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Welcome to Xpresionz - the page in every edition of Town & Country that is written by young people, for young people.

Send us your news and photographs and we'll do our best to include your story in the next edition of Xpresionz.

Send your stories to communications.marketing@bracknell-forest.gov.uk, call 01344 352108 or write to **Town & Country Xpresionz, Communications and Marketing, Bracknell Forest Borough Council, Easthampstead House, Bracknell, RG12 1AQ.**

Youth club hits The Spot

The Spot is the youth club in Sandhurst, and is based near the leisure centre.

It has two youth clubs and a courses night and which has covered skills from Brazilian football to babysitting.

It also hosts a music night - Rock The Spot - to showcase young bands from around the area.

Young people who go to The Spot have offered their views on the club, and living in Sandhurst.

Rochelle Thomas said: "I think living in Sandhurst rocks. The Spot Youth Club is one of the only places where we are really supposed to hang out it's really great, and so relaxed."

Kirsty Smith, 15, said: "I like living in Sandhurst because it's a nice place to be. I enjoy going down the rec with my friends but I'm glad we have the Spot to go to as it gives us cool opportunities and stops out being out on the streets."

Emily Calam, 14, said: "I prefer living in Sandhurst because I am five minutes from the shops. We have local parks like the Greenway, Snaprails and a big park. I am glad I live near the Spot because it gets us out off the streets and it's fun messing about with all your friends."

Hannah Oakford said: "I like going to the Spot. We do some cool stuff and the youth workers up there are wicked. I like being able to be respected for who I am. Believe it or not, I actually quite like school too, especially history and drama (my teachers are wicked) and it's good to be closer to school too."

Rachael Channer said: "I have lived in Sandhurst for 11 years and go to Sandhurst School. Most of the young people I know tend to go down the rec and hang around the park which is ok but a bit boring. I like living in Sandhurst but I don't think there is much to do apart from go to the Spot on a Monday."

For more details on The Spot, email maggie.newman@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Young people campaign for improved Sandhurst skate park



EXAMINING OPTIONS: The existing skate park in Sandhurst

We are a group of eight young people from Sandhurst, aged between 14 and 21, who came together to ask the town council to improve the existing skate park in Sandhurst Memorial Park.

How the group began

During the summer, one of the members, Tom, asked the youth workers to help us speak to Sandhurst Town Council about extending the skate park, and we formed the Sandhurst Skate Park Committee.

We asked if it would be possible and the town council's Executive Officer Chris Smith gave us some useful feedback. He suggested we prepare for a proposal.

What we wanted to achieve

We had group discussions about what we wanted to do with the park. We made choices about what we would prefer and what we could cope with not having. We considered costs and decided that our priorities would be to extend the area and spread the ramps out, so we could improve our skills, and also make improvements to bin access and the shelter area.

What we have done so far

- We have made a video to show the talent of the people who use the park and show how it can be awkward to skate.
- Worked on own designs for the park and discussed it with experts.
- Organised, prepared and delivered a presentation to Sandhurst Town Council about what we would like, why we want and deserve it, and who would benefit.

What next

We have received positive comments and feedback about our presentation; but are now waiting for a decision to be made.

If approved, we will look into ways we can fund the project and get support from the local and skating communities.

For more information contact the Sandhurst Skate Park Committee via Facebook or Bebo or email Beckie Wain at rebecca.wain@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

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If you are aged between 13 and 19 and would like to win an Ipod touch, simply fill in the questionnaire and return to the address on the bottom.

Alternatively visit www.xpresionz.co.uk and enter online.

Name:.....

Age:.....

School/college:.....

Male/Female:.....

Email:.....

1. Are you a member of a club like scouts, guides, church or sport? Yes/No

2. If yes, which one?.....

3. Where would you look to find out about things to do locally?.....

4. Have you heard about the Xpresionz website? Yes/No

5. Have you looked at the Xpresionz website? Yes/No

6. What score out of 10 would you give the site?

7. When searching the internet for information which search engine do you use?.....

8. Have you heard of the following?

Youth Forum Yes/No

Youth Opportunity Fund Yes/No

Youth Parliament (MYP) Yes/No

9. What would you like to see in our borough for young people?.....

10. What issues affect you - like bullying, money or health?.....

Return your entry to: Johane Pitney, Room 6, Coopers Hill Youth and Community Centre, Crowthorne Rd North, Bracknell Berks RG12 7QS, by Friday, March 28.

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