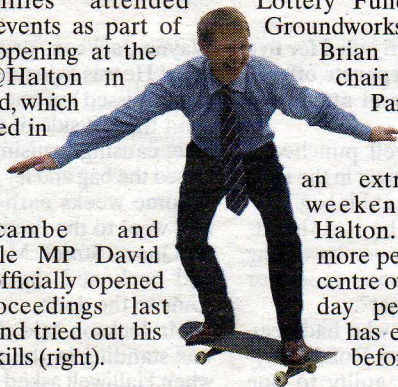


It's absolutely skate stuff!

HUNDREDS of people attended the opening of Halton's new skatepark and Multi-Use Games Area at the weekend.

Organisers Halton Community Association hailed the event a success as families attended various events as part of The Happening at the Centre@Halton in Low Road, which culminated in a "skate off" on Sunday.

Morecambe and Lunesdale MP David Morris officially opened the proceedings last Friday, and tried out his skating skills (right).



A new children's play area, youth shelter, boules pitch, picnic area and outdoor gym also forms part of the outdoor facilities, which cost £620,000 to build.

The HCA received most of the money from the Big Lottery Fund through Groundworks.

Brian Jefferson, chair of Halton Parish Council

said: "It was an extraordinary weekend for Halton. We had more people at the centre over a three-day period than has ever visited before.



Morecambe and Lunesdale MP David Morris opens the Skate Park, M.U.G.A and play areas at The Centre@Halton.

"The weather was perfect, and it was a great weekend for families who enjoyed the new facilities. We hope they will continue to do so in the future."