



# STBW Newsletter

November 2017

## Fire Update - Restorative Action:

A 'Restorative Order' enables those responsible to make good by way of a community service and were handed out to 3 people who caused the fire. On Saturday Oct 7th, volunteers of STB were joined by the three, their family members, local police & PCSO officers. The second bug house was rebuilt. It was agreed that this was a really constructive activity, plus cake and a good chat was enjoyed by all involved! Hopefully the 3 saw that community projects are a lot of fun, worth participating in and will have more appreciation for local amenities in the future!

During the afternoon, volunteers also pruned back the path-side hedging & brambles and strimmed the meadow grass, leaving it to lay for a week allowing the seeds to re-germinate back into the ground. 160 Daffodil bulbs were planted and we are all looking forward to a swift winter so that we can enjoy the new blooms in springtime!

## Next Project:

A further site meeting has been held to finalise plans for the Birdscreen/birdwatching Pontoon. The idea is for a small pontoon to extend over the water; at the end of which there will be screens that will enable visitors to 'hide' whilst they watch the birds. The 'eyeholes' will be cut a different heights, allowing children, adults and wheelchair users all to enjoy. This brings us on to ...

## Fundraising:

We are all working hard applying for grants & raising monies to fund this project. **How to help?**

- Please do check-out our Localgiving webpage: [www.localgiving.org/support-the-boardwalk](http://www.localgiving.org/support-the-boardwalk) Localgiving helps volunteer groups set up their own secure website, so that donations can be made easily online. Their recent match funding campaign enabled us to raise hundreds of pounds - we'll update you with the official final figure when we have it. Thank you for participating!
- Or Use Easyfundraising – we've raised **£2,249.74** so far by this avenue, just by shopping online! Simply register with Easyfundraising ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)) and every time YOU shop, the RETAILER pays a commission to STB – it doesn't cost you a penny – the RETAILER PAYS!

**Please don't shop online at Christmas without signing up!**

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.

## Another Grant Award!

*Never let it be said that Support The Boardwalk are 'lucky' with funding!*

Volunteers Sue & Lewis Gee have worked tirelessly this summer applying for 10 grant awards from various funds! **£3000** has been secured so far and at the end of September a further **£1000** was awarded by the **Community Foundation in Wales Grant Award**.

Huge thanks also to **Sue Mock & her team at the Londis shop** who have funded a further **£300** from their **plastic bag fund**.

Thank you to everyone involved in fundraising to preserve and to enhance the boardwalk!!

### Other activities planned:

- **Opportunity to Sponsor the Winter Artwork Installation** ... Look out in coming months as David Meanwell launches the Winter Art installation along the board-walk. It'll be "All things Birds & Beautiful" as bare branches of the boardwalk are brightened up with David's striking artwork. It's hoped each banner will be sponsored by a local business/person/group. The plan is to have 20 in total & a possible quiz leaflet. A STB sub committee will meet to facilitate & David is almost ready to order the 1st round of prints. Contact David on 01437 781 039 for more details.
- Keep your eyes peeled for the launch of our *art competition: Theme 'Essence of the Boardwalk'*
- The idea of some child-friendly Willow Arch/tunnels at the meadow has been discussed, as kids seem to enjoy playing in the existing willow hut ... and maybe an archway at the car park entrance?
- The nature trail quiz leaflet is being re-vamped by another sub-committee of volunteers. We expect to have a brand new leaflet ready for Feb's half-term 2018. We hope local shops & cafes will display one of our counter-top leaflet presentation stands offering the leaflet to customers for a donation.

**Diary Dates:** Our motto is "Have Fun Raising Funds"... make sure you're following Support The Boardwalk on Facebook so that you can keep up to date with our events.

**Thurs Nov 2nd 7-10pm - Cheese & Wine Fund-raising Eve.**

*Note: limited spaces so please email Sue at [boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com) to check if there's still room for more guests.*

**Tues Nov 28th 10am** - Dare we say that Christmas is approaching! Those of you that treasure the handmade crafts of Linda Harrison will be able to fill your Christmas stockings, as Linda is holding one of her famous **Coffee Mornings!**

**Join us !** Our next meeting is 7:30 pm Monday, 27th Nov 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! More details needed? ... Please contact us @[boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com)

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