



STB Newsletter

October 2021



TLC



A huge thanks to STB volunteers, new and long-standing, for repairs done to the boardwalk and the recent clearing around the picnic area. Ongoing maintenance is important for the safety of visitors and the integrity of the boardwalk structure, so the volunteer's efforts are much appreciated and the TLC was a mammoth task tackled in only a few hours thanks to those folks getting together.



We hope the cleared space will allow us to get our wildflower meadow restored. It also uncovered the compost area to help us make use of everything we cut.

Now the willow dome and the bug hotels can see the light of day again. The bug hotels are in desperate need of that Broad Haven community special touch – they were built by the children of Broad Haven originally, of course! So we'll be organising a day for young and old to come and get those bugs the accommodation they deserve! 'Watch this space' ... checkout Support The Boardwalk on Facebook, we'll post there when we've a date sorted.



Oh and a plea: while we were clearing we found a large number of glass bottles, and a pile of what looked like somebody's garden clippings. Please do not use the picnic area or slash pond (or any other part of Broad Haven!) as a dumping area, especially when it can make it unsafe for the people of all ages who enjoy the space.

Media Whizz?

Is Communication 'your thing' ? Our diary entries, such as this, along with a monthly newsletter and Facebook posts, aim to keep our supporters in the know, hopefully in an informing, interesting and engaging way. We try to keep things fresh and are currently considering the format and timing of our communications. Perhaps we could also benefit from liaison with local news outlets?

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.

Are you a budding graphics/communications enthusiast who wants to build a portfolio to demonstrate your abilities? Or you might be an interested individual with heaps of experience in this field and an urge to do your bit in your community? Perhaps you know someone in the community that fits the bill? Get in touch by emailing boardwalkgang@gmail.com if you think you might be able to help us.



... shares Support The Boardwalk's love of outdoor spaces and bio diverse habitats. Their focus is lasting positive change for wild flowers, plants and fungi. From the open spaces of nature reserves to the corridors of government, they work nationally and internationally to raise their profile, celebrate their beauty, and to protect their future.

In October, our group's followers may be interested to know that they are running **'Fall into Nature'**, a wide ranging series of events. The key themes are flower-rich meadows and grasslands, and climate change. The series includes discussion, plant identification and other training opportunities and a chance to connect with nature and explore conservation through art.

Full details for 'Fall into Nature' are on their website, linked here: www.plantlife.org.uk, including a timetable for the programme and explore their other pages to understand more of their activities.

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.

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

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