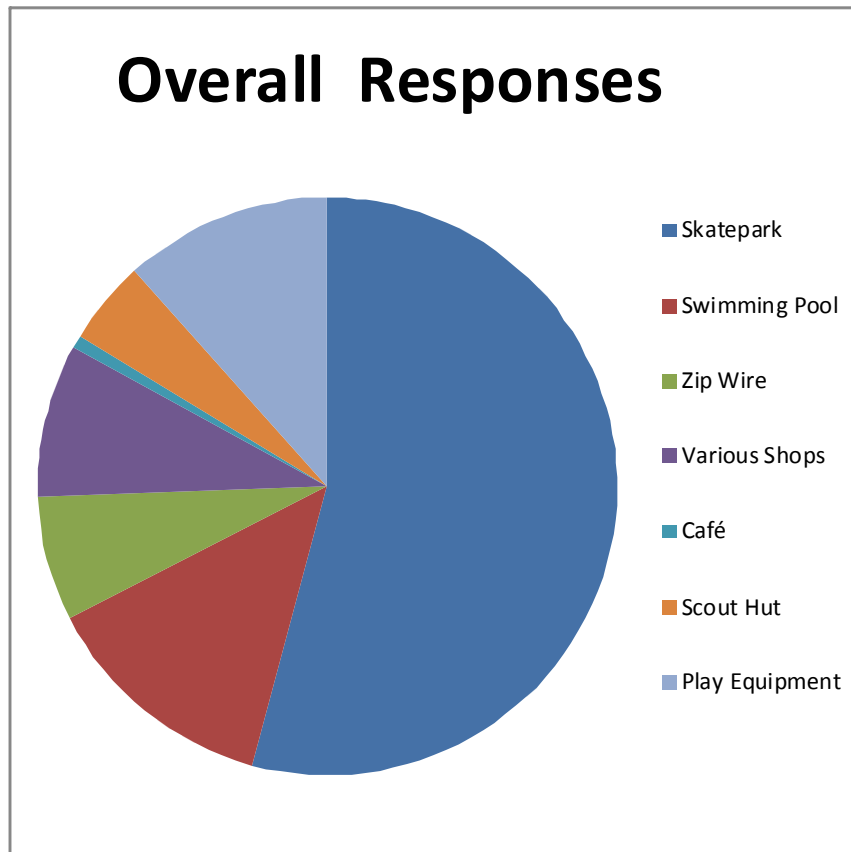


The Cheddington Youth Council undertook a survey spring 2012, through the village newsletter and schools, to see what additional facilities the youth of our village thought we needed.

We had 117 surveys completed which was a fantastic response. The results in summary:



- Of the children that responded 54% would like to see a Skate Park in Cheddington
- In each of the three age bands 6+, 11+ & 14+ a Skate Park scored the highest result
- Overall the next most popular were swimming pool (13%) and more play equipment (12%)

Based on these results, and interest shown in previous years, for a Skate Park facility in the village, we asked the Cheddington Parish Council at their meeting in April 2012, for their support & help in the following.

- 1) Providing and allocating a suitable plot of land in the village for a Skate Park
- 2) Help endorse, (if required), any funding applications.
- 3) Provide assistance with identifying any requirements associated with a public/community area.

We undertook some research during the summer, as well as naming ourselves Cheddington Skate Group, to identify which type of Skate Park would be most appropriate for a village of our size, and for all potential types of users – scooters, BMX & skateboards.

The favourite option seemed to be the street plaza style which is designed to copy and improve upon the street skating experience – which we don't really have in Cheddington! Obstacles in a street plaza are styled to look like natural street terrain such as stairs, railings, planters and benches. A good example of one we visited was in East Grinstead.



We updated the Cheddington Parish Council at their meeting in September 2012 with approximate dimensions and costs, and so now we are identifying where in the village might seem to be a suitable area for such a Skate Park.

It's early days at the moment but every journey starts with the first step. If there is anything that you would like to ask, or any suggestions/ help/experience that you could offer then please get in contact.

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