



## News

The recent **Cake n Rake event** was successful , home-made cakes were gratefully scooped on the day! Shrubs were cut back and the meadow grass was raked away to the compost bin and more than 100 native daffodil bulbs were planted. The next task is to prune & mulch the apple trees in Nov /Dec.

## Pond-Dipping

To encourage more use of the pond-dipping area , using a carefully placed pallet to balance on the water[!] the front area of the dipping deck has been cleared of silt, to allow a better depth of water, clear of weeds. The new sign on the dipping deck provides clear instructions on how to ensure a safe pond-dipping session and is complimented by a link on the website [www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk](http://www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk) to the PCNPA Pond-dipping leaflet, so that dippers can discover the names of all the creatures they find!

## JUNIOR BOARDWALK RANGERS!

Boardwalk volunteers are keen to encourage the next generation of custodians for the boardwalk. Working with the Eco group from Broad Haven school, we asked PCNPA Ranger Hayley and Tidy Wales Ranger Mari to help us. Hayley & Mari took the children on sessions at the Slashpond habitat where they took part in making bug boxes, meadow management and pond -dipping. During the sessions the children learned about how to look after the environment, not drop litter, etc.

They are now fully fledged **JUNIOR BOARDWALK RANGERS!**

At school on October 19th, volunteers David, Sylvia, Mari and Lynn attended the assembly and presented the Junior Boardwalk Rangers with their Caps and Ranger promise cards! " The school is right behind the initiative" reported David " and we are so grateful and the kids appear very proud! " Huge thanks & congratulations to everyone involved in making this happen - well done!

Spread the news - make sure you scoop that poop when walking your pooch or you may have a junior ranger to answer too!

## New bird watching platform

To attract & satisfy the 'twitchers' that visit the Slashpond habitat, Support The Boardwalk are planning their next project - to create a Bird-watch platform. The discreet platform will extend out to the Slashpond to a 'boundary'. Panels that will allow visitors to get 'up close' to the birdlife. The volunteers are seeking the experts advice on this project and will 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. Its 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 got a story to tell?

To improve the visitor experience, we are keen to enhance the interpretive panels and information with the addition of stories from the Havens past, particularly those that are related to the Slashpond habitat. Please get in touch with us if you have a story to tell. Contact [davidlmeanwell@gmail.com](mailto:davidlmeanwell@gmail.com)

## Handicraft & Coffee

Save some of your Christmas Shopping budget for Linda Harrison's [now famous] Homemade Handicrafts Coffee Morning - watch this space for date & Time to be announced! Funds raised will Support The Boardwalk.

## The perfect gift

Struggling for Xmas Gifts for those abroad or those just plain difficult to buy for ?! Make a GIFT donation to the Boardwalk! We can arrange a delivery of a Boardwalk Certificate to your chosen giftee! Check out our website for details. You can even buy a set of 6 **Unique Birds of the Boardwalk** notelets to send Christmas wishes to your friends & family!

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