



STB Newsletter

September 2020

Work in Progress!

If you've been out and about of late and have meandered along the boardwalk, you may well have seen the anticipated developments that have been 'previewed' in recent newsletters asking for you to 'Watch This Space!' ...

We have teased you for some months with talk of 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. Lockdown hampered their installation ... but GOOD NEWS!!! Many of them are now in situ and the remainder will follow soon:



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.



A big thank you is due to our volunteer Bob for his efforts, he equipped himself with his tools and has got on with the job, for all to benefit. Cheers Bob!

Again the lockdown had put another project on hold ... we've previously publicised that **IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCESS TO THE BIRDWATCHING PLATFORM** were a priority. August has seen those enhancements commence. The aim is to ensure that access is possible for all wheelchair and mobility scooter users. While the enhancements are made, access has been cordoned off for the work to be done. we apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for adhering to the restriction signage.

Continued challenges, not least of which storms Ellen and Francis, mean slow but steady progress is to be expected. We thank all our visitors for their patience and all involved in the works for their perseverance and continued efforts.

'Before' :



'During' :



'After' Pictures - to follow ... watch this space !

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>