



STB Newsletter

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Nature Trail Quiz leaflet

Do lookout this month for our brand new Nature Trail Quiz leaflet available in all good outlets ...

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.



Why did we create a leaflet?

Funding we received from Pembrokeshire County Council through the Enhancing Pembrokeshire fund has an objective to **"address issues arising from second home ownership."** Our projects present **opportunities that second homes offer** within the Havens i.e. the potential to increase visitors during off-season. By developing an accessible walk, a sheltered alternative is

offered to the sometimes windy traditional beach walk and the leaflet enhances that walk. Visitors from local towns and holidaymakers can enjoy the walk, the bird watching, pond dipping and quiz year-round. **We have a family attraction that encourages visitors ... and while they are here, they may have a meal in your pub or café, or buy some produce from your shop!** So, **please support us supporting local businesses -**

Our volunteers are working their way around The Havens and beyond to make sure the new leaflets are distributed (thank you for your patience if we haven't made it to yours yet). In the meantime, email us you'd like to be a stockist, at boardwalkgang@gmail.com and we'll arrange a delivery.

New Signs Project

... meant that our volunteers retyping all the text from each sign! Photos were taken of every paragraph on every sign & typing began! But what an interesting task it was!

We have many informative signs displayed along the walk (in due course the new ones will feature) ... it's funny how one can pass something so often that you stop actually "seeing" it! So if you think you know about the Slashpond habitat, here's a chance to test yourself

So you think you know about the Slashpond eh?

1. In the mid 19th century ships anchored off Broad Haven beach at low tide – what did they deliver?
2. At that time, how many coal mines were recorded in Pembrokeshire?
3. In 1841 the census recorded for the Parish of Walton West records 16 coal workers – how many of them were women?
4. Why is the lane alongside the Slashpond called the bunks?
5. Culm from the Slashpond was mixed with clay to make bricks – how were they bricks used by households?
6. 'Slash' derives from the word 'Slatche'. Is slatche a form of mining or someone who enjoys bird-watching?

7. Which bird is usually the first to sing in the Dawn Chorus?
8. How many eggs can a moth or butterfly lay?
9. What does a butterfly eat?
10. How many species of Lichen live in Britain?
11. Lichens actually consist of two organisms! An alga & a fungus. The fungus provides the body and produces(what)....to protect the alga?

Answers:

(1) Lime for the land	(2) Sixteen	(3) One	(4) Miners stayed in temporary accommodation there
(5) To burn on the house fire	(6) Mining	(7) Blackbird	(8) 2000
(9) Nectar & overripe fruit	(10) 1600	(11) A form of sunscreen!	

The Slash Pond; Summer Reflections

Autumn is making itself known now! In an attempt to hold onto the warm summer days, we plan to feature in this newsletter & the Haven's Community Diary, in the coming months, poems shared by some of Broad Haven's primary school pupils, inspired by their summer visit. Thank you for your wonderful creative writing, I'm sure all of our followers will agree the pieces are so evocative of the area 🙌🙌🙌

- I hear the trees rustling like they are talking to each other.
- I hear the birds tweeting to each other, sounds like they are having a good conversation.
- I see the birds gliding through the boiling hot sky.
- I feel the wind touching my arm like it is trying to call me.
- I see the pond with the rippling water, the gulls are having a nice sun bathe in the water.
- I see the lily pads waving.
- I feel the loving boiling sun hot on my arm.
- I see the grasses rustling against each other like they are having a fight.
- I see the flowers in the green grass.
- I smell the squelchy mud under the boardwalk.
- I hear the river splashing down the hill-side.
- I hear the busy bees getting pollen from the flowers.

Emily Williams

Join Us - Our Next Meeting is imminent:

8pm, Monday 7th Oct in The Rafters - 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)

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

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

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