




STB Newsletter

November 2018

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We wrote last month about our application to the **PCC Enhancing Pembrokeshire Fund** to extend the boardwalk to meet the tarmac path, thus creating a year-round weather-proof path

..... **Drum roll please** 

Our application was *approved* on Oct 16th ! The project is now *fully funded* and will begin soon.

No more muddy shoes from the puddled path 😊

The Gang's Recent Meeting

Monday nights are our usual meeting night and **October 8th's meeting was well attended** by 15 Support The Boardwalk crew, including 3 new volunteers! If you've recently moved to the Havens, already live here or enjoy a second home here, please do join us at **our next meeting 8pm Monday Nov 12th** (follow our Facebook page where we'll confirm the venue) It's a *great way to meet new friends!*

The crew reviewed the **accounts** and fundraising efforts, potential sources & plans – reminding all that users of **EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK** had raised £2677 in donations from retailers by simply shopping online! With the Christmas shopping season approaching this is such an easy route to raising funds for local causes. Check out the website ... every time you shop online the retailer gives a % to Support The Boardwalk!

Treasurer Karen confirmed that all efforts have rewarded a *healthy STB bank balance* and £4000 in savings in the 'preserve the boardwalk' account.

The new **Birdwatch Platform** has been in use for a few months and feedback was discussed. It seems that wheelchair users are satisfied but it was agreed to tweak some of the viewing slots to accommodate various heights for adults & children.

The **PCC Bio-diversity officer** had recently made a visit to the slashpond & habitat and had made some recommendations that will help volunteers create a *habitat management plan*. It was agreed the trees pond-side are now blocking the view from the 'viewing' deck and that the water in front of the dipping deck was also in need of clearance. **March 23rd 2019 is the date set to tackle the 'dipping' area.** Our volunteers will approach professional organisations and consult about the tree management.

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.

Foul Play!

Sadly, a recent risk assessment completed by the school had resulted in an event being re-located away from the boardwalk due to the *excessive amount of DOG-FOULING!* This was agreed to be unacceptable and the crew will be actively reporting irresponsible dog owners to the PCC littering hotline. All boardwalk users are encouraged to do the same!

Contacts for Dog Fouling incidents:

Pembrokeshire County Council - 01437 764551

Environmental Health Officer - tom.hayes@pembrokeshire.gov.uk,

Dog Warden Team - dogcontrol@pembrokeshire.gov.uk,

Police Community Support Officer - Dial 101

Art Work

The boardwalk crew thanked David & Lynn for their efforts with notelet sales, the recent Art Competition and the arrangements made with local Marloes Café Runwayskilyn, to adorn their premises with birds of the boardwalk images. A great way to get the Boardwalk attraction advertised out of the Havens!

REMINDER!

We really do need helpful volunteers for outdoor events! If you don't enjoy 'meetings' that's fine with us! But if you have energy, enthusiasm and a few gardening tools, that's all you need to join our sessions. Tasks range from litter-picking, minor repairs on handrails, pruning overhanging trees & strimming to installing & cleaning bat & bird boxes, maintaining the bug hotels or planting bulbs. There really is a job for all and we really need your help. If you enjoy using the boardwalk then spend some time with us!

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 8pm Monday Nov 12th. We really are a lovely community group, we discuss our current and future activities and it's a bit of a social too! Please keep an eye on our facebook page for the venue confirmation; you'd be most welcome. If you're not on facebook please email us (boardwalkgang@gmail.com) and we'll send you the details. Have a think about it! Thx so much.

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

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