

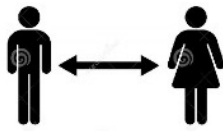


# STB Newsletter

December 2020



As we move towards winter in these challenging times it's a good time to remind you of the amenities of the Boardwalk and Slashpond area with beautiful walks around the boardwalk, benches to sit and look out over the pond, the dipping deck and of course the bird-watching platform! Recent changes include brand new information signs around the entire Boardwalk and the path to the bird watching platform has been concreted to allow easier access for wheelchairs and buggies. We hope you take the opportunity to visit the boardwalk and enjoy its tranquillity and being so close to nature. We do remind you to remain vigilant of other users of the Boardwalk and maintain social distancing, even if it means you going backwards to one of the viewing areas or wider portions of the path.



## Rare Sightings

We often ask our friends to share news of sightings, photos and any fun experiences on the Boardwalk with us on our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk](https://www.facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk). Just in this past week we heard of some exciting observations by one of our friends:

“Just to let you know a rare bird has been seen and heard at the Slash Pond, a **Hume's Warbler**. It would be the second record for Pembrokeshire. It was heard on Friday, and seen briefly and heard again today [*last Sunday*]. You have done a fabulous job with the boardwalk and interpretation, well done! Some nice birds around the area today included Firecrest, Water Rail and Black Redstart.”

*Wow! Thanks for sharing with us all!*

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.



With lockdowns and social distancing we have not been able to have our usual meetings and work days but maintenance and tidy-ups have still been happening with members of the group working individually to complete tasks and repairs. Please also help us keep the area clean by picking up litter and mess. Bins are located at the top of Sandyke Road and in the car park at Trafalgar Terrace. Thank you so much.

## Raising funds to Enhance & Preserve



As we draw closer to Christmas, if you find yourself shopping online, please consider using Easyfundraising - Support the Boardwalk could receive donations made by the retailers you are buying from all your purchases! Just type in [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/supporttheboardwalk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/supporttheboardwalk) and then shop anywhere you like!

They call it '**feel good shopping**' - couldn't put it better than that!

## Looking Forward

We are pleased to announce Ben Dare is our new chairperson who is going to take Support The Boardwalk forward into 2021 and the next phase now that the construction stage is complete. We have even recently joined the 'ZOOM' movement, to catch up and discuss future projects 'face to face' - Watch this space!

If you have any queries, ideas or would like to join us you can write to us at [boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com) or message us on facebook. If you would like to receive our monthly 'E'newsletter then do drop us an email and we'll pop you on the distribution list.

And finally ...

**Thank you so much for your continued support.**

**🎄 We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy 2021 ! 🎄**

### 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 coming along, you'll be most welcome.

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

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