



STB Newsletter

August 2018

Summer Holidays are upon us!

With the summer holidays starting it's a great time to remind you all of the amenities of the Boardwalk and Slashpond area with beautiful walks around the boardwalk,



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.



... benches to sit and look out over the pond, artwork from the recent competition - The Boardwalk Through Young Eyes, the dipping deck ...

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.

... and of course our brand new bird-watching platform!



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.

We hope that locals and visitors alike visit the boardwalk, enjoy its tranquillity and being so close to nature.

Please share your experiences and photos on our facebook page at

www.facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk

Helping Hands

We are looking for more volunteers to come join the gang too, on our 'practical days' – tidying up the place, cutting back over hanging branches, strimming, litter picking, fixing railings and boards etc. and anything else that needs doing to keep it looking fabulous!

No skills required, even, as we can teach you how to bang in a nail if you don't know how! Just enthusiasm and a keenness to help fellow volunteers keep our environment lovely in this fantastic community project.

WANT TO GET IN TOUCH? - Email: boardwalkgang@gmail.com

Al Fresco Dining

Of course there is the picnic area too, found at the top of the boardwalk beside the meadow. We hope you can enjoy the use of this area through the summer months but we do have to ask you to please take your rubbish home with you or carry it to the bins at the top of Sandyke Road as the bins at the picnic area are no longer emptied by the council and will soon be removed and relocated in the car park at Trafalgar Terrace. *Thank you so much.*

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 will be in September. Please keep an eye on our facebook page, these monthly newsletters or the Havens Community Diary to catch the date, time and venue if you would like to come along.

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.

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