



STB Newsletter

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Hidden Gem

August is here and the Boardwalk is a hidden gem of Broad Haven. It can be a lovely shady retreat from the busyness and sun of the beach front, and it can be a great up-close experience with nature that's full of different plants, birds and insects for you to spot, study or listen to.

With a birdwatching screen, a dipping deck, a picnic area, a quiz trail and lots of other little surprises, there's plenty to come to do. It's also a convenient alternative route if you'd like to walk between the beach and the rest of the village.

As you enjoy the sights and sounds of the Boardwalk, please be on the lookout for when another person may wish to pass you, particularly if you've stopped where there isn't space to pass and keep to social distancing. The boardwalk has narrow stretches but there are a few wider "passing places" along it. Many of the passing places occur at bends so it is usually possible to spot other people coming and stay in a wider spot until they have passed, helping us all to keep to social distancing.

We're all aware of how quickly the rules and guidance can change, so please take any changes into account at the time when you come to enjoy the pond and path.

If you see anything along the boardwalk that you feel needs attention, please let us know at boardwalkgang@gmail.com.

Enjoy your visit!

The Slash Pond 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 our Nature Trail Quiz. The area offers a circular route of approximately ½ mile which is accessible to motobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs.



Visitors to the boardwalk can follow a useful **leaflet** which includes the quiz trail and plenty of information to help people of all ages enjoy the habitat.

A number of the local retailers, refreshment outlets and pubs have kindly stocked these, so you can ask around to pick up a copy.

Can we remind those outlets that we have plenty available and kindly appeal to you to have them to hand for visitors to our village. Email us at boardwalkgang@gmail.com if you need a top-up of supplies, or indeed if you do not have any and would like some. We'll make sure you're kept in good supply.

Also available to download: [Nature Trail Quiz Leaflet](#)

It's a Sign!

(well, many signs to be precise...)

You might recall in a previous newsletter, we talked about our bright, fresh, **newly designed information signs** (thanks to the creativity and efforts of *Jodie Rehorn Graphic Design*) for along the boardwalk, its decks, viewing and picnic areas. They have been ready and waiting to be placed in situ for some months. Of course lockdown has scuppered their installation ... but plans are afoot again for that to happen. Hopefully you will all be able to enjoy them very soon.

Accessibility continues to be a top priority. Again the lockdown put another project on hold, one to improve access to the birdwatching platform. August should now see those enhancements to the access to the platform, to ensure that it is suitable for all wheelchair and mobility scooter users. While the enhancements are made, there will be a short period when access will be cordoned off for the work to be done. When that happens, we apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for adhering to the restriction signage.

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 Slash Pond we would love you to share with us. Send to davidlmeanwell@gmail.com. Thank you to those of you who have already been in touch.

Join Us:

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for news of meetings, TLC days and updates to any of the dates/times listed in this newsletter.

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

If you're not on Facebook and have a query please email us boardwalkgang@gmail.com

We are a lovely community group - have a think about coming along, you'll be most welcome.

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