



# STB Newsletter

February 2021

## Never fear

## Support the Boardwalk is here ...

... with ideas to help you educate the children whilst they are learning from home!

- Let's get outdoors!
- What's the phrase? There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing!
- And all these ideas are **FREE!**

**The Wildlife Trust** have an amazing web page full of *activity ideas!* There are Spotter Sheets, Colouring Sheets, Activity Guides, Masks to Make and even a Fact Sheet on how to turn natural objects into musical instruments!

<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities> - or click [HERE](#) if you're reading this online.

**Countryside Classroom** also offers a lot of resources including *lesson plans* which parents may find helpful – a quick registration is required, but it's all FREE!

<https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/resources>, or click [HERE](#) if you're reading this online.

Another simple idea is a **Bird Count Log**. Take a slow walk around the boardwalk and note the names of the birds that you see. Then go home and draw the birds all on one large sheet of paper and colour the pictures in. Take the Bird-Log out with you on your next walk and put a tick next to each bird, each time you see one along your walk!

Or let Nature inspire your **Creative Writing** skills! Take a walk and note things that you experience – use your senses. What did you SEE, HEAR, SMELL & TOUCH? You can do TASTE too if you enjoy a well earned biscuit at the end of your walk! Then write a story or poem about what you experienced!

Don't forget - there's always the **Slashpond Boardwalk Nature Trail Quiz!**

Follow the quiz leaflet, answering the questions as you walk around the boardwalk. Go online to [www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk](http://www.supporttheboardwalk.co.uk) and click the NATURE TRAIL tab to take you to a downloadable version of the leaflet to print at home ... or, you've guessed it, to make it easier for you if you're reading this online ... click [HERE](#).

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.

## Please share your awesome activities with us!

- Don't forget to take a photo and send it to us – its EASY!
- Open our FACEBOOK page [www.facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk](http://www.facebook.com/supporttheboardwalk) and click MESSAGE (or click [HERE](#) for the Facebook page if you're reading this online)
- We'll do our best to get your photos onto our Facebook page and we'll 'tag' you so all your friends can enjoy it too! ... or you can email your photos to [boardwalkgang@gmail.co.uk](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.co.uk)

**Go on.....get outside, get active, share your activity & cheer everyone up ☺**



## In Other News!



Following a meeting of The Havens Community Council on 1 December 2020 it was agreed to donate £500.00 from the Honesty Box money to Support The Boardwalk “towards the cost of reed management”.

**Thank you!** To every visitor who donated in the box as you parked your car!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:boardwalkgang@gmail.com)

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

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

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