



# STB Newsletter

September 2019

## Autumn's just around the corner

September is a great time to get out on the Slash Pond Boardwalk. You'll find tasty treats like juicy blackberries, as long as you're not too late! As autumn creeps up you can also begin to see the trees changing colour from the summer's green to the beautiful oranges and reds of the next season; you'll also hear the rustling of the wind through the drying leaves – until they blow away!

You can enjoy the boardwalk any day of the month, and now the full length too – thanks to the new section, the whole boardwalk route will be accessible to all, all year round. Yes, in case you missed our announcement last month, we're happy to tell you that the extension is finished. You'll really notice the difference in the winter when you'll be able to walk along it without needing to wonder whether the path is flooded, no matter what day it is.



If you want a particular day to come out and enjoy the boardwalk with some company (and before those winter rains arrive), come along on **Sunday 22nd September, at 2pm**, for the next boardwalk group working day. We don't work the whole day – we always make sure there's time for cake (or possibly more if the weather's fine).

Anyone who has a strimmer is welcome to come along and help us trim and clear out the growth from around the picnic tables and apple trees – there's plenty to do there so don't hold back from lending a hand.

We'll also be taking a look at the trees obscuring the view from the viewing platform. They've really grown high in the last few years, so there's not as much of a view as everyone would like. It's a bit of a challenge to get to them, but we're going to see what can be done on that day. So if you're feeling adventurous, bring your tough clothing and join us.

On top of that, there's plenty to do for the gentle potterers and those who honestly like to chat more than chop, so bring yourself and enjoy the afternoon with us. Or even if you're just out and about, make sure you swing by and say hello on your way.



## And in other news ...

In the background, we've made some **good progress on getting designs and funding for new, blended-in signs** along the boardwalk. As accessibility is one of our top priorities, we are working to

The Slashpond Boardwalk is an alternative attraction to our wonderful Seaside Award beach (the national standard for the best



beaches across the UK). At more than 350 metres, the boardwalk is a sheltered, 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.

make sure two areas in particular, the picnic area and the birdwatching platform, are made fully accessible to all and stay that way. Everyone did a great job bringing in donations at the Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon towards this goal; we're working now to top that up to enable us to go ahead making the bird watching platform path, in particular, solid enough for all wheelchair users. Watch this space!



**Calling all venue managers!** ... Do you have a small space in which we could place some Support the Boardwalk **leaflets**? The new leaflets include a children's quiz and plenty of information to help people of all ages enjoy the boardwalk. If you've got the space (only enough for a leaflet stand) please let us know (boardwalkgang@gmail.com). We'll make sure you're kept in good supply.

Managing and maintaining the boardwalk enables the Haven's locals and visitors to enjoy the habitat's flora and fauna. Don't forget; if you want to share the beauty of the boardwalk's birds, **illustrated note cards** are now on sale at The Beach Shop. Sold in biodegradable packaging, they cost £4 for 8 cards, good value for a memento of your visit.

## Diary

### Sept:

**Sunday 22nd:** 2pm, we'll be at the picnic area, round the boardwalk or at the boardwalk - we're hard to miss

## Heritage of Slashpond

Have you a story to tell or photos from the past? 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 note the corrected email address for sharing your memories - [davidlmeanwell@gmail.com](mailto:davidlmeanwell@gmail.com)

### Join Us - Next Meeting:

**8pm, Monday 7th Oct in The Ratters - stairway to this meeting space is behind the Broad Haven village hall. (NB: Through 2019 - meetings are each even numbered month from Feb' ... Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)** It's a lovely community group with something for everyone and it's a bit of a social too! Have a think about coming along; you'll be most welcome.

Please keep an eye on our facebook page in case of any updates. If you're not on facebook and have a query re the meetings or indeed any other boardwalk related matters, please email us ([boardwalkgang@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com))

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

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

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