



# STBW Newsletter

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## A Romantic Addition:

For those with a romantic nature, or just those who fancy a sit down during their walk, Billy Reohorn has restored a love-seat and it is now looking splendid in its new location in a peaceful corner of the boardwalk. We are so grateful for the donation and Billy's hard work and hope you all take the chance to enjoy it.



It was put in place on Sunday 16th July when we had a work-day tidying the boardwalk, litter picking, strimming the sides and cutting back the overhanging trees as well as the plants and brambles that were encroaching on to the pathway. Wellies were pulled on and sleeves rolled up to clear reeds and overgrowth in front of the dipping deck so that there is access to the water for anyone who wishes to dip their jam jars or nets in to see what nature exists below surface of the pond!

Volunteers were rewarded with a BBQ up at the picnic area and there was even cake! Support the Boardwalk group are grateful to everyone who turned out to help on the day. It now looks fantastic and all ready for the summer!

The Slashpond Boardwalk is an alternative attraction to our wonderful Blue Flag beach. A sheltered 235 metre non-slip, paw friendly decked walkway surrounding a serene pond in a habitat that supports a wildflower meadow, a picnic area, willow dens, bug houses and bat & bird nesting boxes.

Parking at Trafalgar Terrace car park (along the seafront, turn left at the Galleon Inn, ¼ mile on the left. Parking is free with a donation box at the entrance to help local community groups). Walk out of the car park, turn left, the walk entrance is 30 metres on the left. Sat Nav directions use SA62 3JU. Bring along a small net and enjoy the 'Dipping Deck' or test yourself with Nature Trail Quiz. The area offers a circular route of approximately ½ mile which is accessible to motobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs.



## Fundraising

In other Boardwalk news, we had the opportunity again this year to help out at the Pembrokeshire Triathlon in Broad Haven at the end of June. We were up at 5am to ensure we squeezed all the cars into the available space in the car park as the competitors arrived for their early morning race. Later we helped marshal the bike race and 10k run. All our efforts and our early morning start enabled us to raise £739 towards the new bird-watching platform, the next project for the group. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us by helping with the parking and marshalling, your time was so appreciated.

We are always mindful of the future. Initial goals have been met; the dilapidated boardwalk has been restored. Continued fundraising efforts are now with the aim of enhancing your enjoyment of the area and also to maintain and preserve the environment for subsequent generations. If you are able to help us; there are a number of ways that you can offer your support:

- It is super easy to make a one off payment or to set up a regular monthly donation, by following this link: <https://localgiving.org/support-the-boardwalk> The giving page is very user-friendly. Any queries? - There is a contact tel' number & email address at the foot of that page, or email us at [boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com)
- Look out for our handicrafts on sale at *The Bay Cafe* and T-shirts on sale at *The Beach Shop* in Broad Haven
- Raise funds with *minimum effort* as you shop online. Curious? Check it out by going to this link ... '[easyfundraising](#)'
- Buy-a-Board! Intriguing? Click on the link for details for this charming [gift idea](#)
- The 'Support the Boardwalk' pictures, featuring 'Birds of the Boardwalk' are available to buy all year round and can be customised to suit your needs. Please contact us at [boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com)
- All donations are received with the greatest of thanks and can also be posted to K.Markham c/o Support the Boardwalk, 65 Puffin Way, Broad Haven, SA62 3HP or posted at the Drop Box at Londis Post Office Cheques should be made payable to: Support The Boardwalk.

## Heritage of Slashpond

Have you a story to tell or photos from the past? To improve the visitor experience we are keen to update the interpretive boards and website information. If you have a story from the past relating to the Slashpond we would love you to share it with us. Thank you to those of you who have already been in touch. Please contact [davidmeanwell@gmail.com](mailto:davidmeanwell@gmail.com)

## Join us !

Our next meeting is 7:30pm Mon, 4th September (Venue to be confirmed via our [Facebook](#) page). Everyone is welcome so please come and join us. We are a great group of eager volunteers who bring a diverse range of knowledge and experience but we are always looking for more!

**'Support the Boardwalk' – Fundraising to Preserve and to Enhance.**