



# STB Newsletter

February 2019

## Imminent Start - Boardwalk Extension Project

The Enhancing Pembrokeshire funding is all confirmed and our project spending profile has been lodged with funders, PCC.

Local contractor Bob, from Down To Earth Landscaping, will be laying the steel soon. It's been ordered and is on its way once it's been shaped and galvanised. Once the ground work starts there will be some disruption to the route, so please bear with us. The target completion date is March 1st 2019 but this will be subject to weather conditions.

## Biodiversity

We're putting our energy into biodiversity this year and hope to develop a plan to see this move forward. We know there's already a lot of different plants & animals in the area around the pond and boardwalk but there's also more than can be done to make it the healthiest place possible for nature (and us!).

## Online Donations

We reported in last month's newsletter that we recently participated in a fundraising opportunity in partnership with Localgiving, our online donation platform. We would again like to thank those who donated and set up Direct Debits as a result of that campaign. We are grateful for the continued support.

If you, or visiting friends or family, enjoy this habitat and want to support its future preservation and enhancements by making a similar donation; it's as simple as going to this webpage - just follow the simple prompts on the page ...

[www.localgiving.org.uk/support-the-boardwalk](http://www.localgiving.org.uk/support-the-boardwalk)

## New Meeting Pattern

Through 2019: 8pm, first Monday of even numbered months from Feb 2019 (Feb, Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug, Oct, Dec) in The Rafters (above the Village Hall - entrance; up the outside stairs). The other months we will do something together, whether practical or social. We met for low-key food and chat in January, and in March (Sat 23rd) we will be clearing up the pond around the dipping deck and other parts around the boardwalk and meadow.

## Insurance ...

... is up to date: STB has renewed its volunteer insurance with Keep Wales Tidy for a further 12 months. This covers all volunteers registered for activities and using their own tools, when out & about maintaining the picnic area & boardwalk habitat.

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.

## 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](mailto:davidmeanwell@gmail.com)

January is now behind us and it looks like we're escaping the worst of the cold snap that's hitting much of the country these past few days ... so as you emerge into February remember the boardwalk and slashpond habitat is a lovely spot to take the air!



## A Date for your Diary

**Saturday March 23rd:** We will be clearing up the pond around the dipping deck and other parts around the boardwalk and meadow - if you want to join us; the more the merrier. We will note timings and any other details in the Newsletter to be sent out March 1st.

### Join Us!

**Next meeting: Monday 4th Feb, 8pm in The Rafters (the stairway to this meeting space is behind the Broad Haven village hall).** It's a lovely community group with something for everyone and it's a bit of a social too! Please keep an eye on our facebook page; you'd be most welcome. If you're not on facebook please email us ([boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com)) and we'll send you its time/date. Have a think about it! Thx so much.

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

**WATCH THIS SPACE (for activity and meeting re-scheduling when necessary):**

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Website - <http://www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk>