

# YOUNG INSPECTORS



Young Inspectors report on: John Cattle's Skate Club

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The 'Young Inspectors Scheme' has been developed to capture the voice of children and young people who have a disability and/or additional needs giving them the opportunity to contribute in shaping and developing the service.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the Short Breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

## Report Summary

Inspected areas	Overall (star rating) out of 3 Stars	Did they meet Young Inspectors needs
Staff		See 4.1
Fun and Enjoyment		See 4.2
Accessibility		See 4.3
Safety and surroundings		See 4.4

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## **1.0 Details about the provision that was inspected**

John Cattle's Skate Club is a short breaks activity that provides skateboarding in a safe, fun and structured environment with professional skate coach John Cattle (and team). All abilities and ages catered for.

### **Overview of the organisation/service:**

John Cattle's skate club offer a block of 5 lessons for £20 for ages 5-17.

### **What they provide:**

SKATE CLUB is run by veteran professional skateboarder John Cattle and his team. John has been skateboarding since an early age, and officially started the skateboard company, Wight Trash in early 2004.

Over the last 4 years he has also developed skate lessons for children. This all started as a bit of fun teaching John's 4 year old son, then his son's friends, and then their school got involved, being the first to hold regular lessons and workshops. This has all developed now into lessons for adults, and sessions for more experienced skaters to learn some new skills too.

Lessons take place every week at West Wight Sports Centre in Freshwater, and at St. Marks Church Hall in Wootton, as well as at other venues, after school clubs, and events across the Isle of Wight.

All ages are welcome, from 5 years old to adults – from complete beginners, to old pros. No equipment necessary as boards and complete safety gear is provided, as well as ramps onsite.

You can also book a Skate Club Party, for Birthdays, team building events, or just to do something different with a group of friends. Whatever the reason, you will be able to skateboard within an hour, guaranteed.

**When is it available:** Every Sunday 3pm -3.45pm and 3.45 to 4.30pm

**How much is the costs:** Block of 5 lessons is £20 with £6 per siblings per session.

**Who to contact to book:** John Cattle

## **2.0 Introduction – Why we inspected John Cattle’s Skate Club?**

We decided to inspect John Cattle’s Skate Club on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November as part of the usual Short Breaks session.

## **3.0 Methodology – How we inspected John Cattle’s Skate Club?**

The inspection took place on a Sunday afternoon. Young Inspectors went along to participate in the usual Sunday afternoon Short Breaks session. Two young people took part in the inspection.

## **4.0 Review analysis- What we reviewed**

### **4.1 Staff**

Young Inspectors stated that they were greeted nicely by John and Chris, each of the Young Inspectors fed back that John and Chris were both friendly, helpful, happy and fun!

### **4.2 Fun and enjoyment**

Young Inspectors had lots of fun during the session. They all commented that they felt happy, the activity was fun, they enjoyed Skate Club and one would go again with the other Young Inspector thoughtful that he might like to go again. Both Young Inspectors said it was a good opportunity to meet someone new.

### **4.3 Accessibility**

Accessibility was discussed with each Young Inspector; it was felt that John Cattle’s Skate Club is offered at a good price (£5 per young person for a 45 minute session at time of inspection). John Cattle’s Skate Club short breaks session run on a Sunday from 3pm -3.45 and 3.45-4.30pm. One of the Young Inspectors did make the comment that they thought that on Sundays children might like to spend time with their families. The

building was all on one level with access for wheelchair users. Both Young Inspectors noted the signage around the building was good to ok.

#### **4.4 Safety and Surroundings**

The Young Inspectors participating left feedback that said they felt safe and that the staff were very nice during the inspection.

#### **4.5 Food and Dining experience**

There are no facilities available on site to purchase food or drinks.

#### **5.0 Summary of Inspection - What the Young Inspectors found**

Young Inspectors were asked to inspect the safety and surroundings, the staff, accessibility and the fun and enjoyment of the activity.

Young Inspectors felt they were safe throughout the session. All safety equipment is provided by John Cattle's including helmet, knee, boards and elbow pads. The Young Inspectors all commented on how friendly John and Chris were and that they were both happy.

#### **6.0 Recommendations – How the activity can be made better?**

One of the Young Inspectors did comment that they felt Sunday might be a family day but, neither made any further comments about how the session could be made better they all enjoyed their time at John Cattle's Skate Club.

#### **6.1 Young Inspectors views**

Young Inspectors felt that the session overall was very good and the activity offered was good fun.

#### **6.2 Young Inspectors Lead recommendations**

I feel that John Cattle's Skate Club was an energetic, fun and inclusive activity. The Skate Club was based in an old Church Hall that had been adapted to totally accommodate the skaters in a cool and relaxed setting.

The staff were both friendly and relaxed in their approach, looking to support and guide but relaxed enough to let the young people explore



and try on their own too. They were particularly good at offering additional support and encouragement exactly when and where it was needed.

The session started with the putting on of all the required safety equipment and then the finding of the right skateboard for each young person. Staff were very patient when one of the Inspectors wanted to change his board. This was followed by a safety briefing and then the skating begun. Each young skater was allowed to explore at their own pace and within their own expertise level.

It is important to note that one of the Young Inspectors was a little disappointed that he was not able to achieve his final ramp goal and this resulted in him putting a sad face on the Felt Happy option.

For wheelchair users the toilets may not be wholly suitable and I would advise parent's checking to ensure this matches individual need. It is important to note that the setting was cool in temperature, whilst this suits the skaters, observers may find it cool in temperature.

I would again recommend that new starters to the setting should be shown the fire exits and emergency procedures explained to them on arrival alongside a reminder of the toilet locations.

## **6.2 Parents Feedback**

Parent feedback given as follows: *Chris and John are so patient and considerate of everyone's needs. They seem to have the knack of tailoring their guidance to suit the child perfectly.*

*My two boys are very different but gained so much from the session. They totally understand special needs and in a really positive way.*

*No pressure, really clam and encouraging.*

*Great venue and equipment.*

## **7.0 Overall award**



**3 stars awarded**

## **8.0 Provider feedback**

Really glad the boys enjoyed themselves.

A couple of things add from my end.

Good news with the toilets. They are being modified to suit wheelchair use. That work will be finished in 2 weeks.

The session block is £20 for 4 weeks (not 5 anymore)

I'll take on board the fire exit and emergency exit explanation. Great idea.