



STB Newsletter

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Spotted: A New Addition ...

The Boardwalk has a new gate - have you seen it, at our entrance, just off Trafalgar Terrace?



Its installation is 'step one' of work-in-progress for imminent and future reed management. It will facilitate access to clear reeds and overgrowth from the water-side by parties we're engaging with who are equipped and know about all things reed management (so it is a locked gate at all other times). A big thanks is due to one of our volunteer group, Vicky, for her efforts and for co-ordinating assistance from our valued partners at [Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#) - to whom an extra special big thanks is also extended.

We'll keep you posted as that work progresses watch this space!

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.

Other boardwalk news ...

Recently the village school set an eco-challenge for the children which included them making eco-friendly bird-feeders for the boardwalk. Hopefully we'll see them popping up some time soon. It's so nice to know that the next generation of boardwalk enthusiasts are involved with current developments!

Read All About It !

A shout out now - a request for help with sharing boardwalk news. By mid month, we submit 'copy', to those who gather local news for the popular Havens Community Diary. Then we share similar copy and any updates via this newsletter uploaded on our website, that we flag with our wider followers by an email at the beginning of each month. Our volunteers take it in turn to contribute the copy for the Havens Community Diary and then one of our volunteers, Sue, pulls together the newsletter. Having done this for five years she is feeling a fresh take on this activity would be good for the boardwalk's profile.

Do you feel you could have ago at this?

- Perhaps you've been looking for a way to get involved with a local volunteer group to widen your social circle (we're a friendly bunch of different ages and with different interests).
- Maybe the connection with nature appeals?
- You might be someone who has enjoyed the boardwalk space for sometime or you may even be new to the area and just discovering it, or would like to?
- Perhaps you know someone young who wants to have a volunteer experience to showcase their get-up-and-go on their CV to open up future opportunities, or even to support a Duke of Edinburgh programme?

Whatever your thinking, if you might be able to help, email us at boardwalkgang@gmail.com, we can give you more details.

For now, enjoy wrapping up for your strolls along the boardwalk

... keep your eyes peeled for flora, fauna and developments and share any sightings via our Facebook [age, or email pics to us so the we can (details below).

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>