



STB Newsletter

April 2018

Triathlon News - HELP WANTED!!

We are delighted once again to have been chosen as the nominated charity to assist with the Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon being held this year on Saturday 16th June @ 10am. This event has established itself as being a very important fundraiser for Support the Boardwalk due to the wonderful volunteers we have supplied over the past few years to help marshal the course. So once again we are asking for as many people as possible to offer a few hours of your time on Saturday 16th. It's a fabulous event for all competitors and supporters and brings great kudos to Broad Haven.

Able to help? Please let us know by email:

boardwalkgang@gmail.com

Friday 13th - Unlucky for some ... but not for the Boardwalk

Join us at the Picnic Area from 3pm on Fri' 13th April for a 'Meet up and Discuss Future Plans', 'Clear and Clean-up' and 'Cake!' Open to all ages so please come along and join us to share ideas and give a helping hand, have a chat and to eat cake.

Repair Work

Support the Boardwalk are pleased to advise that the recent damage to the path by the picnic area and the sink hole that suddenly appeared have now been inspected by the HCC & PCC, who have agreed to undertake the work necessary to hopefully realign the spring which runs from the top path through the picnic area. We expect this work to be carried out soon to minimise further damage to the paths.

Art Competition - 'The Boardwalk through Young Eyes'

The recent Birds of the Boardwalk art installation showcased its wildlife. To further celebrate the habitat we have now officially launched our Open Art Competition for up to 18 year olds using any artistic medium (except photographic or computer generated) to capture the special nature of the Boardwalk and Slashpond area. The 3 age group categories are: under 11 years; 11-14 years; 15-18 years. For more information please contact David on 07429 494 479 or Lynn on 01437 781795

CLOSING DATE: MAY 23rd.

Correction: in last month's newsletter, within the update headed 'Birds of the Boardwalk,' Support The Boardwalk thanked contributors who had made the recent art installation possible. We apologise for the erroneous reference to the 'Surf Shop.' The update should have referenced [Haven Sports, Broad Haven](#). We'd like to take this opportunity to thank them again for their continued support.

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.

New Bird Watching Platform

Our latest project is well on the way and will commence very soon. The discreet platform will extend out to the Splashpond to allow visitors to get up close to the birdlife.

Watch This Space !!

... For information of future **FUNDRAISING EVENTS** we will be holding to help fund our projects as well as to preserve and enhance the Boardwalk and Slashpond area.

Facebook: facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk Our **website:** www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk

Diary Dates Reminder:

April:

13th: 3PM Picnic Area - Meet up & Discuss Future Plans / Clear and Clean-up / Cake!

May:

23rd: Closing date - Art Competition - 'The Boardwalk through Young Eyes'

June:

16th: 10AM - Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon. Marshals needed - logistics to follow

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 8:00pm Monday, 23rd April at Sunshine Italian, Anchor House, Broad Haven. Our meetings are open to all and we are always looking for more willing volunteers to join our group. We are very fortunate to have a great gang of people who bring a mixture of skills, knowledge, fun & laughter to the group and we'd love to have more people join us who have a keen interest in preserving a wonderful area of the village. GET IN TOUCH - boardwalkgang@gmail.com, or just come along!

(Pre-orders of Pizza for the meeting can be made by contacting Helen or Ian on 01437 781175)

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