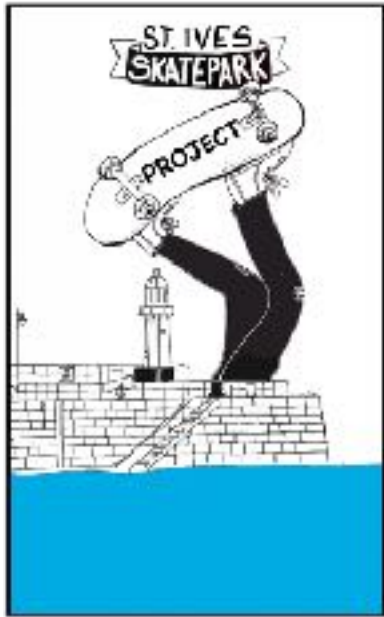




ST. IVES SKATEPARK PROJECT 2018 NEWSLETTER

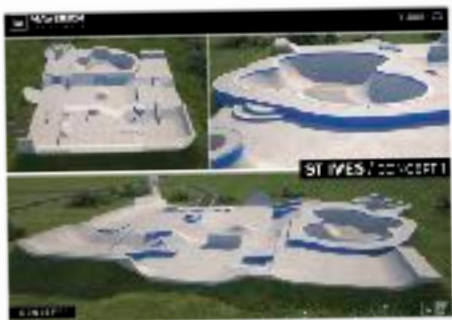
2018 has been an epic year for everyone involved with the project. We've raised loads of cash, built a coalition of support and had some banging parties!

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

Our **Skatepark Project Film** didn't exactly go viral but it went pretty crazy notching up **13,000 views** and **150 shares**. We've blasted out messages on our Facebook page which has hit **646 likes** (all genuine supporters - not the bought in kind) and our website has been constantly improved and updated.



From the outset we have liaised with **The Town Council** (who are trustees of the existing skatepark). This year we made it official with a **Presentation to The Trustees** who subsequently agreed to give their full backing to The Skatepark Project.



We've had a loads of face to face meetings to build up our local support base; **Cornwall Councillors Linda Taylor** and **Andrew Mitchell** have pledged their support and donated money to fundraising initiatives, local **MP Derek Thomas** visited the park and promised to champion it, **Vanessa Luckwell** our **Community Link Officer** has given us advice and guidance and we presented to a group of **Town Councillors** from Hayle and St. Ives. We've also met with **schools** and liaised with the **police**.



There have been three official **Skatepark Project Meetings** in 2018 and loads of informal conversations and gatherings (some of them in the surf!). On top of that we had a full day brainstorming meeting about fundraising in Cafe Art which kicked off the year nicely.



In July we were invited by **Maverick** for a sneak preview of the park they are constructing in Newquay - we came away convinced that we have chosen the best possible company to build our skatepark.

FUNDRAISING

Our grass roots fundraising has hit £16,000 (this is amazing - other big towns which have built skateparks haven't managed anything near this)

So many people have given their time, energy, talent and produce for free. Individuals have given money they can barely afford, businesses have provided venues, bands have played for nothing, produce has been donated, grandparents have written cheques, raffle tickets have been sold, prizes donated, food cooked, letters written, art exhibited, films screened...



We are grateful to The Town Council who have donated **£10,000** to the project. In addition, **£57,000** has been earmarked for the new skatepark from Section 106 Money (thanks **Tim Andrewes** for organising this).

If you add it all up we're at **£83,000** and counting.....

WHAT NEXT?

Our project has shown it has real community backing - that's clear from the level of support we have reached and the money we have raised. Our next job is to go after some of the big national funding pots (like the National Lottery) and that is exactly what we will be doing in 2019.

We will also continue with local fundraising - keep your eyes open for our Art Decko project in March 2019 and check out the awesome Bones Ent events.

Are you a business or an individual with cash to spare? If so how about donating to our plaque scheme - there will be a large granite plaque engraved with the names of supporters at the entrance to the skatepark for everyone to see for generations. (**gold** level £2000 plus, **silver** level £1000 plus and **bronze** level £500 plus).

A HUGE THANKYYOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE SKATEPARK IN 2018

