



# STB Newsletter

July 2018

## Triathlon Update:

As part of the Welsh Championships and Round 2 in the Welsh Super Series, the Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon was held on Saturday, June 16th. Support The Boardwalk was delighted to be chosen again as the nominated charity to assist with the marshalling. The wonderful volunteers we have mobilised over recent years have ensured that the event has become a very important one; boosting funds to enhance and preserve the village's boardwalk. This year was no exception, all worked hard to park as many cars as they possibly could and took up their positions to direct the triathletes. Thanks to the generosity of participants & spectators, we raised a very healthy £784 & were delighted when we heard from the Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club that this amount would be boosted by a very generous donation from them; taking the amount raised to £1000. *Thank you all!!*

## The Boardwalk through Young Eyes:

Since last month's newsletter when we reported the winners of our 2018 Open Art Competition, Sigma Display Ltd, have done a great job reproducing the art on large format banners. These are now on display at the Boardwalk viewing platform; take a stroll and have a look at them for yourselves - they will remain over the Summer months with the hope that they will evoke a different perspective of the area to its many visitors and inspire greater creativity within the community. This has been another successful venture for the community, made possible by the support of community. We must take this opportunity to also thank the judges; Roy Josebury, Ann Griffiths & Andrew Bailey

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.

## Family Picnic & Bake Sale: the Picnic Area, Sunday 15th July 3pm:

All welcome; bring along your sandwiches, snacks & tea to enjoy alongside our 'Boardwalk Cake Sale'. (Any donations of cakes gratefully received). Please spread the word; join us and don't forget to order the Sunshine!

This will also be the perfect chance to stroll along the boardwalk to the new:

## Birdwatching Platform:



observed from the platform...



## Fancy getting 'down-n-dirty' at the boardwalk?!

We're appealing to all here; Boardwalk gang included of course, but absolutely not exclusively ... we really need some extra hands, particularly to cope with the results of this wonderful weather. The area needs some jobs doing and we could do with some practical help ideally before we present the FAMILY FUN DAY (Picnic & Bake Sale already mentioned on page 1) in mid July. So if you've never used a hammer, cut wood etc but fancy giving it a [supervised] try, then send us a message, or if you are practical and fancy any of these jobs, let us know when you're available ([boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com))

### *Birdwatch pontoon & archway entrance*

New signage installed, cut back & tidy up the bushes by the archway, plant some new bushes to fill in the gaps left while the contractor was working, rub down & stain the archway

### *Dipping deck*

Pond reeds need clearing away from front of deck...by hand or mini digger? A pond dip to record the life and assess water health (...this could be an activity on the Family fun day?)

### *Meadow*

Cut vegetation on sloping banks

### *General*

Cut back growth along boardwalk - to allow sun light through to dry decking & avoid build up of moss

Remove & clean bird boxes (...this could be an activity on the Family fun day?)

Create warm spots for reptiles to bask on (or under) - put out corrugated roofing sheets or slates, so they can be checked/recorded on the family fun day?

Assemble the hedgehog houses and install (...this could be an activity on the Family fun day?)

Assemble piles of rocks or logs in a sunny spot; good for basking lizards (...this could be an activity on the Family fun day- check & record?)

Litter Pick

## **A Polite Request re: Bins**

The issue regarding emptying the bins near the picnic area (as reported in last month's newsletter) has not been resolved - they are not to be included in this year's PCC collection route. Their removal to the Trafalgar Terrace car park, where they can be emptied, is likely. PLEASE use the bins by the car park or football pitch or even better; take home with you to dispose of safely and responsibly. **Thank you!**

**Next Meeting? at time of print; date and time ... to be confirmed.**

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