



We are grateful for the continued support from people in the PL24 Community. We continue to work to enhance Par Beach and the Local Nature Reserve for the enjoyment of local people and visitors to the area. Thank you to everyone who helps us achieve this.

We managed to find a couple of dry days in April to start installing the five rubbing posts that were funded through a successful bid to 'Magic Little Grants' last year. The idea is to create a Nature Trail around the site, adding further posts when time and funds allow.



As part of work to help people understand the site and what they might expect to see, we are continuing to develop more interpretation boards, with the next one destined to help understand our developing Sand Dunes. You will hopefully see the Bird Lake board, Wildflower Meadow Board and Time and Tide Bell boards, that we've already installed as you walk around the site.

Another way of learning about what the site has to offer in terms of wildlife is on one of our guided walks. More than 20 people attended a Bird walk/talk with Tim McGrath of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust on Sunday 5th May, which helped people to recognise more bird calls, markings and behaviour in a very friendly, relaxed way. We're hoping to persuade him to return in autumn for another one!



Next up will be another excellent guide, this time for different plant species. Dan Ryan is another natural presenter and enthusiast who manages to put his considerable knowledge across in a very accessible way. Dan will be guiding us around Par Beach and Local Nature Reserve on Wednesday 5th June from 4pm. We'll meet at the Friends of Par Beach Hut, opposite Par Beach Café. Free for members, £3.50 for non-members. As a member of FoPB, you gain access to these talks as part of your membership, which is only £5/individual, £8/couple or family see <https://www.parbeach.com/membership> to join online or you can join at any of our events.

In August, we'll be having our annual Bat walk/talk, which is always great fun and a great way to discover more about our local bat populations using bat detector devices. More details on that via our Facebook group and website when confirmed.

Finally, I hope you are aware that South West Water are continuing to plan for a desalination plant in St Austell Bay? Friends of Par Beach are supporting the Desalination Information Group to help challenge these proposals, particularly those relating to marine pipelines. Currently, these appear to site the pipes through our precious seagrass and maerl habitats. As the latter are designated as 'irreplaceable habitat' by Natural England, we are supporting the campaign to reject these proposals.

Join us all as we gather on Par Beach and other locations for a Show of Strength and paddle/swim out, hopefully with a flotilla of boats joining us nearby in the bay on Saturday 8th June from 4.30pm. Ask your friends to come too!

Friends of Par Beach started as a group to protect the beach from being sold off and we continue to fight to protect the wider area from harm. We welcome your support.

Many thanks,

Jenny Tagney, Chair, Friends of Par Beach.

For up-to-date news and events, please see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofparbeach> or www.parbeach.com