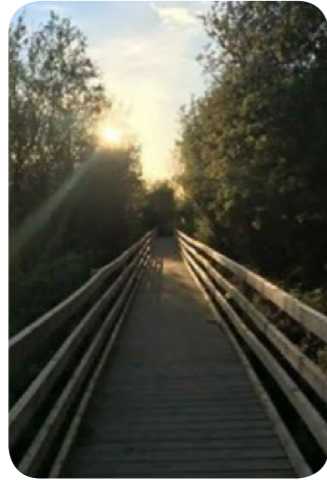


BITS AND BOBS



QR Codes

QR codes are available on signs around the habitat. Simply point your phone camera or QR reader app at the codes to discover even more!

Our Sponsors and Donors

This habitat has been refurbished, enhanced and preserved for the future with grant funds and kind donations from many generous individuals and supporters.

As enhancement and preservation is a continual process so the list of donors and grant funders continues to grow, and can be found in full on our website.

Noticed something that needs attention?

If you have spotted an area of the boardwalk that needs some attention or repair, please take a note of the location, or even a photograph, and message us at: facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk

Get in Touch

For more information please message (and like!) our Facebook Page "Support The Boardwalk"

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WHAT AND WHY?

"Support the Boardwalk" is a group of enthusiastic volunteers who fundraise to preserve & enhance the Slash Pond Boardwalk Habitat.

A sheltered alternative to the traditional beachwalk, the Slash Pond Boardwalk offers over 350 metres of non-slip, paw-friendly decking 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. If you're in the Havens, a visit is a must!

It truly offers something for everybody!

Who and How?

Join Support the Boardwalk today!

Everyone is welcome! Current volunteers include: young & old, holiday-home owners, "locals" old & new, the practical folks who enjoy planning, measuring, building & creating. The fundraisers creating products to sell, coffee mornings, attending events and raising awareness. The project makers, the grant fund finders and the gardeners and ecologists who tend the environment, plant flora, pick up the litter, trim, cut the trees & hedges.

When do we meet?

We hope that you enjoy our efforts to date and may consider joining the crew!

Meetings are usually on Mondays - check out Facebook page for the latest updates!

☺ Got an Idea? Let Us Know!

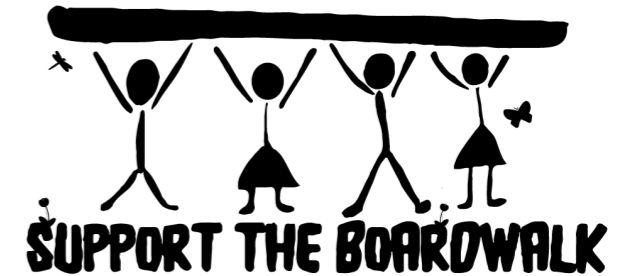
Housekeeping!

Please help us keep the boardwalk an enjoyable and clean environment for all by:

- ✔ Cleaning up after your dog and disposing of waste in appropriate bins
- ✔ Keeping dogs under control
- ✔ Taking your litter with you; leave the area as you would want to find it

Thank you!

WELCOME TO THE SLASH POND BOARDWALK & HABITAT



THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO!



Immerse yourself in the **Nature Trail & Quiz**. Can you find all the answers along the way?



Nets & Jars at the ready? Uncover the secrets of life in the Slash Pond waters by **Pond Dipping** from our specially created deck.



Relax on the **Bird Watching Deck** and delightful viewing area. Watch Swifts flying over the water; Chiff Chaff and Bullfinch flying amid the blackthorn and listen to the Willow Warblers.



Rest awhile & enjoy our lovely **picnic area**. Offering picnic benches and accommodating spaces for pushchairs & wheelchairs.

Support The Boardwalk is committed to protect, conserve and enhance the Slash Pond Boardwalk in Broad Haven for all to enjoy. "A real opportunity for all of us to achieve something together and be proud of it."

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HOW TO POND DIP

A beautiful 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 through the water gently-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 to the pond carefully.
- ✔ Have fun!
- 📷 If you've spotted an interesting creature, let us know!
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ABOUT BIRDWATCHING

The bird life of the Boardwalk is certainly varied so it is always worth stopping, looking and listening as even the most common of birds have their own unsurpassed beauty.

There are the visiting spring and summer migrants such as the Chiff Chaff, Reed Warbler and Blackcap to listen out for or Swallows to watch as they feed on surface water insects. Resident birds in full song as they claim territory, call for a mate or simply sing for joy, such as the Robin, Great Tit, Wren or Blackbird, never fail to disappoint.

The more observant will delight in Goldcrest, Long Tailed Tits, Reed Bunting or Little Grebe, whereas the rare sighting of Kingfisher and Water Rail contrast with the more visible Moorhen, Cormorant or Herring Gull of the Slash Pond.

📷 Share your birdwatching photos with us at:

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WAYS TO SUPPORT, DONATE AND GET INVOLVED

Ways to donate

Buy a Board

If you enjoy this lovely nature trail walk and picnic areas, please help us to preserve and enhance. You can 'buy a board' for £10, and receive a certificate of thanks. It's a great gift idea and helps support our fundraising efforts.

Simply go to the website <http://www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk> and click the links to Fundraising & Donating and Buy-a-board.

Donors names will be listed on: www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk

Cheque

All Donations are received with the greatest of thanks cheques [payable to "Support The Boardwalk"] can be left in the drop-box at the Londis Post Office in Broad Haven.

Cash

Or, make a donation today in the safe deposit box, near the viewing platform.

Online

Localgiving allows you to donate securely from your phone or PC with a one-off donation or a recurring monthly subscription.



Feel good shopping

Raise funds each time you shop online!

Shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk with over 2,700 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay (and many more!) and whenever you buy something online, the retailer makes a donation to your chosen good cause! It's completely safe and secure, has no adverts and it's free to download and use. It doesn't cost you a single penny extra.



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NATURE TRAIL QUIZ

How to use

Go to the starting place shown as the red circle 'Number 1' on the map. The questions here relate to the numbers as shown on the map. Follow 1 to 2 to 3 and so on, writing your answers below the questions.

The answers are shown below but NO PEEKING until you have completed the nature trail.

Good luck and have fun learning about the wildlife here at the Slash Pond.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

1.

A) Trees around ponds provide a good home for many birds, as they attract an abundance of _____ as well as providing good shelter.

B) Which bird is one of the first to sing in the 'dawn chorus'?

C) Name the bird beginning with 'S' that swoops down onto smaller birds.

2.

A) Is 'Common Reed' a member of the grass family?

B) Is it a short or tall plant?

C) Another plant you may see here is Yellow _____ Iris.

3.

A) In which country do Reed Warblers live during winter?

B) They eat mainly insects, with some _____ in autumn.

C) Do they wrap their nests around the reeds?

4.

A) How many wings do Damselflies and Dragonflies have?

B) What are they called when living underwater?

5.

A) Lichens consist of two organisms; a fungus and an _____ that function together as one complete being.

B) Do lichens vary in size and colour?

C) Lichens are a good indicator that _____ quality is high.

6.

A) Plants are one of the most important elements of a _____ pond environment.

B) In which 'zone' would you find Reed Mace growing?

C) Are most ponds natural or man-made?

7.

A) Do butterflies have thin or thick bodies?

B) All species go through 'metamorphosis', four _____ of change.

C) What is the hollow tube called that they suck nectar in through?

Answers
1. Birds: A = Insects, B = Blackbird, C = Sparrowhawk
2. Plants: A = Yes, B = Tall, C = Flag
3. Reed Warblers: A = Africa, B = Berries, C = Yes
4. Dragonflies and Damselflies: A = Four, B = Nymphs
5. Lichens: A = Alga, B = Yes, C = Air
6. Pondlife: A = Healthy, B = Marsh, C = Man-made
7. Butterflies and Moths: A = Thin, B = Stages, C = Proboscis

NATURE TRAIL MAP



Welcome to the Broad Haven Slash Pond Nature Trail. Simply follow the red numbered disks on this illustration - these correspond to the questions in the quiz.

Good luck and have fun discovering some of the local wildlife.

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