



News

Community Celebrations

Having completed 2 years of hard work during which the boardwalk has gone from a dilapidated eyesore to an amenity the Havens can be proud of, locals & visitors enjoyed a relaxed, social afternoon on Sunday Sept 11th. The Boardwalk picnic area filled with families and the weather held and with thanks to Jonny, Les & Bob on the BBQ, the crowds were fed burgers and hot dogs. Some brought their own picnics; others shared home-made curries. Savoury treats were followed with home-made cakes and brownies and of course FREE Ice cream courtesy of landowners Roger & Raymond Raymond – another kind & generous community gesture.

We're thinking of making it an annual event! [Photos]

So, if the entire infrastructure has been completed - What do the volunteers do now?

Carry on – is the answer! Our enthusiastic group has no intention of taking our 'foot off the gas' and we have many ideas and projects that we are looking forward to implementing to continue to improve the habitat. BUT, this is only half of our work now, NOW we have to begin to SAVE for the future.

Don't make the same mistake again!

In 15 years' time, we don't want the Havens to find itself back where it was in 2014 with an important route that connects village, which is enjoyed by school children, walkers & naturalists CLOSED due to safety fears & inadequate maintenance!

Start Saving Now!

Whilst we are lucky enough to have a genuine community spirit and know we can call for help and we have a group of volunteers that will undertake regular upkeep and a Galvanized steel frame that is set to last, the Gripdeck walkway, kickboards & handrails, will after time & weather require replacing.

Our objective is two-fold; continue to Support the Boardwalk

1. Fundraise to **Preserve** – raise funds that will be set aside and saved so that in 10-15 years' time The Havens are in a position to refurbish /replace the boardwalk.
2. Fundraise to **Enhance** and add new amenities

Fundraise to Enhance

Ideas include:

- a Unique Birdwatching platform
- an area conducive to Ducks & Swans
- a Nectar Café to encourage pollinating insects
- Cultivate & Manage the meadow area with native plants
- an APP to engage visitors in the heritage & flora & fauna of the habitat.
- Update the Interpretative boards with 'History narration buttons' and information about how the habitat is managed

JOIN IN!

If these activities interest you, or you have some expert knowledge – please join group! Volunteers will tell you they have made great friends by doing the same thing!

We meet on Mondays at 7pm – our next meeting is at Anchor House on Monday October 17th.

Fundraise to Preserve

AIM: to raise & save £20'000 in 10 years – that's just £5.50 a day!

Ideas include:

Encourage locals & visitors to support this endeavor with

- Regular annual contributions
- One-off gift donations

JOIN UP!

If you use , appreciate & enjoy the boardwalk habitat or simply have a love for the Havens –please consider

Making a donation or setting up a regular annual or monthly donation.

Can't find a gift for the person who has everything?

Buy-a-Board! A unique way to support the boardwalk

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It's easy, simply Pay £10 [per board] into the support the boardwalk bank account Sort Code: 20-37-82 Account: 33565890 Email us the name you want for the certificate and your contact details and we'll post it to you/them Email to: boardwalkgang@gmail.com It's a great Gift Idea especially for **Christmas coming up !!!**

How to set up a Donation -

Visit your bank or Post office and ask them to set up a STANDING ORDER

Or use online banking

Our account is : Support the Boardwalk

Barclays bank sort code: 20-37-82 account: 33565890

Important ! Please use the reference : Fundraise to Preserve

Pond Dipping – Did you know?

That you can download a FREE Pond-Dipping leaflet at www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk

A beautiful new Dipping Deck has been created and offers superb opportunities for pond dipping.

Dipping your net, or jar into the water is the best way to spot pond creatures.

Bring along a container and a magnifying glass too.

Sitting safely behind the bars, pop your net or jar through and into the water. Sweep your net gently through the water as you do, try to scoop creatures from below the water as well as on the surface

Empty it carefully into your container and let the discovery begin!

Return the creatures and the water back in to the pond carefully

The Nature Trail Quiz – Free Fun!

Around the boardwalk there are interpretative signs giving information on nature and wildlife.

You can download your free Nature Trail Quiz leaflet www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk