

High-flyers set to join punk legend on music TV



It's monkey business!

HUDDERSFIELD Monkey Boys are set to star in a new music video with a former Sham 69 punk rock legend.

The Colne Valley group boast some of the region's top exponents at parkour and free running, an athletic way of crossing urban landscapes, often involving elegant leaps and flips.

Now the high flying team could find their gravity defying antics on music tv channels MTV2, Kerrang and Scuzz after they spent a day filming a music video for new band Day 21, fronted by ex-Sham 69 lead singer Jimmy Pursey.

Leeds-based Poison Pen Films video director, Paul Morricone, who has previously produced videos for The Pigeon Detectives, The Holloways, Forward Russia and Fightstar said the punk ethos of running free was ideally reflected by the Monkey Boys' skills.

He said: "The idea of the video is the song is called "Free Running - Having It Rock n Roll" and is all about freedom and being free and includes the lines "running wild" and "being free".

"The band really wanted to work with some free runners as they thought that really summed up the song.

"We're a Yorkshire based company and my girlfriend has worked with the Monkey Boys before in her role with Kirklees Council.

"The guys were brilliant, they were really fantastic.

"It was a good energetic performance from everyone, both the band and the Monkey Boys," he added.

The video, filmed around the skate park and



MONKEYING ABOUT: The Monkey Boys shoot new video for punk band Day 21, the line-up of which, along with Jimmy Pursey (ex-Sham 69), is pictured with Colne Valley group members

(ex-sham69.com/monkey)

suburbs of Hyde Park in Leeds, is still in production but the single is expected to be released in late February and Mr Morricone is hoping it will be successful enough to make it onto the mainstream rock tv channels.

Slaithwaite based Monkey Boy, Joe Cook, said: "The production company got in touch with us through Kirklees Council and asked if we wanted to do it.

"We said yes because it sounded fun.

"Most of us went down and we did various tricks around the skate park in Leeds and over the ramps."

