



STB Newsletter

December 2019

We send a big *thank you* 😊 to all our supporters & donators for their time, effort and contributions during the year.

2019 has seen ...

- The final part of the boardwalk completed at the top end by the picnic area.
- We have also produced new leaflets promoting the boardwalk, including a quiz, and its benefits. These are being distributed not only within the Havens but also further afield to encourage more visitors to our tranquil setting.
- We are also sourcing new signs (watch this space)



All this has been paid for through our committee finding and successfully applying for various grants (not an easy task!) as well as public donations and other fund raising by our supporters.

Although the main project of re-establishing the boardwalk may have been completed, the work doesn't stop as in 2020 we will seek to find ways to further improve the area and the experience for visitors whether they be young or of more mature years! Plus there is the cost of the continual maintenance of the area to be met so your support is needed now just as much as before.

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,

😊 Recognition

In case you missed it, visit our [Facebook page](#) and type 'Colin' into the 'Search for posts on this Page' to find the post made on Oct 4, 2019 in which regular visitors, Colin & Vicky, relate their experience of using the boardwalk. Heartwarming stuff and certainly re-affirms our commitment for doing what we do.

🍂 🐌 ☁️ A Breath of Fresh Air

As winter is fast approaching enjoy taking in the fresh air around the boardwalk as a welcome break from festive revelries. Please remember to take care. Although we have used anti-slip boards, nature can still make things slippery especially when it combines fallen leaves with cold and wet weather. As always if you do come across any safety issues please inform us. Email: boardwalkgang@gmail.com



Online Christmas Shopping? ... Boost our Funds!

Did you know, when you Christmas shop online you can raise funds for the boardwalk at the same time **and it costs you nothing** but a few moments of your time? So far we have received over £3,000 through people buying online via Easyfundraising. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk register using Facebook or email and select Support The Boardwalk as your chosen cause. Once registered, for us to receive a donation you need to enter the retailer's website via Easyfundraising before you buy. Here's a very helpful [video](#) to explain it in a little more detail.

An alternative gift idea that we are able to help with ... **Buy A Board**

Intrigued? ... Click on the link for details for this charming [gift idea](#)

Reflections on the Slash Pond

Continuing our feature of poems shared by some of Broad Haven's primary school pupils, inspired by their summer visit, take a moment to read Daisy's words and perhaps escape for just a few minutes from all the madness of this season (let alone everything else at the moment)

I hear the reeds rustling in the strong, breezy wind. I see the gulls bathing in the shimmering pond. I also see the swaying forest of reeds; I feel the gentle wind blowing on my face. The soft green leaves on the small weak branches. I hear the whispering green leaves crunching on the bare branches.

Sparkling ripples in the water

Listen for rustling reeds

Ask for complete silence so you can hear the sounds

Shimmering sun shines down on you

Hear for the whistling wind

Perfect views for me and you

On the slash pond you can see wonderful birds

Nothing stops you having a great time

Don't hesitate, go and see

Daisy Burch

Join Us - Next Meeting:

8pm, Monday 2nd Dec 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)

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

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

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