



STBW Newsletter

October 2017

Fire Update (further to Sept's Newsletter)

Local PCSO Laura Galdo has completed sterling work. Stephen Crabb MP discussed the matter with the Chief Superintendent and everyone involved is satisfied with the inquiry. More than a dozen people were spoken to regarding the event and restorative orders have been given to those that were responsible, enabling them to make good by way of community service. It was agreed that this was constructive, a useful way to make good their damage and to demonstrate a collaborative effort. Hopefully they'll see that community projects are a lot of fun and worth being involved in!

Any Excuse for a 'Social' ...

An afternoon of social 'gardening' is planned for this SATURDAY (OCTOBER 7TH). Meeting at the picnic area at 2pm, the plan is to rebuild the remaining bug hotel, trim the meadow (piling the grass up, letting it dry for a while allowing the seeds to fall back into the soil for next year.) We'll also be doing some general pruning and litter picking. All Welcome!

Make sure you're following *support the boardwalk* on Facebook so that you can keep up to date with our events ... Pumpkin fun is planned for later in October with a Pumpkin Trail – if you find all the clues there's great prizes to be won!

The Next Boardwalk Project

If you're interested in finding out more about the next Boardwalk project, come on down on Sat Oct 7th from 2pm and we'll show you the planned location for the Bird-screen Pontoon. The idea is for a small pontoon to extend over the water, at the end of the pontoon there will be screens that will enable visitors to 'hide' whilst they watch the birds. The 'eyeholes' will be cut at different heights, allowing children, adults and wheelchair users all to enjoy.

We are all working hard applying for grants & raising monies to fund this project so please put a big note on your calendar about DOUBLE DONATION DAY on OCTOBER 17TH WHEN We are taking part in Localgiving's 'Grow Your Tenner' match fund campaign. From 10am on the 17th October any donation you make through our Localgiving page will be matched by up to £10 (for as long as their 'pot' of match funding lasts ... so time is of the essence - don't delay to max this chance!). Nearer the date we will update you with some more details

Localgiving is a website that helps volunteer groups set up their own secure website. A secure website means that donations can be made easily online – being part of Localgiving means that we are able to participate in their fundraising promotions!

The Slashpond 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.

Other Fundraising Plans

Our motto is "Have Fun Raising Funds"we have plans in progress for a social *Cheese & Wine evening* on Thursday November 2nd and, dare we say, *Christmas is approaching!* Those of you that treasure the handmade crafts of Linda Harrison will be able to fill your Christmas stockings soon, as Linda has promised one of her famous *Coffee Mornings* – date to be advised; watch this space!

Opportunity to Sponsor the Winter Artwork Installation

Look out during the coming months as David Meanwell launches the Winter Art installation along the boardwalk – it'll be **"All things Birds & Beautiful"** as the bare branches of the boardwalk are brightened up with David's striking artwork. It is hoped that each banner will be sponsored by a local business/person/group. You can contact David on 01437 781039 for more detail.

Plus ... Keep your eyes peeled next January for the launch of our art competition:

"Capture the life of the Boardwalk"

Diary Dates:

October:

Saturday 7th. 2pm. Gardening, cakes 'n' cookies

Monday 9th. 7:30pm. Boardwalk crew meeting - join us (details below)

Tuesday 17th. 10am. Grow your tenner! Details to follow.

TBA. Fun Pumpkin Trail – prizes to be won! Details to follow.

November:

Thursday 2nd. Cheese & Wine evening. Details to follow.

Coffee, cake & handmade crafts at Linda Harrison's Coffee Morning. Details to follow.

Follow **support the boardwalk** on Facebook to keep up to date with our events.

Join us !

Our next meeting is 7:30 pm Monday, 9th Oct at Anchor House, Broad Haven. 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! If you have any queries contact us @ boardwalkgang@gmail.com

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