



STB Newsletter

July 2021



Big news for Broad Haven and indeed for the Support The Boardwalk volunteers and supporters. It has recently been announced by Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club and Welsh Triathlon that the Welsh Government has given 'the green light to stage the event' and it will be the first stage of the Welsh Super Series. The event organisers have for a number of years been able to count on Support The Boardwalk for car park supervision and route marshalling duties. In turn, our group has appreciated the donation made by the Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club to recognise that help and support our efforts. So last year's cancellation was a disappointment for our group for its absence from our village diary and also for the boost it gives to our much needed funds.

[From 'the horse's mouth' ...](#)

"WT Super Series Returns for 2021 as Broadhaven welcomes back racing. Following a 20-month absence, the Welsh Triathlon Super Series returns to our domestic calendar in a little over a fortnight, with the running of the opening stage at Pembrokeshire Coast Triathlon being held at Broadhaven on Saturday 10th July. ... There is going to be representation from clubs all over Wales, with GOG Triathlon, Cardiff Triathletes, and Taff Ely Triathlon bringing the masses west for that weekend. None though will be as widely represented as the hosts, Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club. With 29 participants racing across all age groups, it's an exciting day for the club as they see racing return.

Race director, Dave Astins from Pembrokeshire Triathlon Club has shared his thoughts about hosting the first stage.

"We are so excited to stage this race after the disappointment of cancelling in 2020. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes to adapt the event to be Covid compliant, but we are confident in our approach, and we are extremely grateful for the support we have received from Welsh Triathlon and local stakeholders. We can't wait to host Round 1 of the Welsh Triathlon Super Series and welcome athletes from across Wales, and beyond, to this beautiful part of Pembrokeshire". [[Welsh Triathlon](#),

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With that good news announced, plans are at a pace now for the car park supervision and route marshalling duties.

[Support The Boardwalk's Chair has made a 'shout out' ...](#)

"Hello! It's me! Ben Dare

As the new chair of the Support the Boardwalk group, I'm taking a turn to help organise STB volunteers for triathlon marshalling this year.

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.

Would you be able to help out (again) this year? And would any of your family/friends?

It's a great event for the community, the competitors speak highly of our well-organised volunteers, and the organisers always give a very helpful donation to the STB funds to help us improve and maintain the boardwalk area. So we're pleased to be asked to help out again.

They also want to give a t-shirt to each volunteer! (From local, ethical company Howies.)

The event is on the morning of Saturday, 10th of July, and there are two main slots for us to help with, so if you're able, it would be great to know if you can help with one, other or both, so we know what STB can offer to the event:

Car parking: 5:30am start (I know!), probably done by 7.30am or before as the car park fills up.

Marshalling the course: 8.30am ish to 12.30pm ish (though not many places are marshalled for all that time).

Of course, they are running the event covid-compliantly, so we'll be avoiding things that get you close to people, etc. As part of that, they'll ask you to fill in an electronic covid health declaration in the week leading up to the event (as I understand it to state you don't have symptoms, aren't self-isolating, etc).

You get briefed on what you're needed to do. I'm not sure exactly how they'll do the briefings this year, but I'm sure they'll be thinking it through carefully.

So, can you help? They won't be allowing spectators this year, so the more marshals cheering them on, the better an experience the competitors will have.

If yes, can you please give me the following details to pass on (for each of you if there's more than one). You can copy & paste these lines into your reply ([a prompt response, please, if you wish to be involved](#)):

Mobile number:

Email:

T-shirt size, and male or female fit?:

Can help with car parking (5.30am start):

Can help with course marshalling (8.30am ish start):

Thanks so much. Ben

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Despite everything that's been happening this past year or so, the surrounding nature carried on growing regardless. So there's plenty to do to tidy it up. We've been doing a bit of work to make sure we can meet safely as a group to do this, and in July we'll have our first go at it, if not our second as well! We're really pleased to be able to do some things face-to-face again, as well as to make the boardwalk as easy as possible for everyone to enjoy.

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