



# STB Newsletter

June 2020

## Flaming June?

We're now in the month of the longest days, which is great for taking a stroll along the boardwalk at any time you might happen to be awake (okay, so maybe not the whole time). As I write this the flowers are still going from strength to strength, and the boardwalk is a vibrant stretch of life to look at. And if we're fortunate enough for the good weather to continue, you can expect some hot days in June – this makes the leafy stretches perfect for a shady walk. ... .. Ben

In these times, it's worth reminding us of a couple of things:

The boardwalk has narrow stretches but there are a few wider "passing places" along it. Many of these occur at bends so it is usually possible to spot other people coming and stay in a wider spot until they have passed, helping us all to keep to social distancing.

Please don't drive to the car park at the dipping deck to use the boardwalk – that car park is only currently meant to be used by residents.

More advice needed? ...

Refer to **current Welsh Government advice**:



Changes to regulations from w/c 1st Jun include:

- Allowing members of 2 separate households in the same local area to meet outdoors at any one time as long as they maintain social distancing. There is a low risk of infection if the 2 metre physical distancing rule is maintained while outdoors. This does not need to be the same people from the same household every time. 'Local' means not travelling more than 5 miles from home.

*You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms. Pass this message onto all of your family, lives are saved if you follow the rules.*



The Slash Pond Boardwalk is an alternative attraction to our wonderful Seaside Award beach (the national standard for the best beaches across the UK). At more than 350 metres, the boardwalk is a sheltered, 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.

Bring along a small net and enjoy the 'Dipping Deck' or test yourself with our Nature Trail Quiz.

The area offers a circular route of approximately ½ mile which is accessible to motobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs.



We would have been enjoying the Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon soon, so we'll really miss that. Also, we've been missing the chance to get together to chop back the growing brambles and the like from alongside the boardwalk. When we are allowed to do such activities, please think about joining us for what we expect to be a bit of a mammoth effort to cut back this year's growth. Nature has not been slowing down during lockdown!

The whole team of Support the Boardwalk wish you all the best of health. Let's keep looking after each other and nature around us.

## 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 Slash Pond we would love you to share with us. Send to [davidlmeanwell@gmail.com](mailto:davidlmeanwell@gmail.com). Thank you to those of you who have already been in touch.

### Join Us:

**Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for news of meetings, TLC days and updates to any of the dates/times listed in this newsletter.**

Facebook - [facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk](https://www.facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk)

If you're not on Facebook and have a query please email us [boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com)

We are a lovely community group - have a think about joining in, you'll be most welcome.

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