

## **WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ATB Proposal**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 During 2022, Swindon ATB secured funding for lunchtime events for young people through Swindon Borough Council funding. The organisation has written to Parish Councils offering to repeat the activities if Parish Council wishes to fund the sessions.

#### **2. Detail**

##### **2.1 Swindon ATB Proposal:**

ATBShop are offering once again a 3 hour event at "Your skate park" in one/all of the above school holidays. Either April 2023 or summer 2023.

As an idea of time, ATBShop would run an event 10am-1pm or 2-5pm..

ATBShop will be playing music and commentating off our PA system to give the event some real energy. This will enable spectators to follow the event, and also encourage the riders to take part.

During the event, ATBShop will be helping with skateboard and scooter tuition. Anything from entry level - up to pro training. No gear, no issue. ATBShop will also be providing lots of free scooters, helmets and skateboards for everyone to use. These scooters would be for adults and juniors to use. Everyone will be welcome to take part in our event regardless of age or gender.

ATBShop will also be playing games and competitions over the 3 hours for scooter riders and skateboarders. We will be handing out loads of prizes, give aways and goodies in competitions and throw outs to keep everyone excited for the day.

For an extra £50 we can include food and drink to give away. We found that a lot of children had skipped breakfast or hadn't the funds to eat during the holidays as a lot of children wouldn't be accessing the free school dinners which they would at school.

Some parishes and town councils have in the past opted for the food and drink at an extra £50 as they felt their community would benefit. Other parishes haven't, so its just what your Council or Parish feels will work the best and what would be required.

These events have been a life line to parents to get their children out

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doing something rather than being behind a computer and of course fed!  
Lots of children are still not wanting to mix with other children indoors so this was a perfect opportunity for immune suppressed children to get involved again and mix with other children safely.

Lots of children took up new sports such as skateboarding and scooting after our events which has led to children becoming more healthy and active. ATBShop has also found that these events have cut the crime rate and anti social behaviour down in these areas. The list goes on as to why these events were so important for health and mentality.

All our staff are all DBS checked and have taken part in child protection courses. Our events are all fully insured for liability.

Hope the above gives you an idea of the events we are able to offer?  
Please make contact for a quote for your skate park and event. I know ATBShop have already ran many successful events at your skate parks, which have been very well received. We hope we can continue this successful relationship into other holidays.

For a quote please reply with a date and time and the location of the skate park as different distances cost different amounts.

### **3. Financial Implications:**

- 3.1 ATB have not yet confirmed direct costs per session. In previous years costs were c. £450 per session.
- 3.2 The Parish Council has no budget for school holiday activities specifically, however there are earmarked reserves for youth development. A key consideration for the Parish Council is that the skate park is open access and there would be some difficulty ensuring that those attending the sessions were residents of West Swindon Parish.

### **4. Recommendations:**

- 4.1 Councillors note the information in the report and consider whether to progress with school holiday sessions.

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