



# STB Newsletter

April 2019

## Happy Easter!

Spring is finally here, clocks have gone forward and hopefully the weather is improving! An ideal time to get out and enjoy the Boardwalk and Splashpond area!



## Boardwalk Improvements:

Work 'off site' has begun for the Boardwalk extension project, for the top end of the path by the picnic area. Shortly the 'on-site' improvements will take place; local contractor Bob, from Down To Earth Landscaping, will be starting work imminently. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused. We're sure you'll agree that making the route accessible (and dry!) for all, all year round, makes it worthwhile!

## TLC days:

As reported in March; Our volunteers had a productive day in February, clearing the unwanted growth from the Dipping Deck area and starting to create the wild flower meadow by the picnic area. The native wildflower seeds, sourced in Pembrokeshire, have arrived now so we'll wait for some warmer days to get those in. We'll erect a border around the area once they're in, to protect them as they germinate. **A big 'Thank you' to Altrad who have donated scaffolding boards for us to re-purpose to make the border.**

**REMINDER!** We really do need helpful volunteers for outdoor events! If you don't enjoy 'meetings' that's fine! 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 handrail repairs, 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! Upcoming dates are published on our Facebook page, website (details of both are below) and the community diary, or email us: [boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com)

## Triathlon News:

Once again we are delighted to be chosen as the charity to help support and marshal Mike's Bikes Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon on Saturday 8th June. If you're free on the day and can spare a few hours to help at the event please get in touch. Race starts at 11.30am (volunteer times will be available closer to the date). We are 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.

## Improvements to Signs - Read on for Exciting Developments:

Our crew are always looking for the next project and as the existing signage around the habitat is a mix of old & new, we are looking to renew & replace the signs, bringing in uniformity and branding. We're also going QR codes crazy - amazing little codes that you can scan with your smart phone's camera or with a QR reader App (free to download) – opening up a wealth of information right there & then, that is relevant to the exact spot where you are standing. ....

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.

... **Test our codes today** - let us know what you think; via our Facebook page 'Supporttheboardwalk'

- *Point your smartphone camera at a code below (or download a free QR reader App first if your smartphone camera doesn't respond to the QR code) Your phone will open up the magic of the QR code, just follow any simple instructions displayed!*



**Test your knowledge with the Nature Quiz!**



**What creatures are living under the Water?**



**How to donate & support this community amenity**

This last one links you to [EASYFUNDRAISING.org.uk](https://www.easypundraising.org.uk) - a 'portal' for online shopping. Retailers (like Boots, M&S, Debenhams etc etc) that you buy from online donate a %age of the value of your order to us. YES! **FREE Money** contributing **to the Boardwalk's activities!** Shoppers have raised nearly £30000 from so far!



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**Join Us!**

**8pm, 1st Monday of each even numbered month from Feb' (Feb, Apr, Jun, [Aug TBC], Oct, Dec) in The Rafters - 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.

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

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