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## Skateboarders unite for code of conduct



The SAAB group wants to improve people's perceptions of skateboarders

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**Six teenagers are campaigning to combat anti-social behaviour among skateboarders.**

**Jamie, Ben, Jake, Tom, Leis and Kristian, all aged 12 to 15 years old, write about their ambition to change attitudes.**

We are six skateboarders who love skating in our spare time. We don't really like it though when people think we are bad because we like skating.

When we realised that some people think we might be aggressive or nasty or rude, we decided that we had to do something about it.

Someone suggested to us that we use what we like doing best to make a difference to the villages and the city and so we decided to try and do something for our sport.

### Lack of respect

We made a questionnaire to find out what people thought was antisocial behaviour and decided on a name for our team and project.

We came up with Skateboarders Against Antisocial Behaviour or SAAB for short.

We have learnt that some people are worried about skating behaviour. Everyone agreed - the public, police and skateboarders too - that there



Skateparks give skateboarders a chance to practise their sport

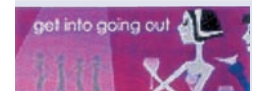
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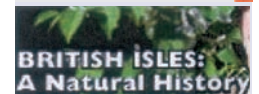
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is a lack of respect for others and this is what was worrying people the most.

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### Code of conduct

We decided to design a code of conduct that we could give out to people who skateboard in the streets, to encourage them to behave sociably. That way we wouldn't have a bad reputation.

Other people might get more interested in skateboarding as well.

**What do you think of the code of conduct? Have your say**

We thought we would try and raise some money for the code of conduct leaflets and then decide to see if we could raise enough for a website to promote it.

If we can raise enough, we also thought of buying a trophy for the Great Yarmouth skatepark to give as a competition prize.



We'd also like to get some T-shirts printed or make some stickers and a proper exhibition for people to come and look at.

We made a list of people we could ask for sponsorship and sent them some letters and kept our fingers crossed.

A code of conduct will help prevent antisocial behaviour

We got a result from £620 promised from different people in the local councils and skating shops, the police and the YMCA.

Lots of people offered to help, including Roger Smalley, the owner of the Great Yarmouth skatepark, and Steve Morphew, from the Norwich Labour Group.

### SAAB launch

Now we have our own logo and a motto which says Skating Sociably. It's also on the back of the T shirts we have ordered for the launch of SAAB.

At the launch we did a skilful skating demonstration to show people that it is a good and healthy sport and that people do not have to worry about us being antisocial.

## Item 2

### Skateboarding: A sport? A life style? Or the birth of a trend?



We all have seen crazy teens gliding on the streets, in front of marble paved banks. They skate “in packs”.

It’s interesting how the number of skateboarders nowadays has tremendously increased. And this is not necessarily a bad thing. In just 50 years skateboarding has become a worldwide known and practised sport, and I dare to add, a trend, and a life style.

Although no one knows who invented skateboarding, it developed rapidly. At first, someone who wanted to skate had to make his own skateboard.

A very basic form was a plank with wheels underneath, and skateboarding did not represent anything else than just gliding down the road. However, only 13 years after skateboarding was invented, in 1963 this sport began to gain popularity, even though it was in a primitive state.

In the late ‘90s and starting with the year 2000, a new kind of music appeared, and a new generation of skateboarders: “the punkers”. While skating is about being free, just you and the board, having the possibility of doing endless tricks, and riding in any way you want, punk music expressed this desire of being free and independent and it shouted out loud the needs of a generation. Therefore, the loud rock music merged almost perfectly with this sport.

An interesting thing is that anyone can try to skateboard and skateboarding is for everyone. In a skate park you can find “punkers”, nerds, normal teens, Goths, and what is more interesting is that they get along. They socialize, and they express themselves freely. You find there pro-skaters who give tips to guys that just bought their first skateboard. And this is one thing skateboarding is about.

Teens and not only teens start to love this sport. Things like skate shoes, special decks and boards, performance wheels, video stunts, contests and video games bring skateboarding into the mainstream.

Nevertheless, skateboarding is not about looking cool or doing tricks on a board, but more often hanging with your friends, having a good time while riding the skateboard, and developing at your own pace. Moreover, progressing in skateboarding can hurt, and it usually does. Skateboarding implies with no doubt a great dose of adrenaline!

The feeling you get when you jump 10 feet in the air is incredible, although you don’t land on your feet every time! Skateboarding is about danger and facing it, fulfilling your pride, going beyond your own limits.

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