



# STB Newsletter

July 2019



## Triathlon Update

The annual Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon was held on Saturday, June 8th. Support The Boardwalk was delighted to be chosen again as the nominated charity to assist with the parking & marshalling. All the volunteers delivered - organising prior to the event, directing vehicles at the car park and route marshalling; battling the wind to guide, cheer & clap the athletes on.

The amount raised was just short of £900 and was further boosted by the Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club, bringing the total to £1200. The funds will be directed towards:

- Improving access to the Bird Watching Platform to mobility scooters, wheelchairs and push-chairs
- Creating a new Nature Trail quiz leaflet
- Renewing the information signs around the habitat
- Creating a raised flower/herb bed to attract pollinating insects

### Support The Boardwalk wish to extend

**huge thanks** to all participants & supporters who donated, to the Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club for the opportunity & their generous boost to the funds raised and to those that donated on the day via our online facility ...

[www.localgiving.com/support-the-boardwalk](http://www.localgiving.com/support-the-boardwalk)



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.

**Your boardwalk loves you!**

## Final Boardwalk Extension:

This week sees real progress! **The boardwalk will be partly and temporarily CLOSED from Wednesday July 3rd.**

**There will be NO EXIT at the picnic area end,** to allow for the new boardwalk extension to be installed. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience. We hope this temporary closure for the 'finishing touches' will be brief. An all weather accessible path will be the prize and is very much 'in sight' now! Many thanks for your patience.





You'll no doubt know from your own gardens that the recent mix of fair and it has to be said, wet weather, is undoubtedly good for growth and the boardwalk's habitat is certainly reacting to those conditions! We plan to meet at **3pm on July 7th** (at time of writing the weather forecast for that day is fair, so let's hope that stays in our favour.) You'll find us at the picnic area, along the boardwalk or down at the dipping deck. All those who have some basic tools such as loppers and can spare an hour (hey - even half an hour!) are very welcome. Those who have battery or petrol operated power tools - strimmers and the like, are especially welcome as the job of cutting back any overgrowth alongside the handrails is so much quicker and easier then. We all enjoy a natter as we work and usually finish up over coffees and cake; if it's a fair evening, you might also want to bring along a picnic and enjoy that al fresco!

## Diary

### July:

**Sunday 7th** : 3pm, Meet - Picnic Area

*Habitat mgt to-dos: Meadow: Cut, Picnic Area: Mow, Trees & overgrowth: cut back*

## Heritage of Slashpond

Have you a story to tell or photos from the past? If you have a story from the past relating to the Slashpond we would love you to share with us. Thank you to those of you who have already been in touch. Please note the corrected email address for sharing your memories - [davidlmeanwell@gmail.com](mailto:davidlmeanwell@gmail.com)

### Join Us - Next Meeting:

**8pm, Monday 5th Aug in The Rafters (stairway to this meeting space is behind the Broad Haven village hall.) NB: Through 2019 - meetings each even numbered month from Feb' ... Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug TBC, Oct, Dec)** It's a lovely community group with something for everyone and it's a bit of a social too! Please keep an eye on our facebook page; you'd be most welcome. If you're not on facebook please email us ([boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com)) and we'll send you its time/date. Have a think about it! Thx so much.

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

**WATCH THIS SPACE (for activity and meeting re-scheduling when necessary):**

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Website - <http://www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk>