



Share your views on Livi Skatepark - Online survey

11/04/2023 to 18/05/2023

This report provides summary statistics of responses to the above consultation.

Where questions invited free text comments, responses have been published in full where we have the required permissions.

We have only provided responses with the names of individuals in the table row next to the comment, if we have been given permission to do so.

Responses to this survey: **557**

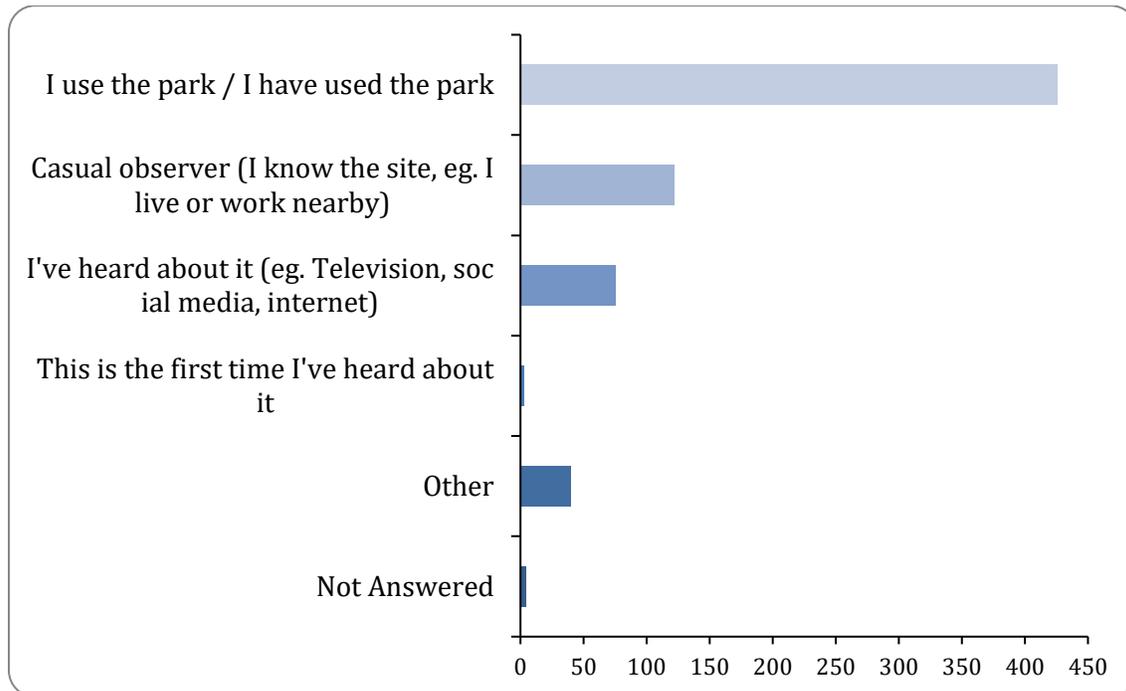
Text from two further late responses have also been added below, but not included into the statistical data.

<https://haveyoursay.historicenvironment.scot/heritage/livi-skatepark>

1: What is your connection to the skatepark? (Tick all that apply)

Connection

There were 553 responses to this part of the question.





Option	Total	Percent
I use the park / I have used the park	426	76.48%
Casual observer (I know the site, eg. I live or work nearby)	122	21.90%
I've heard about it (eg. Television, social media, internet)	75	13.46%
This is the first time I've heard about it	3	0.54%
Other	40	7.18%
Not Answered	4	0.72%

If you've chosen Other, please provide more details

There were 49 responses to this part of the question.

<i>Response</i>	<i>Respondee</i>
Photographer and journalist specialising in skateboarding from 1978 to 1993	Tim Leighton-Boyce
Experience of a young family member who knows, has used and is a keen supporter of the skate park.	Bob & Brenda Bertram
Young skaters I worked with in the forces community in the 80s to 2000s were from all over UK. They knew about the Livingston park and told me about it! I'm originally from Lanarkshire and never thought I'd live beside it!	Elaine Wernsing
My kids used the park.	Peter Duncan
My kids used it	Lorna harte
My son and friend's used the park every weekend	Pauline Lawer
The skate park was my idea.	John Love
Saw tony hawk / bones brigade when they visited	Diarmidmartin
I used the skate park as a teen in the 90s	Laurie Piper
My little boy uses this park regularly	Jenny C
I am Parisa Urquhart, the second cousin of Iain Urquhart, who designed and built Livi skatepark.	Parisa Urquhart
This was where I grew up soon right after school I was there till its late as I could stay and on weekends spent all day there kept me and a fue off my palls off the streets and out off trouble	Ben lynch
Historian of skateboarding and skateparks	Iain Borden
My son skates there	Lesley knox
Mum of boys who used the park	Christine Powell
I have a family connection to its architect, Iain Urquhart.	Steve Urquhart
The skatepark was designed and partly built by my late husband Iain Urquhart RIBA	Dee Urquhart-Ross
Missed out last I time. I'm coming back to skate	Grant Ovenden



I am part of a charity organisation called Forres Skatepark Initiative currently trying to build a new skatepark in Forres, Moray and support all Scottish Skateparks (Ex-skater of Livi Too)	Nikk Horne
Was part of the design team as landscape architect	Dean Swift
My son and grandchildren have used and still use the skate park	M Hunter
I'm a life long member of the park and livi skate Katz	BRIAN SIVESS
We have both used the park - Scott skates there and so do our children	Kirstin Shemilt and Scott McMillan
<i>Anonymous comments</i>	
I have skated for over 40 years, including the 80s when Livi was developed. It is really important in the context of the development of skateboarding not only in Scotland but the wider UK and reflects the soul of skateboarding.	
Father in law used the park daily back in the 1980's.	
I engaged with the park whilst completing research for both my Masters and PhD	
My grandchildren love to go down yo the skateboard track	
My son uses it my husband used it late 80s early 90s	
Husband uses it	
My eldest son has skated there for MANY years along with most of his friends, I would go down with refreshments and sit to watch them all either on skateboards, BMX bikes, inline skates or with scooters	
My partner, freinds and child have all used the skatepark	
My kids use the skate park	
My partner uses it	
I spent a lot of time in the early years of the park spectating and taking photos	
I'm a skateboarder and Livi is a legendary spot since we saw it in the mags back in the 80s.	
Used to hang out there as a teenager	
I am an architect specialized in designing spaces for skateboarding (skateparks, public spaces etc.)	
My son uses it	



2: Please tell us more about your connection with Livingston skatepark and/or any other relevant information, stories or memories:

There were 518 responses to this part of the question.

<i>Response</i>	<i>Respondee</i>
I grew up in Livingston, (now 53) Was lucky enough to live very close to the park and even witnessed parts of its construction around 9yrs old with no concept of how much a profound effect it would later have in my life. I took to skateboarding at the park in 1981 after visiting other ill conceived concrete paved hills around other areas. The sense of being part of something big with the older guys and international visitors brought the wider community together with no division Just the love of skateboarding, Although after emigrating in 2010 im asked about Livi and its skaters of fame by many skaters in my area (Canada) Livi skatepark is still a top visiting spot when i visit home Assured to meet old and new friends everytime. Long Live Livi 🙏 Livi Saves Lives 🍀	Andy
Before I immigrated to Australia in 1984 I learnt to ride BMX freestyle at this location from 1981. I was part of the 1st wave of youth to experience this incredible facility. I took the memories of Livingston skate Park to Australia and perpetuated many of stories to the BMXers and skaters in Sydney, Many have now even experienced this place them selves. My mum was the secretary of Livingston BMX club from 1982 1984 (Carol Pankhurst), Livingston was one of the best BMX teams in Scotland and my parents would ferry the team all over the country for freestyle and race meets. This place is a serious slice of history not only to Livingston but the whole world.	Jamie Sparks
It's there for years , can't imagine Livi without it. Should be promoted more ,and updated !	
Yous to go there ass a kid now my 3 kids go there grate skate park god for the kids to have some were to go	Joanne rowe
In younger years used to watch the boys skateboarding then BMX then brought my own children to use the park on their skateboards, scooters and skates	Dale Fagan
Grown up using this as a kid many .great memories	Simon Stenhouse
Quad skater now but way back in the 80's my first memory of the bowl was getting stuck in it. Never forget it.	James Hunter
I grew up near here and it's always been an important part of the town centre. I don't skate myself but have spent many a day down there with friends who do. There's a much larger community who use this regularly.	Chris
My brother used it daily in its early days and my grandson uses it daily at the moment. It is a huge part of Livingston's history and is still very popular and well used.	Linda Richardson
Skateboarding there most weekends in the late 80's made many a great friend there. Was a real community vibe	Scotty Thompson
been an occasional user since the mid 80's	neil davidson
Livingston, being one of the oldest skateparks in UK - holding legendary	Cameron



status, deeply ingrained in the DNA of Scottish skateboarding, has provided myself and friends with a fantastic setting to practice our beloved hobby, that is skateboarding.	Brougham
Skateparks such as this Livi have huge cultural heritage and need to be recognised, even more so to fight the negative stigma that shines on action sports like skate and bmx and the people that ride/skate!!	John Gav
Travelling from the Liverpool area to Scotland, Livingston is always a must when visiting all the skateparks in Scotland. For 20 years we've been road tripping to Scotland and that's 20 years of Scotlands iconic parks!	Formbyjay Richardson
First ever time I skated there I was really amazed how the pros were able to do so many rad study there	Connor Simpson
I have known about Livi since 1981 when I was a 15 year old nascent skateboarder in Moray. Livi sounded incredible (impossible even) then. It wasn't until 20 years later that I actually visited the park with my new friends who were skaters. Although my skating had lapsed visiting Livi in my middle years inspired me to get back skating. 'Dropping in' to Livi for the first time (on a Livi Fun Day no less) was one of the most daunting, exciting and satisfying moments of my life. Since then I have often visited and hung-out there, though my skating has given up again. It is a magic place. Constant, fomidable, visible from space. Save Livi!	Tom Worthington
Used park for last 25 years. Now with my kids.	Vincent
When Livingston skatepark was being researched and planned and when it was opened I was at the start of my career as a skateboard photographer and journalist. I was also Secretary of the English Skateboard Association at one point. I was also friends with Dee and Iain Urquhart. They often invited me to stay with them in Edinburgh and I helped them with some of their research visits to southern England. I attended the opening day at Livingston and other events organised by the Scottish Skateboard Association. I supplied photographs to Skateline, the SSA magazine produced by Dee and Iain. During our times together, Iain would talk about some of the thinking behind the design of Livingston and his campaign to get it built. After Iain's death and throughout the then next 10 years or so I visited Livingston when I could either to document events or to take visiting American skaters or BMXers to the park. I vividly remember the time when two American BMX riders who were in the UK to take part in a series of TV competitions sponsored by Kelloggs asked me about a legendary skatepark they had heard about. We were in Gateshead, so I drove them up. Being able to visit the park and, unbelievable to them, ride with nobody demanding that they wore helmets, was a big thrill for them. Livi's reputation and status worldwide was huge. It was a Mecca. Many of the promotional tours from overseas teams of the era would include a visit to Livingston because the skaters wanted it. Livingston was almost a mandatory stop on any European tour.	Tim Leighton- Boyce
I've skated Livi since 1987, it's a place of huge significance personally and without doubt the most historically important skateboarding/BMX location in Scotland. Its positive impact on the lives of generations of young people across the country is huge, but most of all its role as a social and cultural focus for Livingston as a new town establishing an identity over the last four decades cannot be overstated. My most vivid memories will always be of the joyously anarchic annual	Toby Paterson



Pure Fun Skate Parties down the years, but visits by international pros and luminaries (from Tony Hawk and John Cardiel to Phil Shao and Raven Tershy) did so much to influence and enthuse Scotland's vibrant skate scene and inspire new talent. Scotland's significance in global skateboarding culture stems almost entirely from Livi's reputation and that of the hardy, dynamic skaters it's bred.	
I used to skate and bmx at Livi skate park in the late 90s/early 00s. We travelled over from Fife frequently on the bus or train and have many fond memories.	Danny
Grew up in Livi at the skate park, I've moved away from Livingston now but continue to return every summer for events at the skate park	Duncan Barton
It's a global cultural landmark for skateboarding and BMXing. I'm intending to move to Scotland in the next 12 months and I will be making regular visits to the skatepark which I'm very excited about.	Jamie Barron
I spent many years frequenting Livingston Skatepark. Although age prevents me skating like I used to, I still love rolling around the familiar concrete. I've started many long lasting friendships from the time I spent at the skatepark. I have fond memories of learning new tricks there, watching others land tricks for the first time and from tours of very popular and well known skateboard companies and skaters. The annual skate party was always a sight to behold. The sheer amount of people traveling from all over the world just to attend always astounded me.	Gordon Ferguson
My children and now my grandchildren are using the skatepark.. I have sat on the grass and now the stone structure above the skatepark having picnics and just enjoying watching the youths having fun	Valerie Kenny
I skated Livi from the early 1990s to the present, travelling through from the west coast with friends. Quite daunting to skate at first, especially the Big Bowl, but seeing locals like Ben Layden and Stu Graham bomb around it was an education.	Owen
As a child my friends and I would play at the skate park, as an adult I take my children to the skate park. As one of the few free facilities for young people in Livingston I think it is vital that the skate park achieves this status to secure its future.	Nicola Wood
Through the years of learning about Livingston as a whole, the skate park came up a lot in my research and seems to be one of the few places in the town of which the locals still hold onto nearly 40 odd years on.	Tyler
I live in Polbeth, near Livingston. Livingston Skate Park gave me an important space to just be as a teen. I loved skateboarding, BMXing and Rollerblading here. It's importance as a world renowned skate park cannot be underestimated. I've spoken to skateboarders around the world who don't know much about the UK but have heard of Livingston because of the park. I was born the year the skate park was built and it's importance in influencing my fashion choices and cultural lexicon. I wouldn't be the me I am today without this important place.	John-Ross Morland
I have used it many times on my bike	Matt P
Grandson has been using this skatepark since his early teens and continues to do so as a 21 year old. He has benefited from the top class facilities as a committed biker and the obvious social benefit of	Bob & Brenda Bertram



such a local facility. In addition; it has spurred him on to further education (biking), assisting with the building of smaller facilities elsewhere and is even constructing a track off his own back thanks to supportive employer, other companies and private donations. We feel this facility has and continues to provide a special place for all ages.	
I've been skating here for almost 20 years and it will always be a very special place to me, practically grew up on that concrete!	Liam Keeble
I started using the park in 1985 but didn't learn of its significance until much later in life. The park attracted skaters from all over the world including the legendary Powell Peralta world tour in 1990 where the best skaters rubbed shoulders with locals, myself included. It was an awesome experience. There is video and photos of the event and Tony Hawk on record as saying the park is world class and world renowned. In recent years its fallen into a state of disrepair and needs money spent on it to restore to its former glory. Its a world famous place and the Council could and should do much more to bring kids back to using it and promoting it for use.	Kevin Duffy
I used to use the skatepark during the 80s and 90s	Hugh Cameron
It was really well know in the wider UK skate boarder community. Youth culture isn't always celebrated and it was young skaters overseas with the UK forces that alerted me to it. I,was a youth worker with the MOD in Germany 1987 to 2003. It was envied and I know one lad at least traveled from the Midlands to see it back in the 90s. I'd love to see it protected. To have survived this long and still evoke passion and interest is worth something. Loved the photographic display, with the plans etc, that was at the Howden Theatre some time ago. Loved the film with the two young lasses too. I now live in Livingston!	Elaine Wernsing
I was a pro quad skater in the 1980,I often travelled up from London.	Andy Peerless
Grew up using the park over many years and generations going as a really young child with family members to the old skate board bashes, then later on in life skating & bmxing myself to then rollerblading. The park has always been a hotspot for myself and friends over our teenage years and now in our mid 20s	Matthew
I grew up at that park i means alot to me and other people in the community	Lee Wilson
Been travelling through to use the park ever since the early 90s and still like to visit when possible. Watched some amazing skaters over the years there. It's truly a unique experience and one that should be preserved for future generations to enjoy.	Iain "Hesh" MacKinnon
As a small child I made the trip with my father from Preston to skate this beast. Great memories with my dad in this area of Scotland also and this was the main draw for me as a child.	Thomas Stafford
Iconic and unique skatepark We came from Switzerlandchto skate this park !!! This place has a heart ❤️ It was on our bucket skateboarding list and we will come back from we connect with locals .	Cookie Cat



<p>First visited Livi SP in 1989 (have been skateboarding since 1976) but other skate parks were easier to access. Moved to Muriston in 2013 with my family and both my kids and myself make frequent use of the skatepark. Both my kids have achieved a high level of skill in skateboarding. My daughter in particular has now competed in competitions around the UK. In a predominantly male pastime, it is great to see how she has grown in confidence. Livi is about more than skating though - Skateboarding allows kids from many backgrounds to let their creativity and individuality flourish. The fashion, music and art are there for everyone to see and contribute. At Livi SP there is a great sense of community within the skaters, and are there to help and encourage each other.</p>	Malc Nixon
<p>Skated there in the 80's and early 90's as well as racing BMX at the then adjacent BMX track.</p>	Steve Crowe
<p>Me and a myriad number of friends grew up with the Skate park being a place to hang out, but what made it so amazing to all of us was that people we met later in life from far flung parts of the world who skated, had all heard of Livi Skate park. That should be treasured forever.</p>	Ian MacKenzie
<p>My children used the park back in the 80s. They were both Skaters and BMXers. My grandchild has been a few times too. I still visit the area a few times per week whilst walking my dogs and can see that it is still well used by many kids. It is an integral part of Livingston and one of the few places that kids can still have fun outdoors.</p>	Peter Duncan
<p>Skater (rather than skateboarder) in mid/late 90s from Edinburgh. Visited 'Livi bowl' occasionally knowing it was a bit of a mecca compared to (I think it was) Rollerbowl indoors at Portobello Leisure Centre. Important to keep these places alive to give kids of all generations the chance to try skating/skateboarding (beats sitting on a park bench being bored).</p>	Neil M
<p>So many memories of my blading days that too this day keep a smile on my face. It's only fair future generations have that same opportunity</p>	
<p>as an expat canuck, skating livi for the first time was a proper step into history. it oozes cool and a connection to scottish skating's roots...</p>	stan intihar
<p>My brother and niece both use the skate park regularly. They did a documentary about the skatepark also. My brother is 50 years old and still skates every weekend</p>	Elizabeth Howley
<p>First time at livi was for the planet earth/life tour in the early Nineties, came down from Aberdeen with Quarterback sports shop, have been back ever since. Fun weekends sleeping in a tent beside the park was an adventure for sure and with the first addition to the park made it even better. Livi brought together not all the Scottish skaters but from all over the world and should have it's place solidly in history. </p>	Andi Stott
<p>I dragged my whole family there on a family holiday in the late 80s after seeing the park in magazines and videos. As soon as people could drive we would come from Lancashire regularly to skate and meet people over an Asda breakfast. I've had some amazing times there for over 30 years and would like to see it protected and well maintained.</p>	Stephen Hickey
<p>Where I learnt to skateboard as a kid, I lived in Edinburgh but travelled to Livingstone every day come school holidays. Spent most of my time there as a child. It was a great time of my childhood and a will always</p>	Coco t



remember that. Livi is one of the best places on earth.	
Whilst I don't really have a personal connection with this amazing place, I have been a follower of skating for many years and aware of Livingston skatepark as an icon of skating for decades. It has given so many skaters a place to meet, learn and compete for all that time and helped both professional and amateur skaters build a wonderful network internationally. The fact that it is recognised by some of the biggest names in the international skating world including Tony Hawk speaks volumes for the importance of this place to the sport.	Alex Smith
I have been travelling to Livingston to skate the park and attend events there since the mid 90s. Aside from enjoying the skatepark personally, I've filmed many of the Livi Pure Fun events and made many friends across Scotland through my trips to the skatepark. It is a globally famous and hugely culturally important Scottish landmark,	Ben
I personally started skateboarding around 1984. When my best friend got his first car the only place we could not wait to go too was Livingston skatepark. We had seen pictures in Rad magazine and where we lived in Scarborough North Yorkshire we had nothing to ride other than the streets. So 1999 we set off. His mk1 fiesta made it and we had our first scotch pie and chips with red cola. Skated with the locals ate ice cream . Got invited to sleep over and skate the next day before the mammoth drive home. I still skate today - live in Canada now. And never made it back . But in my eyes Livingston is a national treasure for Scotland and the world . Please preserve it in concrete and not just the hearts and minds of skateboarders the world over . Hopefully one day I can return for one last carve round the wee bowl-big bowl! Give this wonderful place the heritage status it deserves. Love and peace Simon .	Simon gibson
Spent a lot of years skating down the park. Skate less now. Took a lot to do with upgrades and repairs over the years. Got copies of all the plans for the skatepark. Old park and new one built by gravity.	Paul Cheyne
I grew up at skatepark spent all my days on my bmx then because ov ths skatepark I became bmx world champion Scottish champion and uk champion ov champions so was big part ov my life ❤️	Garry henderson
Started on my skateboard when my mum was selling the houses up at Deer Park. She used to bring me and my friends through from South Queensferry and we would spend all day there until we were picked up at 5pm. When it rained we used to hide out in the centre or sk8 rails in the covered car park. Best years ever!	Scott Campbell
Spent several summers of my childhood at the skatepark with friends	Jamie
I grew up using the skate park for both BMX and skateboard, some of the summers spent down there are etched in my mind. I actually think it should be extended again with more street stuff added and the full pipe fixed longer run up etc. It's great and now my niece is using it another generation it's timeless.	Andrew tait
I used this when I was younger and now my children use this. It's fantastic.	Sandra Bruce



When I started skateboarding Livi was the only skatepark in Scotland. Getting there was always an adventure. I've shedded skin there, achieved great things there, & always left with a massive smile on my face. Livi is Scottish skating, simple as that	Jon Tait
Living in Switzerland, born in Glasgow, and skateboarding again at age 43, Livi is a skatepark I had to skate, which my wife and I did in May 2021. And we will go back ASAP ! The park is built is such way that any skater, young or old, begginer or professional, will have joy rolling there.	Alain Scott
I grew up in Livingston and was a regular visitor to the Skatepark. It was one of the first ever built in the UK and had been used by generation after generation. I used to cycle down on my BMX in good weather and occasional rain to try stunts and help build confidence. It was also visited by the best BMX freestyle riders of the day. Eddie Fiola, Mike Dominguez and Bob Morales. Amazing memories of the great competitions that were berks where Junior (local rider) would get the best air of any other BMX rider. It should be made a national monument for its significance to Livingston.	Ricky T
I have lived in livingston since 1978 the skatepark is important to the towns history and to future skaters. I myself do not skate but it's vital to the history of the town I hope it gets the status it deserves	Andrew
I have been going to the skatepark for a couple of years now, it's like a family, everyone cares for each other. It means far more to me than just a 'skatepark' and many other people.	Roksana Grzybek
I have spent many days at Livingston skate park in my teenage years due to being part of the 'goth/emo' crowd we always got banned from the centre due to security guards being discriminating and the skate park (skatey) was where we could go and hang out and meet friends without being discriminated against. A few of my friends actually went to the skatey when Tony Hawk came.	Patricia Buglass
I first went there...in early 1989..after been dreaming about it for ages. I was 10 ...and skateboarding was everything to me. My parents, and friends parents would go on to take us all over to livi usually once or twice a month- travelling from Wishaw. For years - I would envay anyone lucky enough to be local to this , unique ,ahead of its time ,beautiful sculpted concrete. Eventually, in my mid twenties, I realised my dream - and moved to the town, staying there for nine years. This was purely down to the skatepark being there. I've met people all over the country, Europe and the world- who envay anyone who is lucky enough to have skated it. Its a true icon. One which can't be relicated . It deserves to exist forever. Put it like this...Scotland has the likes of Gleaneagles, St Andrews etc in the world of golf- well,luckily for Scotland, in the skateboard world - we have livi !	Allan Cunningham
My kids grew up here and its always been a hotshot. My grandkids now go there . It's world famous and deserves to be kept. Livingston is already failing it's young people and to lose the park would be abhorrent	Lorna harte
I have knew about the park since I was a teenager (living in England at the time) as it was legendary during 90s skateboard / BMX scene throughout the UK. I now live local to the park and ride and skate there, along with my 5 year old son.	Chris Bell
This place made West Lothian cool	Mags Russell
Livi Skate park is one of the reasons, I love livingston, I have been going to the skate park as a user and spectator since i was a very young child. I have so many brilliant memories, roller blading here as a child, the	Claire Robinson



<p>goal of completing wee bowl, big bowl was amazing to achieve and watching all the other skaters was just mesmerising. Now as an adult I take my kids here regularly, they are 1 and 6 and absolutely love it. The kids that go to the skate park are so enthusiastic and kind. I have had teens help my kids learn and ensure they get some time when it is busy. They also love watching the older kids, and my little girl is inspired by the girls on their skate boards. It is now used for bikes, scooters, skate board and roller blades. my little one has even been here on his skuttle bug. However they even enjoy just running up and down when it's empty. Everyone I know growing up has a story to tell about livi skate park, even friends from around Scotland know livingston only because of the skate park.</p>	
<p>I used to be into Ice skating when I was younger and we had Icelandia. When it was shut down roller blades where just starting to come out. I got my first pair for Christmas and was one of the first kids to skate on blades at livi. At the time there was only a hand full of us, but soon it grew and grew. Some of the best memories of my life where in that park, if I never had it god knows what would have happened to me, what I would have became. My son has never been away from the place from.a young age also ... he went from scooter, to bike until he finally found his calling on a board and lives for it ! He's now 18 and still ripping it up. Majority of people who grew up in livi have some sort of connection to this amazing place. It's the heart of Livingston. Long live Livingston skate park. Ged.</p>	Ged Neilson
<p>It is and always will be the holy land too important</p>	glancy
<p>Skated there as a teenager in the early 2000s</p>	J A
<p>I love the design. I love the use of it as a skate park, young people enjoying themselves. Later on, I heard a BBC Scotland radio Afternoon show with Janice Forsyth, When I think she interviewed the architects son, he was talking about how it was his father's vision, how there was not a blueprint for it, how his father got on his knees to show builders how it should be built. It is beautiful, just needs fixed, updated, repaired and maintained. Even now more than ever, we need more skateparks so that champions like Sky Brown can go on winning medals, like she did at the Tokyo Olympics (2020) and then becoming World Champion Feb 2023 at the age of 14.</p>	Fraser
<p>I used to take my son and friend's to the bowl every weekend mornings and pick them up at teatime, they loved it and spent all their spare time there. It was a safe environment and everyone looked after each other, my son has great memories of his time there and the friendships he made.</p>	Pauline Lawer
<p>Livingston was the first skatepark I visited as a 13 year old from Preston in Lancashire! We got a lift with my friends mum for the three hour journey each way. I can still remember every detail - I still skateboard at 46 and now take my kids there regularly. Skateboarding is a hugely open, respectful and inclusive activity with profound social value, and for Scotland Livi skatepark is pivotal to that culture.</p>	Paul Kerlaff
<p>I remember going to the skate park daily as a child. I remember being in</p>	Tammy



<p>awe of all the amazing skaters and their abilities. Everyone was so warm, welcoming and enthusiastic. I am now a 35 year old mother of 4 and live in Livingston north. My children use the skatepark most of the week and it takes me back to my childhood days. Livi skatepark has many incredible memories for myself and now my children.</p>	Storrier
<p>I grew up just over the river from this park. Visiting casually as a young boy before being inspired to learn skateboarding at the age of 10. I skated this park every dry day and watched it grow from the mecca it was in the 80's and early 90's attracting globally renowned skaters to the vastly diverse complex it is today with its many extensions. As a young lad it provided me with a community who helped me learn and progress at skateboarding and gave me the confidence to enter competitions. Now as a dad of two, I regularly visit Livingston with my kids who are the next generation of Skaters and I'm always proud to tell them stories about growing up here and how things have changed over the years.</p>	Martin Sweeny
<p>Like a lot of Livingston teenagers, I grew up here and made friends that have lasted a lifetime. It's been one of the only enduring places built for the children that required little oversight from adults and we didn't want it either. For a lump of concrete, it's been extremely versatile hosting skateboard, bmx, roller blade, scooter and back to skateboard fads over the years. It has endured. What other activity site is there in Livingston that claims such a strong tie to its community?</p>	David Swan
<p>I've just read the Guardian article about the skatepark and its significance both culturally and historically. I've never used the facility but these places are incredibly important to Scotland as a nation.</p>	Stephen Robertson
<p>I was in the Scottish Skateboard Team and was very friendly with the designer Ian Urquhart.</p> <p>It was basically my home for years.</p>	Ralph Gilhooly
<p>Skated here growing up and still visit whenever I am home.</p>	Natasha Wilson
<p>Used it when I was younger also remember the big competitors and skate parties there great events for the town</p>	Douglas Gibson
<p>As a mother of two children, I have spent much time taking them out from Edinburgh city centre to varied activities outdoors and encourage the rejuvenation of a free and accessible site for children to develop, socialise and have fun.</p> <p>Having worked in Livingston as a doctor, any facility which encourages families from all backgrounds to get out and exercise and connect should be treasured, especially with history which gives pride in their community.</p>	Dr Fiona Macleod
<p>My friends and I used to travel through from Fife to use the park as kids in the late 80's. From before the first extension until my twenties I continued to visit just to skate and for the annual weekend event. Over the years some incredible skaters have come to the park inspiring young Scottish riders</p>	Deryk Moore
<p>This skate park has always been in my life in one way or another. I'm nearly 50 years old and a life long Livingston resident. The park is important now as it was when it was first built. To have this site protected for future generations would be a marvellous achievement for the local and not so local community.</p>	Craig Fyfe
<p>I grew up and used to go to the skatepark with my brothers who used it. There was always a close community feel of people who regularly used</p>	Angela Campbell



<p>this. My son then started to go down there many years later and I feel it is a healthy venue for kids and teenagers to get into for health reasons and friendships.</p>	
<p>Some of my earliest childhood memories were either skating or bmxing 'Livi Skate Park' as it is affectionally known.</p> <p>Some of my idols growing up were Aaron Feinberg and Tony Hawk, with me being lucky enough to watch Aaron skate Livi and subsequently sign my t-shirt which I still have over 20 years later. The latter is arguably the best known skateboarder to have ever existed and there is an interview of him saying that Livi was one of the best skateparks in the world, and was great to skate.</p> <p>Livi Skate Park has been an outlet for a lot of people in Livingston over the years when there has been very little much else to do. I know it will hold a place in a lot of people's hearts within Livingston and the wider area, and I am so glad to hear it has been put forward for listed status.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Jason Longstaff</p>	<p>Jason Longstaff</p>
<p>Won an u16's competition there back in 1995ish - pair of venture featherlight trucks - Being from Edinburgh in 1990's you were a street skater. Visiting "Livi" for 1st time it was huge, an intimating 1/2 pipe, a gigantic big bowl.....a whole new style of skateboarding opened up 🤔🤯👍</p>	<p>Andrew law</p>
<p>Live in Livingston, so fully aware of it. Have acquaintances who have used it regularly.</p>	<p>M. Rankin</p>
<p>I grew up at the skate park along with friends who I still skate with to this day. It's the only thing that made us feel like a community and only safe place we had while others my age were drinking and using drugs.</p>	<p>Dianne</p>
<p>Moved to Livingston in '82, got a BMX and started riding the skatepark. I still ride it regularly along with a good few of the original group of BMXers and Skaters.</p> <p>Now 51 and love it as much as I did 41 years ago.</p>	<p>Brett Staples</p>
<p>It's part of the towns history and should be there forever</p>	<p>Nicole</p>
<p>Used the skate park when I was a teenager , met my partner there and have taken our Own children to the park throughout the years</p>	<p>Nicola Bradley</p>
<p>As a young lad when the skatepark and trim course were opened its impotent that these sites remain as listed sites as I feel they do pay a big part in the towns history. Trim course should and could be revitalised again for use in the health of the residents as it originally was.</p>	<p>David Aitken</p>
<p>I used the skatepark growing up which played a big park on positive mental health during my teenage years, this provided me with a safe place to hang out and as such I made a lot of life long friends here and is where I met my partner and have since been together 13 years and is now a place we take out little boy to learn new skills and keep active.</p>	<p>Natasha</p>
<p>I was chair of Dedridge Youth Council in the late 70's. I was supported by Grace Banks of the LDC (Livingston Development Corporation). After getting a youth centre built at Nigel Rise, I was asked what would we in the Youth Council like next?. This was a deliberate strategy to help keep young people off the streets and avoid gang culture taking root.</p>	<p>John Love</p>



A skate ramp made of different materials in a range of horizontal colours was constructed at craigsfarm and this was supposed to determine the material for the skate park. Concrete wasn't one of the options lol.	
A great place to ride and skate with my kids. Well worth the effort to drive over from Elderslie.	Iain Hill Stephenson
I visited Livi several times having heard about Ian Urquhart whilst he was trying to get it built. Through my ownership of Slam City Slates in London I organised the visits of the Bones Brigade to the park.	Paul Sunman
When I moved to Edinburgh in 2000 to study at Herriot Watt Livi was a place I met a bunch of fellow skateboarders and played a vital role in me feeling welcomed into the place and its culture. It is an absolutely iconic park with so much history and respect in the community.	Stuart Hedley
skated for near 40 years, travelled to "livi" regularly over the decades.	jp matthew
I used to drive to Livi Skatepark with my son and a bunch of his pals in the car nearly every weekend back in the nineties. All the way from Coatbridge too. I even broke my foot when I tried to skateboard myself one Saturday morning when it was unusually empty. No idea how I managed to drive home with it but the nurse who saw me at Monklands Hospital when I attended A and E was killing herself laughing when I told here what had happened. Lots of fond memories from Livi Skatepark and it totally deserves to be listed, preserved and loved by generations of skater boys and girls to come	Gail Fletcher
I've been a skater since I was 15 , skated livi as often as I could in the past and present , still ho to livi skate jam , Livingston was one of the few parks bones brigade choose to visit in the uk , to see them skate the bowl , half pipe and reservoir was amazing .	Diarmidmartin
As child me and my sister used to go with all our pals we didn't have skateboards we had roller boots it was a meaning place we spent hours watching everyone skate	
It is an iconic landmark for any Scottish (former or current) skateboarder, young, old, dropping in for the first time or remembering when their knees were once able to take the impact of an inevitable slam many years before. I am 45 have known about his park all my life, went several times with the scouts as a 12 year old, later as a teenager and back a few times since. I might not skate now, but the influence that Livingston skatepark had on me, my life and subsequent career (in the extreme sport business) cannot be underestimated.	
Football has Hampden, skateboarding has Livi!	Ross McPhie
I traveled regularly from Galashiels in the Borders to Livi to the skate park when I was a teenager. It was, and I think still is a mecca for young and not so young skaters. It was a pioneering project at the outset, risky and a bit odd, but the park has changed the lives of so many Scottish youngsters and inspired so many to do more, that it deserves recognition.	Laurie Piper
Skated there many times, from the early 90's to present day 😊	Jan Littwin
I used it as a kid when growing when the trim course was still there	A.lambie
its been part of my life for 37 years or so, Kenny Omond is the cornerstone of all skateboarding in Scotland, and i feel very strongly that an area of the park should be named after him, without his staunch support, dedication, efforts and inputs, the scene would not be what it is today. Please do consider this suggestion strongly, in fact, please put it	Ronnie Brunton



<p>to a poll or a vote. Its the least we could all do to pay him back for all that he has done and continues to do, ive spent so many happy days, seeing some of the absolute legends of skateboarding at the park, ive had birthdays there, ive had amazing times there. need i say mair?? Naw!</p>	
<p>I have been inline skating at the park since the nineties. First went there about 25 years ago by bus from Edinburgh. We travelled in a big group and skated all day long having such great times there. At that time there was nothing else like it around , it has always been a special place. I transfer from the hip to the bowl pulling tricks all over the park like 540s and big airs. There was nowhere else you could do this except Livingston skatepark.</p>	
<p>Born in '81 just as this park, I desperately searched for somewhere to belong all my young life, at 21yo I became friends with a wide array of people whom either used the park or enjoyed hanging out there to watch. For the next few years until I became too busy with long work hours, I spent every waking moment I could at or nearby the skate park.. I'd arrive around 12pm, and get home around 10pm every day. Place will always hold a place in my heart for the memories and friends it gave me.</p>	<p>Scary Steve</p>
<p>I used to use the park on my roller skates in the 80's. It was a busy park and a great place to make friends and skate safely. I live nearby now and have often taken my kids down the park to watch people skating, skateboarding and bmx-ing there. It appeals to a lot of different people!</p>	<p>Lona</p>
<p>This was a big part Of my Teenage years growing up as for many others and still is, the skate learn holds a lot of memories and aids in helping teenagers adults and younger children gaining confidence, making new friends and staying off the streets causing trouble .</p>	<p>Stacy</p>
<p>Very big part of growing up in livingston gave us something to do to keep us occupied, and to watch the more professional skaters boarders. Now my grandchildren use the skate park many years later for the same reasons</p>	<p>Liz Markey</p>
<p>I am from Livingston and its been a big part of my teenage childhood as that is where we would all meet our friends and spend hours</p>	<p>Stephanie Gibson</p>
<p>I started skateboarding around 1986 after seeing Back To The Future and Marty McFly getting fly on a skateboard. I didn't know anything about skating but one of my high school friends did, as his dad happened to be Kenny Omond, who kindly gave me an old set of 'proper' wheels to replace the ones on the toy/beginner board my gran had bought me. At that point my friends and I were all getting into skating and this naturally led to a visit to the skatepark. I learned a painful lesson that first day, which was to bend your knees when rolling down a transition. I hadn't done so and was catapulted off my board, knees first, onto the now legendary concrete. The second lesson I learned that day was that some sort of protective gear might be a good idea. From then on I went to Livingston skatepark as often as I could, till my late teens/early 20's really. In the years since I have visited now and again, having the odd wee roll around, and taking my own children to skate there. Livingston skatepark is known around the world, and should be protected for future generations, not to mention older ones.</p>	<p>Alan Gardner</p>



<p>Grew up in the Scottish Borders but knew skaters in Edinburgh so I went through to Livi. Seen many pro skaters over the years and attended the pure fun parties.</p>	<p>asliceofry Livi forever</p>
<p>I was heavily involved with the Scottish Skateboard Association at the time when Iain and Dee Urquhart pretty much ran things. I was privileged to be one of the first to ride the park and heavily indebted to Iain for his efforts in creating and developing the park. Particularly so when skateboarding was in decline in the public's eyes. I have many years of memories riding the park with other skaters and it was obvious that many could have chosen other paths had they not put their energies into skating. I still go back occasionally to watch and reminisce. Still want to get back on my board.</p>	<p>David Crighton</p>
<p>Back in the 80's this was the place to be We cycled from Armadale on our BMX's on Saturday morning and would spend the whole day at the park meeting others from all over West Lothian</p>	<p>Greg gibb</p>
<p>Having skated for the better part of thirty-three years, Livingstone Skatepark holds a special place for me and many of my friends and fellow enthusiasts. Having enjoyed using the park on the countless trips down from Dundee over the years it still remains an all time favorite for myself and many, many other users. There truly is nothing quite like this anywhere in Europe and while other facilities may look similar to the untrained eye, Livi holds a very special and almost sacred place amongst them.</p> <p>Built in a time where there were no standard or recommended construction techniques and knowledge available locally, in a way the architect had to research the subject and come up with his own solution, a radial cutter. Having worked extensively constructing skateparks the techniques are not really in use today and the 'Big bowl' in particular is a superb example of large transitions being poured well without the use of traditional pool tools or presumably any modern finishing aides.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>While growing up as a teen in the 1980's with BMX and Skateboarding all around us, "Livi" (Livingston skate park) was the place to go and ride. We would travel from Dalgety Bay in Fife so it was a bit of an epic journey to get to Livingston, especially as none of us could drive! This was where I saw the Powell Peralta (Tony Hawk, Steve Caballero) in 1987.</p>	<p>Graeme Price</p>
<p>I have lived in West Lothian for around 20 years. Whilst I have never skated, I have many friends who do and the park has been important in their development. I have enjoyed times watching skaters show their stuff at the park over the years.</p>	<p>Gregory Houston</p>
<p>I have friends who enjoy spending their free time skating here. From what I have heard it's a good place to socialise with other skaters, getting tips and exchanging knowledge on boards. I haven't heard any negatives about the skate park, it is a great size which allowed space for bikers boarders and the occasional scooter although they are rare.</p>	<p>Alex B</p>
<p>I was there when the Bones Brigade rode Livi, and the fact that the world's most famous skateboarders would find themselves in West Lothian at the peak of the 2nd(?) global skating craze because of the reputation of the local skatepark should be testament enough as to its quality.</p>	<p>Craig M</p>
<p>Since 1989</p>	<p>Dr A Rae</p>



<p>I knew about Livingston Skatepark before I knew about Scotland! I was a skateboarder in my youth in the 70s in the North of England. I heard about Livingston pretty much as soon as it was planned. I returned to skateboarding aged 40+. whilst living in Dundee. It was not until about 2021 that I visited with a new skateboard friend from Dundee who knew all about Livi. It was such a thrill for me, even as an aging and cautious skateboarder. I will definitely visit again to make up for the lost time. To me, Livi is a skateboarding treasure, just like the South Bank. Both deserve their due recognition</p>	<p>Dr David Sadler</p>
<p>As a teenager and young adult I used to skate and visited the park often. In the 90s and growing up in Ayrshire, Livingston skatepark was a pilgrimage. It was one of the very few of its kind in Scotland and is, unquestionably the most important and culturally significant facility of its kind in our Country. I, along with many local friends travelled a long distance to visit the park and met people who did the same across the UK. Skate culture is a counter culture and Livingston skate park is the physical embodiment of the culture of generations of people since its construction. Its restoration and preservation are absolutely paramount, it unquestionably meets the criteria for listed status.</p> <p>It is worth saying that I am a chartered town planner with 19 years' professional experience. It is my professional opinion that in order to preserve this cultural icon for future generations and ensure it's proper funding and maintenance that it is imperative to grant listed status to the skate park and it's curtilage.</p> <p>I am also happy to give my time freely to assist in any way with the efforts to preserve and enhance Livingston skate park as a significant cultural facility of national importance.</p>	<p>Christopher Pepper MRTPI</p>
<p>It was an iconic skatepark in the 80s when I saw it featured on the news down in the south west of England where I lived as a child.</p> <p>When I moved up to Scotland in the late 90s early 2000s I finally visited the park and had a (reserved) skate and it was such a surreal experience as it was still the same as I remembered from all those years ago.</p>	<p>Dan Elder</p>
<p>I've been riding at Livingston skatepark on my BMX bike since the early 90s when it was the only 'credible' skatepark in Scotland and probably the best concrete skatepark in the UK (although this point could be argued if your preference was Rom or Southsea).</p>	<p>John Keenan</p>
<p>Growing up in Livingston I started rollerblading at Livi skatepark where I made a huge group of friends. Taking me on to skateboarding I found joy in life. I spend hours each day or when I can at this park. I got to meet many skate pros at the iconic skate parties. I witnessed many Livi locals flourish and become sponsored going on to inspire many young skaters to try new tricks and progress their skills.</p>	<p>Steven Woodhead</p>
<p>I have been a life long resident of Livingston. Raised there since 1983. Livingston is a cultural back hole! Nothing for the youth to do, well until they find the skate park! The skatepark needs protection. It is the soul of Livingston.</p>	<p>David Naysmith</p>
<p>Livingston skatepark was a place where my friends and I would get together over the years and catch up/have a skate. We frequented it most weekends for several years until life got too busy for us all. We still</p>	<p>Ashley Punton</p>



<p>occasionally pay it a visit, although it be fewer times than we would perhaps like.</p> <p>Livingston skatepark is a monumental part of all our lives, it helped us grow as young adolescents, and help shape us into the adults we have become. From teaching us valuable lessons, meeting new people and sharing stories about the park and it's history, to helping organise events and play a part in building the community associated with it.</p> <p>It is as iconic to skaters as fender is to musicians, or bread to bakers, or pasta to Italians. It is in our blood, and our blood is in it.</p> <p>To see it be registered, and knowing that it would be protected and maintained, would, I'm sure, mean the absolute world to hundreds if not thousands of people. Not only in Livingston, but across the world. As the skating community is very close knit and we are all aware of the importance has played on many of our lives.</p>	
<p>I learned to skate transition at Livi in the mid to late 80's, when a teenager, and then again in around 2004, when in my early 30's, after a 16 year gap when I foolishly stopped skating. I am now 50 and used Livi regularly until I moved a bit further away. I still go now and again, and it's one of my favourite parks, despite its age.</p>	Chris 'the janny' Clark.
<p>in from renfrew and used the park in my youth from 14 yrs old to 18 every saturday morning , getting the train from paisley with a few of my friends, and im 50 now, great place to go to even to watch, i still visit when im in the area, great times.</p>	James walls
<p>I skated at Livi in my teens and it helped me connect with people and be accepted by all who used the park. I am of mixed heritage and the park and users never treated me like an outsider. It deserves to be preserved as an important cultural, and for me personally, a place of sanctuary from what was at that time a racist environment in most of mainstream Scottish society.</p>	Mesfin James
<p>Iain urquhart built a landmark of Livingston despite it being a skate park it is well known world wide !!!, remember when I was younger there was a bit to race your electric cars then used to attempt to go down the ramps in my skates 😊 many happy memories of skate park partys the baw bag events, the Olympic torch. Can even remember how gutted i was when the band stand along the river was knocked down. The skate park needs to be listed and looked after for the generations to come.</p>	
<p>As a young child growing up in Livingston I had a very challenging childhood. Livingston skatepark was the one place that presented a bit of respite and provided many happy memories. It was and still is an extremely positive environment for young people.</p> <p>It's influence went beyond skateboarding and helped to point my life in a positive direction.</p>	Gregor Louden
<p>My husband skates this park and now both him and my 8y son use it together.</p>	Jenny C
<p>Went there once at last in 1989. Amazing that it was built when it was and a truly iconic design that has stood the test of time</p>	Ian Deacon
<p>Our family are extremely proud of Iain Urquhart for his design and build of Livi skatepark and how it is still so popular forty years on. I grew up in the skate and snowboard scene and worked in the snowboard industry. Livi skatepark is revered in the cultural skate scene and the wider</p>	Parisa Urquhart



<p>worldwide sports scene because of how well designed it was. Livi has touched the lives of so many people throughout generations in the UK and worldwide.</p> <p>I am a BAFTA-winning documentary producer and director. I decided to create and direct a documentary in 2020 conveying how important Livi is and acknowledging Iain Urquhart for what he had achieved and the impact Livi has had. Below is a link to the documentary for you to watch. The key issue I noticed was that Livi had really fallen into disrepair and it needed acknowledgment, funding and protected. When I spent time at the skatepark getting to know the skaters I came across The Snagglers - three ambitious young skate girls. They inspire lots of girls and boys to skate and they love Livi so much that they really wanted to bring Livi back to life. This documentary follows their journey trying to drum up support in their community to make Livi great again. The girls learn of the inspiring work Iain Urquhart went to and see amazing never before seen archive that Iain took when building the skatepark. I also contacted Tony Hawk, who skated at Livi soon after its opening, and he agreed to be in the documentary and really encouraged the girls on their journey. This documentary, Long Live Livi , has had a big impact. It screened on BBC four times, it was on BBC iplayer, it has been distributed worldwide and won 'best action sport film' in the Kendal Mountain Film Festival 2022. This documentary raised awareness of Livi and the state it is in and triggered the local Council to have community discussions and take action to apply for heritage listing. It is great they have done this and we really appreciate you taking this application seriously.</p> <p>As Tony Hawk says in the documentary Scotland had one of the best skate scenes in Europe in the 1970s due to Iain and Dee Urquhart running the Scottish skateboard association, and then for Iain to design and build Livi skatepark was the icing on the cake - it attracted the best professional and amateur skaters from around the world and many camped out in the park and skated Livi for weeks on end.</p> <p>I have contacted Tony Hawk's team about this survey and asked if they can promote it and complete it. If you do want to make contact with his team to get his insight into how important Livi is I can arrange this.</p>	
<p>My connection with this skatepark goes back to when I was in my teens .</p> <p>Myself and my group of friends used to travel for 2 hours to ride any day we could</p> <p>Played a massive part in my youth and the connection I still have to BMX .</p> <p>There was no other skateparks around at that time , so in my eyes it's legendary and should be given a listed status</p>	
<p>I went when I was younger and now my children go. There is nowhere like it. I think it should get listed building status to ensure future generations get to experience what we did and still do.</p>	<p>Louise Coulter</p>
<p>I have lived in Livingston since I was 11 I am now 57 I grew up here I am a community activist. The park is iconic and is a real success story . Kenny Omond is a key player in helping to drive the creation of the Livi skatepark he and the old Livingston Development Corporation were visionaries along with Iain Urquhart designed the skate. The young</p>	<p>Colin Williamson</p>



<p>boarders at the time played a key part in its design. My stepson used the park as a kid he was a blader it kept him occupied and fit during the summer. My old pal the late tony hughes was a detached youth worker and he spent much of his retirement supporting youngsters at the park there was no access charge and the kids police it themselves the annual skate party is also legendary. The late john hoey who helped develop craigsfarm community development project in craigshill livingstons first district . Opened up the east barn at the farm and had wooden ramps built and livi skatecats were born this was a precursor to the world famous skatepark being built. I volunteered with john at the farm he was a local legend in our community. I wrote my 2nd year dissertation at university on identity and growing up in livi as a new town. I wrote a chapter on the skatepark and i interviewed kenny omond. I am chair of howden community council howden sits on the other side of the river almond a five min walk away. We lost the indoor barns at crofthead community centre this was a huge loss to the skaters who used it in the winter time. Boarders, scooters, bladers, and stunt bikers use the park i am an admirer of this amazing facility it embodies livingston i hope the livi skatepark will get the support it needs to remain at the heart of livingston .</p>	
<p>I grew up in Livingston and spent all my time here as a kid. It shaped my interest in art, fashion and inspired me to study photography. I later worked in skate shops and helped to build skateparks. I've made life long friends here and feel it is an integral part of not only the skate community but community in general.</p>	Ailie Zee
<p>It's genuinely a site of national cultural importance, unique in Scotland. I'm not a regular visitor but have travelled from distant parts of the country to see events at Livi skatepark, events which attracted top skaters from around the world.</p>	Daniel Muir
<p>I am an Edinburgh local. When I started skateboarding in 1985, Livingston park was pretty much the only dedicated park in Scotland.</p> <p>Skateboarding has now become a much more respected and accepted activity than it was back then, with Olympic recognition.</p> <p>Livingston Skatepark is a world-renowned piece of Skateboarding History, and it would make me extremely proud to be Scottish for the Skatepark to be given the historic recognition it rightly deserves.</p> <p>The thought of destruction or removal of the Skatepark is very upsetting, and I would hope this recognition would give it protections for future generations.</p>	Cass Macfarlane
<p>I first skated Livi as a 9 year old. I made friends there, I broke bones there, I saw professional skateboarders display lines I didn't know existed - it was my portal into an activity and common language that I have carried forward for a 40 year period. I have visited other countries and met with skaters who, on finding out I come from Scotland, ask about Livi. I can't think of any other factors which would make a Scottish new town so internationally known and spoken about with such reverence.</p>	Andrew Murray
<p>This was my child hood and I want it to be the same when I have kids every day possible I would be down there and kept Me on the tracks as I had a hard child hood growing up with my mum and autistic brother this was my place to be me and an escape from reality</p>	Ben lynch
<p>Regular weekend trips from the late eighties to the mid nineties this was</p>	Paul Shearer



<p>an important part of the lives of me and my friends. Back then this was the only official park available, the other being a homemade park on the old Goldberg's site. When you look into the history of the park it actually has real relevance to the world of skateboarding not just to Scotland.</p>	
<p>Although not fro Livingston the skate park has been a huge part of my life. Started skating it when I was in my early teens when my Mum or Dad would drive me there from Ayr starting around 1988. When I started to drive it was a visit every weekend. Never an amazing skateboarder but I loved it. Still skating at 47 with my two boys and I take them there now and bore them with stories. To have this listed not only secures this iconic skate park but will mean young people have a great outdoor activity space (something lacking in the current Xbox generation) which will be protected for future generations.</p>	Gordon Neil
<p>I started skateboarding in 1986 and Livi is a special place</p>	Dougal
<p>I skated Livi regularly throughout the 1980's and early 1990's</p>	Andrew Graham
<p>i have this memory about the skate park i was will my pals and we were bored so we tried to skate (it was a bad idea to be honest) and one of my pals tried to do one of the dips that the skaty has and fell over it was really funny and i love the skaty for the more memories that can be created</p>	Kelsey
<p>At age 6 I knew three things about Livingston 1) the center (the very small original one) 2) It was home to Sky TV and 3) it had a skate park. At age 11 in 1998 curiously got the better of me and during the summer while I was shopping with my mum at Asda I absconded and made my way over to the skate park and watched as all these older kids skated around, flipped, ollied and grinded around the park. In August of 1999 I started high school and made friends with like-minded individuals that were into skating and were developing similar tastes in music and I would stop by MVC in Livi to buy new albums from Blink 182, Green Day, Sum 41, Red Hot Chili peppers... etc and I would beg my mum to take me to Route One in Edinburgh to buy me new clothes and push my luck for a skateboard I wanted and finally at Christmas I got my first skateboard (enjoy) deck and very terrible trucks. I would take to practicing outside with my friends in Uphall and my friend who had recently returned from a holiday to the US came home with Vans. We would go up to Livingston and skate around the concrete square between Cairngorm and Torridon House on Almondvale Blvd across from the old Safeway. Sadly that area has since been changed. When I was 15 we eventually made our way over to the Livi Skatepark to show off our tricks, flips and kicks, and where we would continue to go (weather permitting) each Saturday afternoon until we all left to go to University. Sunday afternoons we would get dropped off at McArthur Glen to go up to the Cinema and then go shopping at Surf, Skate and Snow. During my time at Uni I participated in Camp America and went to a summer camp in the small state of Rhode Island where I lead mountain biking, taught basic skateboarding tricks and radio broadcasting (from my time at Radio Grapevine in St. John's hospital). The other camp staffers (Americans) teaching basic skateboarding tricks asked after learning I was from Scotland asked if I knew about the famous Livingston skate park. I would tell them about my experiences with the Livi Skate park growing up in and around Livingston and the skate park. I did ask how they knew about it and one said "because it's a really famous skate park" one said he saw it on a TV show once and told me it was compared to the Venice beach skate park out in Los</p>	Bryan Frame



<p>Angeles. Another said he read about it in a book while at school. When I heard the comments about the Venice beach skate park I would eventually in December 2009 make my way to Venice beach to try the skate park on the beach and after learning some new tricks and tips from locals, they would ask me where I was from and after saying Scotland one guy in his late 40's? told me that he and two friends had heard about the Livingston Skate Park and while traveling around Europe after college stopped by the Skate Park while visiting Edinburgh in 1985. I thought it was very cool that as long as I can remember I knew about the skate park and as I travel half way around the world to the West coast of the USA people know about my local skate park and I think that is something very special and something that should be cemented (no pun intended) in history.</p>	
<p>First skated Livi in 1988 and have visited there to skateboard several times since. Saw many professional skaters there over the years including Steve Caballero, Mike Vallely and Tommy Guerrero. Lots of good memories and I'm from Ayrshire so to travel through to Livingston from Ayr was never a chore as you knew the park was good enough to make the journey. If anything happened to it I would be heartbroken.</p>	<p>Al Deuchar</p>
<p>I used the park as a 12-13 year-old, travelling through from Glasgow by train with friends at weekends. This was 1985-86. Lots of good memories although my last visit saw me go over on my ankle in one of the bowls. I was advised on site that it was just a sprain and so made my way back to Glasgow by train (and in some pain). I left my friends at that point and hobbled to the bus stop where I caught the bus back to the West End (Scotstoun). Too painful to even hop by this stage, I sat on my board and padded my way a few hundred metres to my house. It was a long night with no painkillers or sleep. The next morning I was taken to hospital where it was discovered I'd broken my leg. The summer was spent with a cast running from groin to ankle, and sadly my dad made me sell my hugely loved Mark Gonzalez board. Despite all of this, I always look back on my days at Livingston with a smile.</p>	<p>Patrick Roman</p>
<p>It's my local and it's what makes me happy and how I socialise</p>	<p>John Lodge</p>
<p>I've skated here multiple times through out my life and even though I do not skate any more I am always interested in watching skateboarding from Livi as I follow and am enthusiastic about skateboarding.</p>	<p>Gappa</p>
<p>Livi was always hallowed ground when I was a kid. Thrasher called it one of the best skateparks on earth, and that only added to its mystique.</p> <p>We used to drive up from London every year solely for the Livi Skatepark jam each summer. 8 hours each way, and it was always amazing.</p> <p>Anytime we've been to Scotland to skate outside of those weekends, we've ALWAYS stopped by Livi. It just has to be done - especially if you have someone with you who has never visited!</p> <p>My last visit was the summer before Covid lockdowns. I went solely to shoot with a professional skater who had flown in from California just because he wanted to film there!</p>	<p>Kevin Parrott</p>
<p>It's a place we hung around as kids. It was a place we belonged and a place where we could go to meet new people from all over, find new talents and work on new skills. It's a recreational place for children and adults to learn so many new things and push themselves to limits they never thought would be possible. It was a second home for a lot of us</p>	



and with the lack of facilities for young people now a days. It's one of the few remaining places children can go to have an outlet, express themselves and enjoy some freedom without bothering anyone.	
I grew up in Livingston in the 80s just up the road in Howden, the skatepark has always been a constant and was a bug part of growing up. We would go down first thing in the morning with a packed lunch and spend all day there and the BMX track which along with the pitch and putt is gone.	Jade Muir
As a kid I spent every minute I could riding my bmx there. My daughter is just getting into skate boarding (boo!) and I'd love for her to get the same enjoyment there as I did.	Dennis Moran
Was a skater back in the 80/90s and Livi skate park was the Mecca for all in Scotland. As a youth we'd get a bus over to Edinburgh then out to Livingston to spend the day at the park. Kids came from all over Scotland and the rest of the UK. I have great memories of this place. It was somewhere like minded people met and it was our therapy.	Gary Stockdale
As a historian of skateboarding and skateparks, who has written several academic articles and books on the subject, I have been long aware of the central importance of Livingston skatepark for skateboarding locally, nationally and internationally, and for its wider social impact.	Iain Borden
I, along with many London skaters, went on many a pilgrimage to Livi. A real eye opener of a skatepark. A great way to meet up with like minded skaters in an environment that was so special.	Philip Burgoyne
Spent many days there as a child, skateboarding. Its an important part of my, and any Scottish skaters childhood.	Gareth Buchanan
I skated here extensively from 1987 until 2005 and a few times recently.	Kyle Martin
Grew up in Glasgow desperately wanting to come through at every possible chance either to skate the park or watch as another professional skate team came to visit.	Stephen Steph
I skated there as a kid, one of the first concrete outdoor parks and travelled from Dundee specifically, Sadly haven't managed to visit much recently due to other parks nearby and adult commitments but this is easily the most iconic park in Scotland	Gavin Wares
I used to skate there in the 80s-90s as a teenager. It was a great place to hang out. I met Tony Hawk and Ray Underhill when they visited in the 90s. I was one of the only girls skating that bowl bawk thrn and learning from the best. It's a historically important place in my life and for skateboarding in general. It needs to be listed so the kids that use it now habe the same opportunity	Ellie Bound nee Strathie
First visit to livi was in the late 80s . We traveled from cambuslang station on a train that took almost 2 days to get there . Well that's how it felt . I must have been 14/15 at the time . Skateboard kids . Little did I know that day , that I would still be visiting it at the age of 50 ...50! A 14 year old could never imagine even being that age . Still get exited , nervous, scared every time I get there . What a place	Steven robertson
I've been skating Livi since the early 90s. When we first started skating, it was the only skatepark in Scotland. We used to get one of the parents to drive us there every weekend. I'm approaching my 50th year now and still skate there. Not as often as I used to as we have a lot of choice nowadays but everytime I'm in the area, or passing on the way to Glasgow, I drop by and still enjoy it as much as I always did.	Neil Currie
I used to skate there when I was younger and lots of people still use it today and is a great area for kids to learn to skate.	John MacMurchie



Watching friends in the 80's on bikes, boards then skates and scooters using this. It's used constantly.	Evette Woodley McLeod
I first visited the park in the late-80's as a teenager. It was an occasional but very big day out for me and my friends from Carnoustie. Our dads would take it in turns to ferry us through a couple of times a year. It was such an iconic and inspiring place and we never tired of our visits and there was always a great feeling of camaraderie and encouragement from anyone you met there. I now live a bit closer and take my own children there from time to time. The same instincts remain, from the people who populate the park, to encourage and lift each other up and that, for me, is what elevates its status.	Robin Laing
The skatepark and surrounding areas were a big part of my childhood and teenage years. As a kid I'd go to the skatepark loads with my family and cousins, we used to use the rc track and the old bmx track near by as well. As a teen I was down there every single weekend. Me and my friends would go between there and "the square" (Livingston square along the boulevard) Would sit and watch the skaters, try have a shot on a friends board. The Livi skate party was always a great time too. I also love seeing the changing graffiti over the years, everyone remembers when big bowl was an eyeball.	Mhairi-Clare
Lived in Livingston for over 40 years & "the skatey" was always the place to go to watch & be envious of the skateboarders	Elaine Stewart
I am Livingston born and bred. My childhood was spent at the skatepark and I now frequently go with my children. It is a place of memories, friendships and many a "skint knee" The skate park is a fantastic place.	Ashley Carral
Livingston Skatepark is part of growing up for any young person in Livingston or the surrounding areas. It brings people from all different backgrounds to practice their skills and face new challenges. It really is the heart of the community and is a much loved place for many thousands of people. The skate park needs to continue to be a big part of Livingstons history going forward.	Fraser
From a young age I went down on my bmx bike at every opportunity I could. Me and my younger brother still do. Many famous sponsored bmx riders have rode their bikes here and made them part of their own videos. I met a variety of people from different backgrounds. It's like a big family during the summer time with bike and skateboard jams. Barbecue's and everyone enjoying themselves. Here's the video of the famous rider Harry Main when he came to visit. https://youtu.be/xLHvDsH_ND8	Mark McKee
The skate park has been there since my childhood, I remember sitting on the sidelines as a teen walking the skaters. Now one of my sons skates and is in the skatepark 3-4 times a week. It has lots of people there regularly and the older ones are super tolerant of the little kids that visit on their scooters, they really are awesome. It would be a great loss to a community with little here to keep teens out of trouble.	Lesley Knox
I'm aware it is heavily used and is social area for young people and adults. Family's use the are supervising their children. There are events throughout the year. The local shops are used daily by families and others who use the skateboard.	Angela Reilly
Learned so much and met so many people in the 90s with this facility. It made Livingston a name to a community that wouldn't have cared otherwise. Massively important	Paul Ward
When i first started getting into music, a friend of mine ran a music	Declan Milne



<p>festival in the skatepark, it was a huge turnout and a great day. Since then my band have been all over including Isle of Wight festival and Glasgows Barrowland Ballroom and it all began in that skatepark. Its a part of the towns culture and history.</p>	
<p>We stayed in England but my family stayed in Kirknewton. Every time we came to visit my boys wanted to go to the park. They are in their 40s now.</p>	Christine Powell
<p>The skatepark has existed since I was born and I made many memories there as a child up until my early 20's. It's a great spot for kids to hang out and actually give them somewhere to go and something to do.</p>	Nadine Cairns
<p>I ride the place a lot and it's always lots of fun but would be good if it got a bit of a rebuild</p>	Cameron findlay
<p>I have vivid memories of visiting the skatepark in 1989 when I was a student in Manchester. 4 of us drove up to join the "pure fun" skate party in June. The skate jam was inclusive and welcoming, live music, demonstrations of skating, competitions, great community feel, we stayed on the floor at Kenny Ormond's house. It was a seminal moment that captured fully everything great about skateboarding culture and I have been a fan of "Livi" ever since. It's a very special place.</p>	David Norris
<p>I hung around the skate park in the eighties with skaters and bmxers. the people who hung around felt like part of a community, parties and events it was great fun.</p>	
<p>I've been Skating about 20-22 years now, I've been to the majority of the Skateparks available throughout the Central Belt of Scotland. There are a good few out there but Livi Skatepark stands out above the rest. I'd class Livi Skatepark as my second home, and has been for the last 14 years of my life (I was 30 beginning of April 2023)</p> <p>I've met close to about a hundred people here and a massive handful of them are people I'd class as friends now.</p> <p>People come and go at the park like the majority of congregation areas, but one thing we all have in common is a passion to better ourselves, whether that's on a Skateboard, BMX, Inline skates or a Scooter.</p> <p>Livingston skatepark is an absolute Staple in the Skateboarding world, People come from all over the world just to skate here -Last summer I was down in Bangor, Wales and I met a couple dudes, Jasper and Rob, both have Livingston on their bucket list of parks to skate.-</p> <p>As I've got older I've started to realise more just how privileged we are to have something like Livi Skatepark on our doorstep, so I give back to the park in any way I can. I clean it up, give it a brush now and again, painted the Sun and Moon again to try to bring that piece back, and I still feel like I owe the park so much more.</p> <p>Yes it's just concrete, but from these quarter pipes and ramps Blood, Sweat and Tears have been poured into passion and professional sportsmen have be born. As a daily user of Livi Skatepark I can say there is a few more professional on the horizon, but this is only made possible if the skatepark continues to be useable.</p>	
<p>Without Livingston skatepark these people would never have had the chance to achieve one of their life goals or be able to walk that path</p>	Ryan Mackinnon



<p>even as a choice.</p> <p>One of the aspects that keep people going is the level of encouragement everyone is happy to give out, I want you to try and find somewhere else that picks up newbies, includes and encourages them, the same way people do at Skateparks, these places are far and few between these days.</p> <p>Livingston Skatepark is truly something to behold, and I'd like it if people on the outside of our way of life understood that, a 42 year old Skatepark which has changed so many peoples lives including my own. Having somewhere like this allowed me to escape the low's that life throws at you, because when you skate, all that matters is you, and that board.</p> <p>Thank you for your time reading my dribble about Livingston skatepark</p>	
<p>I played in the skatepark as a child and my own 2 sons now use it every day.</p>	<p>Matt Lodge</p>
<p>I was there almost every day, weather permitting, 1983-86. Widened my circle of friends well beyond those from just my school. I also left some teeth in the big bowl following one particular face plant. I wouldn't change a single thing about the time I spent there. Some of the best days of my young life.</p>	<p>Ollie Broadie</p>
<p>Many happy hours spent there in the 80s and 90s. A catalyst for lifelong friends and connections.</p>	<p>Angus McPhee</p>
<p>Been in Livingston for the last 30 years . My children grew up and around the park and had many a great day there . It has been an iconic part of the landscape since it was first opened and has seen many visitors from all over the world bringing in much needed revenue to the area</p>	<p>Alexander miller</p>
<p>I lived in West Calder in my childhood and regularly used the skatepark from 1989 onwards until I moved to England in 2001. I visit whenever I am back in Scotland to visit family.</p>	<p>Steve Gillanders</p>
<p>Grew up in Glasgow and trips to Livi in the early 90s were amazing.</p>	<p>Daniel Kleinberg</p>
<p>My son learned to skate here. It is the best park in the area. He looks forward to coming here every weekend, he has made friends from all over the country in this park and has built up confidence in himself here. Skating is an essential part of coping with his anxiety.</p>	<p>Kevin Rankin</p>
<p>I have been aware of Livi Skatepark and its importance to the Scottish skateboarding scene since my youth in the late 1990s -</p> <p>In those pre internet days it was always full of mystique and stories from those older who were able to travel from Fife to Livingstone to skate the park - at that time it was still one of the only purpose built skate parks in Scotland, it was not until the early 2000's that local authorities started to build public parks in towns and a parks.</p>	<p>John Davies</p>
<p>Since first visiting the park in the mid eighties I have been a regular visitor over the years interested and taking part in skateboarding and bmx</p>	<p>Graeme peter</p>
<p>I have skated it since the 80s and still skate it when dry. Always try and bring a young skater with me to experience this mecca of a park.</p>	<p>Alan H Kelly</p>
<p>I've used the skatepark since the 1980s when I was a kid and it was one of the only available skateparks in Southern Scotland. 'Livi fun days' were an integral and central point for the community to</p>	<p>Duncan Buchanan-MacDonald</p>



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Kids have used it and always go to skate party	Tracey mccabe
Growing-up in the 1990's as a keen skateboarder, Livingston was famous as must-go destination for me and many of my friends. Being young, I think I knew of 'Livi' as a skatepark before I even realised it was a whole town! Now in my forties, I still like to skateboard and do still visit. I'm now also an architect and appreciate the park not just for its purpose, but for its design and place in history.	Craig Tait
Spent most of my teenage years hanging out there both in the day and night, although I didn't actually skate.	
Started riding here when I was young and it's one of the best parks around west Lothian	
Visit regularly. Best park in the area. Good history	Charlotte Rankin
I first visited Livi in 1988 at the age of 19. Been from the NE of England it had been on our radar to skate for a few years and it didn't disappoint. The design give many varied skating areas and experiences (original park from 1981). I continued to visit Livi on a fairly regular basis to skate and BMX for the next 10 years until medical problems forced me to stop. The Pure Fun Skate Parties and Ditch comps were a highlight of the summer as was seen visiting skateboard teams / individuals from around the world who made the pilgrimage to Livi as it is such a well thought of spot. Powell Peralta in 88 and 90 were definitely a high point as they were the best in the world at the time.	Andy Lincoln
I used to go with my friends from Hamilton in 1983-85! As bmx guys, it was and is an amazing unique facility and very inclusive at the time. I revisited two years ago in my vintage haro bmx and although in my 50s it was great to roll back the years!! I lecture in built environment too. Phil Inglis	Phil Inglis
My uncle, Iain Urquhart, designed Livingston skatepark. In 2020 I produced a BBC Radio 3 documentary (https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000p2ch) for which I undertook extensive research, interviewing many of the skatepark's users, past and present. The artist and skateboarder Toby Paterson told me that Livingston skatepark "sits within the psyche of not just Scottish skateboarding, but world skateboarding... The first time I saw images of Livi, was in BMX Action Bike, which turned into Rad magazine. It was pre-graffiti, still pretty pristine looking, which at that point it would only have been, like 4 or 5 years old. And I was like – that's in Scotland? Wow! I think without realising it at the time, it fostered – you know, it was an absolutely extraordinary thing around which a scene of international significance was built." Another contributor - Iain Borden, Professor of Architecture and Urban Culture at University College London, himself an avid skateboarder - maintained that "Livi was a prototype for UK skateparks, the way that Iain Urquhart considered how it sat in the ground, and provided viewing terraces... you can tell from the long sections through the designs that he was thinking about that very carefully. Livi is the first skatepark where	Steve Urquhart



<p>you've got a skilled designer, who's visited skate parks in the UK and in America, and who's spoken and conversed with and collaborated with lots of local riders, that's when the formula for what makes a good skate park comes together. And Livingston's the first to do that."</p> <p>Lifelong skateboarder and local resident Murray McCormick told me: "It's the best money ever spent, this place, for kids – generations of kids coming here for best part of 40 years, for free, looking after each other, looking out for each other. I'm 55 now - when Livingston was built in 1981, I was around about 15, 16. And this was like a godsend. This was... paradise! (laughs) Brand new, mint condition, state of the art skatepark, and really just a bus journey away for me, easier to get to than Glasgow. Absolute heaven! The big bowl, that's the sort of intimidating part, but it's the jewel in the crown."</p> <p>Two young girls who I bumped into, told me: "We always go to skate park – we've actually been today... we go on a stunt scooter... well, I go on a razor scooter... I go on a stunt scooter because I can go up and down and jump..."</p> <p>Three young boys I spoke to, who were using the skatepark, told me: "It's one of the best parks in Scotland, definitely, and this is five minutes away from my house, so it makes it great! Tony Hawk rode here, he was carving that big bowl... It's brilliant for people that can just come down and see all your pals, it's all fun... There's a good scene down here with the skaters, aye, everyone's friendly man... It's like a wee second family, almost, everybody's nice, friendly, no-one's like you cannae do that... Cos I just started a month ago, and – the people over there, like I'm 13, and they'll be like, thirty! Older! And they'll help me. It's amazing!"</p>	
<p>Iain designed the skatepark for Livingston after we went on a trip to California to visit some of the parks there and I had to hang about quite a bit so got into skateboarding myself which I absolutely loved!</p>	Dee Urquhart-Ross
<p>Its original skate built in the UK. Scotland.</p>	Grant Ovenden
<p>My daughter uses the skate park, she is 13 now and since age 6 she's been a regular. It's brought her a lot of confidence and she's made many friends.</p>	Hazel
<p>I'm now 61 and originally skated a Livi when it first opened - was given a lift there in the early days by the architect Ian Urquhart and his wife Dee</p>	Ken Chalmers
<p>I used it as a Teenager, in the 80's, riding on it, on my BMX.</p>	Alyn Gilmour
<p>Grew up skating there from early 2000's to present. Many a friends and lifelong connections made there and love going back for nostalgia. Long live Livi!</p>	Ross Peat
<p>After moving to Scotland from Poland Livi was one of the first places I wanted to visit. From my perspective, if I had to choose one historically important place in Scotland to visit I would choose Livi. If I had to choose one place that should be given more funding, care and protection I would choose Livi.</p>	Bart
<p>I started skating Livi in 1989. I was from nearby West Calder. I loved to skate my local streets but when I first saw all those skaters in the bowl and half pipe, what could be done (no internet then), it was a revelation! More importantly though, I discovered the culture, the music and the people who were good enough to make me feel part of it. Friends made then I still have today, and I know there are many others like that. I</p>	Steven Hampson



<p>skated the park constantly from 1993 to 2005, when I moved to Stirling. I've never stopped skating since and I still visit Livi. The common love for the park threw together people unlike in any other way and weirdly enough it created friendships you'd never have predicted. Its a skatepark, you roll around in it and there's plenty others, but you need to recognise the first one, the one whose success was part of the proposal for all the others that followed: Perth, Stirling, Dundee, Edinburgh and all the rest. The one that incubated and sustained the Scottish scene in the slump of the nineties and was still there to see skateboarding re-emerge. As well as that, to build a park as good as that with no local precedent, and for it to be as good as it is, is a testament to Iain, Dee and Kenny as well as to LDC for supporting it.</p>	
<p>In the world of skateboarding livi is almost seen as a point of pilgrimage for skateboarders. I first visited in the early 2000s coming up from barrow in furness with my friends and was forced to learn the 'livi rollin'. whenever i am in scotland i always try to have a few hours in livi. Its special unique and full of history and should be kept for generations to come. Ive been skateboarding for 22 years now and livi is one of those rare places you can never tire of.</p>	Stephen Delves
<p>I grew up in Livingston and skated at the park from the age of 5, when my Dad would take me down for a morning skate and stop off at the BMX track (sadly now gone) and a run around the 'Trim Track' in the surrounding woods.</p> <p>By the age of 12 we had moved closer as a family and I was allowed to go to the sakepark with friends or on my own. There was a great feeling of freedom and responsibility to be able to go visit this place and spend all day there.</p> <p>I was very fortunate to meet a lot of great people in my time spent at Livingston Skatepark, attend many 'Skate Parties' and become friends with people from all over Europe who would attend the annual events. Without getting too much into a 'back in my day...', this was before Facebook etc. and socially I would say the bonds of friendship and comraderie from the community of regulars and visitors was definitely something that shaped my values and attitudes at a young age.</p> <p>Skateboarding, Inline Skating and BMX'ing are all individual sports, it's up to the person to push themselves to do the next trick bigger and better, stand at the next tallest drop in and try to drive through the fear and knots in your stomach. You quickly find out your limits and how to push them, but you also feel the support from your fellow skaters/riders to push you towards achieving it.</p> <p>I have very fond memories of the park, and I am aware of it's undoubtdted historic significance to UK and European Skating Culture. Architecturally, I think the skatepark has been overlooked for too long. Growing up in Livingston there were a lot of activity playgorunds, woodland trails and areas for youngsters to explore. As time has passed a lot of these have sadly been lost due to development of the town and Council cutbacks, but Livingston Skatepark has remained. Its' concrete ramps and bowls have felt like a constant feature of the town, which generations of people who have lived in Livingston and used the park have different memories of. It is not an uderstatement to say Livi Skatepark is part of my identity, and I have the scars from the concrete to prove it.</p> <p>The park itself is a wonder of lines and undulations, it is a great place to skate and drop in to 'runs', and above all has always had a natural feel to it even though it is man made. It has always blended in well to its</p>	Scott



<p>surrounding next to the Almond River, and even with encroaching development, it still looks part of the scenery, like it is meant to be there. I'd like this place to be recognised for both the architecture and its contribution to the community. It is an accessible place, allowing people from all backgrounds to use it 'free of charge' and become part of the culture that surrounds the park.</p> <p>I have since moved from Livingston to Aberdeen, and it amazes me the lack of facilities in a major city and makes me realise how lucky I was to have Livi Skatepark in my backyard. I look forward to bringing my own Son down to have a go at the Skatepark and watch him go from tobogganning down the half-pip to dropping in to the Big Bowl when he is older.</p> <p>Livingston Skatepark deserves to be recognised as a Historical and Cultural Landmark and should be maintained and preserved for as many people as possible coming up behind us.</p>	
<p>I used to skate there in the 80s and 90s, it's iconic, known worldwide with footage of American pro skaters in some classic skate videos</p>	Steve Murray
<p>During the late 80's and early 90's skateboarding was all I thought about. My group of friends and I lived in an estate in Dunfermline and we skated everyday. Skating facilities in Dunfermline were non-existent so we had to make do with home made ramps or halfpipes we made. Going to Livi was a massive event for us, I remember the excitement when our parents agreed it was ok for us all to take the bus over by ourselves... We planned to get the very first bus in the morning, our only caveat from our parents was to phone them when we arrived and when we were leaving. Simpler times. I can still remember 30 years later going for the first time and how much we all loved it, the day was ace plus we got to meet other skaters, make friends plus learn skills from each other. Everytime we went it was always something special. I'm so glad Livi skatepark was there for my friends and I and still going strong today. The impact on skating culture in the central belt of Scotland was profound and massively helped improve our skill level. Livi Skatepark quite rightly deserves to be recognised as one of the most important historical landmarks for skating culture in Scotland.</p>	DougieJM
<p>I visited from around 88 to 90 ish from Edinburgh. The amount of like minded, emotionally invested and lively (mainly) boys helped me through tough times at home.</p> <p>Something i later found in dance music. The purity of being in a crowd on my cheapest-in-the-shop variflex. Fell lots.</p> <p>Can't believe this listed status is attainable. What a fantastic thing.</p>	Phil Beattie
<p>As the Play Area Coordinator for West Lothian Council I was responsible for managing a team of 5 play inspectors who carried out a weekly inspection of the facility and arranged for surface repairs by specialist contractors.</p>	Stephen Knox
<p>I've been skateboarding there for over 30 years and now take my son too. It's an iconic part of Scotland's skateboarding heritage, and indeed that of Europe, given the parks age and significance in having lasted through the 70s and 80's booms, after which many parks were demolished, and into the present day where it's as popular and relevant as ever in an age where skateboarding is increasingly attracting a more diverse audience and needs safe environments for the community to meet, learn and have fun together.</p>	Craig Fletcher



<p>Having a relatively short but quickly evolving history, it's important that special places like these are protected for future generations of skaters, so that the origins and progression of the art form are preserved in the concrete. There is no better example of this than Livingston Skatepark</p>	
<p>I have skated Livingston Skatepark since the mid-1980's when it really was the only skatepark in Scotland. Livi served as a central meeting point where people from all over Scotland and beyond would come to skate because it was the only skatepark in Scotland but also because it was an excellent skatepark too. So we were very fortunate to have a park like that to skate.</p> <p>The "Livi skate party" events of the late 80's / early 90's were legendary, people from all over the UK would come to camp out and skate the park, some excellent memories of those times! Livi has also produced some of the best skateboarders in Scotland with a few who manage to make some kind of career / living out of it. Particularly for Livi in the 80's / 90's the skatepark offered an amazing outlet and alternative to the drinking / hanging out / causing trouble that was common in many other new towns in Scotland, so there are many skaters who really did have their lives changed by having the park in their town.</p>	<p>Rick Curran</p>
<p>I've ridden the park a couple of times, after being very interested in it for many years before going. Working as a BMX photographer, I took the Haro BMX team there in 2016 to film a video and shoot photos.</p>	<p>Robin Pearson</p>
<p>Bmx</p>	<p>Dave</p>
<p>I'm a life-long skateboarder in California, where modern skateboarding was born. I began skating in 1980, just as the 1970s "boom" was dying off and all but one of the hundreds of skateparks in the U.S. closed. Nothing tells an 11-year-old that what you're doing doesn't matter like shutting down all the places they could do it and turning them into strip malls. But the few skaters who remained were determined to find places to skate—backyard swimming pools, drainage ditches, and long, painted curbs. There was one skateboarding magazine left, and I remember reading about Steve Caballero's and Mike McGill's trip to a NEW skatepark in Scotland one day in Thrasher magazine. I couldn't believe it. A NEW skatepark! It was all the way in Scotland, but the idea that in 1981 it was viable to build a skatepark somewhere was inspiring. It confirmed for me (and I'm certain for many other skaters in America at the time) that skateboarding and skateboarders still existed—and even thrived—in other places. We weren't alone, and we weren't clinging to a dying fad. Skateboarding WAS international. It was universal. The STROKE we felt in California was alive and strong in other places around the world. Definitely in Livingston, Scotland! And in the months and years to follow, I'd learn of pockets of skaters all over the world who were also determined to keep skateboarding and keep developing it, and keep fighting for more skateparks. Eventually I found myself supporting skatepark advocacy efforts around the U.S., and even served on the Board at USA Skateboarding until the sport was finally admitted to the Olympic Games. These days there are skateparks all over the world, but there was a time when we almost lost them all. And that's when Livingston Skatepark arrived and jump started the idea that skateparks COULD be part of our future. And that skateboarding didn't have to die. "Livy" is skateboarding's flag on the moon (American analogy—sorry), a symbol of where we could go at a time when we needed that example so badly. Livingston Skatepark gave us all—including the kids halfway around the world—hope at a time when our</p>	<p>Miki Vuckovich</p>



little world was on the brink of disappearing. It was a bridge to a new era and a new thinking that eventually brought the world the newest Olympic sport. Livi is legend.	
I'm from and live in Sheffield but have read about the legendary Livi and seen pictures and videos of it throughout my long years skateboarding and riding bmx. Given it's legendary status in UK skate/BMX culture I've also made a number of pilgrimages north over the years to skate or ride it.	Geoff from Sheff
I am a skater born & bred in Southern California with one-quarter Scottish lineage from Clan MacDougall At 63, I live, skate, surf, hula, & paddle in Kapa'au, HI where my Scottish great-grandfather settled and helped found St Augustine Episcopal Church My siblings, children, nieces, & nephews skate My sister is visiting Scotland in a few weeks. I'm going to pass the name/location of this skatepark to her I'm sure she'll visit Livi this trip Ultimately, I'll skate Livi when I visit our homeland Designating Livi as a listed skatepark/building is of broad cultural interest, especially giving that skateboarding is an Olympic sport	Brendan McDougall PhD
Occasional visits when I was younger, always skated more local parks to me. Livi is legendary though not only in Scotland	
I am part of a charity organisation called Forres Skatepark Initiative currently going through the processes to build a new skatepark in Forres, Moray. I support all Scottish Skateparks and I am an ex-skateboarder (now disabled) but I did skate Livi when I was younger.	Nikk Horne
Getting the train there for the first time from Glasgow in the 80s ,the first moment you see it is an incredible thing,I was pretty local at one point ,best days and lifetime memories	Amos burke
I have traveled from Liverpool just to ride this park. Plenty of friends made along the way. Historic skatepark with historic stories. Not many left like it I, just like the old listed buildings this whole country has old historic skateparks, structures buildings and bridges should all be saved!!!	The whole Bmx community
It's an original skatepark that is used by many extreme sports athletes. People want to be able to come to Livingston skatepark from all over the world to ride, skate or scoot. Making it a listed site does nothing for the community or country for that matter. There will be a lot less people wanting to come to look it rather than getting to actually use it.	John Hurley
I've travelled here since the early 90s when it was the only skatepark we had. Even now I live nearer half a dozen other parks I still travel to livi. It has a layout and character like no other park. I learned to skate here and now my kids are learning here.	Mike Callaghan
Livingston skatepark has always been the beacon of hope for skateboarding, as a skater learning the ropes up North the stories and legends which circulated around this space created a mythical behemoth of potential. And although I didn't skate it until I was much older, the legends never stopped coming. Whenever it was featured in a video or in a magazine it was instantly recognisable and gave a sense	Campbell Barclay



of pride being a Scottish skater. It was that despite at the time half of our country wasn't accessible for skateboarding on, there was always this oasis down in Livingston.	
No other park in Scotland has the same level of gravitas (excuse the pun) it's been used by the greats, featured in countless video parts and magazine articles. Probably the biggest thing in Scotland for the skate and bmx community.	Sven Thomas
I ride this skatepark every day and it has been a safe space to have fun and learn so much! Made so many friends and created so many memories!	Joe Higgins
Bones Brigade came down and shredded the park and my friends dad would tell us all about it every time we went because it is such a huge part of Scotland's skate scene and to be able to say that you have skated in the same park as Bones Brigade is pretty awesome	Alex McLean
I have skated Livi on many occasions over the past 30 years it's one of the best parks in Scotland still	Mark Turpie
I have been skating at Livi since I was 14 years old (now 33). Learned my first drop in, how to skate transition. The community at the skatepark is one of the best as well, everyone is really friendly and quick to help anyone out or give them some hype on a trick. I've made many friends at Livi. Watched my two favourite skaters at the time still rip it up, Ben Layden and Stu Graham. I've done some concrete work with Stu and bought lots of skate stuff from him over the years. All down to Livi.	Mark Leitch
I spent a large portion of my childhood using the skatepark. My first visit was when I was around 5 or 6 on my roller skates with my mum, up until I was around 10 or 11 when I was allowed to go on my own. From then on I used the skatepark on a weekly basis (weather permitting) up until around the age of 20. I credit the skatepark as the place I met many of my friends, of whom I still talk to over a decade later. And I'm sure many other Livingston locals would say the same. The skatepark is an integral part of Livingston for so many people, young and old.	Robbie Corbett
I have lived in Livingston for 30 years and the Skatepark is a thing of legend. I have had multiple people on my travels across the country and the world who have only heard of Livingston because of the Skate Park. Some of the world's most famous skateboarders have skated there. Personalities like Tony Hawk who to many people, are skating.	James McCulloch
Livingston skatepark has been a massive part of my youth and my friends' youth. Now I'm in my mid 20s and I still use the skatepark on a daily basis. As do many. It's important for all people that use skatepark, young and old, that it is listed as a historic building. Not only has it had a huge impact on the lives of many that use it but has also massively impacted the worldwide skateboarding community as a whole. So many great memories have been made there and it would be devastating for so many to see the skatepark neglected and left to deteriorate further.	Daniel McKenna
Understanding Livi is one of Scotland's oldest skateparks. Seen and known by people all around the world skating it and having its place in skateboarding. It's always talked about when Scotland and skating is mentioned.	Andrew Lee
The Landscape Architects section of the Livingston Development Corporation was responsible, within the design team, for the surrounding earthworks and planting design. The site was originally a tip for excess material from the town centre works and had to be shaped to suit the new facilities. At the time the site was considered one part of a	Dean Swift



<p>larger facility which included the Trim Course adjacent (no longer exists) hence the earth shaping for the skatepark and trim course was carried out as one exercise. You probably know that the north side includes a climbing wall.</p>	
<p>My first introduction to the skatepark was around 2007, and then from 2010 until now (2023) I've been a local at this park, met many people that use it, travellers, visitors and the like through the years as I've been here.</p> <p>I've got countless memories of this park but I would probably say that the best part about it is all the different types of people that it brings together that share the same interest in whatever sport they do, in my case Skateboarding, and helps friendships develop and thrive.</p>	James Gordon
<p>I started skateboarding in the north east and soon heard about the legendary skatepark in Livingston. Having enjoyed a handful of days over the years I know the skatepark is something special and whenever I have visited skateparks in the US Livingston is the first thing people think of when I say I'm from Scotland.</p>	Tam Bernard
<p>I grew up in the skatepark, it's importance can't be understated. A working class town with little to nothing for kids, the park provided a safe haven and somewhere to constructively spend time.</p>	Gray Caldwell
<p>Livingston is a long standing staple of British skateboarding and one of the oldest parks in the UK where pros would come over from America just to go to the pure fun livi skate party and represents a lot for Scottish skateboarding as a whole</p>	James davies
<p>Remember when I was younger attending skatepark parties with my parents. It's a close net of people who used the original part of the skatepark. Also the Olympic torch was also taken along the skatepark on a skateboard by Kenny end who is the main man for the skatepark. Kenny is a fantastic person and oldest person who still skates. I think the park should gain historic certification but maybe a plaque for Kenny Omend should be added as well.</p>	Natasha Cheyne
<p>I spent 20 years going to Livingston Skatepark. It is a very special place. Not only for it's historic value, but so many good times and memories have been made there. It was a place everyone could belong, even when they didn't fit in with normal society. Everyone was friendly, I have made life long friends. Met people from all over the world here. I have watched Pro Skateboarders skate here, and am so proud that anywhere you go, in skater circles, you can mention 'Livi', and everyone knows of it. It was a place were art was made, music was played and smiles were big. It was known as a hard terrain to skate, which made watching even more exciting. I have spent many a night watching skate sessions, and loved every minute. It will always hold a place in my heart. Skateboarding was the best thing to come out of Livingston. There's nothing else here. Skaters have discipline and talent, it's a valuable life skill to learn; that when you fall you get straight back up again. Livi taught me that. Long Live Livi!</p>	Miss Caroline Munday
<p>I have lived in Livingston for over 40 years and the skatepark has been a big part of family life my son and grandchildren still use the park giving them something to do great form off exercise and I love watching them</p>	M Hunter
<p>The skate park was a big part of my childhood. It was a safe place to engage in friendship and community. Now as a parent I often take my own children here to experience the thrill of seeing people doing their stunts and trying a few of their own. As a nursery practitioner I find it very important to have these spaces that offer risky play to children as</p>	Alana Isaacson



<p>these are in short demand. The skate park is a place parent allow their children to take risks, access their own abilities and socialise with friends.</p>	
<p>I have been going to the park since 1981 and have been involved with the park through it expansion in 1992 and helped the council to see the completion of the last stage in 2013 . I have been there and skated with the bones brigade in 1991 and have helped and organised many of the pure fun skate parties . I was also successful in getting Kenny Omond to carry the queens baton for the 2014 commonwealth games</p>	<p>BRIAN SIVESS</p>
<p>Our friends child used the park and made many friends from different areas learnt new skills. I found the kids there to be really accepting, inclusive, friendly and helpful</p>	<p>Emma Bridgman</p>
<p>I skated there as a child It was the place where I learned to skate properly in a skate park and suffered many scuffs and bruises but have amazing memories of spending school holidays and weekends with friends at the skate park. The skate park used to have a festival where camping and music was placed. It's been a great part of Livingston and one where many people I know (who don't live in Livingston) have travelled to use the skate park</p>	<p>Barry</p>
<p>Livingston Skatepark is a staple in the community. In the 1980's it had many visitors from around the world. Two top Italian skateboarders came over for a week and came to stay at our house. In the summer it is a great place to hang out for the young people and can give them inspiration. Many competitions were held at the skatepark it was fab.</p>	<p>Katharine Gunn</p>
<p>I used to go there when I was a little boy with my brother, we used to go to the skatepark for a good majority of the day. he would go to the skate park, then i would sit at the river almond fishing, then go to Asda or McDonald's and then head home I've met I don't know how many of my friends there, it's a really good socialising place for youngsters to talk about/do the things they have in common.</p>	<p>Tom</p>
<p>I used to go to the skatepark with my dad and brothers when I was young. We also used the trim trail Which was right next to the park . I've used the park a lot with my children and they have enjoyed using it and learning new tricks ! It's such an iconic place in Livingston and the kids don't have many places to go in Livingston so it's a bit of a novelty.</p>	<p>Kirstin Shemilt</p>



<p>Seeing tonyhawk in the 90s and the skate parties. A place to hang about when I was young. Good times . I have recently returned to the park as an “older “ skater . I have loved to revisit my youth and keep fit at the same time . Have enjoyed chatting to a few of the older guys who hang about there with their own children . Good to chat about the skatepark and reminisce about the past. There have been a lot of improvements to the park which have been great such as the flood lighting. It’s good to see it continue to be used as it’s a Livingston landmark!</p>	<p>Scott McMillan</p>
<p><i>Anonymous comments</i></p>	
<p>I spent time at the skate park while growing up in Livingston. I was introduced to this space by my brother who was and is still a keen skate boarder. Although my attempts to skate were short lived i made friends and used the space to develop my photography skills often getting a buzz when the skaters wanted to see my pictures or use them online. Over the years it has provided a space for escape when my brother struggled with mental health and needed to be away from home but in a comforting space.</p>	
<p>I spent time at the skate park in my teens, now my kids use it on a regular basis</p>	
<p>Although I can’t skate we all sat/met/hung out there in the early 2000s (I met my husband there!) and remember the skate parties as the best times!</p>	
<p>Childhood memories and great to take my daughter now</p>	
<p>Once fell off a bike. Didn’t use it often but still an iconic landmark in my childhood and life</p>	
<p>I have grown up near Livingston and the skatepark and have frequent childhood memories there from watching and learning how to skate, making friends for life, to now watching future generations whilst my nephew and toddler learn from those around it’s more than a skatepark, it’s a community and part of our history and a change to skateboarding, BMX, Rollerblading within the UK</p>	
<p>I learned to skate in the park back in the early 1980s - it is iconic and a treasure for Scotland as a whole, of major historical importance and must be preserved</p>	
<p>Great place to socialise. Place for the young one to hang out and skate with out getting told off. Also the skate party nrimgs Great awareness of the local music sence. I have amazing memories growing up there</p>	
<p>I used to sit across the river and watch friends and family using the park. I've met people from other parts of Scotland and England who</p>	



<p>have spent time at the park when they were kids. Skater culture is strong and that park is a part of it, it should 100% be protected and kept in use.</p>
<p>As a teen we used to hang around the park. We used to always go every day after school and sometimes we would even camp where the trim track used to be at the weekends. Skate parties were a blast as well and even though I am now 36 there was nothing for us to do in Livingston and there is still nothing to do for the teens now. The skate park brings people from all over Scotland and beyond and connects people even beyond skating.</p>
<p>Having lived in Livingston all my life growing up the skate park has always been here and been used by myself, friends and family. I attended when events held for officially skate teams.</p>
<p>did a uni piece on it a few years ago, got to speak to the legend who brought back the idea from America. Bones Brigade Tony Hawk and Steve Cabillaro have skated here!</p> <p>First time i skated here, the local scene cheered me on until I landed my first kick flip, loved area, helps the community, proud piece of history!!</p>
<p>Being part of the architectural profession, the skate park designed by Scottish architect Ian Urquhart should be protected and celebrated, as it is clearly revered by the community in Livingston and skateboarders far and wide. In addition it is a piece of architecture that maintains its intended use, it doesn't sit derelict but provides a fantastic community facility.</p>
<p>Great place to motivate my daughter as she is trying to emulate her skateboarding heroes.</p>
<p>Its legendary in the skateboarding scene, although I've never been. Ive heard lots of stories about it from older skaters as well as people my age. It's famous around the world too. International skaters know about Livi skatepark, if nowhere else in Scotland.</p>
<p>As part of the 80's skate scene, Iain and Dee Urquart were the connection with skaters throughout Scotland and linked with the English Skateboard Association. These were really challenging times for the relatively few skaters that were about and the development of Livi was a massive boost to skating.</p> <p>It was seen as a really important step and provided a focal point, not just for skaters but the wider community. This has continued to this day.</p>
<p>Scottish skateboarding history</p>
<p>taking the bus out to Livi from Edinburgh was a right of passage for me as an expat Canadian who understood Livi's significance.</p>
<p>It's very relevant in skateboarding, bmx and action sports in general</p>
<p>Visited many times, such as an iconic UK skatepark</p>
<p>I moved to Edinburgh in 2020, the same year I started learning to skate. My husband, who has been skating for 25 years, had told me all about</p>



<p>Livi and what a legendary spot it was, so obviously we had to pay it a visit the minute we arrived in Scotland! We've had some great early mornings there taking advantage of the quiet for me to learn the basics - I learned drop ins and 50/50s on the tiny quarter in the new section, and spent a lot of time working on my carving in the old section.</p>
<p>Have rode bmx for many years and know how important livi is to bmx and skateboarding</p>
<p>I have traveled from Ayrshire to livi to skateboard for over 5 years and the history of the site is fascinating and it is the Mecca of Scottish skateboarding</p>
<p>I grew up in the Highlands and went to a boarding school in Perthshire and many of my friends from that school skated at Livingston skate park. My own children also used to skate in the park a couple of years ago. It was always very well thought of.</p>
<p>I used to go down the skatepark in the mid 90's, it was always great fun and a place we could all meet up and enjoy ourselves, my son now goes down the skatepark everytime it is dry outside with his scooter</p>
<p>Skated here as a youngster and continue to take my children to learn. A great venue for young and old. People travel all over the UK to use the park</p>
<p>My son used the skate park in his teenage years and was a great safe environment</p>
<p>As a teenager in the 80s I enjoyed many hrs watching the skate boarders and chilling with friends. It was more than a skateboard park. It was a community and a trailblazing "sculpture" Learned about art and textures, shapes and movement. Lots of photographers/ art students used the facility as part of college/ uni courses.</p>
<p>Should be given listed building status.</p>
<p>My husband used it when he was young and my children all used it.</p>
<p>Used the park in the early eighties my son now uses it, this is probably the only thing young kids have to do in and around the centre of Livingston.</p>
<p>I went to school with the founders son, my brother went to school with his sister. I know if the heritage and importance of the site, and it's importance to the local and wider community.</p>
<p>....</p>
<p>Growing up in livingston as a teen in the early 2000s this was the place to be for people with the same interests as me. Not just skating, but music and the scene as a whole as well. Everyone went, everyone met there. It's a trip down memory lane to walk or drive past it.</p>
<p>I grew up playing the Tony Hawk franchise on PlayStation. And to hear that Tony Hawk had visited and also that the park got so much attention from the US was so cool. Particularly in Philadelphia as the</p>



scene was huge there. It felt like you were part of something.

My father in law lived in Falkirk growing up but Livingston was the place to go for skating. Prior to the skatepark in Livi, you had to go to Glasgow and apparently it was awful! Again, this put Livingston on the map for a whole new generation. It's nice to think his generation made memories there, so did mine and currently others are too.

My children grew up in Livingston and used the park regularly had a few accidents having to attend a and e but they always enjoyed their time there keeping them occupied giving fresh air and some exercise

The skatepark is part of the history of Livingston and should be protected

Spent a lot of time there as a kid over the years

I became aware of the park when undertaking research into the public provision of skateparks nearly 20 years ago. I visited the park and interviewed several figures connected to it.

Everyone as a child was taken to the skate park and has been a massive part of people's lives since the early 90's

My granddad lives here so it was the first park I ever skated, don't live in Livi now but outside of it being special to me for that reason it's an incredibly historic park can't think of anywhere else as important to Scottish skating.

it's a great environment, makes a good social group, need to leave the space next to it empty instead of putting a home in 👍👍

Grew up skateboarding here as have much of my friends and I know this park has something very historic about it with it being one of the first in Scotland. I would love to see this place listed to prevent pesky newbuilds bulldozing everything in their path.

The status of "Livi" in U.K. skateboarding can never be underestimated, These days, 40 odd years later it's still one of the top skateparks in the U.K, but in 1981 it was a unique Phoenix from the ashes of the Skateboard craze that kept skateboarding alive in the U.K. and was one of the top skateparks in the world.

I'm from Belfast and we travelled by ferry and train, as we were too young to drive, just to see and skate the place.

The Iain Urquhart design used all the best bits of skateparks he had visited all over the world to maximise its compact design and literally made Livingstone a tourist destination for thousands of skaters.

By the mid 80's it was the first stop for all visiting American skateboard teams and I and hundreds of others travelled to see the best skaters in the world at the best skatepark in the U.K.

Not only should the Skatepark be awarded historic status but those who made it happen Dee & Iain Urquhart, Kenny Omond and the members of the Livingstone Development Corporation should be acknowledged for their drive forward thinking the "Livi fun weekend" is the skateboarding equivalent of the Edinburgh Festival and to put it in very basic terms, those well sculptured tons of concrete are what



<p>Livingstone is known for all over the world.</p>
<p>It's a home from home for many youth in Scotland, not just Livingston. It's rich skateboarding history is so important to the Scottish skateboarding community. It put us on the map! I spent time down there as a teenage, connecting with like minded individuals and making memories that'll last a lifetime. Skateboarding has come a long way from being viewed as a hobby for 'troubled' youth. Having Livi Skatepark as listed will continue to promote the sport and it's community culture, and show that HES support this important niche community in Scotland. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>When I started skating in the 90s it was basically the only park, certainly the only one worth a visit - My mate's very tolerant mum would drive us up from Kelso in the borders and we would spend all day there, never felt out of place either despite being country hicks</p>
<p>As a child we frequently went to the skatepark, and used to enjoy doing the trail at yhe same time</p>
<p>I played in the park as a youngster in the 80's and 90's</p>
<p>I have children who have used the skatepark from their balance bikes to scooters and skateboards. It needs a little tlc but it's an important part of Livingston.</p>
<p>I have skated here many of times over the years. Its cultural significance and history are a huge part of the scottish skateboarding scene and will be for many years to come if the park becomes a listed building.</p>
<p>I grew up in Livingston, Craig's hill. This was the place I spent most time. Exercised and made lifelong friends.</p>
<p>My husband met Tony hawk there when he visited, my husband used it regularly growing up My son now uses it for skateboarding, scootering and roller blading</p>
<p>First knew about the skatepark when I moved to livingston in the 90s used to always go down when I was younger firstly on a bmx then moved to inline skating had many a good time down there and I want to start taking my son down. In my opinion it should get historic status its well knowing and loved by many and also its about the onlything for youngsters to do down livingston .</p>
<p>Resident in Livingston for 37 years and this is "part of the town". I have had colleagues and friends from all over Scotland who mention that they used to visit Livingston to go to the skate park. It is more important to the town than many buildings that get listed status.</p>
<p>The skatepark is an iconic part of Livingston and the only remaining part of what was once a significant area of the town. This is a bit of Livingston history, and symbolises the aspirations of a new town.</p>
<p>The skatepark is a interval part of Livingston. It has brought some great events where both families and friends gather. Many happy memories growing up, making friends and then seeing our our kids use it. Special part of the town an community</p>



<p>Used to regularly use the skatepark when o was younger. I now take my sons down to use it</p>
<p>Growing up as a teen in the 80s the skatepark was a great place for kids to go and have fun and stay out of trouble</p>
<p>I used to spend hours on end there in my BMX or just hanging around with friends. There used to be a big party in the summer which was always great fun. For me there was always a great sense of community, buzzing with life.</p>
<p>I grew up in this skate park and developed life long connections here. It gave me a community to be a part of.</p>
<p>Kids in Livi have hung about at the "skatey" since I moved here as a teenager in 1986. As a secondary school teacher in the town is still a touchstone for young people. It is one of - the only?- free facility for young people in the town and is something they are proud of.</p>
<p>Regularly skate at the park and have done for about 3 years now, the park is used by many people and I have made so many connections with people from different points in their life, from small dudes on scooters to older parents who are trying to connect with their children or their own youth. The park needs funding and a someone who is going to look after it properly and not simply put off the work. The historic status might give it the attention it deserves due to its legacy. Local professional skaters were made here and there is enough talent in the area to continue with this. Awesome place with a good bunch of people</p>
<p>LONG LIVE LIVI</p>
<p>It was a safe space from when I was young to meet friends. Great people met there rhat are life long friends.</p>
<p>Grew up around the skate park.. then My teenage years, I watched friends. Then took my kids and now my kids are teenagers and use it.</p>
<p>Spent much of my childhood here and into my teens learning to skate and meeting others, it always has a welcoming atmosphere whether you're a beginner or pro. Hoping to take my own kids one day, a great asset to Livingston</p>
<p>I know the deep history the skate park has within Livingston but also globally as it is known all round the world and has attracted big names over the years</p>
<p>Spent my whole childhood down there. a staple to livi history</p>
<p>Many happy memories growing up going with my dad</p>
<p>Although I've never used it, it was always something I heard of and knew of growing up. My husband does go there often and now my son</p>
<p>I returned to skateboarding in the late 80s/early 90s (after the first wave in the late 70s) and we visited Livi occasionally as it was the nearest large skatepark when I lived in Edinburgh. We used to go to the Livi Fun Days and it was always packed! Such a great atmosphere and coming together of what felt like an outsider culture and community at the time. Although I couldn't ride it all (never dropped into the bowl!) it</p>



was great to be able to skate somewhere where we didn't get hassle from security guards/police etc.

I first visited the skatepark in the late 80's with my friends we regularly had to pester our parents to drive us through to use it, I was there when the bones brigade, with Tony hawk visited, there must have been 100's there that day. When my began skateboarding I had to take them to livi. It has a place in Scottish skateboarding history and still creates excitement to this day

I skate here.

1. The site directly next door (club earth) was just sold last month after a long time on the market for a low price. This would have been a perfect opportunity for the council to extend the land of the skatepark, if not for full development, at least to bank this land area for future park growth/further car parking (carpark is busy at peak times).

Went there when younger.

It was unknown to me until recently but when I heard about its history and place in the history of skateboarding in the UK I was immediately afraid for its future. Too many such structures have been lost over the years in the name of modernisation and development, the Livi should not be one.

I grew up in Livi in the 70s, 80s and used to use the adjacent 'trim course' when it opened. Too young to skateboard it still had a draw as a playspace as a kid, when there were no skaters using it. It was key in helping Livi function as an emerging new town with sparse amenities.

I used the skate park all the time when I was younger to mostly practice as myself and brother became bmx champions and it was thanks to being able to do that due to having skatepark on your doorstep to learn more

We were also always down with friends amd family and had many years of fun and I want that to continue for my kids and so on

Opportunity to promote the value of heritage listings to wider audiences and change the perceptions of heritage as 'old buildings'. It would help promote 20th century heritage as valuable, and demonstrate that something so well loved by today's communities as having value alongside older heritage that people may not have such connections with. Positivity for the sport and youth culture.

Livingston skatepark has been the best place in the world since I was 12. I'm now 37.

After a long time living away from West Lothian and Scotland, my family and I relocated to the area last year. One of the first things we did was visit the skatepark. I had to see it.

Must've been 2001 or something, a bunch of friends and I formed a little group called the "Radical Skate Crew". Maybe five of us, none particularly talented at skateboarding. We entered into one of the



competitions during the yearly Pure Fun Skate Party. The time comes, over the PA "Radical.. Skate.. Team?". Silence. I shout "AYE!!". We go for it. We're crap, but nobody cares. Big cheers all round for this inconsequential but passionate skate team.

That's what Livi's about. The fun of skating for its own sake. Accessible to everyone for nothing.

Spent many days there over summer holidays when mum worked in livingston. Made the journey at weekends from linlithgow with friends as well. Some great memories.

"Wee Bowl,Big Bowl!!" Will always stick in my mind

I was born in Livingston in 1978 and skated this park as a child, now I take my son along too, it's great to see it used through the generations

I'm 43. I grew up riding bmx at the skatepark from around 1993. I had read about the legendary Livi Skatepark in a magazine at the time and I begged my parents to drive me there one Sunday morning. From that day forward, I visited the skatepark at least twice a week. I lived in Falkirk, so it was a 30 minute drive but after a short time, my friends and I considered ourselves locals. We made friendships with people from Livi, East Lothian, Glasgow and Aberdeen who would meet up at the park on evenings and weekends. It still remains the best time of my life. I don't know much about listed buildings, but I do know there are thousands of people across the country and beyond who feel very strongly about ensuring the skatepark continues to do the same for people as it did for us. Its a real cultural identity for a lot of people, and it should be allowed to do so for many more years. I do believe it needs to be able to do so with the freedoms it has at the moment, no entry fee, no security, etc. I think the graffiti is a core part too, so that should be allowed to remain. I think there will be a lot of people who grew up at the park and will always have an affinities with not only the skatepark, but Livingston itself. Thanks.

A skate park local for the last 15-20 years spent all of my childhood and at the skatepark. The design and layout of the skatepark is one of a kind. Only really seen in American skateparks. Livingston skatepark is internationally renowned I've met people from all over Europe, the UK and even further coming to Livingston on their visit to Scotland solely for the skatepark.

I have fond memories of being at the skatepark and BMX park in the early 2000s and watching the skate competitions taking place. It was always jumping with people and it deserves the recognition to be here for future skaters to enjoy

As a teenager (Female) Livingston Skate Park was the place to go and hangout with friends in the 80s /90s While I did not skate myself a lot of my friends did. It was great fun to just watch and have a laugh. There was nowhere else in Livingston to go for teenagers and we would spend many a day and long summer night there. It was a safe place to be with friends. The skate party's were legendary and I have fabulous



memories of those times. If it wasn't for the 'skatey' I am not sure where we would have gone!!
I travelled from Northern Ireland to skate live in 91. This led me to then come to Scotland for university. I'm still here, married to a Scot.
Children and friends used skatepark extensively when they were younger
It appears to be very well used and we recently saw a fascinating exhibition about its history at the Howden Centre. It would be great for more people to realise its cultural importance.
I am aware of the park's history and its importance to the community it serves.
For many years, my eldest son would be down at Livingston Skatepark every spare moment he had, it's where he met MANY good friends, good friends he still has now, 22 years on ! The skatepark is a fantastic place for the kids of Livingston and West Lothian, a place where everyone has always felt accepted, no matter the level of experience they have or their age, a place where exercise is fun. For many years the Skate Parties each year would bring along flocks of kids and teens, many of them camping out overnight listening to music, chatting, skating and making new friends, I was ALWAYS keen to help them if they needed the help in ensuring the skate parties could go ahead, even when at times obstacles were put in their way, ie, refusal of portable loos. Getting kids outdoors is more vital now than ever and Livingston Skatepark offers the kids and of course in many cases the adults, the opportunity to get outdoors, have fun and learn new things. When I 1st moved from Edinburgh to Livingston, my eldest, then 11yrs old, was already interested in skateboarding and would try to find places near home to skate, when I told him we were leaving Edinburgh to move to Livingston he wasn't happy, that was until he found out about the skatepark, once he found out about it he never looked back, he made new friends locally in no time at all helping him settle here in Livingston FAR easier. He is very passionate about the skatepark, and rightly so, it has important historic value in West Lothian being rated 3rd in the world at one time, it has seen skaters such as Tony Hawk skate there and has produced pro skaters from the local area. Livingston Skatepark truly deserves Historic Status, its future has to be secured
It is a unique feature of Livingston with an international reputation amongst the skate community.
Know people from Livingston, who have used the park, and who's children have used it.
Very enjoyable place for kids
I've recently moved to the area and was very impressed when I saw it on a walk and heard about its history from my partner
I skated live as a youngster then my son skated and ran competitions for blades which I helped organise and judge the skatepark has played a large part of mine and my son's life
Observed when a youngster and know how historic it is and important



<p>to the history of the town.</p>
<p>Lived near livingston for 28 years, now live 5 min walk from skatepark. Loved sitting watching the skateboarders when i was little, wishing i could do what they did, watched friends in the skatepark and now see them with their own kids at the skatepark.</p>
<p>spent most of my childhood at the skate park back when everyone looked out for everyone and the skate parties used to be amazing, I love going down with some of the kids from my family and watching them enjoy it the way we used to as kids is amazing to watch, I also love how people travel from all around the world just to come to our skate park</p>
<p>I used it as a teenager in the 90s and have taken my children there</p>
<p>Spent a lot of time there with my kids and hope to spend the same amount of time with my grandkids!</p>
<p>My partner and his friends used to go down at silly o'clock to skate, as it was less busy, we have been to the skate parties and most recently my 3year old was running up and down the ramps. The skate park has always been a place kids and adults alike could go.</p>
<p>Used this as a kid back in the 80's. I know of kids through the years who have used it</p>
<p>Many many skate jams with hundreds of people have gathered here and made it an enjoyable experience, also with the improvements that have been made over the years it's a brilliant park for beginners and veteran pros such as Tony Hawk, other improvements that have been made to the park such as railings and lighting have made this a very well used, trusted and looked after park which I would love to keep using in the future</p>
<p>It's a great place for kids (and adults) to meet with friends, get fresh air and exercise in their own space</p>
<p>The park was a huge part of my life for at least 10 years. As a young biker I'd often be at the skatepark from early hours of the morning until late nights 5 or 6 days a week. I didn't realise how much I needed the park until I was older. It kept me away from trouble, kept me fit and healthy and was able to socialise with a huge demographic of people who I still consider friends almost 20 years later. It's amazing to be able to now take my children to the place I loved as a kid and they can enjoy it too, this will be a theme for so many people in Livi. It was the heart and soul of Livingston and deserves the respect of being listed. Skateboarding , biking, blading and a scooters won't go away, with the parks disrepair it's only pushing youngsters onto the streets or out of Livingston to find parks. I still often go down to remenise of my time spent at the park , it's still busy , it's still an amazing place for youngsters but it does need the security of remaining a safe place to skate. The skateboarding community is still huge and I'm sure if the</p>



community was consulted about its historic status they would be happy to help.

It's a no brainer that it has to be protected for generations to have the same experience as I had from health benefits to community and social experience it's the best place and one of the only FREE places for people to go.

Growing up, it was an exciting place to meet friends and learn from older children. Children need the space and opportunity to develop their own culture and identities. Very few public spaces are entirely for younger people and the skate park shows our commitment to their well-being by providing such a space. We should do everything we can to protect it for the current users and far into the future.

In the late Eighties and early Nineties, we would travel from Renfrewshire in the West of Scotland (usually us all piling into my Dad's car or sometimes by train) and we'd probably visit several times a year.

We also attended the pro Team Demos whenever they visited and the Pure Fun Skate Party every year. As a young teenager, getting to see (and skate alongside) some of the top professional skateboarders was very inspirational - it's the equivalent of Lionel Messi turning up to a local park to have a kick about with you and your mates!

My Dad was always encouraging and was more than happy to take us (and our friends) the 100 mile round trip regularly to see us participate in an activity which celebrates individuality and always put a smile on our faces. My Dad would often chat to Kenny Omond (as they both had engineering backgrounds and had the same commitment to helping their kids pursue hobbies and passions), Kenny even got my Dad judging one of the competitions one year, telling him to 'pick the ones you think are best'....he did.

It didn't matter where you came from or how you skated, nobody ever made you feel unwelcome when visiting (apart from the local young team who would get chased off by the older skaters and parents).

Personally, as an artist and designer, I also liked seeing the changing graffiti in the park (the good stuff done for the fun party etc.) , as at the time it was still a very underground scene and I had only ever seen stuff in a couple of books I had and maybe one or two documentaries on TV.

Went when a teenager. Still go now

We've been travelling up to Livi from the NW of England since the early 90s. Back then it was the only park worth travelling to and we'd go up solely to skate it. There was nothing else up there worth skating but we'd stay there all weekend, either camping by the park or in the old multi story car park. whenever we make a skate trip up north it's the first park we stop at, stil to this day. Best skatepark In the UK in my opinion. Sacred ground.



I was born in Livingston in 1972 and I used to go to the skatey over many years and made loads of friends.

I took my children to the skatey when they were young and they also loved it.

I still sometimes visit with my husband who also grew up in Livingston to watch the stunts being performed.

I grew up using the park and now my son is using the park. Legendary place in Scotland

i guess i was in the second wave of skaters to really use the park ,following on from jamie blair ,cubic, dave phillips etc ,we were a small group of skaters from linlithgow and used to travel up to livi as frequently as we could get up there ,skateboarding at the time meant everything to us ,not only for the activity but for the social scene we created around it, the 80's at the time was a rough place for teenagers ,lots of inter town violence made it tricky to get about ,we made good friends up in livi and beyond from the skatepark ,i remember seeing the Santa cruz pro team there ,i remember seeing the bones brigade there too, across the years various pros would turn up for a session ,i can still close my eyes and remember every inch of the old park ,i definitely left a fair bit of skin around the place! ,some great memories and some injuries that still plague me 40 years later (wouldnt change it for the world though)

It is an iconic park of historical bowl/snake American style which is rarely seen now. It has significant historical significance within the Scottish skate scene and has gone on to inspire parks like Kelvingrove in Glasgow.

This place is filled with childhood memories for me, my family and friends. We would skate, BMX and walk by the river here and have so much fun. It's great to see kids now still using it and getting exercise and enjoyment for it. I hope that it stays!

Livingston skatepark has been a cultural site for many years, and has brought in famous skaters such as bam margera and tony hawk.

It helps those growing up understand that physical excercise can be more than just contact sports, and that creative expression can be an act of physical joy.

Particularly given the economic climate within livingston, many families do not have the resources for football clubs, for dance schools and other extracurricular activities. Skating offers a cheap and beautiful method of self expression, and has helped many to avoid some of the pitfalls of teenage life and keep out of trouble.

It is a beautiful site, and helps identify livingston's unique cultural identity beyond a shopping centre. Protecting it as a listed area would



assist in ensuring livingston maintains an identity of its own beyond that of a commuter town.

I spent many years growing up around the skatepark, and used it as an outlet. It helped me learn how to fail and get back up, to try again and to enjoy physical exertion. To say nothing of the atmosphere in the park, combining with like minded people and forming life long friendships as a result.

Childhood memories of the area. Also disappointed about losing the trim track.

I used to hang out there in my teens an early 20's on my BMX so many great memories had and many good people met there over the years .still miss the long hot summer days with no worries and riding my BMX and having a laugh

I started to come down the park when outdoor exercise was allowed again in 2020, from there I have continued going it is the best park in Scotland there's nothing like it and it's amazing having a social outlet that doesn't involve drinking and keeps me healthy. The people make the park it's rich history of skate party's and sponcered skaters is amazing and being able to go down the park and see the local talent is awesome, it is one of the few places where people of all ages enjoy the same things and can exist beside eachother and the older people down the park who have been going since the 90s are always willing to help a beginner out, livi skate park is the home away from home for a lot of people who go down there.

Used it as a child when it first opened in 1981, I have since met many people from all over the UK that have fond memories of travelling hundreds of miles to use it, part of Livingston's history and should be preserved for future generations to use.

Growing up in Livingston near the park I used it every summer as a child and made plenty of long term friends there

Been using the park for the last 15 years, since I was around 8 years old

It's great but what you're building next to it is questionable

Use to travel up with friends from Bo'ness to use the park in the 90s when I was a young skateboarder , I remember the bones brigade tour when Powell turned up absolutely brilliant

I have family that live nearby that will use it

Spent a lot of my teenage, and young adult years at the park. Made lifelong friends, learned how to commit to something even if it's hard. I still make trips back to it on occasion, and it's still the best park in Scotland. I'm one of many with similar experiences, it's a vital outlet in giving local youths an activity to do.

I've had many good times at the skate park, I'm not much of a skater but it is a great place go meet new people and experience a bit of counter culture in livingston.

The livi skate party is also a great day and brings some tourism into



livingston. We've had some of the greatest skaters in the world attend this skate park

I'm from Dunfermline and grew up skateboarding and still do. Getting to go to Livi' was a big deal when we were young, we seen pro skaters going there and demonstrated the potential of Skateboarding which was crazy. The actual park design itself is tremendous, huge influence from the US which is a brilliant benchmark for skatepark design. Most Scottish skateparks are lacking to say the least, terrible design, lack of maintenance, located in sketchy areas, bad use of materials and layout. Livi proves skateparks can contribute to providing positive social interaction with the community, we meet skaters from all over the UK when we visit Livi in summer, its an absolute treat. It is showing signs of degradation though, which is worrying and hopefully this will resolve such issues and encourage other local authorities to utilise proper placemaking principles when considering such projects.

I first visited the skatepark in 1988 and visited many times while I was in to skateboarding up through the late 1990's

When I was younger and not long started skating, I seen lots of videos and images of skateparks in America and wondered what we had here. Once I seen an image and video about a skatepark here in Scotland and it was Livi. The more I learned about it and the legendary Livi Skate Parties, the more it became obvious this place was the mecca for skateboarding in Scotland. Tony Hawk had visited it so it must've been good!

I've got a few wee scars that I can point to and tell you exactly where they happened at the park, and my late grandpa also captured that moment in a photograph.

Its great to go skate it again occasionally, although the surface of the original could be described as very rough compared to the 2013 extension!

As a skateboarder and building surveyor myself, I consider this to be a key heritage piece for all of the skateboarding community, not only in Scotland, but the entirety of the UK.

The park has provided an opportunity for many skaters, as well as those who are involved in the skating community to have a place where they can create a community whilst also promoting skating around Scotland by showcasing bowls jams, competitions etc.

I grew up across the other side of the river from the park and spent a lot of my early to mid teens there. Many injuries caused, many friends met. The park is known by many across the world and even mentioned in X-games when people drop in with "Livi style".

I was a Livi user in the early 90's, it was the skating "Mecca" of its day at a time when skate facilities across Scotland were few and far



<p>between. It was an important cultural experience as much as a skate facility, a safe place for a tribe to gather and very much respected by skaters around the globe.</p>
<p>The park was part of my childhood and my kids, the skate park provides one of the very few places that kids have to go now and is used by all.</p>
<p>1980's Bmx stunt park! As well as the skateboarders but it was dual purpose, every kid in the town was on it at one time.</p>
<p>This park is used regularly by the youth of Livingston in the past in still to this day, the bus used to be full of kids going to skate park untill you cut the buses, stop this madness, hands off howden Park Centre and hands of the skatepark, i had more growing up as a teenager 30 years ago in Livingston than the kids today have and the size of livingston now. Just stop the madness</p>
<p>Very good skate park for skateboarding and BMX but could use with some refreshments for other sports e.g scooters or rollerblades because it's not very good for them</p>
<p>I skated there in the 90's, it was a fantastic place to go. It has also been visited by skateboard legends such as Tony Hawk, Steve Caballero and the rest of the Bones Brigade. It was a place to go and feel included in a time when skateboarding was frowned upon by many people.</p>
<p>My friends and I frequented the park in the 90s as it was the only park near clydebank where we all lived (even though it was a 2-3 hour bus ride by the time we would get to buchanan St bus station) We would go to the fun party every year and camp out and meet skaters from all over the UK and Europe. . Back then there was little to no other skateparks scotland that I was aware of. I went to see tony hawk and the bones brigade skate there. Livi has always attracted people from far and wide and has a global skate community surrounding it. I still go to the park with my sons.</p>
<p>I used the skatepark as a child and now my child uses it.</p>
<p>It was one of the first places I travelled to to skate, it has a rich heritage in cultivating not only some of the best Scottish skaters but also the community around skateboarding.</p>
<p>Have used the park from a young age. A great place for many kids and adults alike.</p>
<p>My dad took my brother and I down from Aberdeen to skate the park around 20 years ago and we loved it. At that time they're wasn't a lot of facilities. Livi was known in the skateboard community as a Holly grail / right of passage.</p>
<p>Growing up I would often meet my friends at the skate park to film videos and take photos. I would take action shots and portraits. It's some of my fondest memories over that time.</p>
<p>And it has lead me to now doing HND Photography with the chance to take it to the Hons degree.</p>
<p>This is a historical landmark within West Lothian and has brought people from all over Scotland and beyond to visit this town. It would</p>



benefit being listed to keep it preserved for future generations
My son and daughter used the skate-park when they were younger around 8-10 years ago.
This park was build a few years before I was born and has been a part of my youth and a part of the heart of Livingston since. As a new town, Livingston struggles to find history and relevance beyond just being houses and shops and this skatepark is a real part of our history - I would really like it to be kept as something organic grown from and used by the people of Livingston.
I spent a considerable amount of my youth at livi skatepark. I couldn't skate I just loved being there watching the amazing things those guys could do on a board, bike and even blades. The skate parties are some of my fondest memories of my youth. The fact that some of the most famous skaters om the planet like Bob burnquist and Tony hawk took time to go there and skate it says it all really. Skateboarding is getting much bigger now that it's in the olympics, for Scotland to have a true global landmark of the sport can o ly be a good thing for the local area and the country as a whole.
It is an iconic landmark in world skateboarding. Incredibly important in the progression and landscape of UK skating.
I spend many,many days at the skatepark in the mid to late 80's, albeit on a bmx not skateboarding. The joy it has brought to people for decades should be preserved for future generations but also from an historical point of view.
love that kids and fanatics of the sport can have somewhere to enjoy themselves and have fun, love the history of the park and how much it means to the community both local and skating :)
See above.
Livi skatepark was my home from home as a teenager during the mid to late eighties. I learned so many life skills and made friends for life through skateboarding and Livi is where it all happened as there was no where else for many years after. A big shout out to Kenny Omond and his family for tying it all together through those years.
Many children including my own use this park daily , its a fantastic space for young ones to do.out door activities, children do not have enough activities to do for free whicg results in anto social behaviour, i have always lived in living this skate park is a land mark and myst stay
I live in Howden and have done for 27 years. This skate park has been a huge part of my life
Spent a lot of time there as a teenager but never used it, my friends loved it and feel it was a big part of growing up
When I was a teenager and looking for a way in life this place was amazing you were always welcome and as a beginner the help of the skaters was unreal and the skate party's were so fun
Broke my wrist there many years ago.
Used to skate at the Skate park and enjoyed the skate parties that were



<p>thrown every summer. Just a great vibe were everyone got on.</p>
<p>Grew up in Livingston and the skate park was a big part of my teenager years in the 80's. It is an important part of Livingston's history. My niece and her friends currently use the skatepark and I believe it's significant to the social aspect for many teenagers.</p>
<p>I lived at the bottom of Howden and my best friend lived at the top. There has never been much in the way of activities in Livingston for teenagers, and so we either hung around the chippy with hooligans or went to the skatepark. A few of us hung out there for a few years and made many friends who we used to go clubbing with and hang out with years later. We made some very good friends who I am still friends with today.</p>
<p>Hello! I have been an active user of the Livingston skatepark since 2006. The skatepark is a great place to meet friends, learn new skills or even to just spend some alone time reflecting.</p> <p>I've met so many people - solely through my connection to this skatepark. Lots of these people are now married, or with children. I have friends that have since grown out of skateboarding - but the skatepark should always remain in place for the younger generations. Livingston doesn't offer much for young people. Keeping this skatepark around will be beneficial in the long run.</p> <p>Safety and the ongoing maintenance/upkeep of the skatepark should be top priority moving forward. I've seen many injuries and experienced a few of my own. The skatepark should not be allowed to fall into a state of disrepair - as it will become dangerous for anyone using it.</p> <p>I'm very glad that it's now getting the attention it deserves. Livingston Skatepark has always been a source of happiness, hope and strength for me. I only wish is that others get to experience the same.</p>
<p>My children and now my grandchildren use and enjoy this skateboard park</p>
<p>Used to go down at weekends and watch the skaters from the area and those that travelled abroad to use it</p>
<p>It is part of Livingston's history. It is a well known attraction in Livingston. Livi Skate park if it was to ever get taken away, it would be equivalent to Blackpool tower getting taken away from Blackpool. Livi skate park is a well known icon to Livingston.</p>
<p>It was an important part of our lives as young teenagers in West Lothian in the late 90s/00s. We called it the Skatey & would often meet there.</p>
<p>A popular place for people, children and adults alike, weather use or for viewing, itbia really important that this stays apart of Livingston's history and community. There are too few places for teenagers/young adults and those that just enjoy what it is intended for. If anything it</p>



should be expanded on in my opinion.

from personal experience, at least 60% of the main people who use this park are awful people, bigoted, homophobic, transphobic, racist, the lot, children hang about here at the same time drugs are being used and inappropriate language and or media is being displayed, along with a weird age gap between some of the skaters and some of the younger people that hang about there to seem cool, i think livi skatepark needs some serious reevaluation as i know of many people, along with myself who have had bad experiences there and with the people there.

Growing up me and my brother visited the skate park regularly. Its where we learned to skate and its where we made a number of lifelong friends.

For me the skate park is livingston. It would be a lesser town without it.

Growing up we didn't have much money, my parents couldn't send us to football practice, swimming, karate or anything with a regular attendance fee, really. We were a large family on a single income and the money simply wasn't there. One we year we did get a set of roller blades each, though. And that's where it all started.

Before long we were saving what little we could scrape together for skateboards, new wheels and new trucks. The skate park was free and no one judged us for wearing battered clothes. There were role models there, who preached kindness, inclusion and acceptance. The skate park gave us friends and it gave us focus.

Really good environment for groups to meet up and have a good skatie day

Lived and brought up in Livingston and this was a key place to go.

I remember hearing about skilled riders from around the world visiting.

In the 80s when I began skating as a child it was the only purpose built facility close to where I lived, it was then and still is a really well designed park based upon similar parks in America from skateboardings first heyday, most of the parks that inspired the design of livi are long gone giving it not only historical and cultural significance to scotland but to the rest of the world.

I've been skateboarding here since 2004 and have been ever since

Spent my youth there both skating and BMX freestyling.

It's a great place for kids to learn and make friends.

i am a young wee livi boy that skates this park regularly. please can the council follow me on instagram i love the council <3 i have a tattoo of the council please westlothian council follow @geezyerchakra on instagram. All the boys love west lothian council. <33

lots of love
wee livi boy



<p>From the ages of 10 till about 16 I spent my time skateboarding there and made a lot of friends through visiting and skateboarding.</p>
<p>It's a fantastic resource for people of all ages who like to skate and stay fit and mobile.</p> <p>It's an enormous part of youth culture in Livingston too, and by making it listed it would hopefully become protected. In this way an element of Livingston culture for young people could be preserved.</p>
<p>I spent a large portion of time at this skate park from the age of around 10 until over 18.</p> <p>Having this safe space to skate and socialize was a valuable resource that allowed me to grow as a person and practice and share skills that otherwise would be seen as a nuisance to the local area if we were to spread out and not have somewhere well designed that gave us somewhere amazing to skate.</p>
<p>I came across this through social media and I must say that apart from knowing that the skatepark existed I do not know its history, nor do I know how much is the skatepark being used today and how well it is accepted by the local community.</p> <p>Why I am participating in this survey because I find it interesting that such old skateparks are being recognised as heritage and I find this both exciting as well as challenging since in my opinion, the question is then how to approach the renovation, preservation etc. in a way that makes the most sense considering the current state of skateboarding, heritage values (that are not the same as other built heritage), sustainability concerns (that should be taken in consideration with any kind of existing/new construction), etc.</p>
<p>Grew up visiting the park, it's a landmark in Livingston.</p>
<p>We used to go there on our bmx bikes when we were kids , all my friends and I . It's part of Livingston</p>
<p>Livi is my local park and it's been for 6 years now and it's one of my favourite still after 6 years I go down every week. And as long as Livi skatepark has been there it's still an amazing park.</p>
<p>I have been visiting Livingston skatepark since I was a young lad, it is a great place for progression and ideal for riders/ skaters of all ages/ talents. The community feel is great and regardless of if it's your first or 500th at the park you're always given encouragement from other people using the park.</p>
<p>When I was young my friends and I used to get our parents to bring us through from Ayrshire to Livingstone every month to use the skatepark. I still take my own son to this day.</p>
<p>It's iconic, a piece of skateboarding history, that should never be forgotten.</p> <p>However, the skatepark is now dangerously under supported and barely maintained.</p>



The style and design of the skatepark is irrelevant to modern skateboarders interests and generally most skateboarders abilities.

The site should keep its purpose, the skatepark should be knocked down and a new facility should replace it, with a design fit for purpose and paying homage to the original.

Bigger, better, onwards and upwards.

Its basically the most famous park in Scotland and was almost the only one when I grew up. It would be tragic if anything were to happen to it

In my teens I cycled from Whitburn with other BMX ers to use the park ,this was in the 1980s, wonderful memories, more recently I've taken both my kids to use the park over the years .

My husband has skateboarded since he was a teen and Livi was the place to go. I work in a school close by and love the importance it had had with young people and families over the years. I studied design and also value the importance of the architecture.

I remember them building the skate park and frequently visited the park as a child. Some 20 years later my son was always at the park with his friends boarding b

Skated Livi in the early 90's (i'd be 13-16), a group of us from Hawick in the Scottish Borders nagged a friends dad to take us there. As someone that had only done street skating, due to there being no ramps in the borders the size of the Large bowl blew me away.

My son who is 6 loves going there to play. Hes fascinated by the older people and watching them and then we have seen his confidence grow to have a go himself. Its great to see, people there are friendly, show him tricks etc

Skated there when I was young. Grew up nearby. It is where I met my now wife. It served as a key location for social and cultural exchange when I was young, with people coming from across Scotland to skate it.

Used to use it when I was younger, it was a great place for people to hang around. Very friendly and gave young folk something to do that keeps them fit.

I grew up in Livingston during the 90s going skating everyday was not only a great way to stay active, but a great way of inspiring creativity and self expression, teaching the important mantra of never giving up. I was lucky enough to see Tony Hawk, Bucky Lasek and Nicky Guerrero there in 1990, hang out with Jake Phelps from Thrasher, John Cardiel and many other pros during the years I skated there. That skatepark holds a special place in my heart. Many great friendships born from that community. Now, 30 years later, still in touch with those friends, many memories vividly etched in my brain.

I spent a lot of my teenage years and young adult life there. It helped me and so many other people shape my life. Respect, friendships were built there, not to mention an appreciation for a place that had so much potential in the 80s for the youth has turned into one big



<p>shopping centre now. Let's help save one of Livingstons greatest offerings.</p>
<p>I am now in my mid 30's. Used to come through in a large group from East Kilbride/Glasgow by train or parents giving us a lift. Got up in East Kilbride one summer morning about 5am and snuck on the train from EK to Glasgow then another train to Livingston then skated to "Livi park". We spent the whole day there and managed to get home without anyone noticing. We were about 13/14 years old and it was circa 2000.</p>
<p>I'm a 39 year old Scot who grew up in Birmingham. I skated from the age of 13, mainly at the street spots and skateparks of the West Midlands. By the time I was 16, accompanied by my slightly older skateboarding pals we would make what can only be described as a regular pilgrimage to Livi Park. There is no other venue that a skateboarder could journey to and justifiably refer to the process as a pilgrimage. The place has soul.</p>
<p>It is an internationally famous skatepark that has been the epicentre of a thriving Scottish skate culture for decades.</p>
<p>Growing up in Northern Ireland, we have went over as often as possible since the early 90's.</p>
<p>I lived in Glasgow, and would commute through to Livingston just for the skatepark every few months, it was always a big event, the park has a legendary status and a cool community, the skate party weekend was also legendary</p>
<p>never been to the park unfortunately, however a massive part of my family come from livingston and they have incredibly fond memories of it. been around the scottish skating scene to know the importance of it to them too.</p>
<p>I grew up in Livingston, and the skatepark was a focal point for youths to get together and do something that wasn't seen in a negative light.</p> <p>The skatepark has incredible value to a lot of millennial adults who have memories of hanging out with their friends, or being part of a sport which has seen them go on to compete competitively.</p>
<p>It is a real staple of Livingston as a town.</p>
<p>bikes</p>
<p>Used to visit the skatepark as a kid</p>
<p>As a child I would hear about the excitement of the Livi skate jam every year from older pupils at school. The first time I visited this event was amazing, I couldn't believe something so cool was happening in Livingston. Exploring the history of the park and people that used it, expanded my interest in music and art. This is such a great space to meet other creative people.</p>
<p>Livi was the first skatepark I and many other used as there was no other skateparks in Scotland. That was 35 years ago. I still skate but the park has fallen into disrepair. The new extension that was added with</p>



the fullpipe was a disgrace to park builders across the land and showed a level of corruption in Livingston Council that beggars belief. The old park it's self has been neglected in a way only Madeline MaCann could appreciate.

Grew up going to this now my children go

Status symbol of UK/Scottish Skating. Like many others it was one the first 'big parks' I wanted to visit when started skating.

My son and his friends used the skate park regularly when they were children and teenagers.

Lovely community down there accepting of all. Many fun time I had there as a kids on the ramps on scooters, skateboards and less often skates. Good way to keep fit.
Still use now and often now take my own kids down there as they are keen skaters at age 4&5. Such a huge asset to west lothian especially as skateboarding is becoming a more recognised sport. I have no doubt we'll end up with a few young locals in the Olympics if we encourage the community to be involved.

Always remember my uncle up until a few years ago used to go down at 5 am for quiet skate before work as he was embarrassed as a larger older man to go down during the day.

Have skated livi many times, I love the blend of old and new park, it's crazy seeing photos from the 80s and being able to see the progression of skateboarding over the last 40 years. I like seeing the older dudes teaching the next generation of skaters

I grew up at Livingston skatepark. I'm 29 years old now but between the ages of 5 - 16, every day I was there. There isn't much else for young people to do here. While the kids I went to school with were getting in trouble, teen drinking, drugs, (out of boredom) me and my skating friends were doing kickflips. There are a lot of bad stereotypes for skateboarders apparently being lazy, weed smoking trouble makers but this couldn't be further from the truth. The effort, time and athleticism that goes into learning just one trick, the determination and the support culture that surrounds the sport and in particular, at livi skatepark where everyone feels welcome. It is very important for the mental health of not just the youth but adults too. Many adults like me have recently picked up the board in the past few years after the boredom of furlough and pandemics hit us all hard, and without livi skatepark, I struggle to think how many of us would've stayed sane during that time. I've travelled to many parks in many places, not just Scotland, but in England, Spain, Ireland, New Jersey, Texas and everybody you meet in these places, when they find out you're from Livingston, they get excited because it really is a world famous skatepark. And I struggle to think of anything else in the town that could be described as "world famous." Let's be honest. Livingston is, and has been for the past 42 years, a skateboarding town. So yes, I believe very deeply that this park should be a historic site. Thank you.



<p>i go down to livi skatepark most days as my boyfriend is a BMX rider, this is his entire life, his outlet and from attending the skatepark frequently for the last couple of years i can understand why. the community value and friendships that come from this destination is like no other, i can't imagine livingston without it. actually i can't imagine our lives without it- a great cause that needs to be actioned keeping livi!!!</p>
<p>skatepark is fun you meet many wacky characters down there, people been using it for years and the people you meet have amazing stories either about the skatepark or about themselves its a real community down there.</p>
<p>My son Lewis Johnstone has been interviewed about making this site historical status</p>
<p>Walk past it regularly</p>
<p>I moved to Livingston in 1972 and have lived here ever since. My children were born in 1976 and 1978 before there were many facilities in the town. We remember the Trim Track, Putting Green, Skate park and BMX track all being created. My children made use of them all. I am now a grandmother and my eleven year old grandson loves the skate park. He (and his dad, now 44) make regular use of it. There is a friendly, welcoming atmosphere where skaters interact to help each other try out new moves.</p>
<p>Used to frequent the "skatey" on my BMX with all my mates</p>
<p>Born and bred I livingston and I am 43 this year. I used to play at this skatepark as a child and now my children use this park. With everything else in Livingston being taken away and not enough for kids to do this should remain.</p>
<p>Remember spending my younger days down there with friends and skateboarder then inline rollers it has been part of livingston for as long as I can remember and is now were I take my own children creating stories and memories it a one of a kind and deserves to be given the status to stop developers from just crushing another sporting facility where everyone young and old can learn new skill or take up a new hobby</p>
<p>I take all my kids here in the summer it's shocking to think that building companys are even considering taking it away. It prevents crime but I guess that doesn't matter cause it's all about these companies making ABIT of money. Animals the lot of you I'm going mental right now but to calm myself down I'm going to go down wee bowl naked to cool off thanks a bunch. Clowns.</p>
<p>Used the park as a social hub spot for years growing up, it provided a great sense if community and in its early years it was famous worldwide in the skate community, I remember when hosting a student for the French exchange, he knew all about the park and was desperate to see it!</p>
<p>It is a place of enjoyment and exercise for a lot of people.</p>

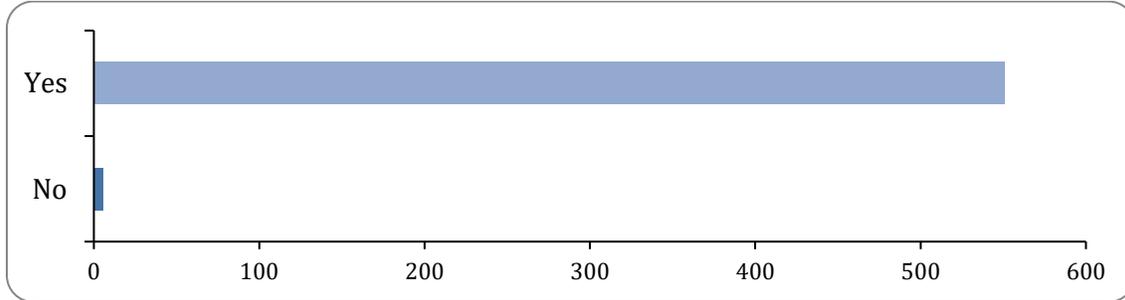


<p>An important part of Livingstons history, fond memories of going here when growing up. Still as important to this day to young people. There is not much else to offer youths in Livingston besides the skate park.</p>
<p>Spent time at the skate park as a youth and more recently have visited with my kids</p>
<p>I used to go there with my friends as a child and now I take my children there to play on their scooters and they love it</p>
<p>Have skated there for nearly 20 years and have been a part of the community in it and around it in some way.</p>
<p>I spend all my young years here , socialising and making friends . Without the skatepark there wouldn't be many places for the young ones there's days , it brought tourism and held many great events during the years</p>
<p>Started skateboarding at 8 years old in Livi skate park. I used the skate park for around 8 years and enjoyed the sense of community there, knowing the history of the place made it even more special to me. Important life events happened there for me.</p>
<p>went here as a teenager was very popular</p>
<p>I walk past it on a regular basis and my children have used it.</p>



3: Do you see Livi skatepark as part of Scotland's heritage?

There were 557 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	551	98.92%
No	6	1.08%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

Please explain why

There were 470 responses to this part of the question.

Its an internationally known and highly recommend sight with the skateboarding community	Andy
Before I immigrated to Australia in 1984 I learnt to ride BMX freestyle at this location from 1981. I was part of the 1st wave of youth to experience this incredible facility. I took the memories of Livingston skate Park to Australia and perpetuated many of stories to the BMXers and skaters in Sydney, Many have now even experienced this place them selves. My mum was the secretary of Livingston BMX club from 1982 1984 (Carol Pankhurst), Livingston was one of the best BMX teams in Scotland and my parents would ferry the team all over the country for freestyle and race meets. This place is a serious slice of history not only to Livingston but the whole world.	Jamie Sparks
Tony hawk use it in a past	
There are so few of these in Scotland. The thought that went into the design is something which should not be forgotten.	Dale Fagan
Was loved by all the kids growing up in Livingston	Simon Stenhouse
The time it's been there and the amount of users it's had over the years...	
Give it a roof I say so it van be used in winter better...	James Hunter
It was the first of it's kind and continues to be used as much today, if not more, than when it first opened. Its probably the one thing in Livingston that has been a constant success.	Chris
It was one of the very first skate parks built in Scotland and has earned its place in the history books. More than one local child grew up and made a living using skills they had learned at the park.	Linda Richardson



It's played such a big part in so many scotish lives.	Barry anderson
In our day there was no other skatepark in the area (from North Berwick) so it was a vital spot for the scene to grow	Scotty Thompson
its a wonderful park with history & an international reputation	neil davidson
People have traveled from around the world to skate Livi - Steve Caballero in the 80s, and more recently Raven Tershy and Ben Hatchell – https://youtu.be/Fbhce5bxrnE	Cameron Brougham
It's iconic, a big part of UK BMX and Skate so definitely heritage in that sense and a reason alone to ride what legends have skated or rode!	Formbyjay Richardson
Because it was the first ever skate park in Scotland	Connor Simpson
Livi is another example where Scotland has made a major contribution which has helped define something on a global scale. In this case the example is not something abstract, such as a scientific, economic or artistic contribution but something literally concrete which remains in Scotland while its influence is international and long lasting. Livi has remained this far as something which generations of users of various types have been able to adapt in innovative ways. It is an example of living history.	Tim Leighton-Boyce
It has fostered innovation over four decades in several rapidly developing sports and has inspired countless young people, opening them up to hitherto unthinkable experiences and friendships. It changed lives for the better and fostered a unique identity for Livingston: something often very difficult to establish in a New Town.	Toby Paterson
As far as I was concerned at the time it was the only "proper" skate park in Scotland and encouraged people to try skateboarding, bmx, and rollerblading at a time where there were no other designated spaces. I think it was probably an important blueprint for the creation of other such spaces seen around the country now.	Danny
it's hugely culturally and architecturally important	Duncan Barton
In my professional life, when I mention I'm from Livingston it's frequently met with "I've skated the skatepark there" or something to that effect. The fact that Livingston is widely recognised for something other than the shopping centre is important to me and I'm sure many others. Now skateboarding is an Olympic sport, the fact Livingston has direct ties to the UK skateboarding heritage I feel it is very important this is preserved and celebrated. I'm confident that it won't be long before we see a skateboarder who frequents Livingston Skatepark win an Olympic medal.	Gordon Ferguson
It is unique in design and we'll known and used in the area.. We have lost the other amenities from this area so it's special this structure is saved	Valerie Kenny
It was a magnet for skaters throughout Scotland and beyond, through a time when nothing like it existed. The skatepark persists as a massive part of the cultural memory for so many skaters. The fact that it is still popular so many years on from it's creation makes it a living and breathing cultural landmark.	Owen
I can't remember a time when the Skate park wasn't there. We have lost the trim track, pitch n putt and bike track from this area, we have to keep the places that make Livingston, Livingston.	Nicola Wood
I do believe it's apart of Scotland's heritage due to the status it's gained due to famous boarders coming to the location ie Tony Hawk, as well as it being one of the few best known Scottish skate parks.	Tyler
Livi skatepark was created to give folks a place to go and they'd go there from all over the country and folks would come from abroad to skate Livi.	John-Ross



Even though there are other skateparks in Scotland now, Livi predates them all. Its the inspiration and the proof of concept.	Morland
Its been part of many lives as they have grown up. Even if your not using the skatepark just watching others is good.	Matt P
As previous comment	Bob & Brenda Bertram
Livingston skatepark is known worldwide to those in the scene. Even Tony Hawk shares fond memories of this park, which put Scotland directly in view of skateboarders around the world.	Liam Keeble
It was the first of its kind, impacted so many lives and is known across the world. It would be a terrible shame if it was demolished and kids from today and tomorrow didn't get to enjoy it	Kevin Duffy
It's iconic within the sport, one of the first of its kind not only in Scotland but in Europe. People from all over the country and beyond have travelled to use it, and many of the most famous names in the sport have graced it over the years.	Hugh Cameron
It was a very forward thinking development at the time.e and a UK leader. Not only was it the first of its kind, it was known about and envied by young people across UK and beyond. Youth culture isn't much celebrated and, from the display I saw at the Howden, there's already a great record of it's heyday and beyond. We're not only a nation of haggis, shortbread and tartan. This park brought Tony Hawks...a legend.. to Livi!	Elaine Wernsing
I was and still is a leading skate park, The parks design help Scotland get on the skating map,free access is important.	Andy Peerless
The skate park has long outlasted most if not all Livingston attractions	Matthew
Its over 50 years old and is world fanous in the culture of skateboarding	Lee Wilson
It's a fantastic park that still holds up to this day. The amount of history it has and the countless lives it has had a positive impact on most certainly make it a part of Scotland's heritage.	Iain "Hesh" MacKinnon
As it's seen so many influential skate boarders come through to skate the concrete.	Thomas Stafford
So many legend comes to skate it and its all about how it was built	Cookie Cat
Having skated around the UK, as soon as you mention you are from Livingston, people just want to chat and find out exactly what it is like. During the summer months especially, you can hear accents from all corners of the UK. Skaters feel it like it is a right of passage to cruise around Livis concrete waves.	Malc Nixon
A skate park which is renowned worldwide.	Steve Crowe
It was ahead of its time in the U.K. and in Europe, and is proof of what is possible when creative minds are allowed to put a grand vision into action.	Ian MacKenzie
It has been part of Livingston since the town was still very young. It is world renowned and it part of the 'New Towns's' history.	Peter Duncan
Simply because it became part of the fabric for kids at different ages/ generations and the skater culture is worth recognising and respecting (indeed respect and inclusiveness are central to the unspoken skater culture in my opinion)	Neil M
it's been around for decades of change and progression in the sport and STILL remains relevant.	stan intihar
Of course it is. It's an iconic piece of Livingstons Heritage.	Elizabeth Howley



It has seen the best homegrown skaters and skateboarders from far and wide grace it, if you ask a skateboarder name a Scottish skate park Livi is top of that list.	Andi Stott
It's unique. Hardly any parks from that specific era exist worldwide.	Stephen Hickey
It was the first and best place to skateboard back in the 80s and 90s.	Coco t
As an iconic and early skatepark within the Scottish skating scene, it is important to ensure that it is protected and able to continue to be part of the history of the sport and skating scene for the future generations of skating community.	Alex Smith
The date of the park's construction coincided with the 'death' of the original 70s wave of skateboarding and thus its presence kept the remaining scene alive throughout the mid 80s. It is internationally famous and has appeared in skateboard magazines and videos across the globe. The park has also nurtured the skills of several generations of pro skaters from Scotland and has been a place of pilgrimage for skaters/bmxers/rollerbladers from across the UK for decades.	Ben
It's one of the original skateparks in Scotland if not the whole of Europe.	Simon gibson
It is a landmark. I can go anywhere in the world, talk to a skateboarder. Say I'm from Livingston and they know all about it and know it's in Scotland. Don't think there is anything else in Livingston that is as famous.	Paul Cheyne
People come from all over the world to see and skate and bmx on this skatepark it's simple	Garry henderson
It's iconic and will forever be the heart of Livingston. Some of the greatest in the world have been to Livi sk8 Park and that speaks volume about its design and quality. Just needs some TLC now	Scott Campbell
As it was the first of its kind in the U.K., it demonstrates an important historical trend for Scotland and its progression	Jamie
It's iconic known the world over	Andrew tait
I have taken my children to many skateparks and this is the best.	Sandra Bruce
Unless they dig up original Kelvingrove, Livi is the only historical skatepark in Scotland	Jon Tait
Because it has attracted many skaters, many events. It is world renowned, and the history behind it is inspiring.	Alain Scott
It's probably the most iconic of any other skatepark in the UK.	Ricky T
Yes in the early planning of the town it was important to have such a facility for up and coming skaters. And from a historical perspective it's important it remains as it's renowned for its prowess to skaters from all over the world	Andrew
It is well known by many people around the world	Roksana Grzybek
The skatey will always be part of my history	Patricia Buglass
Kinda already have, but- it's a unique old park...which was VERY important in its early years..as its design was lightyears ahead of anything else in Britain...if not Europe.	Allan Cunningham
It's known around the world. We're keen to preserve historic buildings in Scotland and the skatepark is no different. I'm a member of Historic Scotland and truly believe the skatepark is worthy of historic status	Lorna harte
It's one of the oldest skateparks in the UK and put Livingston on the map globally with professional skateboarding.	Chris Bell
It's modern history	Mags Russell



The history of Livi skate park in the skate world is the only explanation required. I'm sure Tony Hawk would agree!	Claire Robinson
The planning and architecture of this park is and should be as important as any building.	Ged Neilson
Longest surviving Scottish skatepark designed and influenced by Californian pools..home to Scotlands skate party of the ages etc the list goes on...and of course home of the Olmonds	glancy
If at any time in the future it is no longer a skate park it would still can be a piece of art.	
Let's get people back there.	Fraser
It was a place where new friendships were made and kids and parents have so many good memories of the place	Pauline Lawer
In terms of historical, current and future social and recreational value, it is irreplaceable. I'm terms of design, it embodies a key moment in modernist history where influences from 1970's California profoundly enriched post war Scottish modernism,	Paul Kerlaff
Livi skatepark has seen some of the most talented skaters come from all over the world including pro skateboarder Tony Hawk. It has brought people together in so many ways.	Tammy Storrier
At one point Livingston skatepark was known around the world as one of the best parks, attracting globally recognised skateboarders and hosting competition that attracted hundreds of people from around the world. If you mention Livi to other skaters from other countries, people know it.	Martin Sweeny
Culturally, all the wheeled fashions of the last 40 years have passed through this park. Anyone looking to do any kind of documentary work on any of these, Livingston would undoubtedly be a touchstone. Its part of so many peoples childhoods across the country.	David Swan
One of the perceived issues with the New Towns is the lack of a 'centre'. Livingston is no exception to this. But places like the skatepark have provided a place for people to come together socially. As the first purpose built facility this merits recognition and protection.	Stephen Robertson
People travel from all over the world to see it. It was one of the first purpose built facilities of its type. How wonderful that it's Scottish.	Ralph Gilhooly
It was way ahead of its time, regarded at the time as one of the best skate parks in the world and brought some of the top skaters to Livingston.	
It has now inspired multiple generations of children to get involved.	Natasha Wilson
The design of this is known worldwide in the skating community	Douglas Gibson
Having watched the documentary, this is a little known but excellent part of Scotland's culture from the 1980s. It shows the breadth of activity and diversity of Scots, beyond well-represented activities such as golf and hillwalking.	Dr Fiona Macleod
The skatepark was always a destination of awe amongst anyone from Scottish skateboard scene. Going there was "an event" to us. We were always welcomed by local riders so it was something to look forward to	Deryk Moore
It most certainly is. It kind of is the beating heart of Livingston and has been for a long time now. It's always well used and loved for as long as I can remember.	Craig Fyfe
I think the skatepark promoted Livingston, as many people travelled from other areas and when the town was still unknown; if you said you were from Livingston people would say "Ah the skatepark"	Angela Campbell
I used the skatepark and have many good childhood memories spent there,	



then my child used the skatepark and it would be nice for generations to continue to have this facility and experience the joy it has brought to many other Livingston children.	
The amount of history for skateboarding- The Famous BONES Brigade form 70's, 80's 90's have skated Livi. Founders of modern day skateboarding.	Andrew law
Absolutely. It may not be that old but it is very important to the surrounding area from a cultural and historic sense. I think it is worthy of protection especially to me as it's location is in a town which hasn't got much of a distinguished history/culture due to it's new creation in the 1960s. So by recognising it as a piece of history would in my opinion be very good for the local area.	M. Rankin
There's many reasons from a generation view point. One place that's brought us together. A lot of work put into the skate park. Voted the best outdoor skate park in the world until recently, not to mention the recent renovation and extension..	Dianne
Outwith what done might call 'normal' sports, skating, BMX and blading has been a focal point for Livingston since skatepark was built, and as such the park has global renown. If you are part of the skating, BMX or blading community 'Livi' is part of life and an iconic landmark in the UK.	Brett Staples
It's the best known skate park in the UK and people travel to use it. It's known worldwide	Nicole
This was known as the largest concrete skate Park in Europe for so long some of the greatest worldwide skaters have visited the skate park as well as well known bmx stars , this is worldwide known on the skate and bmx community due To it being one of the first of us kind in Europe ,	Nicola Bradley
Its attracted worldwide attention from skaters and non skaters alike.	David Aitken
The only widely recognised places to skate were in London's south bank, and in California. Livingston joined and led that list!	John Love
Motivating decades worth of kids and revisited by them as adults.	Iain Hill Stephenson
It's contribution to Scottish skateboarding and the wider skateboard community is legendary. The early users of the park became worldwide ambassadors for Scotland and several went on to be world class sponsored skaters.	Paul Sunman
It is the place for skateboarding in Scotland, known around the world and of huge cultural and historical significance.	Stuart Hedley
its an institution, iconic piece of sculpted concrete. Going back to early years, when there was a lack of skateparks, having this was so exciting as a kid. Then getting more serious taking part in competitions , it's seen legends of skate scene come and go. Provided an outlet for kids who might have taken a darker path. Provided employment and opportunity through skills, videos, coverage, and connections. You think skateboarding in scotland you think livi , end of.	jp matthew
It's part of every users memory and has been loved for generations. It's a brilliant skate park!	Gail Fletcher
One of the oldest and biggest skate parks in Europe at the time it was built , rich history within the skating community	Diarmidmartin
Gives kids something to do fun to have and fun to watch	



<p>It is the spiritual home of skateboarding in Scotland and at times over the years when other councils and urban planners looked on the sport of skateboarding as a nuisance, anti social and not a legitimate sport, Livi was very much a beacon of hope to many.</p> <p>It legitimised a sport and lifestyle that many urban areas saw as a pest.</p> <p>It needs to be remembered in the 80s and 90s there was not the proliferation of council run skateparks or ramps that there are now. Outside of private facilities Livi was the only place that welcomed skateboarding across the central belt of Scotland.</p> <p>To go to skateboard competitions in places a hear one of the competitors was from Livi really filled me with pride, even though I lived over 20 miles away growing up. That is how well Livi skatepark is regarded.</p>	Ross McPhie
<p>I traveled regularly from Galashiels in the Borders to Livi to the skate park when I was a teenager. It was, and I think still is a mecca for young and not so young skaters. It was a pioneering project at the outset, risky and a bit odd, but the park has changed the lives of so many Scottish youngsters and inspired so many to do more, that it deserves recognition.</p>	Laurie Piper
<p>It was our first proper park and the only one left with original design harking back to the 70's</p>	Jan Littwin
<p>It what make Livingston what it is. There spaces for kids be outdoors and experience the community</p>	A.lambie
<p>its unique, is that not enough?????? how about world renowned???</p>	Ronnie Brunton
<p>It's a meeting place for the community of skaters and bmxers that was fundamental in progressing our sports and unique to Scotland. This skatepark set the bar for all other parks and is historically significant in the movement of inline,skateboard and BMX sports and culture.</p>	
<p>Known throughout the world by so many as one of the best skate parks to exist, I believe it to be a great source of pride to both have it known to be in Scotland, but also to be in Livingston. Being the 1st of its kind built in the UK, it must be held in as high regard as us, as it is by those abroad. One has but to wonder just how different Livingston would have been, had the skate park never been built... How many world famous people would never have had any reason to visit our little town, or even Scotland for that matter.</p>	Scary Steve
<p>It's a part of livingston that has been there for 50 years! People have travelled from all over the world to skate there and tv programmes have been filmed there.</p>	Lona
<p>Has been around for many many years is a key feature in West Lothian a well loved and used place by all ages.</p>	Stacy
<p>It's been there as long as I remember and it's always well used from locals to people from far away, it's a very well known skate park.</p>	Liz Markey
<p>Livingston skatepark is ingrained in the heritage of Livingston. It has seen generations of skateboarders skate there, local, national, and international. It has put Livingston on the world map, The skatepark is like a cultural monument to a part of Scottish subculture whose terrain can be physically traversed and explored on four wheels or two.</p>	Alan Gardner
<p>One of the first in the country, a place for a sub-genre at the time to meet and share experiences. Iconic.</p>	asliceofry Livi forever
<p>Livi skatepark is famous worldwide. What other constructions can claim that? Forth Bridges, Castles, other</p>	David Crighton



notable and worthy, but how many from the 20th century?	
It's been there as long as Livingston has been there	Greg gibb
Skateboarding in Scotland has an extensive history that is intrinsically linked to this site.	GD
There have been so many people from all over the world that have come to Livingston simply to skate or BMX at the park. At one time I believe this was one of the biggest and best parks in Europe!	Graeme Price
Allows the people who are interested in skating a place to escape negative views and be around others who also enjoy skating.	Alex B
Not enough space provided to answer in full. A constant in the global skateboarding community for more than 40 years. Not just an important part of Scottish heritage, but of global skateboarding heritage.	Dr A Rae
It was there from the start. Stil going strong Loved by all	Dr David Sadler
Livingston skatepark is nationally important to Scotland's heritage. It has brought generations of people together from across the United Kingdom and through it lifelong friendships have been formed. It is of great significance on a cultural heritage level but also in its physical characteristics. The design of Livingston skatepark can be traced to backyard 'pool' skating popularised in California in the late 70s and 80s. Its design is reflective of the early beginnings of skate culture and it contains many unique features, most notably its dual bowl. The phrase often copied but never bettered can apply to Livingston skate park. It's design and architectural DNA can be seen in skateparks throughout the UK and Europe and this alone solidifies its place as a culturally and architecturally important asset to Scotland's modern heritage.	Christopher Pepper MRTPI
Definitely, it has been featured across the global and is one of the few remaining parks that will be remembered fondly by all those who skated there over the years. Future generations should be able to experience the magic that it brings as skateparks are not built the same anymore and never will be, but it still is a great place to visit and ride despite the changes in fashion of park design. It would be a shame for it to be "renovated" into yet another cookie cutter modern park, which other great parks like Dame Emily park aka "the deaner" in Bristol have turned into.	Dan Elder
Livingston Skatepark has had a monumental impact on the development in contemporary sports including BMX, skateboarding, scooterin, inline skating and to some extent scootering. During the 80s and 90s Livingston Skatepark was considered by many if not all riders and skaters as the Premier location for innovation in these new sports. The influence of these sports on wider culture and Livingston's part in it cannot be underestimated and is evident in fashion (eg Vans shoes) and also music and arts.	John Keenan
As I have travelled around the globe, when I meet people from the UK I say that I am from Livingston 90% of the skaters iv met from outside of Scotland know livingston from its skatepark.	Steven woodhead



<p>It is unique in its design and layout. It has the potential to bring the biggest names in skateboarding to this small part of Livingston, it is world around the world.</p>	<p>David Naysmith</p>
<p>The history of the park, and the impact it has had on the skating community across the world is incredible.</p> <p>We all know the stories of Iain and Kenny, and how it started the craze in the UK. Many skaters flew from across the other side of the world just to witness it grow and be a part of it.</p> <p>Livingston is only on the map because of the skatepark. As previously stated it has brought many people over the water, to come and skate it. It definitely plays a large part in the skating community across the globe, and should be recognised as so, even by those who do not use it.</p>	<p>Ashley Punton</p>
<p>I have met skaters there from the US, who have known about the park's place in skate history. Everyone who skates knows about Livi. If you skated transition in the 80s and 90s, it was all there was...it kept skating in Scotland alive.</p>	<p>Chris 'the janny' Clark.</p>
<p>it iconic, and over the years had some famous faces visiting the park, its one of a kind,</p>	<p>James walls</p>
<p>It was one of only a few places to skate safely in my teens (1990's). As I already mentioned the people that used the park where open minded, welcoming and warm hearted. It reflected the best in Scottish society and was a great place to skate!</p>	<p>Mesfin James</p>
<p>The skate park is known world wide and has attracted famous people. It has been the last thing standing from my childhood as the running track and band stand which used to be in surrounding area have all been taken down.</p>	
<p>It was the first of its kind in Scotland when built and also helped to put UK skateboarding on the world map.</p> <p>I have met many individuals over the years who have travelled from all over the world to visit it. That includes some of the top professionals within the sport.</p>	<p>Gregor Loudon</p>
<p>It has so much history</p>	<p>Jenny C</p>
<p>Well Kelvingrove was in theory the legendary scottish skatepark but that got bulldozed so protecting livingstone is even more important</p>	<p>Ian Deacon</p>
<p>I have added a link below to an article I was asked to write in the press conveying how important I think it is to heritage list this skatepark. It is the heart and soul of the skate scene and the wider extreme sports scene. It was a cutting edge example of excellent urban design that still has a purpose and function now and in the future. It is a place Scotland needs to acknowledge and really celebrate. It is a place that needs to be protected from the risk of being closed down due to safety issues or property development. It is an historical place where archive photos could be shown on how it was built. It would be amazing to have acknowledgement of Iain Urquhart and all those who followed on from him at the park to encourage skaters and their teams to learn and compete. Finally, funds need to be released to sensitively resurface and fix the park for the enjoyment of the young generations and heritage listing could enable this. So I absolutely support heritage listing for these reasons.</p>	<p>Parisa Urquhart</p>
<p>Well for me Livingston was known for the skatepark first and foremost</p>	
<p>It was the first of its kind it is famous in its design polished concrete chosen by the kids its bowl and halfpipe are famous .</p>	<p>Colin williamson</p>



One of the oldest skateparks around. It's known worldwide and the only reason I would admit to people I grew up in Livingston.	Ailie Zee
The design and construction must have been a significant undertaking and investment, and since its inception the skatepark has endured highs and lows of popularity as skateboarding, BMX and other uses went in and out of vogue. But it has persevered, and is of great importance to the community of people who take part in and follow these sports.	Daniel Muir
Only skatepark in Scotland for many years.	
Skateboarding now recognised in Olympics.	Cass Macfarlane
Livi has been not only a focal point for Scottish skateboarding but internationally. People travel the world to skate it. For this reason alone, I think Livi deserves heritage status.	Andrew Murray
It's a part off Scottish history when I was 13 I was in the USA on holiday and we found a skate park and the other boys and girls there could not bileave livingston was my local skate park	Ben lynch
It shows the forward thinking present in our country. To me and many generations before and after me this is probably the most important landmark in Scotland! This was a Mecca for Scottish skaters for the many years we were marginalised and largely ignored by society.	Paul Shearer
It was the first of its kind and has stood the test of time.	Gordon Neil
In 1980 when it was built, it was one of the best skateparks in the world	Dougal
Livi is the benchmark for all modern skatepark designs. So many people in the UK and wider world have made the journey to Livingston to skate the park. Livi skatepark put Scotland at the centre of the UK skate scene for a long time	Andrew Graham
i think it is because it was built 19 years after Livingston was built and it is used by loads of people in the area and has been here throughout the years in Scotland	Kelsey
The skate park was a founding pillar in the development of the new town and as Livingston has continued to grow, expand, change and thrive, the skate park remained constant over the years since it's creation, where it has seen many people come there learning to skate, watch, participate or support others it has been a pivotal part of the young people in and around Livingston, West Lothian and Scotland and it has played host to famous visitors over the years and is known around the world. I believe that as much as West Lothian Council want to invest in young people should see the skate park as a recreational investment that is engaging young and older people and deserves to be commemorated with a seal of listed status for future generations to enjoy as much as the day it was built.	Bryan Frame
Everyone i speak to regardless of whether they skateboard or not has heard of Livingston skatepark and has been a draw for skaters around the world to visit there..to Livingston no less!It can only be a positive contribution to the local economy also all year round and as far as im concerned if you haven't skated the park then you can't consider yourself a Scottish skateboarder.That simple.	Al Deuchar
Skateboarding was a big thing back in the 80s, and I was fortunate to be a part of it. Livingston was the epicentre of that movement and it allowed skaters to get off the streets and tackle something that just wasn't available elsewhere. It was part of the culture of growing up at that time, and it grew to draw the best skaters in the world. Skateboarding has been incorporated into Glasgow's Transport Museum, and it seems appropriate to also protect Scotland's premier skate park, for both its cultural significance and its future use. I went on to become a climber as an adult, and our mountains and	Patrick Roman



craggs are fiercely protected. Why should Livingston be treated any differently?	
It's been around for over 40 years and is what many people come to live for	John Lodge
it is a legendary skatepark renowned throughout the world	Gappa
From the moment my friends and I could drive, it was the main reason to visit Scotland as a skateboarder. As I said above; it is skateboarding hallowed ground. It is one of the most important parks on the planet and the fact it is so far away from skateboarding's epicentre makes it unique!	Kevin Parrott
It's a one of a kind place. That is known in the the skating and skateboarding scenes all over the world. It's famous and It is truly unique to it's kind. It was build by the people for the people. It is truly a place where all kinds of people can come together and share the same passions and creativity. There aren't many places you can do that now. It was the first of its kind and will probably be the last of its kind too.	
The park was a constant growing up and drew crowds from all over. I have met people abroad and when mentioned from Livingston the reply was always the same that they had heard or been to Livingston due to the skate park!	Jade Muir
Some of the biggest names in BMX and skate board have been there. Even for "normal" people it was iconic back in the day. In the late 80's and through the 90's when I was there people would travel for, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and as from England to ride there. It was truly iconic.	Dennis Moran
There was no where like this in Scotland and it fed the subculture of its time. Kids from all over would meet and encourage each other to try new tricks.	Gary Stockdale
Yes – in particular due to its site amid Livingston New Town, offering a unique community-focused facility.	Iain Borden
As far as I remember it was a focal point for the roots of skating in Scotland and in the U.K. Many skaters can point back to its building as the start of Scotland being a big player in the scene.	Philip Burgoyne
It was a key location for any east coast skaters, and is effectively the spiritual home of Scottish skateboarding. That it also hosted some of the world's best skaters alone should make it an important part of our modern history.	Gareth Buchanan
This is a special place and although there are many new skateparks popping up in recent years, this is the original. It has remained one of the best in the country since it's creation. It's considered hallowed ground by Scottish skaters, particularly those that skated in the 80's and 90's	Kyle Martin
Unless you are a skater you might find this hard to believe but live skatepark is famous around the world, it in itself actually puts Livingston on the map. Back in the 80's many skateparks got built but you see how many are still around today and what status they hold, the design of the original park was perfect and still has a place in the modern world.	Stephen Steph
It was a beacon of skate culture when I grew up. One of the only and main places to skate in Scotland drawing people in for miles	Gavin Wares
Scottish skateboarding was huge with quarterback skate shops in Edinburgh and Glasgow selling us our decks to skate the bowl. My dad built me a ramp but I still kept going back to skate with my freinds. There weren't many girls back then but now the lads we skated with are teaching their girls to skate	Ellie Bound nee Strathie
Ask any one in the skateboarding/ bmx community in the world to name a skate park in Scotland/ Britain. Every time Livingston will be one of the first	Steven robertson



things they say	
Absolutely, it's world renowned. It draws skaters from across the world. I've seen demos there by some of the most famous skateboarders in the world. It has spawned some of the best skateboarders in Scotland who themselves have become world renowned and featured in international skateboard publications. The design has stood the test of time and still stands up against newer built skateparks. If there was a skatepark capital of Scotland, Livingston skatepark is it.	Neil Currie
It has been there for over 40yrs and is a big part of the Livingston area and not just used by people in Livingston but other areas too	John MacMurchie
It's a part of Livingston, Livingston history. There was nothing for anyone of teen age year group to do. When this opened up it changed a lot of life's. Kept a lot of kids out of trouble. You can still go picnic and watch what these talented individuals can do.	Evette Woodley McLeod
It's not simply a recreation area. It is an historically significant site that links generations of people from across the whole country and allowed them the space to express themselves and to grow both as "athletes" and as people. It has also provided a focal point for like-minds to meet and collaborate on projects and cultural forms adjacent to or out-with skateboarding. It has also attracted visitors from around the world, primarily from the world of skateboarding, to the country because of its international reputation.	Robin Laing
Being the first skate park in the U.K. of COURSE it is a part of Scotland's heritage.	Mhairi-Clare
Too many places have been allowed to go to rack & ruin and this can't happen to "the skatey" - Livingston needs to fight to keep this great asset - well known & spoke about everywhere	Elaine Stewart
It is a rite of passage as a livvy local and attracts people from all over.	Ashley Carral
Every young person in Livingston and surrounding areas will visit the skatepark at some point during growing up. Many continue as adults. It really is part of Scotlands heritage.	Fraser
The skatepark is known all over as Scotland's original skatepark. It's been here since Livingston was first built. Tony Hawk rode his skateboard around it. The Olympic torch was passed through the skatepark as well. Made papers. https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Summer_Olympics_torch_relay https://list.co.uk/news/20906/olympic-torch-relay-scottish-route-and-dates https://youtu.be/h37XouQeJfI	Mark McKee
It was a first of its kind, it has been skated on by Tony hawk.	Lesley Knox
There is a very rich history with the skatepark. It's well known world wide and has brought tourists to the are, skateboarders like to skate at different areas. It has been used by famous international skaters including Nitro Circus.	Angela Reilly
The biggest names in global skateboarding came here specifically for it!!	Paul Ward
It has played a part in a huge cultural growth of modern Scotland	Declan Milne
It was one of the first in the UK I believe.	Christine Powell
It has been a part of West Lothian for a long time and is a staple part in the younger community.	Nadine Cairns
It was truly groundbreaking and captures a moment in skatepark architecture of profound historical significance.	David Norris



Totally, as a new town and part of Scotlands modern history, Its had visitors from all over the world and its still used today.	
Being one of the first Skateparks to be built in Scotland and in such a central point accessible by people all over the central belt it is a beacon within the Skateboarding community, not only nationally but globally.	Ryan Mackinnon
This park is a one of a kind installation that has seen the most famous names in skateboarding participate I'm events here. Even today there is a real buzz about the park and who has skated here.	Matt Lodge
How many thousands of children have spent time there, developed relationships that have carried on through the years. It is or has been the centrepiece of many people's lives in the same way that The Old Course is for golfers. It's part of Livingston's identity.	Ollie Broadie
The park is world famous and interwoven with the memories and experencies of it's many users. So often the story of places that have had an influence on different generations are forgotten when they are not recorded as part of mainstream history.	Angus McPhee
It is a world renown tourist attraction to the world's many amatures and professional skateboarders and BMX riders	Alexander miller
It's a real part of UK skateboarding history just as much as Southbank, Romford or Harrow and is an international icon.	Steve Gillanders
Skateboarding is unusually defining for those who do it, and the places where people skate are hugely individual. It is also clearly one of the sports of the future.	Daniel Kleinberg
Livi skatepark was created in 1981, it is over 40 years old. It has attracted people from all over the world including skateboarding hero Tony hawk. The annual Pure Fun skate party is the highlight of the skate calendar since 1984.	Kevin Rankin
It has a great cultural importance to many generations, those who would have skated it in the early days are probably now attending it with children and grandchildren - sharing storys from their youth. It has links to several other sports such as BMX, Inline Roller Blading and now also Scootering	John Davies
At nearly fifty years old the park has played a part in the majority of my life and has shaped the person I am today	Graeme peter
It was the only major skate park in Scotland brought all the best from across the world to skate it and still does.	Alan H Kelly
It's been part of skateboarding in Scotland for as long as people have skated in Scotland. Not only that, but it's globally reknowned, bringing huge amounts of positive attention to Scotland.	Duncan Buchanan-MacDonald
As it was the very first skate park in the uk, I feel it's important to ensure it's always here for future kids	Tracey mccabe
The story of the park's design and it's architect Iain Urquhart is important to preserve, not just as a record of his vision and place in history but as a document of the bravery of town-planning offices at that time. A lot of what was done within new towns around Scotland may not be successful, but Livi undoubtable is and the park is arguably one of the most democratic and important public place in Livingston.	Craig Tait
It is an important part of the history of many people, young and now old.	
Has featured in many pro BMX/skate/scoot	
Very important park for Scotland's skating history. Well attended park, has shaped the skating community	Charlotte



	Rankin
For many years it held unofficial Scottish championships in the form of the Pure Fun Skate Party until newer facilities came on line in the mid 90's. You could mention that park to most international skaters and they would know it even if they had never been.	Andy Lincoln
Absolutely	Phil Inglis
For the reasons outlined in Answer #2	Steve Urquhart
Livi has hosted innumerable competitions, events, visits by famous skateboarders such as Mike McGill, Steve Caballero, Tony Hawk and many more and given great fun to thousands of skaters from around the world over the years It should be preserved and restored so it can carry on for decades to come and listing would ensure its future so I definitely see it as part of Scotland's heritage and support it being listed!	Dee Urquhart-Ross
Absolutely. It's the heart of skateboarding in Scotland, the history of its creation in a new town. Its still regarded as one be of the best skateparks in the world. It's brought enjoyment and hope to many over the years.	Hazel
hugely important in the evolution of skateboarding in the UK . No 1 skatepark at the time . The architect was a great visionary	Ken Chalmers
It was considered world class back in the 80's. It's almost part of the infrastructure within Livingston.	Alyn Gilmour
It's the father of Modern skateboarding and truly a masterpiece in the arts of skatepark creation. It lay the groundwork for many other parks to follow in its stead and was one of the first concrete outdoor parks in the Northern Hemisphere!	Ross Peat
It's the most important part of skateboarding history in Scotland - easy as that! Also, it's known all over the world.	Bart
It's part of the heritage of Scotland's New Towns, a lot of which hasn't been preserved - Livingston constantly rebuilds itself and has left little of its original centre - bus station, unique architecture like the high level walkways around the original centre, a lot of the old street furniture and sculptures are gone. The park is maybe one of the older relics now, and part of what differentiates Livi from the other New Towns.	Steven Hampson
The history of the park as well as the countless visitors	Stephen Delves
<p>I grew up with several skaters who went on to become professionals within the Skateboard Industry. People like Stu Graham, Benson and Ben Laden spread the word about skateboarding in Scotland and the UK and I was always very proud when they would be covered in US magazines and videos.</p> <p>Livingston, as a new town, doesn't have a great amount of heritage other than the remnants of shale mining and farming industries. However, Livingston Skatepark is a physical place for people to gather and share their own cultural stories of growing up in a place where freedom of expression and commitment to improvement was inherent.</p> <p>Apart from the obvious export of skaters becoming professionals and moving on from Livingston, a lot of my friends and people I spent time with at the park went on to work in Creative Industries. Their passion for art and music was undoubtedly moulded by the surroundings and environment of the skatepark. From their first attempts at Graffiti, to playing live music or DJ'ing at a Skate Party, the concrete palace was a place to try out new things and not be judged or hindered by conventions.</p>	
The space and surrounding areas deserves to be recognised and	Scott



maintained to ensure the legacy of the park endures and the next generation of skaters and creatives have a place to grow.	
It's ingrained in Scottish skate culture. One of the only surviving parks from that era.	Steve Murray
Absolutely, when next to zero facilities were available in other communities during the 80's and 90's in Scotland, Livingston was the place to be for the skating culture in Scotland.	DougieJM
<p>We are not all Deacon Brodie and Hibs casuals. We are not all Thatcher, heroin and AIDS. We are not all Auld Firm and Auld Reekie. We are not all the Glasgow Kiss and "T in the park".</p> <p>We are not all Rez or the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. Not Champions of Fire and the Old Course. Not just Muirfield and Gullane. Arran and midgies.</p> <p>We are not all Murrayfield, Gala and Hawick. Ayr races. Knockhill. Peterhead prison. Mean Aberdonians. Fey islanders. Taggart. Rennie Macintosh.</p> <p>We are all of these. We all matter. To have Livi hailed as an integral piece of our culture is not only desired.</p> <p>It's needed.</p>	Phil Beattie
This facility which was designed and installed by my previous employer Livingston Development Corporation was considered state of the art and cutting edge and was well ahead of it's time. Skateboards from all over the United Kingdom and Europe frequently travelled to West Lothian to experience the facility.	Stephen Knox
<p>An iconic site that charts the history and progression of the art form in it's concrete designs that's been used by generations of Scottish and international skaters.</p> <p>If you like it's the St Andrews 'Old Course' of skateboarding that deserves to be there for future generations.</p>	Craig Fletcher
Livi was at one time the only skatepark in Scotland so it definitely is a key part of Scotland's heritage and literally put Scotland and Livingston on the map to many people around the world as the park was known all around the world.	Rick Curran
1000's of skaters know it's Scotland 1s ever skatepark and has been used throughout the years constantly	Rohnyn Mitchell
It's a legendary and iconic skatepark, with very few surviving equals in the UK.	Robin Pearson
It is	Dave
As a young skater in the early 1980s, Livingston Skatepark was the first thing I learned about Scotland—that Scotland was a forward-thinking progressive place that provided for its youth.	Miki Vuckovich
It's history and unique impact on not only the Scottish but the whole UK skate and bmx scene over the last 4+ decades makes it culturally important	Geoff from Sheff
<p>Livi Skatepark is a part of Scotland's heritage bc the young people of Scotland included skateboarding in their culture when they first started skating culminating in the build of Livi skatepark</p> <p>When Scottish skaters visit other skateparks in other countries, they are sharing their Scottish experiences and their Scottish skate culture with other peoples</p>	Brendan McDougall PhD



I would love to see a Scottish skater at Kamehameha Skate Park in Kapa'au. I would love rolling into Livi Skatepark myself someday	
Historical skate site that's been around for a long time and produced some big names	
Livi is part of Scottish Skateboard history and it's amazing it has stood the test of time. Livi still to this day is know around the world as one of the oldest and best skatepark of all time. World famous skateboarders still talk about Livi with great fondness in skateboarding films and magazine interviews	Nikk Horne
Well it's creation at that point of time is unreal,and it's still going	Amos burke
See my first story above.	The whole Bmx community
It's special but it's doesn't deserve to be taken from the public. The public are the ones who are getting the benefit out of it. By making it a listed building isn't solving any problems only creating them	John Hurley
It was our only park and was a central point for all skaters. From this park skaters from all over Scotland visited and took a little bit of it with them. The culture and friendships formed here have created a country wide skate scene which in 2023 is thriving. None of this happened without livi.	Mike Callaghan
Heritage implies a rooted connection to a site or space, and I think Livi has held Scotland down as a place to visit for tuned in skateboarders all over the world. It's legendary status adds to the sense of Scottish identity when meeting folks from scenes in other countries. The people it has produced also adds to this fact. It must be protected as it holds the hearts of many a Scottish skateboarder. As a site it may become a point of fascination for anthropologists, archaeologists and cultural explorers. Its roots can be explored through the layers of cracked concrete that are slowly chipping away. It is reflective of our cultural ambitions, our need to express ourselves and form communities of alternative states of thinking. It must remain for this significance to truly emerge. I believe it represents a pivotal point in politics and attitudes in Scotland. It holds the essence of the utopian ideals of the 60s whilst being the first park to be taken through the rough 80s of Thatcherism. (This really only constitutes the old park)	Campbell Barclay
It was one of the first proper skateparks in Scotland and people come from all over the world to see it so there's no way you can say that it's not significant to Scotland heritage	Joe higgins
First Scottish Skatepark	Alex McLean
It was the first park in Scotland and has seen some amazing skaters pass through there over the years	Mark turpie
It's so iconic. The bones brigade skated livi in the 80s so it's well known to professional skaters from across the water.	Mark Leitch
Livingston skatepark is known around the world, to skateboarders, rollerbladers and bmx riders, this is the reason many professionals have visited the park when touring the UK. It also predates the vast majority of skateparks in the world I believe, specifically the bowls that were built first.	Robbie Corbett
It was one ofnthe first outpost built skatepark in the UK and is well known throughout the world due to this.	James McCulloch
Massive impact to the skateboarding world and the Scottish skateboarding community	Daniel McKenna
Although based on American Skateparks/swimming pools it was first and best properly challenging park in the UK and possibly Europe. Prior to	Dean Swift



Livingston Football Club locating in Livingston, Livingston's name was known because of the park It also provided an activity for young people that the New Town lacked.	
The park is ancient in respect to how long it has been around, how many people ordinary and famous have visited it and compared to other skateparks as well. It's used on a daily basis and is a core part to many peoples lives, including mines.	James Gordon
It's clearly got a deep history and is clearly known and respected worldwide.	Tam Bernard
I have travelled the world, anytime I mention the town I'm from, the first thing anyone talks about is Livingston skatepark.	Gray Caldwell
I meant my previous answer for this	James davies
It's been a part of my life for many years. and famous around the world. It has produced talent to professional level, and Pro Skaters from around the world have travelled here to use it. It is part of Scotland's heritage because of it's historic value to the sport. (Although some would say skateboarding is not a sport, even if it has been in the Olympics). It has a past, a future and a presence. It is to skateboarding, what castles are to Kings and Queens. It deserves recognition.	Miss Caroline Munday
Many of the skaters have travelled far and wide putting Livingston on the map	M Hunter
Many famous famous have been here and it is a well visited site.	Alana Isaacson
The park is known the world over there is not many skaters in the world that don't know about it . I have been involved and helped with many of these people from all over to come and use the park. Through the late 80s when the park was the only one in Scotland this helped keep Livingston on the map as a place where people to come to skate/ bmx	BRIAN SIVESS
It was ahead of its time, the largest skatepark in Europe showing how Scotland was finally making a place for people who skate, scoot or bike to come together rather than just hanging around the streets or at much much smaller parks	Emma Bridgman
I would say you would find it hard to find someone who hasn't used the skate park for being a resident in Livingston. It's been visited by Tony Hawk and many other celebrities. It's iconic	Barry
Was once the best skatepark in the world.	Katharine Gunn
It's the first skatepark of its kind to be built in the uk numerous people come from far and wide to see the place never mind skate on it.	Tom
<i>Anonymous comments</i>	
We used to often joke to family outside of West lothian that people only come to livingston for 2 things, the shopping centre or the skate park. For years this seemed true and I did meet many people from out with the area who travelled further than I would have been willing to just to visit/use the park. I think it harnesses a sense of community for young people in particular that is rare to find in other areas as it allows them to 'hang out' without being considered anti social in a space that feels like it is theirs.	
It was the first of its kind and is known worldwide	
It's paved the way for many other skate parks. It has hosted some of the greatest skaters and is internationally recognised	
First skatepark in the UK , visited by skaters from all over the world, part of Livingstons history, heritage and must be treated as such	
Great part of history fir the skate community	



<p>Tony Hawke skated there! It doesn't get much bigger than that! So many people who went on to have careers in skating and bmx, it's part of Scotland's part in those world wide sports.</p>
<p>The first of its kind in the UK never mind Scotland, used by generations of livingston residents and people from all over the country and world.</p>
<p>opened while other commercial parks were closing. Exhibition Carving Concrete shares in depth the various memories and opportunities it has created. Legendary pro skaters have skated the park. It cements skating within Scottish history. A place where everyone is welcome.</p>
<p>For reasons as per my previous description.</p>
<p>It's a unique entertainment facility and a beautiful piece of skatepark design and it has a connection to local street art.</p>
<p>It's a landmark in Scottish skateboarding history. Which has gone mostly unrecorded, or verbal only. It's folk history except due to skateboardings connotations/prejudice around the sport, isn't as respected as say folk music or poetry.</p>
<p>Livi reflects a time where skateboarding was seen as a minority past time and its place in Scottish and UK skate history is really important. More importantly than that, it has survived when many other parks have been lost and continues to provide a spot where people of all ages and genders can come together, whether skating, biking or using a scooter. It sits in a 'new town' and I believe reflects some of the aspirations that were around during the new town development. It is culturally important as well as having historic significance.</p>
<p>Birth of skateboarding in Scotland. The park is internationally known. Skateboarders from all over the world come to Scotland to skate this park.</p>
<p>Many professional skateboarders from Scotland gained their skills from using this facility.</p>
<p>it's the o. g. of scottish sk8 parks.</p>
<p>end of.</p>
<p>Because it's so old</p>
<p>Skateboarding and bmx in Scotland has such a big impact on the international community. And places like this should be highlighted in the making of this happen</p>
<p>Livi is a worldwide legend in the skating community - it puts Scotland on the international skateboarding map.</p>
<p>It has brought amateur and professional skateboarders and bmx riders from around the world to Scotland since the 80's</p>
<p>It is a world famous skatepark that pros from all over have visited and skated and has produce well know skaters like stu Graham, I believe it is the oldest skatepark in Scotland and at one point was the only</p>
<p>It is iconic, it was the first of its kind and should be preserved whilst also being able to be utilised by current skaters.</p>
<p>The skatepark is over 40 years old and still one of the best around with people coming from all over to see it and have a go.</p>
<p>Yes this was part of the original new town of livingston and has been used my many from all over scotland</p>
<p>It has been in the new town for a long time and has provided a safe place for many children, it should be given the recognition it deserves</p>
<p>First of its kind. Best of its kind. In Scotland</p>
<p>This park was well known around Europe thanks to the help of Tony hawke</p>



highlighting this.
It is park of Livingston's heritage, part of the development of skateboarding and wheeled sports in Scotland. Without the skatepark in Livingston leading the way, many of
It is a internationally known skatepark which was the first of its kind in the uk in 1981
As mentioned in my previous comments, it opened up generations to skate culture and also got me into the music that I love today. The punk scene, emo scene or goth scene is such a huge part of being Scottish, not everyone liked us, but everyone knew of the skaters, the punks, the goths! It brought people together and was a place people could fit in, when they couldn't fit in elsewhere.
As it was one of the first to be built it was something for our younger members of society which are sadly lacking else where
The skatepark is a vital part of history that has been loved and is still loved by several generations.
The park has a worldwide reputation within the skateboarding community. It is revered as a site of pilgrimage for many skaters and has even been the focus of STV's people's history programme.
As stated it was the first of its kind and brought massive names within the skating industry to Livingston for championships etc. The skatepark must stay as this is the heart of Livingston and many from across the world and within Livingston will agree.
it's got history and been used for years by different types of people
As one of the first skateparks in Scotland.
For a certain generation, I'm nearly 60, this not only put Scotland on the map but was key to creating a skateboard scene outside of London and making Scottish skateboarders world class.
It's the birth place of Scottish skateboarding.
A free, open to everyone park that has served as a focus for skating for so long, I think everyone who has skated in scotland will have their own fond memories and for many it will have been a very important part of their lives. It's also basically the blueprint for all of the great modern parks that we know have
It's been part of our family for years
It's an iconic part of our town
The skate park has been there for a long time and is greatly known and revered amongst the skating community.
It was one of the first skateparks ever built in Scotland, it has been a huge part of our scene since the 1980's when the Bones Brigade visited for a demo, and even now till this day. Many pro's from around the world will visit Livi for a session if they travel to Scotland.
The skate party and skate part are an attraction to Livingston. The park must be protected for future generations health, well being and prosperity
It is world renowned , we visited a shop in Orillia , Ontario, Canada which sold skateboard clothing and accessories and they knew all about livingstone skate park in Scotland It still attracts people and families of all ages today to attend, friendly culture, keeps the sport alive
It should be for the fact the design and it's been the hub for livingston amd well knowing all over the world I have spoke with American people on the xbox and when asked where I'm from and I say Scotland livingston they mention the skatepark so it's well knowing



<p>Known over the UK for what it was and still "should be". As stated before many people from the 80's / 90's know of Livingston because of the skate park. As it has history it should be retained, maintained and even developed further</p>
<p>It has long been an established part of the town and of Scotland with it having had high profile in media around the world. It is also symbolic of Livingston as a new town.</p>
<p>The first of its kind in the UK and was regularly used by skaters from all around Scotland giving them a flavour for what it was like to skate in an American style skate park</p>
<p>Generations of people know it and it's out Livingston on the map. I think it's harder for people not from the skate community to recognise it's significance but if you know you know, it's not just an insignificant little area of Livingston.</p>
<p>It's such a prominent site in UK skateboarding, blading and bmx and has had many famous faces visit over the years especially during the height of the annual skate parties.</p>
<p>its known world wide, plenty times there are skaters from down England here saying that they needed to come skate livi at least once</p>
<p>Historical significance is important here. The 1st of its kind, it has added to the lifestyle of many</p>
<p>This is a great place for kids/adults. People travel all over to come here. I have family living in England and travel up few times a year with there kids to use it.</p>
<p>So much history... famous skaters and legendary skate parties. It's something for Livingston to be proud of</p>
<p>It has had a huge pull with the skating community worldwide</p>
<p>Because it's been there so long and I know it's popular across a wide age rage</p>
<p>As far as I'm aware, Livi is the oldest skatepark in Scotland (and second oldest in the UK).</p>
<p>It was part of my childhood, and has now become part of my children's too</p>
<p>Skate parks should not be preserved, they are developed over time and this would discourage development. Heritage is about about structure. A skatepark is about freeform creativity and freedom - the exact opposite of structure and heritage. I present as evidence the acceptance of graffiti as part of the structure, there is no heritage sites that enjoy graffiti as part of their structure. Government quangos should keep their nose out of skaters and council business. The last thing we want is an authority quango sticking their unwanted nose in. Councils across scotland do a good job with skateparks and they are a popular FREE healthy resource. Improvements to skateparks are usually done in line with 1. local input and 2. professional park designers. There is no oversight or input a heritage quango could provide here.</p>
<p>People came from all over Scotland to use the park - I did not live locally when I went.</p>
<p>Because it was the first or one of the first in Scotland</p>
<p>It was a risk to build during a possibly transient global sports trend but it was built properly and has its own unique history. It has probably influenced many young lives</p>
<p>It has been there for aslong as I know and people from all over talk about it</p>
<p>There's nothing like it anywhere else!</p>
<p>So many generations have used and devolped the spot to suit the needs of</p>



<p>each of their current trends. Skateboards Rollerblades And people pushing limits</p>
<p>Livingston is one of Scotland's new towns and the skate park has been a part of 'livi life' for the majority of it's existence</p>
<p>I think that the skatepark creates special memories for people, especially kids of a certain age. And I think as we get older we see our kids having the same experiences at the park. It shapes peoples lives, and the stories get passed down from the older guys to the younger kids and it becomes a physical place to go and feel like you can be a part of a historical social movement.</p>
<p>It was one of a kind when it was built in the 80s it was the first American style skatepark in the UK. Different parts of the skatepark are modeled on some of the most famous parks in America. It's a beacon of British and in particular Scottish skateboarding</p>
<p>For the longest time, it was the only Skatepark in most of central Scotland and it needs recognition for the revival of skating.</p>
<p>It was and still is one of a kind!! People used to come from all over the world to skate there and take part in the competitions. Livingston should be proud to have it and I hope it is maintained and looked after so future generations can enjoy it.</p>
<p>First purpose built skatepark in area and was a Mecca for kids and adults</p>
<p>Livingston as one of Scotland's new towns has an important story of its own in terms of how people lived and live. The skatepark as a resource in this new town - a new hobby/sport imported from the States - was part of the offer of a new life. The fact that its become iconic among skaters too because of its slopes and curves is also testament to its importance.</p>
<p>As Livingston is a new town it would be great to see something of this importance protected for future.</p>
<p>Having been ranked as the 3rd best skatepark in Europe, possibly the world, in its hey day, and having attracted pro skaters from around the world and of course produced pro skaters, it is of course of vital importance to Scotland</p>
<p>It was Scotlands first purpose built skate park and had an international reputation</p>
<p>Important landmark, and a great place for people to meet and keep fit. Iconic skatepark in Scotland.</p>
<p>Old and valuable</p>
<p>The post war new towns are a deep part of Scotlands history, transforming the central belt and the makeup of Scotland. The skatepark represents the way new places and spaces have been built in Scotland, and communities made.</p>
<p>Livi was the first outdoor concrete park and was one of the best in the world when built it has been a large part of mine and my sons life skating kept us away from the drinking and taking drug scene in Livingston</p>
<p>Bery significant</p>
<p>For decades it has been a gathering point and safe space for the youth of West Lothian and wider.</p>
<p>Its been part of livingston for decades and needs to be protected. There is little enough free things for kids to do in west lothian, so this needs protection for future generations</p>
<p>Yes I believe it is because it's not just locals that use the skate park, I have spoken to people down there that has travelled from all over Scotland and</p>



<p>beyond to come visit the skate park and it's nice to see the locals all come together while using the skate park, it's all in all a nice place to visit</p>
<p>It was the only place to skate when it was built and was important for the sport in Scotland, the park has now been inherited by the younger generation and should be protected for future generations.</p>
<p>It's used by a lot of people, it's a great meeting place to encourage younger children to spend time outside rather than inside on game consoles and should be protected !</p>
<p>It was the first of its kind, Tony Hawk has skated there. And more recently it has allowed little girls to get into a sport dominated by males. There has been TV programs dedicated to it, and it was initially made as a labor of love for the deesigners wife.</p>
<p>It's iconic as the first of its kind in the uk. Many people have gained great experiences from the park</p>
<p>It was the original skatepark in Scotland</p>
<p>It is a world famous sports facility that is accessible to everyone regardless of income or ability</p>
<p>It's iconic and respected by skaters worldwide</p>
<p>Livingston skate park is unique not only in the area, or Scotland but actually in Europe. There are few skate parks that draw people from across the world.</p>
<p>Whenever we would skate in other parts of the UK, Livi was the first thing people would ask about when they heard our Scottish accents.</p>
<p>The recognition continues to this day, my brother now lives in San Diego and has had the same conversation with Mike McGill at his skate shop, Tony Hawk when he was skating at the Vans combi bowl and Mike Vallely after a Black Flag gig....these guys haven't been there in over thirty years but still remember it!</p>
<p>The biggest, best park at the time and still really technically good</p>
<p>It's the oldest surviving park in Scotland and the terrain is still challenging. Some of the best skateboarders in the world have made the pilgrimage including John Cardiel. The locals are the friendliest folk and I have friends from there that I still see to this day. The original downhill half pipe is gnarly and unique and has humbled many a professional. Essentially it's integral to UK skateboarding and there's nothing to touch it.</p>
<p>It was the first to be opened and is still as busy as it was. It's used to bring people from all over West Lothian and beyond.</p>
<p>First in UK, iconic</p>
<p>at the time in the 80's when i used it ,scotland was a rough place for teens ,lots of inter town football fuelled violence was the norm,the skatepark allowed an escape from all that nonsense ,it allowed us to see a different culture and create one off our own ,not quite del mar but the concrete hurt the same when you hit it ,many thousands of kids from a varied range of socioeconomic backgrounds have this shared experience or at least something similar ,if that isnt a bit of scotlands heritage im not sure what is</p>
<p>It is Scotland most unique and history ridden skatepark.</p>
<p>It is/was one of the most important facilities in Britain during a critical period in the development of skateboarding. It is an example of a free, unsupervised facility which achieved international status.</p>
<p>I explained all of this in the first part, sorry I didn't realise there would be more than one section for typing</p>
<p>People used to travel to use it and great place for kids to hang out as more</p>



and more parks disappear
It's a good place place for kids/adults to go even if they are from out off town and learn there skills in skateboarding, BMX, roller skates, scooters, also to meet like minded folks willing to learn and teach and share knowledge of the park and how best to fun
Without Livingston skate park Scotland skate scean would not nearly be as big and you saw in the Olympics that the style of skating is recognised as one of the trick done was pointed out by the commentators as "livi style 5-0"
First of its kind in the UK, inspired generations to take up skateboarding, inline skating and bmxing and still does
It's history in the skating community
It is one of the oldest/original parks in Scotland.
Yes because other than the centre, it's the only "safest" area in West Lothian that gives the public something to do
Historic competitions, prominent figures in alternative culture have hosted events, and recorded videos here. Some local talent has made their names from this park. There is also the famous skate party event that took place annually for many years, and has recently made a resurgence.
Tony hawk skated here, the most famous skater to ever live.
Definitely, on paper, Scotland is probably not the most optimised country to have outdoor skateparks like this as soon as rain stops and dries, Livi is usually in use. I've never been there on a reasonably good day and its been quiet. The place is well loved and is a flagship for Scottish skating,
As the ONLY skatepark in Scotland at the time when I first started skateboarding.
It is a major part of lots of people's history. From the tricks learned to the people they met and the scars they gained. It is a place which shows the resilience of Scotland, it has stood the test of time when many other parks have came and went.
When it was designed it was world class. Attracting a global superstar like Tony Hawk and crew is testament to that, especially them coming from a place where skateparks were plentiful. How many other places in Scotland have attracted that kind of icon just because of what they heard about it?
It gave many people a purpose, an escape and a new community. Skaters would take it upon themselves to see it remained usable and not fall derelict. The same can't be said for many already listed buildings.
Known across the world. 1 of the best concrete parks in the UK. It's over 40 years old and still attracting new generations.
Livi was a place of pilgrimage for many skaters around the UK. A place you read about in magazines and visited if you were lucky enough to have the means. It attracted international visitors and is still seen as one if the worldwide, top spots.
First of it's kind! Built for a new town's new generations!
Livingston was a new town when i moved here from Glasgow nearly 40 yrs ago, gtowing up as a teenager in Livinston I had so much to do locally, club, concert forum, ice rink, howden park centre, the skate park, it was what set Livingston apart from other towns, there was and still is i big part and heart of the community.
Because it is one of the biggest out door skate parks in Scotland and people back in the 90"/00" used to travel for all all over the world to ride this amazing skate park



Being Scotland's first major concrete skatepark it holds special history for extreme sports not only in the local area, but for Scotland in its entirety.
its been there forever, its connected so many people
It was the go to place in Scotland to skate, there was nowhere else like it at the time. People travelled there from all over Scotland and also all over the world to use it. It was the hub of the skateboard culture in Scotland at the time. It deserves to be recognized as part of Scotlands heritage.
Livi has always been a magnet for skaters from all over the UK and the world! Attracting some of the most well known professional in the skate game. More importantly in times past when skaters had nowhere else to go when there was no other skateparks for them to practice Livi provided a sanctuary for us to gather and progress
As before it has a global attraction and a genuine part of the community of Skateboarding, helping to keep Scotland connected to that community.
First of its kind in UK and had a massive national and international following
It's a one of a kind facility that's stood the test of time. Thousands of people from all over the world just to skate there The design and construction was way ahead of it's time and paved the way for every other concrete facility since
I am constantly amazed by how far back the history goes. And how many events have been held at the skatepark.
It is the first of its kind
It was the first of its kind which brought a lot of people to the area and competitions.
As avid historic Scotland members I feel that Scotland needs to keep adding to its culture beyond castles and kilts - we are innovative and early adapters and adding these sites to become significant will show this. An architectural designed skate park in 1981 in Scotland should be something we need to cherish.
It's a global landmark of skateboarding.
Tony Hawk visited it. No more needs to be said.
It's an historic land mark and as explained in the article, it was a first of its kind People came from all over to use it and I believe still do.
long history and was there when skateboard scotland was founded. also connections between culture and skating
See question one
It is iconic within the skating world and Scotland has benefited from that. It is niche but so many things are.
Genuinely world famous
It's been there for so many year and been visited by famous people around the world
The first of its kind and known worldwide
Yea this should be a heritage site other than Livingston village it's the only real place left from the 80s
It was ahead of it's time with similar designs no appearing all over the country, world. Tony Hawks visited.
It's been about as long as I've remembered. I feel like livingston wouldn't be the same if the skate park wasn't there.
I Mt was one of the first skateparks in the uk. I remember people travelled from all over to attend. It was one of those unique things that our Scotland



on the map
<p>It was ahead of its time and the skaters and BMXers got to practice some very cool sports thanks to it + many of them took up snowboarding or surfing which are so healthy for the mind, body and soul. Many others travelled widely with the skating skills they picked up in Livingston and some settled abroad. Travel broadens the mind, all thanks to the skatepark.</p>
<p>I know so many people who have a connection to this skatepark. I still met new people through work, and we randomly get talking about skateboarding - and it turns out that we both visited Livingston Skatepark many years ago, recounting our visits and experiences.</p>
<p>It was a revelation when it was built, one of the first in the U.K. and it has been used continuously since it opened.</p>
<p>It has always been in Livingston. Was a part of childhood. Still used today. Great to see the kids out in the fresh air using it and keeping them off the streets</p>
<p>I can't imagine ever going past that area and it not being there. It should be there forever.</p>
<p>Heritage is not defined by what you can find in a museum but it is any important part of our culture, practices & lives. This site was of key importance to our lives as teenagers in West Lothian. It should be preserved & maintained for future generations to enjoy & also to understand the importance of this place for previous generations.</p>
not for me
<p>Growing up we proudly told other children on school trips that we came from the town that had Europe's biggest outdoor skatepark.</p> <p>I dont know if thats still true, I'm not sure if it ever was true, to be honest, but I dont think it matters. We didn't tell people about the roundabouts, or the centre, or the shale mines, or the almond. We proudly talked about our skate park.</p> <p>It has birthed a few greats, and a few other greats have visited. You can find footage online of Tony Hawk shredding the park.</p>
<p>Culturally over the past 25 years it is a piece of architecture that is of great significance to me and many many others which given the lack of allowances for or spaces created for the younger generations I feel it is of great importance</p>
<p>It's been here so long and it keeps all the. Young kids occupied and out of trouble and if we Get historic status it saves the park from and destruction</p>
<p>People have came from all over Scotland, the UK and the rest of the world to skate or BMX here.</p> <p>International skateboard and BMX stars have visited over the years.</p>
<p>There were champions from Livingston also,</p>
<p>i love livingston skate park and the westlothian council. tony hawk is a sell out though.</p>
<p>Yes, it is one of the best and longest surviving skatepark in Scotland. It's existence caused many people to pick up the sport in the area.</p>
<p>In addition to my previous comments, it has been visited by skaters from around the world. This makes it an important attraction from both tourism and heritage perspectives .</p>
<p>Since its construction thousands of skaters have come through that park,</p>



<p>some visiting from a fair distance to experience it, others like me grew up near it and used it constantly. Within the skating community it is talked about with fondness and reverence.</p>
<p>I think it is because it had an important role in the development of skateboarding in Scotland, it was built in 1981 and has, therefore, a lot of history and memories attached to it and I think that in the eyes of every skateboarder worldwide this skatepark is a heritage.</p>
<p>So Livi skatepark is not only Scotland's heritage but also worldwide skateboarding heritage since there are not that many skateparks from that early era left. I think the greatest value from a design perspective is that (I'm guessing) most of the skatepark is still original design which has a historical value since the skatepark design has progressed/changed a lot since then.</p>
<p>People travel far and wide to visit.</p>
<p>YES! I have friends from all over that recognise and are aware of the skate park.</p>
<p>As it's been there for so long and has had many famous riders that have rode the park.</p>
<p>Yes, it has been around for plenty of years and has solidified its place in the wheeled sports community around the world</p>
<p>It was a huge part of many people's lives. Skateboarding and skateboarding culture is now huge. Livingstone skatepark played a large part of that story in Scotland and the UK. It is recognised all over the world.</p>
<p>Because it is, but I'm not Scottish so I couldn't comment further.</p>
<p>It's world famous</p>
<p>The history of the skatepark itself and it's place in worldwide skatepark folklore is enough in my book for a place in Scotlands heritage</p>
<p>It has a place in local, cultural and architectural history.</p>
<p>Not only Scotland but the whole of the UK</p>
<p>In Livi its part of the community. Kids go you now see adults taking their kids.</p>
<p>For people that skate or people that interact with those that do (friends and family), it is a key hub for social and cultural exchange.</p>
<p>People famous on the scene have visited, I went to the US for a while and some of the skaters there had heard of it because Tony Hawk visited.</p>
<p>It's status within the skateboarding subculture is legendary, and the original park layout should be protected at all costs.</p>
<p>It's older than half of its residents. You need to respect the past to appreciate the future.</p>
<p>It's iconic.</p>
<p>It is to skateboarding what St Andrews is to golf. It is our Roslyn Chapel, our Ben Nevis, our Lord's, our Wimbledon.</p>
<p>It is unique in its design, and was highly innovative when it was created. It has shaped the lives of countless skateboarders.</p>
<p>It still stands the test of time, is still a draw for users from all over the globe because of its style and historical status.</p>
<p>Skateboard has a culture and history with a significance to many. Tony Hawk has skated Livingston, that's insane.</p>
<p>being pretty much the only skatepark in scotland at one point, it would be silly to disagree. nevermind skateboarding now being considered an olympic sport.. the incredible skaters to come out of livingston who</p>



<p>practiced at this park everyday should be enough to show this land is owed this title. skateboarding has come a long way and deserves recognition</p>
<p>At one point, Livingston skatepark was the ONLY skatepark in Scotland. Being the first, it's history should be cemented in the books for it is an important site that must be protected.</p>
<p>oldest park in Scotland</p>
<p>One of the best skateparks in Europe</p>
<p>Scottish history of new towns is very hit and miss. Designing a town for all seems easy yet it was only Livingston that had the creative edge and built outdoor activities like the park. Unfortunately a lot of these are now gone to make way for more housing. This is disappointing so being on the the list would help remember how Livingston started.</p>
<p>It was the first skatepark in Scotland. People would and still do travel from across the world to skate the park. I have had conversation with people in America, Australia, Japan, Poland, Germany and Spain who all know and reference Livi.</p>
<p>People travel from afar to go</p>
<p>1st if it's kind and is known all over the world in terms of skaters.</p>
<p>It has a unique place as not only Scotlands first skate park but the first of it's kind in Europe.</p>
<p>One man worked so hard to create and maintain the park initially, now the skateboarding community still sttempt to maintain the park to a safe level when the council won't/can't or take too long to repair. It's almost been passed down generations and is still in a fair condition because of people coming together to look after it</p>
<p>I believe it was one of the first skate parks in Scotland, now there are many more but one of the early ones should be preserved</p>
<p>ofcourse, maybe not for everyone but for a large group of many generations livi has done for them which it has for us- made a community.</p>
<p>Iconic and great for young people</p>
<p>Seems very exclusive not welcoming for the young or inexperienced. Also has lots of litter around it.</p>
<p>It was the first of its kind in Scotland attracting world famous skaters.</p>
<p>Just as "the centre" is part of Livingston, so is "the skatey", I've seen kids that have travelled from forth or Lanark to spend time on it</p>
<p>It been here all of my childhood and my children are now using it. It was 1 of the first build and has brought people from all over together for the love of the sport</p>
<p>Livi Skatepark has been a huge destination for skaters from across the globe and always been revered by skate enthusiasts.</p>
<p>It is of great importance to a lot of people not just from Livingston. But from abroad people have come to use it.</p>
<p>A connection to a culture that attracted famous people in the past</p>
<p>This park has been here most of my life (33 years) and I see it at a great place for kids to interact and have fun</p>
<p>It was a key part of bringing skateboarding to Scotland with pros such as Tony Hawk even visiting. The park is over 30 years old and still going which is a feat for a skateboard park that doesn't have the all round sunshine of its American counterparts.</p>
<p>Absolutely . You can find tons of information with a simple google search, history is history</p>
<p>It is one of the oldest skate parks in the UK. It has so much history, one</p>



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example being Tony Hawk visiting there with the Bones Brigade. I know the skate park to be well-known and often encountered people from other areas visiting. I also remember it being frequented by a lot of pro-skaters.

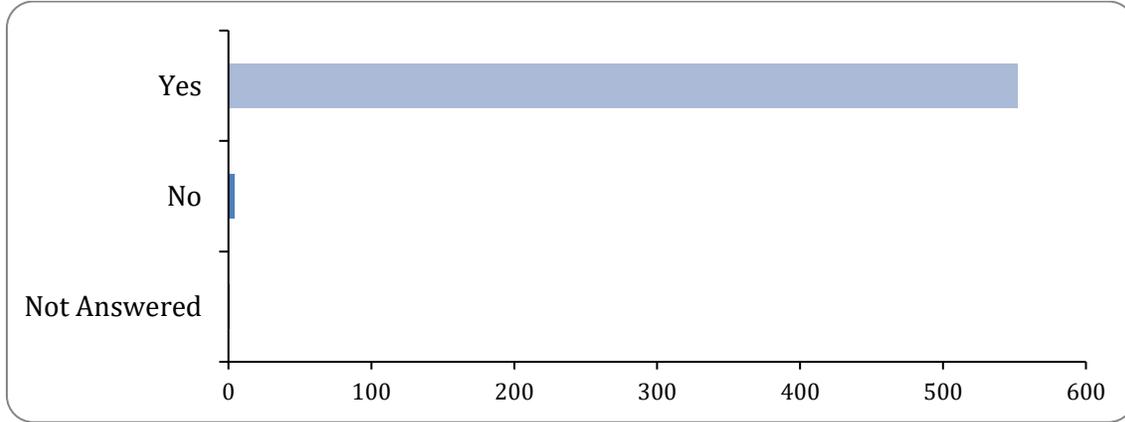
First one in UK people traveled from over the world to go here I'm sure Tony Hawkesbury came here aswell

Absolutely not. It is a pile of concrete with attracts anti social behaviour.
Yes, it's good for the kids but it is not a historic monument.



4: Do you think Livi skatepark is special?

There were 556 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	552	99.10%
No	4	0.72%
Not Answered	1	0.18%

Please explain why

There were 443 responses to this part of the question.

The following anonymous responses were provided by those who responded 'no' to the first part of this question.

it's bog standard
For the reasons above. To be special it needs to be accessible to all and its users need to be welcoming. Litter issue needs dealt with.
Doesn't have the same appeal as it used to
It's a skatepark, no different to Saughton.

The following anonymous responses were provided by those who responded 'yes' to the first part of this question.

You cant argue it acclaim globally	Andy
Read above statement	Jamie Sparks
It's American style , unique , and young people love it.	
People come from all over to skate here. It's a challenging park and it's superb to watch and witness the skaters	Dale Fagan



It's part of society of Livingston kids meeting each other	Simon Stenhouse
Age, uniqueness	James Hunter
Same reasons as the previous question.	Chris
Because of its history.	Linda Richardson
Just is	Barry anderson
As above	Scotty Thompson
design is unique and has stood the test of time	neil davidson
Livingston skatepark has brought together people through a mutual, and extremely humble love for skateboarding. I have made countless friends and witnessed some momentous skateboarding at Livi.	Cameron Brougham
Like most skateparks.. Particularly old skool concrete parks, they are unique and you cannot ride anything like it anywhere else in the world!	Formbyjay Richardson
<p>The most important aspect, in my opinion, is that Livingston is free, open and unsupervised. It is now common in the UK and worldwide for public skateparks to be provided as a unsupervised amenity, but Livingston was built at a time when the assumption was that skateparks needed to be staffed in order to impose the wearing of helmets and other safety equipment. Councils were concerned by the risk and liability and either avoided making any decent provision for skateboarding, or built closed skateparks with staff and entrance fees. These controlled public skateparks could not survive the ups and downs in popularity and almost none survived into the eighties.</p> <p>Livi might have been no different. Iain produced plans for such a park, fenced, with buildings to house the attendants and so on. But he also fought a long, hard, but ultimately successful campaign within the Development Corporation for his visionary idea that making the park free and unsupervised was a critical aspect. Livi demonstrated to other public authorities worldwide that it was possible to provide such a facility without disastrous consequences. I believe that if it had not been for Livingston's pioneering approach we might never have seen to routine provision of usable skateparks as recreational facilities.</p> <p>Another specific aspect which makes Livingston special is the flat bottom design of the original bowl and half-pipe. Prior to Livi most, if not all, designs for bowls and half-pipes were based on a rounded bottom. This is the case with the pool and bowl at The Rom in London, for example.</p> <p>This might have been the case with Livi. I believe the original designs did not have the flat bottom in the bowl. But Dee and Iain not only went to great lengths with their research visits to skateparks in the UK and USA, they were also very up to date because they were so deeply embedded in the skate world. So when the benefits of a flat bottom were realised and publicised, initially in wooden ramps such as a famous one at the Eurocana skate camp in Sweden, Iain revised his plans to incorporate the new design.</p> <p>Flat bottoms became a standard profile and the semi-circular profile disappeared, but this change coincided with a downturn in the popularity of skateboarding and</p>	Tim Leighton-Boyce



<p>so was initially visible in wooden ramp design. Nobody was building new concrete skateparks and Livi was probably the last to be built during that era. So for several years the most cutting edge skatepark in the world was in Scotland and people travelled from California and elsewhere to ride it.</p> <p>These are the two aspects which I would like to emphasise at the moment. I could probably add to them, but I do not want this submission to be too long. I will provide my contact details and I'm happy to say more if you think it would be helpful.</p>	
<p>The original park is an incredibly rare example of a first generation skatepark that is still 100% functional 40 years after it was built. It's supported the progression of generations of skateboarders over that time and is genuinely loved.</p>	Toby Paterson
<p>It brought people from all over Scotland to Livingstone and encouraged generations of athletes</p>	Danny
<p>it's one of the last surviving skate parks in the world from this era that is still in use</p>	Duncan Barton
<p>I personally met skaters from all over the UK, the US, the Netherlands and Sweden (just to name a few) travelling just to attend skate at my local skatepark. It makes me proud to call Livi Skatepark my local skatepark. The fact people travel great distances to skate there is a testament to there being something in Livingston which cannot be replicated elsewhere.</p>	Gordon Ferguson
<p>It's unique to Livingston</p>	Valerie Kenny
<p>It is undoubtedly an iconic skatepark, for the reasons above.</p>	Owen
<p>It's special because all ages use it and respect it. They go there because they have a love of the sport, whether that be biking, skate boarding or scootering. Parents don't just take their children there, they are using the Skate park too. Tony Hawk has visited the Skate park and credited the town for having it.</p>	Nicola Wood
<p>It holds both memories and history for so many people, not just the skaters, but also those who used to and still do hang around the park with their friends. It allows the younger people of Livingston to have a place to go and be themselves, across the years.</p>	Tyler
<p>It's modern history. It's something created for a range of ages that has not only stood the test of time with its regular usage but which has actually grown along with the people of the area.</p> <p>It's a landmark that everyone knows and is consistently coloured by each generation. Part of that is the extensions but part of it is the outlet of public art in the graffiti.</p>	John-Ross Morland
<p>The ability for all people not just from west lothian to use the skatepark is what makes it special</p>	Matt P
<p>As previous comments</p>	Bob & Brenda Bertram
<p>Generations have grown up here since it was built. It has aided in building a community, a community made up of people that find it difficult to fit in with the mainstream and providing them with a safe space to be themselves and meet others.</p>	Liam Keeble
<p>Special for me because of lasting memories. Special for the town as its world famous with history and heritage Special for skaters as presents some really great sections</p>	Kevin Duffy
<p>For the reasons already given</p>	Hugh Cameron



It's unique and still giving pleasure and acknowledged as important i skateboarding heritsge in Europe. https://www.oldest.org/sports/skateparks/	Elaine Wernsing
Good construction,free access, light s. Close to town centre.	Andy Peerless
The skate park will always be a great park of Livingston from countless hour days & nights spend there meeting life long friends and experiences.	Matthew
It was the first of its kind in our country	Lee Wilson
It's the 1st place I insist skaters coming to Scotland must visit. I don't think there's another park like it.	Iain "Hesh" MacKinnon
All of it from the vert bowl and mounds	Thomas Stafford
Because it is history of skateboarding	Cookie Cat
Livi SP is unique in that it has enough variety within it to cater from the worlds best (Tony Hawk) to the youngest beginners. No two days are every the same...	Malc Nixon
For a Skate Park in Scotland to be renowned all over the world, it was ahead of its time.	Steve Crowe
It's international renown. The amazing videos, parties and people that have all happened there. The unique space it provides for skaters and skate culture.	Ian MacKenzie
For the reasons given above in no3	Neil M
for reasons already stated.	stan intihar
Both adults and kids use this and enjoy watching the youngsters.	Elizabeth Howley
It has helped so many people turn their life's around, without livi some people would be a lot worse off without it.	Andi Stott
See above	Stephen Hickey
It's original status in the skateboard world	Coco t
It is unique in so many ways from its earliest days when there were such limited facilities for skaters to get together, teach each other and improve their skills. It is recognised by some of the best known internationally well known skaters as an amazing facility which helped develop Scottish skaters over decades.	Alex Smith
See answer to question 3. Livi's design harkens back to a previous age of skate culture but has remained relevant throughout its life. The two updates that have taken place over the years have served to add to its relevance. Sadly it does not seem to be considered important enough to be looked after by the relevant authorities who clearly do not value it's huge cultural import.	Ben
The design is so cool and even now a gnarly big bowl ride is hard to master even for pros. The locals rip big time it has a great spirit!	Simon gibson
The old part of the skatepark was ahead of its time. The old bowls are built with more accurate transitions than the new part.	Paul Cheyne
It's a place we're u meet people frm all over the world	Garry henderson
Was my whole child hood and still sk8 there at 46 years old.	Scott Campbell
It's beloved by the community and it's an essential part of the physical, mental, emotional and social development of young people that make regular use of it.	Jamie
I created imagination and continues to inspire while keeping fit a win win	Andrew tait
It's been here since I was young and before that. My children now use this.	Sandra



	Bruce
The most skateable park I've ever been to	Jon Tait
None other skatepark is like Livi.	Alain Scott
As I've mentioned. It's been visited by the best Skaters and BMX riders of the times. So many good memories of the Skatey (as we'd call it).	Ricky T
Yes a place for youngsters to develop thier skills and meet new friends	Andrew
It is a safe space for everybody	Roksana Grzybek
At Livingston skatepark many different people come and are all treated equally. Teenagers teaching young children how to skate	Patricia Buglass
It's a special bit of concrete...that has ..and STILL attracts users from all over the world.	Allan Cunningham
It's stood the test of time and over 40 Scottish winters! It's unique in its layout and construction and is the home of many amazing memories for many amazing people. Its still enjoyed today by skaters / riders, both young and old and should be preserved and shared with more generations to come.	Chris Bell
It gave kids something to do when there wasn't a lot else	Mags Russell
Absolutely! Most of the people who live in Livingston will have one memory that involves the skate park. It has amazing history.	Claire Robinson
Place for kids to go, learn a new hobby, meet friends. On a hot sunny day when your a kid there is no better place to be than skating at livi with your mates and making memories.	Ged Neilson
The oldest the wisest it's seen it all	glancy
I think it was the first purpose build skate park in Scotland.	Fraser
It keeps kids off the street and builds friendship and confidence.	Pauline Lawer
It has features which would no longer be built in modern parks, and specific lines (of use, lines of riding) which could not be recreated.	Paul Kerlaff
Anyone from livi and surrounding areas knows about livi skatepark and knows how much it means to people. It is special because it hosts all different types of people. Spending time there regularly I see mothers teaching their kids how to go their first pair of skates on one side and 50 year old men biking on the other. It's such a wonderful sight to see.	Tammy Storrier
It's special primarily for surviving 42 years - built the year I was born. It's unique in its design, being one of the first purposes made facilities in the UK and it is also one of thd most challenging skateparks to ride.	Martin Sweeny
It was ambitious at the time of its construction and had endured. It is as popular today as when I first discovered it in the early 80's, riding both bmx and later skateboard. I share this experience with 1000s	David Swan
As I've said, this is the first purpose built venue in Scotland so it deserves protection. As it is designed by a globally recognised architect it links Scotland to the rest of the world.	Stephen Robertson
My previous answer explains this question.	Ralph Gilhooly
As above it was way ahead of its time and has also adapted and grown with the times giving people new challenges.	Natasha Wilson
It has been a place which holds great memories for adults and children and will be for years to come	Douglas gibson
Location, history/events, people's memories from growing up with it.	Dr Fiona



	Macleod
As the first, and for a long time only skatepark in Scotland it is definitely a significant place. An encouraging and inspiring place for youth culture should be protected nowadays	Deryk Moore
It's been used and supported by multiple generations. Not just used by locals it has attracted people from far and wide.	Craig Fyfe
In a time where territorial issues escalated within Livingston and surrounding areas the skatepark seemed to be unaffected by this.	Angela Campbell
It has been skated and enjoyed by not only people local to Livingston and the wider West Lothian and beyond, but also by some of the worlds very best. For this reason it should be celebrated.	Jason Longstaff
History - outdoor exercise - social space - Local architect - First big skate park in Scotland A place where people can be out doors and get away from anything, you live with no the moment when you are skateboarding.	Andrew law
Unique, not many places have a skatepark of that age/fame	M. Rankin
Of course it's special. Many fond memories and relationships formed for life. Keeps kids away from the streets and gives them something to focus on. Frequently exercise promotes effective learning.	Dianne
See above.	Brett Staples
People travel to use it	Nicole
This park is Very special To me , as it's world wide known in the skate And bmx community as a amazing place to skate and ride as it has all Levels of skill street very half Pipe all catered for all styles Of skate and riding bmx	Nicola Bradley
Its the best skatepark in the world and is Livingstons history.	David Aitken
Provides a unique place in Livingston for kids to social and learn new skills outdoors that doesn't interfere with the public, e.g alternatively skating on private/public paths.	Natasha
It was the first.	John Love
It's a real star shining high that the park is busy, well used and in good condition considering it's history.	Iain Hill Stephenson
It was built because of Dee and Ian's passion for something that was often frowned on by the establishment. There was no real prior examples of a US style modern concrete skatepark in the UK. Ian wanted it to be current and perfect and everyone involved broadly succeeded in building something that set a standard, where no previous standards existed.	Paul Sunman
Unique, internationally revered and locally vital	Stuart Hedley
its super special, the forward thinking and commitment to having it built back in the 80's was nothing short of amazing! It has it's own aura, its own élan, its almost a living breathing entity. its has teeth and if you dont respect it when skating it will bite.	jp matthew
All the kids I used to bring still have very fond memories of the park. Me too!	Gail Fletcher
First larger community skate park in Scotland and the uk	Diarmidmart in
There is not many skate parks left people used to travel from all over to it I live in dunbar and my son used to go to the space at north Berwick that was shut down	



big loss to kids there is nothing else for them to do I was so pleased watching the young girl sky at olympic games on the board and thinking all the young hopeful kids watching think they could do that	
It was the first facility like this I ever saw outside of skateboarding VHS films that were predominantly filmed on the West Coast of the USA. There was nothing else like it in the 80s and 90s. UK skateboard magazine R.A.D. (80s and early 90s publication) covered Livi and Radlands (an indoor facility in England consistently because these 2 places really were where the UK skate scene was thriving and producing talent to rival international stars.	Ross McPhie
There's nothing else like it in Scotland	Laurie Piper
Holds a lot of fond memories from my childhood	Jan Littwin
It unique it nice to see how it grown from the original bowls to what it is today	A.lambie
its unique, its world renowned. its a place of happy memories stretching back decades, for hundreds of thousands of skateboarders. its part of our cultural heritage, it is a mecca.	Ronnie Brunton
Very special. I have skated it for 25 years now. A trip there from Edinburgh was an adventure with friends and you would meet new friends there sharing tricks and being part of movement which is quite unique and culturally significant to Livingstone. The sheer size of it is exciting and thrilling to ride. It looks beautiful.	
There's a kind of magic to the place that's brought so many people together, both local and from across the globe. On a clear summers night when the park is filled with bodies, beyond the various noises there and around, there's a strange feeling of peace/serenity when just stood back observing the place do its job.	Scary Steve
Its unique and special! There is nothing else like it around	Lona
Hold a lot of history and memories	Stacy
It's seen generations using it and if its not there a very lot of people will miss out on seeing and using it.	Liz Markey
There is no other skatepark with it's history, or legacy in the country. It was unique when it was first built in the early 1980's, and it remains so, even with the growth of the sport of skateboarding and the emergence of new skateparks in the modern era of skating. There is only one Livi.	Alan Gardner
So many memories from Livi, still friends with people I met.	asliceofry Livi forever
How many other sporting arenas exist that people travel worldwide to use without there being an international competition involved? Golf courses is all I can think of.	David Crighton
It's one of a kind any other new track is usually built indoors and not concrete	Greg gibb
There are very few examples of skateparks left from this era and Livi was and still is a fantastic example.	GD
It has been a gathering place and social meeting spot for many youths, both close to Livingston and from farther afield, to enable you to get together and follow your passion for skating with like minded people. These things are few and far between in todays society.	Graeme Price
It was the first of it's kind in Scotland and has hosted so many big names in the world of skateboarding. As a new town, Livingston has long felt lacking in an identity, however the skatepark is a feature which really defines it.	Gregory Houston
It brings the skating community together and keeps them from having to find places to build unsuitable ramps locally keeping the other areas free for people to	Alex B



walk and sit.	
Livi is a genuinely remarkable skatepark that remains as much of an icon (of what is now an Olympic sport) as it ever was. Indeed, it is hard to explain to a non-skater just how good it is compared to the 'average' public skatepark found in numerous parks & playing fields up and down the country. It as if the local council wishing to build the kids a football pitch and not knowing much about football pitches, decided they should aim for something at the level of the San Siro or the Azteca. It was a glorious fluke. A monkey who bashed out King Lear on his first day in front of the typewriter. Something worth preserving (not frozen in time, but in a sympathetic and relevant way) for future generations to enjoy and be as captivated by as I was more than 30 years ago.	Craig M
As above.	Dr A Rae
It was there from the start. Stil going strong Loved by all	Dr David Sadler
I have outlined the reasons above in my previous answers but in summary, Livingston skatepark is a pre eminent example of its kind. It is not a modern facility but today's standards but this is the exact charm of the park. It's an extremely important example of its time. Taking its design from early American facilities but achieving something not previously seen before has made it completely unique and it is of utmost importance it's special character is preserved for future generations.	Christopher Pepper MRTPI
It's unique, as only a handful of parks existed when it was built and even less exist now in their original form. Maintaining it in it's current form and continuing its legacy is as important as castles or listed building for a different section of the population.	Dan Elder
The Skatepark stood out both nationally and internationally at a time when skateboarding and BMX were going through rapid evolution and development.	John Keenan
Skateboarding, rollerblading and bmxing is such a physically demanding sport. To be able to have such a large park locally is beneficial to people's physical and mental health	Steven woodhead
It is the only place in Livingston where you can have / f eking like you are having fun!	David Naysmith
It's unique, it has many areas for all sorts of skating, from bowls, to Ramps, flat, vert, you name it. It grants access to all levels of skaters from beginner to intermediate to pro. Also the history of it, along with the meaning of it in every ones hearts and minds. It's helped many youths find a safe place to express themselves and to connect with others, myself included.	Ashley Punton
It's design is unique, as is its place in Scottish skate history.	Chris 'the janny' Clark.
just a great place for kids, and great to watch the fearless youth on bmx.	James walls
See previous comments	Mesfin James
It's brought many great memories to loads of generations and it will always have a purpose	
As mentioned before it is the one place that was able to point me in positive direction. It provided a well rounded education about life in general in a way school did not. It taught me about the importance community, respect for different generations	Gregor Louden



and the act of encouraging those around you in a positive manner.	
Iconic design. World famous skatepark.	Ian Deacon
Along with my previous comments, this skatepark is so special that legendary skaters worldwide continue to travel to Livingston to skate the park. Tony Hawk, Iain McGill, The Bones Brigade etc etc. But it needs help to continue to be special - it needs funds to sensitively preserve it. I can connect you up with these skaters so you can hear why they think it is special. We need Scotland to realise how special it is and by heritage listing it, it would put in on centre stage and Scots can become aware of it, visit it and be proud of it.	Parisa Urquhart
To me personally very special . It's iconic there was and isn't many places like it	
Iconic and it has earned its place in the history of our young town Livi had very little for youngsters and the park gave Livi a heartbeat its key to our story and to youth culture and development.	Colin Williamson
It's age, history, size and design all make it special	Daniel Muir
See previous comments.	Cass Macfarlane
For the reasons I've given already.	Andrew Murray
It will always have a special place in my life and heart	Ben Lynch
The 3 different sections of the park will mean something to each generation of skaters. Historically this is an important part of Scotland's forward thinking, planning and designing. Over the last couple of years there has been articles and a BBC Scotland programme explaining the significance of this park, both of which explain it better than I could	Paul Shearer
It's iconic and everyone has heard of it.	Gordon Neil
It was as good as anywhere when it was built, the best skaters in the world have skated there over the last 40 years....	Dougal
It is the architectural archetype for modern skatepark design	Andrew Graham
It is a place loved and used by loads and at least hundreds of people over the years it is a place to just be you and muck about and show off if you would like you can make friends of your , meet pals from school there and lots more about it makes it special	Kelsey
The Livi Skate Park is in part what helped ignite, shape and develop my interest in and around skateboarding from the recreational activities I engaged with, the friends I made, the clothes I wore, and the music I listened to. As I entered high school and was on my teenage self-discovery journey the skate park played a huge role in the person I am today. I now live in Los Angeles and always talk about my youth to the young people I work with about the enjoyment I had with skateboarding in my hometown. It played a huge role and I am thankful it was built in Livingston, and encourage young people with anti-social behavior to use skateboarding as an outlet and as a way to self-soothe	Bryan Frame
It's one of those parks that doesn't require you to push around to get around. One push and you can carve around the whole park without taking your foot off. It's where you learn to carve on a board in Scotland which is the first fundamental skill you learn if you want to be a skater. Carving at Livi is the most fun compared to anywhere I've skated.	Al Deuchar
As explained above, it occupied a unique position in Scottish skateboarding history.	Patrick Roman



It is why some people leave the house	John Lodge
Perfect 9ft bowl and lots of history	Gappa
The pre-2000s parts of Livi are build in a style you don't really see made these days. New skatepark design means Livi is already a rare breed. Then the Livi Fun Day events which ran for years will hold their place in UK skateboarding history forever and the worldwide list of pros who have made the pilgrimage and become part of that history make this an important place globally.	Kevin Parrott
For all the reasons above. There is no other place like it and never will be. It's truly unique to it's kind.	
For a number of reasons, it was the first of its kind, it entertained lots of kids and adults alike and drew lots of people from all over. The vibe there is special.	Jade Muir
There was nothing like it and even now it's probably the best outdoor skate park I'm Scotland if not the UK.	Dennis Moran
The fact that legends like Tony Hawk visited there is reason enough. Livi skate park was the Murrayfield/ Hampden of its genre.	Gary Stockdale
It was the first modern times skatepark in the U.K. when others were being broken down...Iain built this Mecca. Visited by so many of the founders the skate scene who visited the British isles.Scotland ,	Philip Burgoyne
There is no other like it. In the future it will be as important historically as any important building	Kyle Martin
A timeless design	Stephen Steph
Crusty heritage	Gavin Wares
It's special to me and many of my peers and we have passed this on to our kids	Ellie Bound nee Strathie
Memories	Steven robertson
It's design has stood the test of time. It is the one skatepark that if I'm within a 5 mile radius of it, I have to stop for a quick roll around (I keep a skateboard permanently in the boot of my car). It's just a really good skatepark.	Neil Currie
The skate park is not just used by people in Livingston but other areas too	John MacMurchie
There was nothing like it anywhere else in the UK. It's had visitors worldwide.	Evette Woodley McLeod
It has an international reputation, that is matched by perhaps only a handful of other parks around the world. People gravitate towards it because of its status as a "challenging" but inspiring and rewarding park to skate. At the same time, it is able to be used daily by pre-school children. It is part recreation area, part community hub and part world-class facility.	Robin Laing
It was the first skate park in the U.K. it has always been a significant part of Livingston, it holds so many memories. And the skate park itself is a GREAT park. Professional skaters from all over the world know about Livingston skate park.	Mhairi-Clare
It's a place where people of all ages can & do use - great way to get fresh air & make new friends I remember it being built & it was/is so special & needs protecting	Elaine Stewart
There are not many others like it and the fact Tony Hawk has been there is fantastic!	Ashley Carral
Special memory's, new friends and new skills are all obtained from this one place.	Fraser



As mentioned above. The skatepark is a place for all. Young old new and skilled. It's a welcoming diverse place where everyone is welcome. It's a safe place for kids and adults to go ride bmw scooter or skates. It's local to the Livingston centre for accessibility. It's FREE which in the times of post pandemic world every penny counts. You have a local Halfords for bike or scooter parts. It's a place of peace and happiness and many many many happy years spent at the skatepark. It has unquestionable history. And will forever belong in the heart of Livingston as one of the few original creations left.	Mark McKee
It has its own little community, its a shared space. It's even nice to just and watch on a summer day	Lesley Knox
The rich history coupled with the daily use and famous visitors including a local older adult.	Angela Reilly
First of its kind outside USA	Paul Ward
Tony Hawk, who is one of the most renown skaters in the world, visited the site and rated it highly.	Declan Milne
It has snake runs and a couple of bowls but it's also a great meeting place. I believe it was endorsed by Tony Hawkes.	Christine Powell
The bowl! It's pure.	David Norris
Heritage, history acceptance, fun.	
Professional Sportsmen (Skateboarding, Inlines, BMX and scooter) from all over the Planet have come to Livingston JUST for the skatepark, spending up to £££s for travelling and accommodation as well as Professional Sportsmen have been made from Livingston skatepark allowing the towns name to spread far and wide. Nowadays the energy within Livingston skatepark is so peaceful, it's a place where the 'outcasts' of social status can feel like they have somewhere they feel welcomed and understood. Sometimes that's all the 'misbehaving teenagers' need too, is a place they know they won't get moved on from unless they become hostile towards other people in the area but given a chance a lot realise the line and don't cross it again. As I've said before, I have spent a lot of time using other skateparks, whilst some have their welcoming locals, none were as warming as the local ones and I think that both speaks for itself and is a reflection of the sense of 'being' at Livingston skatepark	Ryan Mackinnon
Unique to Scotland's skate history	Matt Lodge
There's no other place like it that has been around for so long and part of so many people's memories.	Ollie Broadie
There was nothing like it anywhere in Scotland, it was a magnet, essential to the formation of alternative culture.	Angus McPhee
There is little like it anywhere else in the world, and certainly not anything from the same era	Steve Gillanders
Historical significance and a defining feature of Livingston as a place for a whole generation.	Daniel Kleinberg
Skateparks in the central area of Scotland are few and far between, and most are small or unmaintained. Few are as well designed and historically important as Livingston.	Kevin Rankin
As above	John Davies
Visited by skateboarders and bmxers from around the world, including many professional teams	Graeme Peter



It is gnarly and not just the same as most modern parks.	Alan H Kelly
It's part of the fabric of skateboarding in Scotland.	Duncan Buchanan-MacDonald
Was first skate park in the uk and attracts people from all over	Tracey mccabe
Livi Skatepark is a cultural destination; the reason it is special is in the sheer number of people that it inspires across generations who have formed an emotional connection to the place. Far greater than it's material or formal qualities, is the parks place in peoples experience and the positive impact it had on those to pursue interests inspired by the place and by skateboarding itself, for example sport, design, art, architecture etc.	Craig Tait
A centre for activity and fun.	
One of the best in Scotland	
Fantastic design, really good to skate. Accessible. No other park like it in Scotland	Charlotte Rankin
The original 1981 design is outstanding as an integrated area of bowls, hips and pipes. The surface finish in the 80's was super fast and it was definitely the best bit of concrete in the UK till the later 90's.	Andy Lincoln
Unique bowl and half pour	Phil Inglis
Again, for the reasons outlined in Answer #2	Steve Urquhart
It is an excellent skatepark that is still used, enjoyed and relevant to skateboarding and so special Iain made sure it wad as future proof as he could make it at the time and its still a great park and deserves a listing to ensure its future	Dee Urquhart-Ross
It's a park where people from all over world still visit because of its reputation and history.	Hazel
The first properly designed skatepark in thE UK	Ken Chalmers
As above, Livi was world class back in the 80's.	Alyn Gilmour
It's layout, it's culture, its history it's special lines and it's old crumbly concrete is truly what makes it rad to skate and challenging too!	Ross Peat
It's part of history but it also benefits future generations in a direct way, allowing them to skate there.	Bart
To skate it is uniquely challenging. Because it was an early design influenced by many other parks in the US and England, there are strange lines and interconnections in the original design and unintended sweet-spots at the interfaces between the old and new parts. It's known worldwide as a hard park to tame and a proving ground for the professionals of any era.	Steven Hampson
Its a time capsule	Stephen Delves
Yes, I think there are many new skateparks in Scotland (which is a great thing!), but there will only ever be one Livi Skatepark, the grandfather of them all. I think it is taken for granted just how good the layout and the design of the park is, the style is very American but the concrete bowls do not look out of place with the Almond Valley. I am 35, I can shut my eyes and visualise nearly every run, drop in and lines in my head. I've no doubt if I returned today and try to drop in I'd fall flat on my face, but in a weird way it would be enjoyable to meet the concrete that kicked my arse	Scott



when I was wee and taught me that I might fall down and scrape my elbows, but the only thing for it was to get back up and try again, There aren't many places for communities to share a space, I thought it was always special that anyone could turn up at the skatepark and be involved.	
From personal experience it's where I learned to carve the bowl for the very first time lol. But being the only skatepark we knew of it was very special indeed. Unique in our minds, plus being able to push ourselves to do more trick wise.	DougieJM
It's a sign that we have eyes open enthusiastically to the world. Through our eyes.	Phil Beattie
A one off at the time that many other councils have asked for design details to use as a blueprint for their own projects	Stephen Knox
Generations of skateboarders have used the park over the decades and continue to do so. It provides a safe place for a diverse community of skateboarders to meet, learn and have fun together. It's persevered through the ups and downs of skateboarding popularity and grown with the sport reflected in the multitude of form's present in the concrete today.	Craig Fletcher
As per the previous question really. Livi is special for many reasons, when it was built, how it was built, how well it was built and designed. It was an epicentre for skateboarding in Scotland for many years long before today's situation where we have 150+ skateparks to choose from in Scotland. It was a hub for meeting other people from other places, it introduced so many skaters to other skaters from other cities and countries. The skatepark itself is special for being a great design and for being built at a time when skateboarding was kind of dying and many skateparks around the world were closing instead. But it is also special because of the people who helped make it happen and who supported the park and the skate scene such as Iain Urquhart the architect but also people like Kenny Omond who helped the park get built and hosted so many skaters at the park (and his house!) for many years, organising the Livi Skate parties, taking the Livi locals to other places such as the indoor DIY Factory skateparks in Dundee where I'm from. So the park itself is very special and combined with an amazing community and scene made it even more special.	Rick Curran
The design is unique	Robin Pearson
Ride bmx	Dave
It's not just the age of the park that's critical, it's the era in which it was created. It was a time when commercial skateparks were disappearing. It was a lifeline for local skaters, and a strong symbol for those of us abroad.	Miki Vuckovich
The scale, design and enduring skate/rideability of the original bits of the park as well as the well-considered later additions	Geoff from Sheff
Skating is a sport where individuality and mutual respect are manifest in equal measure If there is any localism, then it's a signal that more skatepark is needed by the local community	Brendan McDougall PhD
It's already one of the oldest in not the oldest skatepark in the UK that in itself speaks volumes. It's know worldwide and has produced some of the UK's best skateboarders.	Nikk Horne
The design is like no other in the world,the history and stories for many generations	Amos burke
Yes one of the first skateparks in Scotland so of course it is special. But even more reason to keep it open to the public for future generations to use.	John Hurley
See above	Mike Callaghan



Livi is significant to the collective consciousness of skateboarders around the globe. Compared to most skateparks in Scotland which were built post 1990, this park has survived the test of time due to its structural integrity, challenging lines and surflike orientation. The concrete itself makes noise like no other. It has ages of graffiti. It is a legendary place around the world.	Campbell Barclay
The energy that is there is the best of any skatepark everybody is so chill	Joe higgins
Bowls and bowls and full pipe	Alex McLean
There isn't any parks like it .It's old school and seems to breed some of Scotlands best	Mark turpie
It will always be special to me as I have so many good memories and learned a lot of my skating there.	Mark Leitch
Reasons stated above, the skatepark has been used and loved by many generations now, and has been particularly noted as a hard skatepark to skate. Livingston locals are known for being tough for the fact they learned their craft on the harsh concrete of Livingston as opposed to a wooden indoor park or a foam pit.	Robbie Corbett
Again... this is something that out livingston on the map and in front of the world before the town was as big as it is now. It deserves to be preserved for future generations	James McCulloch
There's no other park like it in the whole world.	Daniel McKenna
At the time it was a proper challenging skatepark, but the main reason is its iconic shape.	Dean Swift
As stated above, it brings many people together, it's core to lives - allows people to fulfil their passions and it's just a great place to be.	James Gordon
Same answer as above.	Tam Bernard
It's one of the best and examples of concrete parks in the world.	Gray Caldwell
Because if it's significance through out the history of skateboarding in Scotland	James davies
Yes. Every time I have been there I have had great times. The park has a life of it's own, from the graffiti, to the concrete, even when it is empty, you can feel the energy it holds. It reminds me of so many fun times at skate parties, to sunny nights watching skate sessions. Some of the kids that use it have nothing else in their life, if it wasn't for the park, they would end up roaming the streets, drinking and probably turn into a life of crime. Skateboarding gives them a focus. It gives misfits somewhere to fit in. and it gives those with talent a place to excel. This makes it special.	Miss Caroline Munday
It used to be used for competitions that one of my grandsons has taken part in	M Hunter
Close proximity to amenities and accessible for all. History of community.	Alana Isaacson
The park was designed as a progressive park to help young people develop there skills. Taking the best prices of other parks and putting it all into one	BRIAN SIVESS
It's the biggest (or was) in Europe and brings people from all over. I don't know if it still happens but there used to be a mini festival there every year called 'Skate Fest' I think and people would come and camp, there would be music and people would put on their best skating it was awesome	Emma Bridgman
It holds fond memories of my childhood and feel that it should be there for future generations. We have far more technology now than we did when I was younger and anything that can lure children out from their bedroom and into fresh air and	Barry



doing something that's amazing as skating is special and should be preserved	
Childhood memories	Katharine Gunn
Tony hawks skated on it. There's been skate parties held there over the years and numerous other professional skaters/skateboarders/bikers have used it for videos films etc.	Tom
I think it's important to protect the skatepark as it has a lot of history and it means a lot to the community. By giving it historic status is would preserve the life of the skatepark more and people may have more respect for the space and want to protect it . I love the fact that it's still here after all this time and people still love to use it .	Kirstin Shemilt
Local place to take kids down to play. A central location close by to the main town. The history of it - how it was built and how it attracted skaters from all over the world . It's quite unique in its style - the Old and new areas of the park skated in different ways. The fact that it's used by skaters, bikes and scooters and everyone is accepted . There is nothing else like it in the Livingston area	Scott McMillan
<i>Anonymous responses</i>	
It is a space that welcomes people of all ages. From parents with young children on scooters, young adults developed their skating skills to older members of the community who may stop to watch while out for a walk. As mentioned, it is an outdoor space that young people aren't excluded from or deemed to be a nuisance as they can be in conventional parks or similar outdoor spaces.	
It's a community of people from all walks of life that come together and is well loved meeting place to get involved in alternative sport it's the first of its kind	
Brutalist and so many of the 60-80s architecture has been lost, this is one part that can and should be saved	
Again great place for the skate community	
It's unique	
The first of its kind in the UK never mind Scotland, used by generations of livingston residents and people from all over the country and world.	
free to use, the community that skates there, the open arms and motivation skating there. as a woman i was especially anxious to begin skating there but quickly was met with smiles and cheers. have cemented friendships and remains close to my heart	
It is a piece of Scottish architecture, still used for its intended purpose and providing a fantastic community benefit, but also a holds significance around the world to others.	
Focal point for the sport which has a pretty unique design and it has historical significant as well in the development of the sport, much as football grounds or tennis stadiums do.	
The bowl is famous. I'm not local so can't say anything about the local scene, however, it attracts skaters from not only all around Scotland but from around the world.	
It was a park developed by the then Scottish Skateboard Association during a period where skating was really a sun culture. It provided and continues to provide a place where all people can express themselves and has the potential to develop further. There are many parks that have disappeared and now are occupied by housing or retail - Livi is far more special than either and provided open public access at a time when we see more and more of our public spaces being lost to developers and restrictive access arrangements.	



Has created a hub of skateboarders who represent Scotland. Legends in the sport from all over the world has been to this park.
It's the equivalent of any big stadium in the skateboarding world.
see my previous answers
There's no need to explain why.
Livi is a rare heritage skatepark that should be protected and preserved for future generations
I've been to over 100 skateparks now and I've still never seen anything else like it.
As above it has brought people from all around the world to scotland
It is important for every larger community to have a skatepark in my opinion, but the age and history make it so much more special to skaters all over Scotland with saughton and kelvingrove skateparks in a close second behind livi
As stated above.
No other facilities like it in the east of scotland
Once again it has memories for children
Unique
Generations have now used this park.
It set the precedent for skate parks in towns and cities
Great place for children and adults Has the potentially to generate money and business for the local area if there was enough events held at the park.
Same as the comment above.
As it was one of the first and was unique at the time
It's part of the cultural history of a "new town" and has remained a popular attraction to this day
The site is significant for its age, it's fame and it's quality. Skaters across the country and beyond reference it as a foundational site in the history of UK skating and it has an international reputation.
Not seen a skatepark like it. The childhood memories, the teenage memories and even as an adult I take my son. Every generation has memories created in the skate park. The big bowl paintings are always very artsy and are known across the country.
Very rarely do you see skateparks like Livi. It has been designed so amazingly it is a very well known place and many of Scotlands greatest skateboarders grew up Skateboarding here.
It's 42 years old and still a world class facility that people from all over travel to visit, it's the Glen Eagles of skateboarding.
It's community.
Because it has been around for so long and continued to be so important for the skating community in scotland
Family
It's unique and renowned all over
I think it needs some tlc but there is nothing else like it in the area for the sport or for suck a wide range of people.
It is one of the longest standing parks in Scotland.
Still standing Still well attended
It's special due to the design and layout



It's history within Livingston and Scotland. It is more important from a historical perspective than many buildings that get listed status
As above
No other lime it
It was a landmark creation in its day.
It brought a sense of community to the people growing up in part of this subculture.
I can remember when I moved here it was something that made our town stand out - no one else has a skatey!
see above
It breeds confidence and promotes a space to be active and included.
It's a special landmark. Thats used day and night.
It's one of the best in the world
It's well used and one of the best
See above answer
The design is unique, it caters to all skill levels
A zero cost, healthy exercise, unregulated space, enjoyed by anyone and outside the control of costly authoritarian government quangos.
Design was unique within Scotland.
It was unique in Scotland at the time
I made many a good friends down there and it keeps the kids busy from hanging about the street corners causing trouble
You can just go there. It's right there. No entry fee, no nothing. Just go.
One of a kind
I also love the fact its all cement base and not steel ramps etc you see elsewhere
It's the first custom built park I know if and it's known world wide. I'm quite proud that it's my 'home: skate park
I think it is very fortunate that the skatepark still remains today. Lots of skateparks can get updated and modernised, but they are usually flattened and rebuilt. I think the fact that the original park still remains tells us that we all know it is special and should be looked after accordingly. Anything that can shape the futures of thousands of local kids in a positive way has to be special.
As mentioned previously the first of it's kind
One of a kind and unique. It is legendary.
Design and location is very special and I think unique in Scotland
See above
The first of it kind
For all the reasons previously stated in my replies
Often telling international people (especially skiers) you are from Livingston, they will have heard of it because of the skatepark,
Know a lot of skater people who have been there to skate. Iconic.
Many big skaters have grown there and gives joy to younger kids
It is very impressive, visited by many from across scotland and beyond
One of a kind
Nothing else like it



<p>It has become a spiritual home for skating and boarding with a world renowned place in the hearts and minds of even the world's most famous skaters and boarders</p>
<p>There are people that used this as kids, who now take their own kids there</p>
<p>It helped skateboarding become the sport it is today in Scotland</p>
<p>Please see above.</p>
<p>It holds many special memo from my childhood</p>
<p>Skating or riding in livi skate park makes you feel like your in LA skatepark without actually having to go and the community make this just as special</p>
<p>There's always a great atmosphere, with respect between beginners and more experienced skaters. Older kids often offer advice to younger kids.</p>
<p>As previously explained it was a safe space in my youth not just to hang out but socialise and exercise</p>
<p>Not only is it special as a skatepark but the cultural and community benefits to young people go far beyond the direct activity of skating. It's a space where young people feel they belong, where they can congregate without being perceived negatively and being moved on. Unique spaces like this are important for the happiness and well-being of our youth.</p>
<p>For most people it's a concrete hole in the ground, but for most skateboarders, it was ours and even though we were from the other side of the country, it still felt as though the top pros were travelling to skate in your back garden.</p>
<p>For any skateboarder, they see the endless lines and opportunities to grow and develop their skills whilst navigating all the lumps, bumps and cracks that make your 'local' park unique.</p>
<p>Memories of youth and still seeing people do great things there</p>
<p>Built in 1981, I started skating in 1986 and as soon as I saw it in the mags I was obsessed and had to go. The pure fun parties were anarchic and it felt truly free to be at them. As I said earlier I made friends there in the early 90s that I still speak to and skate with to this day. Remember we live 3 1/2 hours away in the northwest of the UK</p>
<p>First in UK. Still a very good skatepark</p>
<p>ive spent so many hundred of hours there its hard to think of it as not special ,we used it at a time when youth culture was changing rapidly ,a heady mix of american hip hop ,graffiti and skateboarding ,i dont think id be the same me without that time in my life</p>
<p>It is entirely unique and has many stories.</p>
<p>It brings families together and it gives kids a place to socialise and exercise and that's important</p>
<p>Explained in the first part, it helps livingston be unique, its a beautiful use of the space and should be cherished for the cultural touchpoint it is.</p>
<p>Some of the best skaters in the world have visited it when coming to Scotland. Its a wee town we have and experiences like that, meeting famous skaters help show that there is a path, that someone from livingston can make something of themselves and can aspire to something beyond the central belt.</p>
<p>Iconic</p>
<p>Has place in many people's hearts as a place go for fun and freedom for little to no cost witch is very rare nowadays</p>
<p>There's nothing like it that is that old in Scotland that is still skated as frequently if you go down on the weekend it's absolutely mobbed and it's different from parks in the city there's a proper sence of community everyone knows everyone</p>



Very !First and original UK skatepark
As above
It is well known and used by professionals all over the world
Yes because other than the centre, it's the only "safest" area in West Lothian that gives the public something to do
First of its kind in Scotland attracted skateboarders from all over Scotland
Well designed concrete park that's not just pre-fabed, coupled with its history, and local value.
It is one of the best outdoor skate parks in the UK. It's been a part of livingstons identity longer than I have been alive
Livi has its own atmosphere which has been cultivated through years of skaters. On a good weathered day, it's impeccable, attracts skaters from all over the UK and even world. Its an ideal environment for people of all ages to relax and have fun. Even when i was younger when it was common for local neds/chavs to cause trouble in skaterparks, Livi as a skating community made it clear they wouldn't be intimidated for the most part. Sometimes best to avoid those types of situations back then.
This place will always hold a special place in my memories of a great sport and a nostalgic time during a troubled childhood with a lot of painful memories. Livi was always a nice place to think about.
I've heard stories that when skaters across the world find out a fellow skater is from Scotland, the next word is 'Livingston'. Not William Wallace or freedom, but the name of the town where an iconic skatepark is. Not many places enjoy that sort of fame. That is special.
It's not only special, it's unique, there is no other park in the UK which compares.
As Above
Past and present the skate park is the heart of the community.
Because it is a place that can bring people together to improve there fitness
It shows design elements rarely found in modern day public skateparks. Having been designed and constructed in a different era of extreme sports.
It was a place for people who were into skating to go and feel safe in an amazing skatepark where you were always made to feel welcome. The professional skaters who visited there all spoke highly of it. I have many happy memories of days spent there.
When it was first built yes it was a very special and magical place, it still holds that glow even though skateboard park design has changed, this style of park radicalised the sport and arguably shaped it into what it is today.
See above
It is one of the first parks of its kind in design and is renowned worldwide.
The layout, design, build, innovation and history of the people and professionals that have enjoyed it for decades
As mentioned before it's history. More than once have I heard it being called one of if not the best skatepark in Scotland. And there's quite a few people that come from other countries to use Livingston skatepark.
One of a kind and brings the community together
First of its kind. The later additions enhanced it particularly the young children area. This meant more parents attended which was good to calm the teenager element.
It's about giving a town a heart, about embracing and listening to the youth of a growing town and about the real culture this park has given to the central belt.
It was a place where boys seen as outcasts of society could go an express



themselves. The parties were amazing and it has produced a lot of good skaters who went on to have successful careers in the sport.
You can't have another "first of its kind".
See question one
Not many other places like it with such rich history of skateboarding and other extreme sports
Very special and the heart of Livingston
Heart of a community
No matter how good or bad you were you could always go down and meet friends and always have a good time
Just has a great vibe every time I've been there. Also, noticing coming over fears of the ramps and just enjoying themselves. For others it can be a sanctuary.
It bro gs back found memories of my youth. And is still a meeting pont for teenagers like my niece to socialise and build confidence, etc
It used to be world class. There's little else inspiring or of any interest in Livingston.
I've been lucky enough to visit many skateparks all over Scotland, and the UK.
Livingston Skatepark is unique. The design is timeless and will never grow old.
It is a great place to see expert and learner skaters and cyclists doing incredible stunts
Part of childhood with friends
It's brought so much pleasure to so many young people. There is not much in Livingston for young people these days.
It is unlike any other in Scotland.
Its size, variety, architecture and openness. Its larger than parks in nearby towns and cities. This is critical. There is space for a large number of skaters at any time. You can practice vert and street in the same space. Its design is stunning. It cannot be compared to the newer modular wooden and steel parks that you see popping up now. It's possible that nothing like this will ever be built for the masses again in scotland. We might see another skate park in this style, but I seriously doubt it will be free and accessible.
New Town taking on new sports and skills. Modern town with modern approach.
It's my second home
A great park, for those who have used it they will always remember the park and people and friends made there.
i lost my virginity in full pipe. it'll be a memory with me for the rest of my life.
Yes, I have met many people all of the world who know abiuot livingston skatepark and have expressed a wishes to visit and skate there.
There aren't many skate parks if it's kind in the UK.
By encouraging an active hobby, developing physical skills, training determination and fostering a social community who would share knowledge and skills the livi skate park was an essential part of some peoples lives, which in many cases did not have a stable life outside of the skate park.
As I wrote in answer to question number 3. Other than that I don't know enough



<p>about the skatepark's history and do not have any emotional attachment to it in order to find it unique in that sense.</p>
<p>I think what makes this skatepark special is mostly from the design perspective and history behind that.</p>
<p>Yes very much so, it's special because people from all over the world have been to the skate park, celebrities and well known faces from the skate / bmx community</p>
<p>One of the first skateparks in the uk.</p>
<p>With it being the first of its kind it has become popular worldwide with people travelling from all over to give it a bash</p>
<p>It's part of skateboarding history.</p>
<p>The bowl</p>
<p>Everyone knows if Livi Skatepark so yes it's most definitely special</p>
<p>It was somewhere people would go for miles to meet and skate, because of both the design and skate culture associated with it.</p>
<p>It was and perhaps still is the best skate park outside of the US, used and visited by thousands</p>
<p>Never thought about it for years, but after it being on the news, I plan to head over to see it next time I'm up that way. I have visited other skateparks, not to skate these days but just to watch the next generation enjoying themselves. however none have the same feel as the original Livi.</p>
<p>Caters for diff ages and capability. Others like Saughton park less challenging.</p>
<p>Knowing that some of the top skaters in the world have visited an otherwise unremarkable Scottish town, apart from a massive shopping centre. When I was young, and still now, it feels like a remarkable place. The energy there, and the connections people develop are truly amazing.</p>
<p>It's the only place in Scotland you can do this activity properly.</p>
<p>At its time of building it was regarded as the premium outdoor skatepark in all of Europe, something *very* special.</p>
<p>It's saved a lot of people from wondering the streets doing nothing positive.</p>
<p>Again, an iconic skatepark.</p>
<p>It is inextricably linked to the development of skateboarding in the UK.</p>
<p>Same answer as above.</p>
<p>Mix of old and new design concepts, huge square footage that can accommodate many users and skill levels all at once</p>
<p>Old bumps and turns and an aesthetic and functionality that isn't replicated in modern builds</p>
<p>explained in my points above, this park is special not only to a lot of people but to the scottish image as a whole. it's the most well known and talked about park in the country as far as i know.</p>
<p>It was the first of it's kind and it has played host to many kids who were aspiring skaters, BMXers, etc. The park provides a place to practice their craft and do so without affecting older aged people.</p>
<p>oldest park in Scotland</p>
<p>See above</p>
<p>No other town in Scotland has anything like this. Anyone famous in the skate culture knows about livi because of this. Tony hawk's for example</p>
<p>Perhaps it's age, it's size, it's cultural significance, perhaps it location and why that signifies a belief in something better in such a shite hole place, a very echo of Scotland as somewhere beautiful in the arse end of the world.</p>



Keeps people entertained
Lots of young people have used the skate park over the years and it has also attracted professional US skateboarders.
People have and often still do travel great distances to skate in livingston, links to Tony Hawk inspired other now pro skaters from livingston like Craig benson
It is one of the larger parks in Scotland and thus can be a hub for extreme sports, most parks in Scotland are fairly small however livi can hold a lot of people easily without it feeling cramped
i know people that love skating, biking, scooter etc, they love being down there and it helps with exercise and wellbeing too, helps you meet other people with a similar interest, and its a really good community down there you meet many many people that come from all over the country just to use the skatepark because they heard about it on the news.
Brings young people together
It is still a friendly, welcoming place.
Yes, it holds a lot of memories for myself and thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of people, it allows generations young and old to come together and share a love of the sport
It brings people both young and old together learning about its past and bringing hope for the future
A functioning skatepark that the community is proud of is a rare thing these days, nevermind one that has attracted top skaters from around the globe.
It promotes inclusion of all people to the out and become pros at skateboarding, bmx, in-line and more. It promotes creativity in the form of photography and videography around those sports and enhances people lives because of it.
The first of its kind .
It is a historical site of great significance to people from Livingston and beyond. The flow of the park is great and contains a combination of interesting sections. The feature half pipe and bowl stand out to me as special.
still gets used by younger residents from livingston



5: Please use the space below to tell us more about your experience and views on Livingston skatepark, and/or skateboard heritage in Scotland:

We welcome any information including links to online archival material, video, social media accounts etc.

There were 231 responses to this part of the question.

As already explained its a world wide renowned place	Jamie Sparks
Great skatepark which hasn't been properly maintained. It could be really special and used for more competitions. Great facility to get more girls involved in the sport and perfect opportunity to introduce proper teaching	Dale Fagan
I would like my great grandchildren to be able to use the park when they are old enough.	Linda Richardson
the older par of the park needs renovation - its no longer fit for purpose. And its no longer the only place to skate.....so it needs work to make it attractive to the next generation. What happens in the future is as important, probably more so, than its history.	neil davidson
https://www.instagram.com/p/CCwMHZ4gFcX/?igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA== http://www.abriefglance.com/abg-news/the-steve-caballero-interview_25th-anniversary-of-the-vans-half-cab-shoe.html	Cameron Brougham
Skateparks do so much for the mental and physical well being of its users and skateparks such as Livi that have been around for so long must be recognised for the joy and progression they have accommodated.	John Gav
Find road trip memories, seen some amazing skating and riding there over the years and it's stood the test of time!	Formbyjay Richardson
https://www.flickr.com/photos/misterworthington/albums/with/72157622118212064	Tom Worthington
I've taken pictures at Livi on various occasions between the opening and 1993. The photos are now part of an archive which also contains work by other photographers who worked with me on RaD magazine, run by Dan Adams. The other photographers include Paul Sunman who, I think, covered the Powell tour which included Tony Hawk (I did not). This link goes to the archive's Instagram account, but I'm not sure how to use Insta's search to identify the Livi pictures: https://www.instagram.com/readanddestroy/ If you contact Dan via Instagram, I'm sure he will be able to help.	Tim Leighton-Boyce
here's an interview about Livi I did a few years ago https://be-mag.com/article/insight-pure-fun-blade-party/ https://www.facebook.com/purefunbladeparty https://www.youtube.com/@purefunblade7635/videos	Duncan Barton
The history of the skatepark and how it has evolved over the years is unique. During the many years I skated there, I would always see new skaters who would	Gordon Ferguson



be embraced. Everyone looks out for each other and helps them learn, it really has it's own community spirit. It also provides younger people with somewhere to go which I think is very important.	
Over the years the young men and women have come back yearly to participate in a compititon which was well supported by Livingston locals and Yong kids to see these guys racing against the clock and seeing the tricks that they are trying to master	Valerie Kenny
Livi Fun Day was WILD!	Owen
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The fact that an outdoor activity location has survived and thrived in Scotland should be celebrated. It has outlasted a bmx track, a trim course and a remote control car track.	John-Ross Morland
My view is it shpuld be listed to ensure a vital sports facility is kept for new and old users alike	Matt P
Just an observer but glad it's being considered for listing as I'd love to see it retained and restored.	Elaine Wernsing
I skated the park on opening week,and lots of visits in the following years.	Andy Peerless
All you have to do is type "Livi skate party" in to YouTube and you'll see the sheer amount of professional videos created from the park over the many years, from bmx skate boarding & roller blading. Amateurs too professional the skate park has always provided a place for all.	Matthew
Sadly, the last time I visited, the park was looking very worn and there were a lot of cracks in the concrete. A few temporary repair jobs have clearly been attempted but a permanent solution needs to be found to preserve the park for the years ahead. I'm 45 years old now, still skate as often as possible and despite injuring myself repeatedly at Livi, I always return for more.	Iain "Hesh" MacKinnon
As a 58 year old skater, who has broken both his ankle and wrist at Livi, I still get excited visiting the park...	Malc Nixon
There are lots of online media showing the impact Livi had on both the skating and BMX scene.	Steve Crowe
Don't know to add a picture but I have loads of my brother in full air type photos. This needs to be preserved as there is not much else for kids to do outside.	Elizabeth Howley
I visited last year for the first time in nearly a decade. It was sad to see the state of the original bowl and the 90s phase of the park, particularly some recent repairs. I'll always love going to livi , don't let it crumble.	Stephen Hickey
I seen many individuals finding happiness and harmony there so I will always love the skateboard park and the locals to go with it. It's a community of friends/skateboarders who just want to have a good time/life	Coco t
it hs been great to see skaters old and new enjoy this amazing facility. For example, Rudi and Mac, two young female skaters have used this facility over their childhood and feel such a connection to it. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/10D08VCM1zPLMwsrJpCvj9j/the-kids-saving-an-80s-skatepark-with-some-help-from-tony-hawk It is also recognised by internationally one of the most famous skaters, Tony Hawk - see https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1zjaBi8iOdU It is recognised as one of the ten oldest skateparks in the world - see https://www.oldest.org/sports/skateparks/	Alex Smith



<p>As I previously mentioned, as somebody involved in skateboard media I have attended all the Livi Fun day events since the mid 90s and helped to document them. Here is the clip from 2017 to start with but there is a wealth of documentation available. https://youtu.be/UV0Be3a7YMM</p>	Ben
<p>Started skating there when I was about 13, I'm now 50 years old and still skate there. made some good friends from all over the world who have come to Livingston skatepark.</p>	Paul Cheyne
<p>I spent all my child hood down at skate park it's a place we're I practised for my competitions and if it was there I wouldn't hav won wat I won</p>	Garry henderson
<p>It holds so many memories for so many people and many more memories to come. There aren't many things left for children and adults to enjoy like this. It's so important.</p>	Sandra Bruce
<p>Needs preserved for future generations. A historically significant spot, a true monument https://images.app.goo.gl/aQBQYZEWjp9XbkjC9</p>	Jon Tait
<p>http://www.radbm.co.uk/forum/index.php?topic=154180.0</p>	Ricky T
<p>Had sooooo many good times there...made so many friends. It's a place that needs protection...especially in this day and age...young people should be encouraged to be active...</p>	Allan Cunningham
<p>The fact skateboarding is now an Olympic event and Sky Brown has inspired a younger generation, Livi Skate park is somewhere kids can go for free and practice a sport that potentially could lead them to the Olympics, whereas most other sports you need to pay to practice. Livi skate park is a huge opportunity for young kids to explore their potential within a number of sports even kids who would not have the funds to try other sports.</p>	Claire Robinson
<p>I have lived in livingston since 1972, when they built the skatepark, I had never seen so many young people enjoy themselves, they came by bus and trains just to use this park. You should have an exhibition to show decision makers why they should listed it.</p>	Fraser
<p>My son and his friends benefited loads from the skatepark, it kept them entertained for hours, made new friends and he still talks about his time there and is now 35.</p>	Pauline Lawer
<p>Skateboarding must be, per pound spent, one of the most beneficial activities possible. It promotes healthy activity, responsible attitudes to risk, social interaction, inter-generational learning and mentoring, cross-cultural appreciation and self-respect. There are no other activities so cheap, accessible and fun, where social and class hierarchies are meaningless: a ten year old could give advice to a 50 year old engineer in a skatepark.</p>	Paul Kerlaff
<p>Embarrassingly, I made it onto Scotland Today in the early 90, when they done a feature on the graffiti and skateboarding culture. I hope that footage never emerges. For me though, the highlight was always the Livi Pure Fun Skate Party in the summer when hundreds of people from all over the country would come and camp out for the weekend. We'd have skate jams, live bands, DJS, Street Art and competitions, always a great weekend!</p>	Martin Sweeny
<p>I have no connection to the world of skateboarding. I do believe that these spaces are culturally and social vital. This is a historic site and should be treated as such.</p>	Stephen Robertson
<p>The original plans are around. They were also included in Skateline Magazine. Ian Urquhart spend a very long time (qualified architect) working out why some</p>	Ralph Gilhooly



Skateboard areas worked and why some didn't. He even toured America taking note and filming.	
He then put them all together - genius.	
Sorry, I've got no links to provide.	
As an outsider visiting, I used to think of Livingston as a bland new town, a pleasant enough place to live but with no particular character as a habitat. Livi gives it character, history and heart.	Dr Fiona Macleod
Over the years I've been to the park many times. From begging one of our mums to drive us through, to getting the train and camping for the skate weekend, or driving myself. I've seen pro riders and great amateur riders there. I've learned new tricks and hidden from the rain (it is Scotland after all) there. It also inspired us and many like us to try and get parks built in our areas. Skateboarding has come from a subculture to a mainstream sport over the years and the Livingston skatepark has been there through all of it, inspiring young Scottish skaters to be part of that movement	Deryk Moore
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It's the only place where I felt safe growing up. From the skate competitions to general use and further organised outings it's brought many people into my life who have remained strong friends and more so like family.	Dianne
I know Tony Hawke used it. He's the most well known skate borader I know. He's a legend	Nicole
Many skateboard magazines featured the livi skatepark in the 90s as it was such a great place to Skate , in the 90s tony halk came and skated at the park and I can say I was there along with hundreds of Other skaters and bmxers to watch some Of the greatest skaters and bmx in the world Come And skate and ride the best concrete park of its kind in its day and I believe restoring it to its former glory would be a great achievement for Livingston skate park Many local skaters and bmxers have went in and become professional and getting many great sponsorship deals all because of Livingston skate park	Nicola Bradley
I was originally asked what any skate park should include and my answer was at the very least, a bowl, and a half pipe. That was exactly what the first construction was comprised of.	John Love
You can see some of my pictures of the Visiting US pro skaters in the old copies of RAD Magazine whose archive is maintained at https://www.read-and-destroy-archive.com	Paul Sunman
there are loads of videos and links , you only have to search youtube for the works skateboarding and livi together. the pilgrimage it used to be to go skate livi	jp matthew



<p>fun weekend were epic. there are loads of legends from livi, but 2 stand above the rest, ben leyden and stu graham, there is enough footage and skate video parts of them to cover most of what you need to know., if you dont know already. Fondest memories were in back of transit mini bus organised by youth workers in dundee, to go see milk tour skaters, john cardiel, the gonz, salman agah, ron chapman etc</p>	
<p>I broke my foot there My son loved it The community spirit of the skaters and BMX bikers was brilliant</p>	Gail Fletcher
<p>get in touch with starboard alba / dopezine magazine they will be able to proved lots of history of the skate scene in Scotland or</p>	Diarmidmartin
<p>ive been a skateboarder since 1986, and knew about Livi even then, ive had formative positive experiences there, and Kenny Omond is a cultural legend, end of.</p>	Ronnie Brunton
<p>The best and original place to skate that there is. I will always return to Livi for a park session. The adrenaline you get from dropping into the big bowl and popping out is amazing! Culturally significant in the history of all street sports inline, skateboard and BMX.</p>	
<p>The only time I ever remember having a 'bad time' at the skate park, was one night an old school bully of mine exited club earth and tried to grab me as he drunkenly circled the park. Aside from that, I've nothing but good memories about the place. For the few years I was a regular visitor and user of the park, it was the only place outside of my home where I truly felt safe. There was always a quiet rivalry between skateboarders, bladers, and bikers, but, any time groups of individuals came looking to cause trouble, everyone there would band together to drive trouble away. It was, and I'd hope still is, a safe place to be, and be a part of.</p>	Scary Steve
<p>I think Livingston Skatepark should be protected and celebrated as a positive and significant part of the town's cultural heritage. It is unique in design and the fun and joy it has given to people who have come from all over the world to skate and bmx there.</p>	Alan Gardner
<p>Skateboarding isn't a sport, it's a way of life. Livi brought like minded people together, also Livingston is/was a shithole and the only reason to visit is the sk8 park.</p>	asliceofry Livi forever
<p>Skating Livi is more than sport, exercise, fun or cultural. It is a way of life.</p>	David Crighton
<p>Livingston skatepark is a great example of the style of skateparks that were traditionally being built all over the world at that time. It has been looked after and used extensively since its completion and is a vital part of the history of skateboarding in Scotland.</p>	GD
<p>When I think of growing up and being into skateboarding, I always think of Livingston skatepark. The following link is fro when the Powell team visited in the late 80's. https://youtu.be/a04jMcPJmvo</p>	Graeme Price
<p>Skateboarding is now an Olympic sport and it is important that we have public spaces where the next generation of athletes can learn their craft. The fact that throughout the years many of the world's top skaters have visited Livingston, shows how good a facility this is.</p>	Gregory Houston
<p>I enjoy watching friends who board developing there skating techniques here, the sense of achievement they get when learning a new trick I can relate to with the profession of my own hobbies.</p>	Alex B
<p>As above.</p>	Dr A Rae



I have only been once to skate but fully understand the significance of Livi as a middle-aged English skateboarder	Dr David Sadler
I've rode it for years with the top riders and skaters from Scotland and also top pros from around the world who would invariably have Livingston Skatepark on their itinerary when they were touring the UK.	John Keenan
I have seen the legendary Bones Brigade skate there. These guys were the best skaters of their day. I have been to numerous skate jams there and skated it for around 4 years in the morning before my work, before Saughton skatepark in Edin opened. My work moving to Livi got me back into skating, without the park being there this wouldn't have happened. Skating is people's life.	Chris 'the janny' Clark.
Livi skate park was a safe space for people of mixed heritage at a time when racist abuse was rife in all other parts of cities. I have very fond memories of the park, the people that used it and the skateboard culture that did not see my colour and tested me as one of them. Very important cultural and sporting heritage	Mesfin James
Please keep it going for all the legends and partition to get a statue of iain urqhart or Kenny omand beside the park	
My experience of Livingston Skatepark is a very positive one. One example of how I benefited beyond just skateboarding was learning about mural art. I wanted to study art at school but my teachers were not keen. I was beginning to give up hope for a future in the creative arts but when I met the mural artists there who were slightly older than me, I found them to be very inclusive and encouraging. I learned to paint my self and enjoyed it immensely. Because of those experiences, I was encouraged to persevere with art and would ventually go to art school. I am now a full time creative designer/artist today and the value of Livingston Skatepark on the journey to becoming that has hugey important.	Gregor Louden
LONG LIVE LIVI 30mins - BBC FINAL CUT https://vimeo.com/scottishdocinstitute/review/392674030/a1e9e99c87 nb: password protected Long Live Livi Trailer: https://vimeo.com/393974528 Long Live Livi Amazon Prime Link (US & Japan) https://amzn.to/3GKD8k2 Long Live Livi Garage Films Link (Worldwide) https://www.garagemovies.com/shows/long-live-livi Press article: Why I think Livi is as important as Edinburgh castle - MAY 2023 https://www.mailplus.co.uk/edition/news/scotland/272587/why-i-believe-this-graffiti-covered-patch-of-old-concrete-is-as-culturally-important-as-edinburgh-castle?collection=13997&&contentLayout=Your%20Scotland @Long_Live_Livi on twitter and instagram https://www.heraldscotland.com/life_style/arts_ents/18498191.long-live-livi-celebrating-new-generation-skate-girls/	
Family member Steve Urquhart also made a radio documentary on Livi: https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-godfather-of-skateparks-b96j8v2mh	Parisa Urquhart
West lothian archives at west lothian council, Emma peattie museums officer west lothian council, west lothian news, online news outlet run by eddie anderson a retired local journalist of 40 plus years he is a an archivists dream i wrote my 2nd year dissertation on identity and growing up in a new town of livingston as an undergraduate at university of Edinburgh i gained an ma hons in Scottish	Colin williamson



Ethnology and a post grad in community Education. I was also a part time youth worker in livingston whilst at university.	
https://youtu.be/h37XouQeJfI https://youtu.be/C7QFZWsk04Y https://youtu.be/a04jMcPJmvo	Daniel Muir
To skaters and bmx rides so on its is a place to escape and be them self's	Ben lynch
It's a landmark site for many of the marginalised youth of Scotland. This is every bit as important to the history of our country as clay pots in a field and is one which is still in use today.	Paul Shearer
Lets renew the original build! Redo the surface, nothing else is needed!	Dougal
Growing up in rural Ayrshire my friends and I had nowhere to skate(other than rickety wooden diy ramps). We would travel to Livi as often as funds and weather permitted to. The scene was small in the 80's but the facilities were so good that it influenced so many skaters and BMX'ers	Andrew Graham
Always had a good,fun time there.Never any trouble on my visits and the local skaters are always welcoming to others who travel there.That is the best thing about skateboarding there at Livi,no matter what level you are at nobody judges or gives any attitude there.Everybody is welcome to skate no matter where you are from.	Al Deuchar
It needs to stay or else people will be fucked and people will stay happier than if it wasn't here	John Lodge
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpkUu-uCL1M 2m18s onwards!	Kevin Parrott
It's a place for people to come together. It's a place to make memories, meet new people, learn new tricks and skills. It was a big part of a lot of our lives growing up and gave us a place to be at peace and belong. People took the time to plan and build it with care and consideration. It's been maintained mostly by the people who use it too.	
Having a place like this in Livingston encourages outdoor activity, too many sit at home now on virtual games. Spent many days out here as a kid and young adult. I learned how to roller blade here. Met many friends as I am sure many else did.	Jade Muir
When I was a kid I made life long friends there, although we have moved into mountain bike, gravel and road cycling, we're almost 50 now, slightly old for BMX :-). But our love of bikes and cycling started there. It's lead us to leading fairly healthy life's. I would hope it inspires many more people to continue the journey of healthy living and an active lifestyle.	Dennis Moran
Skating was part of my life for many years and it was our escapism from everyday life. It was also our way of expressing ourselves even with its fashion. Skaters were the grunge equivalent of sports. It in some way shaped a generation and influenced everything from music (American Skater Bands) to fashion. Livi skate park was a big part of this in Scotland.	Gary Stockdale
Livingstone and the Scottish people were welcoming enough to travel from London many times.every time was special. We were lucky enough on one visit to be befriended by a skaters mum...whose son was in America. She saw us with skateboards and just started chatting to us. A place of magical memories. It has stood the test of time and should be kept in a fine operating condition for the kids of today and in memory to all of us that rode before them.]	Philip Burgoyne
Livingston skate park should be protected but of course in order to do that it should also be maintained. The surface needs overhauled. However, things like graffiti should be overlooked as it's also part of the heritage.	Kyle Martin
It's not going anywhere so you may aswell get this done sooner than later. At least worth this status it will be looked after for generations to come.	Stephen Steph
There are links to the parks heritage on YouTube. If you go on YouTube and type Tony hawk in Livingston skate park. You'll see me there in a purple helmet with a	Ellie Bound nee Strathie



tie dye T-shirt and vans shoes. I was quite shocked I'm there. I looked and my freinds Stephen and Kev and sprocket are there on the videos. It's a bit of my history that's still there when most other historical places have burnt down or been torn down	
I love the place, and it has shaped my skateboarding and myself. I spent many a weekend rolling round it. I've camped beside it over the End of June skateparty, skated the bowl on the midnight skateparty jam.	Neil Currie
I have no videos as I was always to terrified to take anything that could be broken. I was useless at staying upright.	Evette Woodley McLeod
The skatey is a fantastic place that encourages people to get out & about & have fun Seen so many talented people enjoying the space - it's in a peaceful setting & holds a special place in many peoples hearts	Elaine Stewart
It needs a wee shine, but the skate park is a magical place.	Ashley Carral
Livingston Skatepark is available on YouTube videos if you search it.	Fraser
https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_Summer_Olympics_torch_relay https://list.co.uk/news/20906/olympic-torch-relay-scottish-route-and-dates https://youtu.be/h37XouQeJfI https://youtu.be/UV0Be3a7YMM https://youtu.be/KYV11WGG75M https://youtu.be/6AvTNOwjtBo https://youtu.be/6AvTNOwjtBo https://youtu.be/6AvTNOwjtBo	Mark McKee
It became a second home for me and my mates in the summers of the mid nineties	Paul Ward
My dad brought me and my brother down when we were much younger to watch the skaters and watch bands play at the park. Part of me growing up watching the live bands and the atmosphere influenced me to be part of that scene.	Declan Milne
I'm not sure about links to any social media. Social media wasn't thought of when my boys visited.	Christine Powell
Honestly I could go on about Livingston skatepark until the sun goes down. It's a work of art in it's own manner, the term 'concrete dinosaur' puts into few word the age, the lumps and bumps, the history that has been made there. It's all beautiful in it's own respect	Ryan Mackinnon
I wish I had been there when Tony Hawk rocked up. I was at school that day but my friend Paul Kelly was there and talked about it for years.	Ollie Broadie
Skateboarding as a whole is a worldwide community and I have made friends from around the world, some of whom I first met at Livingston skatepark, skateboarders from around the world who have never visited Scotland are aware of Livingston skatepark	Graeme peter
Livi welcomed skaters of all ages from all over the world. It brought the best to Scotland.	Alan H Kelly
Gives kids a place to go and socialise with friends and meet others, it's always been a huge part of growing up in Livingston	Tracey mccabe
It was the hub of teenage life for me and I am sure still is for many.	
Amazing park I think it just needs a little patch up	
Livi Skate park has been there for decades, it's a fantastic accessible resource for all skaters of all abilities. It is iconic in its design and execution.	Charlotte Rankin
Scotland / Livi has produced a large number of skaters that went on to international success (without it they wouldn't have been able to have the intense practice). Davie Philip, Greame Stanners and Jamie Blair are examples from my	Andy Lincoln



<p>era. It was also important in the growing BMX scene of the 80's and 90's with Eddie Fiola and Mike Dominguez having a very famous article BMX Action Bike magazine issue 21.</p> <p>The later Livi additions are not great and shouldn't be listed in my opinion. The suffered from poor build quality for the 92 part and poor design for the later part. Not listing them would give them a chance to be demolished and better facilities built to service Livingston skaters / BMXers. The original 81 park is the historic park which should be listed. Even that has a poor surface now and this needs correcting if it is to be enjoyed in the future.</p>	
<p>No old pics unfortunately</p>	<p>Phil Inglis</p>
<p>Curves and Concrete - BBC Radio 3, November 2020</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000p2ch</p> <p>https://soundcloud.com/listentosteve/curves-and-concrete</p> <p>If you'd like a copy of the full transcript of my 45 minute documentary, please email me: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx</p>	<p>Steve Urquhart</p>
<p>Iain Urquhart was a visionary architect and made sure the half pipe and bowl were usable by many differing levels of skaters with good transitions and space for people to improve and refine their levels of skateboarding It is so good that there are people who have skated at Livi for 40 years now and still enjoy it It's well worth listing</p>	<p>Dee Urquhart-Ross</p>
<p>It attached skaters from all over the glode.</p>	<p>Grant Ovenden</p>
<p>https://instagram.com/sk8boarder_isla?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=</p>	<p>Hazel</p>
<p>There's a lot of archive material in existence about Livi, both the park and the skaters past and present. Maybe more than any other park outside the States. I'm one of what must be hundreds of skaters of whom the park played a central part in my skating life, which really means life in general for a 'sport' that overlaps to the degree it does with one's chosen friends, music, fashion, even artists and authors. Thousands of hours of fun at that place, skating, talking, and laughing. It's the Royal and Ancient, Hampden, The Crucible, Aintree or Lords of Scottish skateboarding. It would be sad to see it deteriorate because it's not a museum piece, it's a living park, fun to skate and capable of giving many more years of fun, challenge and succour to hundreds more down the line.</p>	<p>Steven Hampson</p>
<p>I think that counter culture and 'extreme' sports often get overlooked in areas where people may not have the means or ability to access 'mainstream' activities (e.g. paying for football clubs, swimming clubs etc.), and due tot hsi stories and experiences can get lost. However, these stories and their spaces are very important to those who created them. Livi Skatepark was a right of passage from many youngsters and adults and I think at the time I took it for granted that it would always be there. Historical Site recognition would ensure that it is the case.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noGzTfjsnP</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UV0Be3a7YMM</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4HmPM7ol_E</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfUam0tRCr8</p>	<p>Scott</p>
<p>Skated around my suburb listening to pet shop boys. The music was better than the skating.</p>	
<p>I was never going to join the Bones Brigade.</p>	<p>Phil Beattie</p>



<p>A lot of decent skaters hung out in front of Teviot next to Edinburgh Uni. For me, this was where the best went. An important site.</p>	
<p>As above</p>	<p>Stephen Knox</p>
<p>Skateboarding is a multi-faceted artform that incorporates so much more than it's base pleasure of connecting with your body and rolling around on a wooden board. It's grown over the years from a marginal and at times misunderstood activity to . Whether the Olympics or simply cruising around is your thing skateboarding is now a diverse and inclusive community, welcoming to anyone whos up for having a go that provides the chance for people of all ages to get active.</p> <p>Skateboarding in Scotland shares all of this and its own unique story given the challenges of skating in a country where the climate is not that of Southern California and is not adorned with smooth concrete streets. This makes places like 'Livi' extra special as places for skaters to use facilities and attack terrain . It's survived as one of finest examples of a concrete park in Europe, was a place of pilgrimage for the long decades where skateparks were a rarity in Scotland and has paved the way for the explosion of fantastic parks we now see accross Scotland.</p>	<p>Craig Fletcher</p>
<p>I think I've covered some of this in my other comments. I do believe that Livingston is an important part of skateboard heritage in Scotland - really just "heritage" in general.</p> <p>The challenge for Livingston now is that whilst many people like myself hold Livi in high regard it is now competing with many other excellent skateparks in Scotland that have been built in the last 15-20 years. So for the younger generation I don't think it holds that same appeal. It has had its challenges over the years as the surfaces have degraded (some surfaces were very rough even in the 80s!) so compared to modern parks it is very rough in comparison as well as just being worn out in many areas.</p> <p>The most recent extension which was actually done about 10 years ago was generally regarded as a bit of a mess due to being poorly designed and especially poor workmanship in the actually construction itself. Often only the smaller street area above the half pipe is skated by many younger skaters as this part is actually quite smooth, but the rest of that extension is quite poorly built. For me personally the original bowl and halfpipe are still the best bits to skate!</p> <p>So I think the challenge for Livi is that left untouched then over time it is going to get further into disrepair, and even with fixing a certain amount of the cracks the general surface condition will deteriorate further. My personal feeling is that the whole skatepark should be carefully resurfaced by an experienced company to ensure a long lasting solution. Stockwell skatepark in London was recently resurfaced in this way by a company called Betongpark and by all accounts is excellent and has put a complete new lease of life into an old 1980's era park. So doing this for Livi would be fantastic. I do think this could be done and retain the overall feel and spirit of Livi but make it as good if not better than many of the modern Scottish skateparks.</p>	<p>Rick Curran</p>
<p>Saw it on livid bmx video looks rad</p>	<p>Dave</p>
<p>I refer to my earlier statement about its history and significance. Livingston Skatepark is singular in its importance to skateboarding and skateboarders internationally.</p>	<p>Miki Vuckovich</p>
<p>It's unique and a piece of living heritage for the whole of UK skate and bmx. I live in Sheffield but have made multiple trips up over the years to skate or ride there</p>	<p>Geoff from</p>



with friends	Sheff
I look forward to learning more about skate culture of Scotland	Brendan McDougall PhD
Seems like a skate contest should align with your Fringe Festival https://blog.slamcity.com/hmin-bam-video-by-alex-craig/	Nikk Horne
Just being there in the eighties on bikes, skateboards etc was truly amazing for me	Amos burke
All as above. This is the foundation of our whole scene in Scotland and is still seen as an important place for all our skaters regardless of all the new facilities.	Mike Callaghan
It will remain a Mecca for generations to come. As we transition on, a 40 year old site like this will begin to show its age. In every place there are legends surrounding skateable spots, we are constantly seeking the unknown but lore and legend keep places like Livingston firmly rooted in our brains as a place to be respected. The question of giving it protected status comes down to whether the outside world can see the positivity that we do.	Campbell Barclay
.	Daniel McKenna
As stated earlier I think converting a tipped material site was a an example of using a potentially problematic site to a positive outcome.	
Although not mentioned much, the fact that it is free, in this era of expensive activities for young people, is an important point.	Dean Swift
I have countless videos of the park, and I aim to upload them some day.	James Gordon
I skated Livi from the late 90s into the 2000s, I made friends, I learned to skate, I kept out of trouble. Some of these friendships have gone on to last a lifetime.	Gray Caldwell
I have six photo albums of photographs from the skatepark. I have great memories of being here. I don't have any links to put down, because I am old school! If you know, you know! Ask anyone that uses the park and they will tell you it is magic.	Miss Caroline Munday
Great place for children and adults to go for free	M Hunter
Having grown up in Livingston being born here in 1969 . I for one have got to thank the Livingston development council for there for-cite into this special place for young families to grow up . I was the skater on the front cover of the councils book (make it in Livingston) Adlai done a tv advertisement for the council as well . If it wasn't for the park I don't know where I would have ended up	BRIAN SIVESS
I just think the place is really special for the kids who use it and it should be listed to remind us of the amazing things that happen in scotland	Emma Bridgman
It's renowned across Livingston and a great place for children and adults to have available to them. I spent many weekends/school holidays enjoying this skate park. I learned to skate properly there and gained such confidence in my skating ability thanks to Livingston skate park and the fellow skaters who supported me	Barry
Please do not get rid of the skatepark it should be made part of Scotland's Heritage. Most people from Livingston who have grown up here will agree. I was so delighted when my son went to the Skatepark to play. Hours of fun and in Livingston there is not a lot of outdoor things to do except football etc. This is a great place for people to go and watch others with their skills. Livingston Council removed the pitch and put area and the BMX track. The skatepark must be protected.	Katharine Gunn
It's a really good park especially in the summer gets used all the time the only time there isn't a body in it is when it's after midnight it would be a real shame to see something like the skatepark go!	Tom
<i>Anonymous responses</i>	
The first of its kind in the UK used by generations of Livingston residents and is a	



place for young an old skaters and bikers to enjoy as well as people from all over the country and world.
Carving concrete exhibition! each time i was able to visit the park (one hour bus there and back- dedication) always made great memories. lovely smiling faces of everyone who just wants to get you involved. the community is so strong with open arms
There are too few free places for kids to exercise and have fun (or adults for that matter) and it would be a huge loss to the local community and the central belt skaters if it was not protected and therefore at risk of disappearing. And as skateboarding is now an olympic sport, we also need this place as an entry point into the sport.
I used to skate this park when I was younger, I'm from aberdeenshire but still made the effort to come down on weekends. This park really helped me gain my skateboarding skills which helped in my surfing also.
I now teach people how to skate and surf all over the world. This park definitely allowed me to achieve this.
it kicks ass, okay?
Livi is a great park, some areas of it may be a bit rough to skate but that's what gives it character.
Livi was designed by an American? Canadian ? One of the two and no matter if it gets listed or not livi is going nowhere 🙌
Famous skater from all over the world have used
The users are very inclusive
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As I said my children now in the thirties learnt to skate board and I suspect my grandchildren will be able to learn there
I have no information but I think it's important to preserve the skatepark for future generations to enjoy and protect from any unwanted development
As this was the first of its kind in the UK, it must be preserved as a historic place to go in Scotland. Scotland has most of things taken away from them as it is and West Lothian council allowing this to be demolished is giving into losing what Scotland has made itself into. There isn't enough for kids and young people in Livingston and removing this will be plummeting then into more social exclusion.
This is a place that takes many kids away from the streets (it certainly did so with myself)
I think it is a great place given the area where there really isn't much else to do. I would definitely say i will always appreciate this place. It is a great community.
The place is special as are the people who created it, Now days Iain Urquhart, had he lived would have skateparks all over the world and be as renowned as Norman Foster in Architecture or Gordon Murray in car design as it is he got one shot at it and absolutely nailed it. Scotland has a great history in Skateboarding and a lot of professional skateboarders who owe their careers to Livi, No other skateboard park in the U.K. has been more influential than Livingston
As previously stated
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All reasons already mentioned
there is enough talent in Scotland and livi is a birthplace of plenty of pro skaters, this needs to continue
I wish there was an online archive of skateboarding heritage in Scotland! I was part of a small collective (ESA- Edinburgh Skate Association) who used to meet (and build/store ramps) in Tollcross Primary School in Edinburgh. One of the ESA



used to make luge boards too which we rode down Queens Drive in Holyrood Park in the early hours of the mornings. We also visited Dundee regularly to skate in the original Factory (in the squatted jute mill). This was a fantastic place! I started skating again in 2021 (bought a longboard as I'm in my 50's, but my son skates!) and although I can't skate as well as I used to, skating will always be an important part of my life and something that changed me for the better.

The skatepark problems for the council alone to address:
- expanded car parking (like many skateparks in Scotland these are full at weekends).
- trees removed from the vicinity to prevent drain blockages, slippery surfaces.
- entire parks area cleaned as part of the regular street cleaning service, this would mean cleaning staff going into the park early morning or night when it's quiet; *note there is no access ramp for a council cleaning sweeper machine to enter the park/bowls*.
- The park's original design was targeted at very advanced skaters, it should be slowly remodeled/extended to encourage more beginners/intermediates-The small newer beginners area seems more popular than the main park.
The surface is worn and crusty therefore skatelines are reduced by energy, it feels more like a ski slope than a level park at times, requires resurfacing everywhere, including surrounds. A design with better lighting/visibility across the park from the sides, this would discourage firecamps in the bowls. Standing railings for viewers are good and need extending.

If you're Scottish and you've ever owned a skateboard, you've heard of Livi and you've probably been.

It is central to the history of skateboarding culture in Scotland and letting it deteriorate to the point that the Council close it would be unforgivable.

I once saw a short documentary on it at Edinburgh International Film Festival probably around 2010, not sure what it was called

My dad and Kenny Omond were part of the team who made it happen along with the council to have the park built and my dad arranged skate party's and had some famous faces come along to ride at the skate park

Really can't add much here

It's a nostalgic thing for me.

I love it, it's been part of my whole life and it's great to see it being used in a daily basis

The skatepark needs to be looked after it's played such an important role for the sport in the UK and really helped put Livingston on the map. Modern skateparks aren't designed like Livingston any more. Modeled after the skateparks from the 70s in America the first skateparks ever built. Makes Livingston one of a kind

If only I still had all the old photos of my friends and I enjoying our time there. Sadly my photos have been misplaced over the years.

Skating is a sub culture, mostly populated by young people, and as a result skate parks can be easily written off by those "in charge" but they are populated by those who have the determination and bravery to conquer the concrete. And it's how that concrete is designed, how it flows and bends, which make it almost sculptural - a useable work of art in the urban landscape.

Sidewalk Magazine have a LOT of videos of Livingston Skatepark on Youtube, ie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UV0Be3a7YMM>

North Skate magazine showing "Benson" at Livingston Skatepark

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4HmPM7ol_E



<p>There are SO many vidoes on youtube, videos of Stu Graham, Benson, Div, Ben Laden and more, all lads who pretty much started out at Livingston Skatepark and went on to be sponsored !</p>
<p>My whole family are involved in the skatepark my grandson is now using it</p>
<p>Tony Hawk (professional skateboarder) was there a good few years ago, and there are still videos on youtube/internet.</p>
<p>The park is not only historical, it is a free point of excersise for any age or skill. Kids have nothing to do in livi, improving the park(needed resurfacing) and encouraging more supporting shops, skate gear, food stalls would help</p>
<p>I feel it would be a great loss for the community as it's such an iconic piece of Scotlands skateboarding history and also bmx community</p>
<p>It's a great park where I've been privileged to skate with many Pro athletes and watch just ordinary members of the sport become pro athletes, this park has impacted so many people's lives and it should live on. Over the years the park has been maintained but now our main keeper Kenny is getting older and there is a fear no one will take over, if this became listed we wouldn't need to worry about that and we could enjoy it for what it is and hopefully see more young people grow up in the community</p>
<p>Livi footage from Public Domain (Powell Peralta video) - https://youtu.be/4w77MN75TEs?t=912 https://www.whenwewasrad.co.uk/index.php/2008/04/28/livingston-fun-day-septmber-1988/ https://www.whenwewasrad.co.uk/index.php/page/6/ https://www.whenwewasrad.co.uk/wp-content/images/67/rad-magazine-67-page-030.jpg https://www.whenwewasrad.co.uk/index.php/2008/04/28/livingston-fun-day-septmber-1988/</p>
<p>There is no other skatepark in West Lothian. Livi skatepark is know around the world</p>
<p>at one point in my life skateboarding and livi park meant everything ,id imagine those feelings still run through the people who skated it then ,skate it now and will skate it in the future</p>
<p>Livingston skate park needs an extension and some holes fixed but even without that I'll still skate it every chance I get it's my favourite park</p>
<p>Enjoyed hundreds of hours of fun, excitement and lasting memories along with thousands of others through the years, it has a certain charm and happy feel about it. It's part of the landscape and history of Livingston, the town would lose a part of its heritage if it was lost to a new development, and with many of today's teenagers spending hours a day staring at smartphones and child/teenage obesity now on the rise surely a place that provides and promotes great outdoor activities it should be preserved and cherished</p>
<p>I met my best friend there</p>
<p>Had a number of skaters make their names from this park, plus the competitions which have attracted famous skaters, and BMX riders from across the world. https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=4403672606387749&id=1435332123221827</p>
<p>says it all really, dynamite.</p>



Scotland is getting better with skatepark designs, still need dragged out of the dark ages with most local authorities seeing it as problematic more than anything. If proper investment and design is done correctly, it can be life changing, im 32 now and i still visit skateparks all across the UK, my friends don't skate but they don't mind bringing their kids to a skatepark like Livi because theres local amenities, grass to sit on, easily accessed etc.

basically we need more Livi's, skateboarding changed my life and many of my friends.

When thinking about skateboard heritage in Scotland I find it difficult to name many other parks or places with the same history as Livi. The fact an outdoor skatepark in Scotland has remained as long - despite our climate! - means it must be historically significant to enough people.

There was an excellent documentary done about the park many years ago. I recorded it to VHS off the tele at the time, this is on youtube here:
<https://youtu.be/6AvTNOwjtBo>

A search on youtube reveals more documentaries too.

Lots of pics of livi intertwined with other uk parks here: <https://flic.kr/p/rho79>

You could also contact Sidewalk skateboard magazine to see if they've any other archived info.

Listing as heritage will help to preserve the life of the park. Taking away Scotland's best concrete park would be a mistake so all steps should be taken to preserve it for as long as possible.

In a town with no main street (Boulevard is a shambles) The skatepark serves as a Hub, a focal point, Landmark for young people, safe space for kids to congregate and learn skills as well as the socialising aspects.

Livingston is the skatepark for me, I can't think of Livingston without the park, it is a place the community should be proud of and celebrate.

H'min Bam video is a classic example
Livi Locals Instagram

Recently there has been an Instagram account created to support inexperienced and experienced people at the skatepark that want to show off they're progress.

[instagram.com/livilocals](https://www.instagram.com/livilocals)

Tony hawk! Need o say more

See above where I state that having a mixed usage makes it more user friendly. The graffiti also adds to the site.

List it.

I will always love the place and it would be great to see it preserved in the best state possible. My only concern is that historic status may change it and its condition with unintended consequences. Skateboarding doesn't really have rules, just etiquette and a status like this might change things

The park, although relatively young, is known the world over as one of the first European skateparks and has had some very famous skaters there - surely worth preserving

Used skate there during the 2000s. This is were all my friends would come over and hangout. Watching pro skaters during comps while enjoying the skate parties. Everyone being friendly.

I Hope the park can gain heritage status. And perhaps be restored so others can continue to enjoy this landmark



Explained above.
There will be videos from years ago on social media, you tube etc. There was always competitions on
It has brought so much joy to many young people. It is well used by youngsters x
Go there every week to practice my skills
please add a new section over the hill. it will be truly appreciated. me and the boys will design it. big stair set big tiddie goths it'll be the dream.
In my view historic status would protect the site for generations, making sure that people always have access to an exciting and fun form of exercise whenever they need it.
https://www.esquire.com/uk/culture/a34617191/livingston-skate-park/
I have an instagram account where I have many clips of me riding the park and there is lots of people that ride there all the time.
Check out Mark Trawlers books, he can explain it better than I can.
I've been going to Livingston skatepark since the 1980s. It's iconic
Scotland still doesn't seem to take activities like this seriously. The BMX/skate bowl where I grew up got filled in, that's why I'd go to Livi. If it didn't exist we'd be back to kids getting into trouble for skating at the back of museums and car parks.
Seeing locals Ben Leyden, Stu Graham, and Aberdeen regular John Rattray go on to become Professional skateboarders and compete on the world stage , making it big in the States is something I feel a part of even tangential and its astonishing to me, these guys skated at Livi. Long Live Livi!
We wish our country had something similar growing up!
I'm not sure what it takes to become a listed site, but Livingston has a history a d a significance that those outside of it may be we truly understand, it's the hub of a culture that has grown to international scale and significance, I have stories that I'll never ever tell you about that place, and everyone I know has stories about it too, that feels important to me.
Skate jam is a great community action helping build freindships and careers
As wonderful as Livi is it need repaired, and resurfaced, coping blocks need replaced or reset. There is is water getting in to the ground around the top of the old big bowl which has caused the right wall to become hollow. This is a major safety issue as it will soon collapse. The coping around the newer bowls is a disgrace and is not fit for purpose. Which is also a safety hazard and very dangerous The full pipe has a flat bottom which makes it almost unusable. How they signed of that work as acceptable should be on an episode of Taggart or Still Game cause it's criminal and a fucking joke
It is an important location to skaters all of Scotland. Many stars of the world have visited and brings hope to young Scottish skaters. Not just Livingston but I can safely safe skating helped keep me off the streets so I imagine it will be the same for many kids in the area.
https://www.instagram.com/p/CTVb9eqKGg2/?igshid=ZWlzMWE5ZmU3Zg==
https://www.instagram.com/reel/CqdKtWaKD07/?igshid=ZWlzMWE5ZmU3Zg==
https://www.instagram.com/p/CTSwnEnKlsh/?igshid=ZWlzMWE5ZmU3Zg==
https://instagram.com/zoecanskate?igshid=ZWlzMWE5ZmU3Zg==
https://instagram.com/wee_jacksb?igshid=ZWlzMWE5ZmU3Zg==
Have attended many summer jams there, it's a great place!



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i remember being down there and my friend tried skating for the first time and fell flat on his face, really funny we enjoyed being down there and the community of people are so caring and kind. you get different types of folk that go to skatey, older people, younger people and teens, everyone uses it and no ones judged for it. @switchnollieshuvit on instagram does clips of skating at the park, @hoe_jiggins1616 does clips of his biking too.

Lewis Johnstone Instagram and Youtube

It is an uncomfortable space for a woman on her own to walk past.

If it is to be saved it needs regular maintenance so it is useable for future generations

The best person to talk to about the skatepark in Kenny Omond. He will have everything you need to show the parks long and varied history.

The skate park needs restored to its safe state in order to be used fully ,

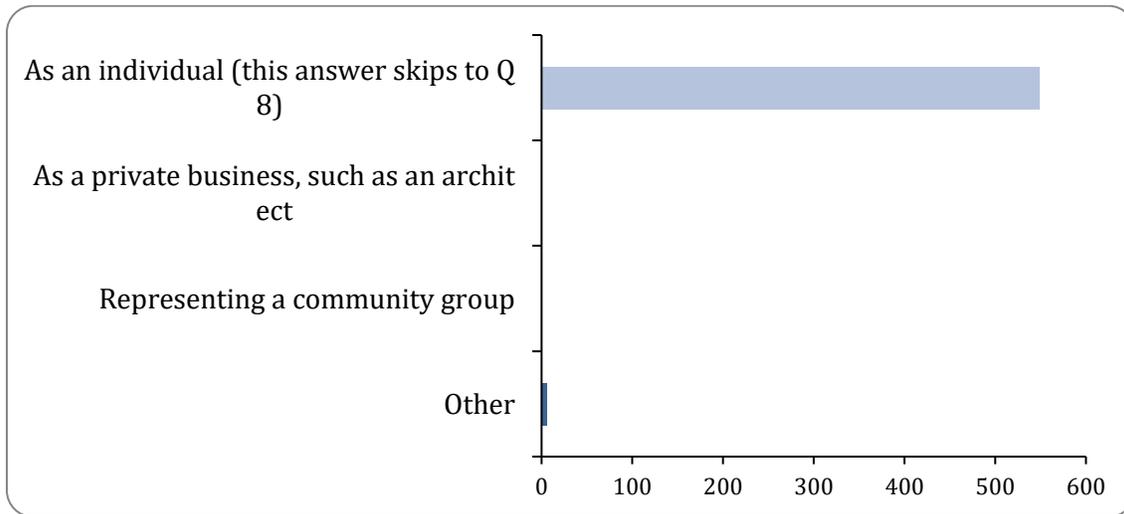
I watched an episode of grand designs and the home builder based his house on skate park at livingston said it was best skate park he had ever been 2



6: Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation, business or community group?

Capacity

There were 557 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
As an individual (this answer skips to Q8)	549	98.56%
On behalf of an organisation, public body or charity	0	0.00%
As a local authority	0	0.00%
As a private business, such as an architect	1	0.18%
Representing a community group	1	0.18%
Other	6	1.08%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

If you've chosen Other, please specify here

There were 7 responses to this part of the question.

- Speaking for the general public as well (Anonymous)
- Individual who had a major role in documenting the skate scene around the time of the building of Livi. Also secretary of English governing body. (Tim Leighton-Boyce)
- As an individual, but as a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (Christopher Pepper MRTPI)
- As an individual and as a community activist in Livingston I am also chair of Howden Community Council we are also keen supporters of the skatepark. (Colin Williamson)
- I'm responding as individual and as a parent of kids who use the skatepark with me (Bart)
- I am responding here as an individual with my own opinions but I am also part of Skateboard Scotland the governing body for skateboarding (Rick Curran)



7: What is your organisation, local authority or community group?

If responding on behalf of an organisation, local authority or a community group, please enter the name here:

There were 6 responses to this part of the question.

- Doms Architect
- Growing Up in Livingston Facebook group 22k members and growing
- N/A
- Howden community council
- Skateboard Scotland

Questions 8-10 concern publishing preferences and personal data – not reported here.