



STB Newsletter

March 2018

Buds and New Shoots

Spring is just round the corner (though Storm 'Emma' is threatening to postpone it!). Now is a good time to keep an eye out for buds and new shoots. Can you tell what's growing up just from those? If you can't, there are plenty of websites that help you to identify trees and much more at this time of year. Take a look. We recently took a group of children from the school on a bird identification walk – there's plenty to see at this time of year.

Any issues? ... Get in touch

Please let us remind you that the Support the Boardwalk group regularly checks the boardwalk for safety issues. We're also getting some extra help from Ella Fletcher for a while towards her 'D of E' – Thanks Ella!

Thanks to swift work from community members getting in touch, the community council, STB members and Down to Earth Landscaping we quickly made safe a hole that opened up in recent wet weather. We're investigating further what the cause may be, and what can be done about it.

The facebook page was also used recently to alert the group to the fact that the picnic area bins were full, and to give an offer of help to letting the council know. So a big thank you goes to everyone who looks after our community space. We know that lots of people care about the area and keep an eye on it.

If you notice something please get in touch by email (boardwalkgang@gmail.com) or tell someone on the group – it doesn't matter if we hear the same thing from more than one person. (If you don't know any of us then come along to our next meeting and say hello. You'd be very welcome.)

Up-and-coming Jobs

March is a good time for planting wild flowers. Also, with spring comes growth - so join us for family-friendly working days. We can usually find a job for any age! Please come along and enjoy tidying, hacking, chatting, eating cake... with us.

Watch this space, or our Facebook posts and website for info as it arises: (facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk and supporttheboardwalk.co.uk).

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.

'Birds of the Boardwalk' Art Installation & Art Competition

We want to continue to say 'Thank You!' to the supporters who made the art installation possible, including: The Beach Shop, The Surf Shop, The Beach Cafe, The Ocean Bar and Restaurant, Jim the Chimney Sweep, The Bay, Dolan Court Residents Assoc. and The Women's Institute. The small surplus means we can soon hold our ...

'Open Art Competition'

The Boardwalk Through Young Eyes

under 11 years / 11-14 years / 15-18 years

Any artistic medium (except photographic or computer generated)

How will you capture the special nature of the Broad Haven Boardwalk and Slashpond?

Closing date – May 23rd 2018. Further details from David – 07429494479 or Lynn – 01437 781795

New Bird Watching Platform – Update

To attract & satisfy the 'twitchers' that visit the Slash Pond habitat, Support the Boardwalk are planning their next project - to create a bird-watch platform. The discreet platform will extend out to the Slash Pond to a 'boundary.' Panels will allow visitors to get 'up close' to the birdlife. The volunteers are seeking experts' advice on this project and would love to hear from any.

To allow a good visual expanse, the project will involve reaping some of the reed growth which is encroaching onto the water. It's hoped that this will also create a 'mud platform' that will encourage ducks, geese & swans to land. We are also researching the possibility of working with Swan Rescue to provide a safe environment for swans that are ready to be released back into the wild

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 Slash Pond 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 February meeting was postponed and has been rescheduled to 7:30 pm Monday, 19th March 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!

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