



# STB Newsletter

May 2019



Having had wonderful Easter weather let's hope May continues to be as good so we can all get out to enjoy the boardwalk, slashpond & picnic area

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.



## TLC Day



We have pencilled in our next TLC day, when we hope to sow the wild flower meadow:

**Sunday 5th May @ 3pm**

Short notice but ... 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 TLC 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!

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.

Keep an eye on [Facebook](#) or our [website](#) for updates due to inclement weather etc.



## Triathlon Help



We are delighted to be chosen again as the charity to support and marshal **Mike's Bikes Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon** on

**Saturday 8th June @ 11:30am**

*We need your help please!*

It's not too early a start this year, so if you're free and are able to spare a few hours to help at the event - please get in touch - email [boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com) Marshal duties are required in and out of the village so let us know which you would prefer. (Volunteer locations & times will be available closer to the date.)

**We plan 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.** The funds kindly donated by the Triathlon help us maintain as well as improve the area, so they are vital to us.

# Boardwalk Improvements

**The Boardwalk extension project has finally started on-site!!**

Work on-site has begun after an unexpected delay in the steel production. Local contractor Bob, of Down To Earth Landscaping, and his team are laying the final piece of the Boardwalk path to connect with the tarmac path at the top of the picnic area. We're sure you'll agree that making the route accessible (and dry!) for all, all year round, makes it worthwhile!

**Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused during this time.**

## ***Diary - Dates Reminder:***

### **May:**

**Sunday 5th** : 3pm. TLC day - join us at the boardwalk and picnic area for some tidying up and to plant seeds for a meadow area

### **June:**

**Saturday 8th** : Race start 11:30am. Marshal times - tbc

## **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)

### **Join Us!**

**8pm, Monday 3rd June in The Rafters - stairway to this meeting space is behind the Broad Haven village hall. (NB Through 2019 - meetings each even numbered month from Feb' ... Feb, Apr, Jun, [Aug TBC], Oct, Dec)** 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):**

Facebook - [facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk](https://www.facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk)

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

**... STOP THE PRESS ... YOU'RE NO DOUBT USED TO EXPECTING THESE NEWSLETTERS ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH. IF YOU CAN HOLD YOUR BREATH NEXT MONTH - WE'LL GET IT OUT TO YOU A DAY OR SO AFTER JUNE 3RD, JUST TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ABLE TO PASS ON ANY NEWS COMING OUT OF THAT EVE'S MEETING!**