



STBW Newsletter

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Fund-raising Special:

 **A NEW, EASY way to give to our cause** 

Localgiving ... similar to the well known JustGiving, but tailored for smaller, voluntary community groups like ours!

As a fan of the boardwalk & splashpond you will know of our ongoing fund-raising not only to ensure the preservation of the area for the long term, but also to enhance the area to provide even more fun there. We've many ideas 'bubbling' to add to the sheltered picnic area, the wildlife spotting opportunities provided by the bug palaces, insect & bat boxes, the nature information boards & pond dipping deck.

It's now possible to easily make a one off payment or even to set up a regular monthly donation, by following this link:

<https://localgiving.org/support-the-boardwalk>

The giving page is very user-friendly. Any queries? - There is a contact tel' number & email address at the foot of that page, or email us at boardwalkgang@gmail.com. The page also has icons to directly link you to our Facebook and Support the Boardwalk pages (www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk)

... Tidy!

We always appreciate your support ... but do please forward this email to any of your wider friends & family that have also enjoyed the boardwalk & may also wish to support us! (Please ask them to pass on their email addresses to us if they wish to receive our newsletter too.) Many Thanks.

It may also excite you to know that we are currently fundraising specifically ... to build a **Bird Hide!**

You may recall in last month's Community Diary, David, of the Boardwalk Gang, reported on the variety of feathered visitors to the area ... "Chiff Chaff on their annual migration from the Mediterranean have heralded the holiday season with their melodious song from tree tops. A rare sighting of a Cattle Egret on the Splashpond was a wonderful sight as it rested on its trip around the county from its home in Southern Iberia and the secretive Water Rail has made an appearance ... A pair of Moorhens have decided that this is not a bad place to bring up their brood of eleven chicks, but the lonely Mallard, once he found a mate decided to travel elsewhere and we wish them well. Other summer visitors are making the most of the resources on offer be it to wash in the pond as with Black-headed gulls or swallows and house martins feeding on gnats and flies above the water."

Did you know ... Birds do not recognise humans as predatory threats unless the human is standing in the open! The hide would provide discrete cover to keen birder enthusiasts and all visitors. The viewing experience should be significantly enhanced compared to attempts to view birds from the open Boardwalk. Especially as we also hope to develop a more distinct 'shore area' to provide a landing spot for the birds. To this end we have recently have been submitting funding applications...

The Splashpond 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.

...We are delighted to announce that as a result, the deciding panels of two of those applications, have been enthused by our project and have awarded us grants towards it.

Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services (PAVS) have awarded Support the Boardwalk the

Little Green Grant - £1,500.00

and **South Hook LNG** has awarded Support the Boardwalk from its

Community Fund - £1,000.00

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a **big "THANK YOU!" to both contributors.**

Further donations will be both necessary and appreciated to realise this project's completion and this is where you may be able to help either by using the new Localgiving link already mentioned above, or any of below...

- Look out for our handicrafts on sale at The Bay Cafe and T-shirts on sale at The Beach Shop in Broad Haven
- For a one off donation, or setup a regular standing order; note our [bank details](#) (don't forget to email us at boardwalkgang@gmail.com so that we can thank you!)
- Raise funds with minimum effort as you shop online. Curious? Check out ... '[easyfundraising](#)'
- Buy-a-Board! Intriguing? Click on the link for details for this charming [gift idea](#)
- The 'Support the Boardwalk' pictures, featuring 'Birds of the Boardwalk' are available to buy all year round and can be customised to suit your needs. Please contact us at boardwalkgang@gmail.com
- All donations are received with the greatest of thanks and can also be posted to K.Markham c/o Support the Boardwalk, 65 Puffin Way, Broad Haven, SA62 3HP or posted at the Drop Box at Londis Post Office Cheques should be made payable to: Support The Boardwalk.

Diary Dates:

July:

4th - School Eco Group & STB meet

16th - "Work and Barbeque" party - From 2pm. Session in which we hope to add cement to stone dust on the 'ramps,' put some parking bollards up, cut back bushes & trees, maybe install the old bench ... to be followed by a BBQ and social, come along!

29th - The Havens Carnival, Broad Haven Primary School - From 2pm. Look out for the table we are sharing with the Allotments Group - we'd love to see you there!

Heritage of Slashpond:

Have you a story to tell or photos from the past? To improve the visitor experience we are keen to update the interpretive boards and website information. 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 contact davidmeanwell@gmail.com

Join us !

Our next meeting is 7:30pm Monday 4th Sept. Everyone is welcome so please come and join us. We are a great group of eager volunteers who bring a diverse range of knowledge and experience but we are always looking for more!

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