



STB Newsletter

November 2020

Worthy of Celebration!

With much of the country coming to a halt again, we thought it was timely as we move toward the end of this pretty dire (has to be said) year, to celebrate achievement despite all the challenges that have been thrown at us! Results may have felt like a long time coming but the Support The Boardwalk gang persevere and always get there in the end!

2020 Highlights:

New Branding ... new signs were proofed, produced and then installed

Improved accessibility ... to the bird watching deck

Attractive bird decals ... displayed recently to showcase the feathered visitors of the habitat



So the obvious signs of enhancements introduced by the gang are there to see as well as the 'tidying up' of overgrowth etc.

But ... there are also a whole bunch of tasks that go on, throughout the year, attended to by the volunteer group.

Did you know that between us we:

- Keep an eye on incoming mail messages to the group and share out the actions.
- Fund-raise to provide enhancements to the area - whether by having coffee mornings, selling own-designed/produced note-lets, applying to community funds or collecting donations made to the donation box sited on the boardwalk.
- Keep the community 'in the loop' via our [Havens Diary](#) entries & this monthly newsletter.
- Risk assess the boardwalk, record our findings and again action any to-dos discovered.
- Flag our activities via Social Media posts.
- Connect with the village school to encourage our younger visitors to be engaged with this amazing habitat on their doorstep.

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.



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

- Stock our friendly retail and refreshment outlets with a quiz leaflet to give visitors access to a trail, taking in pond dipping and bird watching opportunities.
- Support the [Pembrokeshire Triathlon](#) with volunteer course & car-parking stewards.
- Liaise with [Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#) & [Keep Wales Tidy](#) to tap into their knowledge to carry out our actions sympathetically to the area.
- Liaise with [Havens Community Council](#) (HCC) who are the lease-holders of the Slash pond and surrounding land.

We are a volunteer group and encourage all locals to give attention to any small issues spotted while taking in the habitat - we really appreciate those who lend a hand whether by lopping off a bramble that's poking through, getting in the way, or disposing of some litter. The boardwalk is enjoyed by the whole community, and it really helps when we can all pitch in.

Is there anything on that above list that you're a dab hand at and would like to help with? We'd love to hear from you ... boardwalkgang@gmail.com

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. 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

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

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

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