



STB Newsletter

March 2019

Change of event

By the time you read this notice, our team of volunteers with the help of Dan Wynn (the National Park Ranger) will have cleared away much of the growth from around the dipping deck, allowing it to be used by all throughout 2019. This was going to happen March 23rd, but it came to our attention that the local amphibian population had already got that date in the diary for spawning! Well, we wouldn't want to get in the way of that. We will also have made a new wild flower meadow near the picnic tables, so look out for life emerging there in the near future...



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.

Date for your diary – Triathlon!

We're proud to be helping with the Mike's Bikes Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon for another year. The date this time is Saturday 8th June, so get that in your diaries. The bonus this year is that the race doesn't kick off until 11.30am, so all those early birds that help the competitors and visitors park can have a bit of a lie-in! We're planning to use the event to raise funds specifically to improve the accessibility of the bird watching screen, making it easier for users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters to enjoy our fabulous piece of equipment. If you're free on the day and would like to contribute to the event and to the accessibility of the boardwalk, please get in touch.

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 starting work imminently. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused during this time. We're sure you'll agree that making the route accessible (and dry!) for all, all year round, makes it worthwhile.

Other improvements

This year we'll be working towards improving the accessibility of the boardwalk, enabling those with limited mobility to enjoy every part of the boardwalk trail. We're also developing the signage of the boardwalk area, hoping to enhance visitors' experience as well as make clear to them the variety of elements of the boardwalk (picnic area, birdwatching screen, dipping deck, wild flower meadow, etc.)

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 we're so keen that we've already had March's event!

Diary Dates Reminder:

June:

Saturday 8th : Event start 11.30am. Exact timings for volunteers to be confirmed.

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!

Mon, 1st April: 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) and we'll send you its time/date. Have a think about it! Thx so much.

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