

Expanding **Skate Norfolk** sessions across the county

The Not for Profit, Everything Leisure Ltd that operates Skate Norfolk is looking to raise £5,000 to allow it to open 5 more sessions. On Thursday 14 April 2016 it launches a Crowd Funding Project at 9.00.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/expand-skate-norfolk-across-the-county?tk=f019305196ec0086e21573ccabbb98c99100bba1>

Ian Stirling from Skate Norfolk told us “We wish to add 5 more fun family skating sessions in towns with limited activities for children. Most skaters at our sessions are aged between 4 and 14. We are looking for suitable venues across the county particularly in North Norfolk and Diss. For North Norfolk we are considering Banningham Village Hall but would really like Cromer or Sheringham as well.

Since 2013 Skate Norfolk, has run 3 or 4 fun family skating sessions a week. The sessions have developed a following of younger skaters who feel safer without older teenagers skating past them at a great pace. As a voluntary group, set up as a Not for Profit Company Limited by Guarantee, we have taught over 1,500 children to skate. Our volunteers help people learn to skate, using our tried and tested method of teaching people to walk stamping, so all wheels hit the ground together.

See a Facebook comment dated 9 April 2016 - Kirstie Tifrani “Just wanted to say a huge thank you... 10 mins on your time and my daughter was off skating, with confidence and got better and better!! Thank you and see you next week for 2nd session.”

We then teach grades and organise games that teach skills and builds confidence. Without such helpful volunteers we could not spend the time we do with those that need that extra help to master skating.

See a Facebook comment dated 27 February 2016 - Cathy Stocker reviewed Skate Norfolk — 5 star

“I came along today with both my children & they had a fantastic time. What a great way for children to have fun & learn to skate. Everyone was helpful & friendly, thank you. My two can't wait to come along again.”

Skate Norfolk is ready to expand to assist many more children become fitter, build their confidence and have fun with their family and friends.

See a Facebook comment dated 2 April 2016 - Ella Ladd reviewed Skate Norfolk — 5 star

“My daughter has just come home beaming, full of enthusiasm & confidence, she had so much fun this afternoon. Her dad took her and was really impressed with how much she improved and picked up in just one session. Thank you very much, we'll definitely be back!”

We own a van, nearly 200 pairs of skates, PA system and other equipment. The ongoing cost of liability insurance, van insurance, storage, training volunteers and skate repair/replacements can all be covered by our existing sessions. By the end of March 2016 we had paid off all of the start-up loans and paid for all our equipment including the van.

Running extra sessions in places like Acle, Sheringham, Diss, Attleborough, Fakenham and Reepham would cover the extra costs after a few weeks and make profit over next winter.

We need the funding to offer more sessions. We would also like to develop internationally recognised training for skaters wishing to become members of FARS (Federation of Artist Roller Skating) so they can compete in competitions.

We are asking you for help to raise £1,000 for every new venue in order to cover the cost of launching the sessions and employing a part-time session organiser who would also take the equipment from Norwich to the session.

If we could raise £5,000 we could add 5 sessions or more.

Even if we could only raise £2,000 it would allow us to add 2 more sessions.

We make money in the winter but at present only enough profit to cover the losses during the summer. FUN FAMILY ROLLER SKATING in Norwich, Thetford, Drayton and Watton

When we make a profit, Norfolk Foundation will manage a Charity for us that will distribute the profits.

A bit about Skate Norfolk

Skate Norfolk is a voluntary group that runs 4 Fun Family Roller Skating sessions every week. Saturday City College Norwich 4.00pm, Monday Bob Carter Centre Drayton 4.10pm, Thursday Watton Sports 4.10pm and Friday Thetford Breckland Leisure 4.10pm. The main age group at the session is 4 to 14 but we have toddlers to parents. It is just £4 for 1.5 hours of fun skating, training and games. £1 skate hire if required.

If you do not know if skating will suit your child or children pop in and try for 30 minutes before you pay. If they do not like it you can leave - if they do like it please pay.

See www.skatenorfolk.co.uk and if you have questions call Ian 07879 402887 day or evening or email info@skatenorfolk.co.uk

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