



Selsdon Wood Summary of 43 Benches inc ref 29 which is missing 15.8.19

7 types . NP - from Norbury Park.

1 - Very old T construction:

Bench is OK , just a bit wobbly– 1 only.

No. 4.

2 have been scrapped.



4 - Old half-log – possibly made on site around 1980:

Iron pins driven through the seat into legs make these prone to rot – 4.

Nos. 5, 14, 15, 38 are OK. The FSW fitted new legs to 40 using reclaimed red/green walk posts but now subsiding.

5 have been scrapped and replaced by FSW,



5' and 6' benches:

A few have been uprooted and replaced or repaired by FSW.

5a - 5ft design. - 25 in good condition. A few have some damage.

Nos. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29*, 30, 31, 33, 37, 40..

* missing 8.17. Should be replaced near Addington Border.



5b - 5 ft design. Bookham (NP), bought by FSW – 5.

Nos. 23, 32, 34, 35, 39.



6a - 6ft design. Bookham (NP), bought 2014 by Council -1.

No. 6.



6b - 6ft design - 5

Nos. 1, 20, 26, 36, 39



6c - 6ft design. - 2

Nos 43,44.



43 Benches (3 Dedicated) inc 29 which is missing

		<u>Type & Condition</u>			<u>Comments and Dedication</u> – p Plaque, c Carved
Field 1 - 2	NW	1	6'b	ok	
	SW	2	5'a	ok	
Field 2 - 7	NW	3	5'a	ok	
	NE	4	1	very old T construction	ok
	"	5	4	old half-log	ok
	"	6	6'a	ok	c dedicated to 'HEATHER CREAMER, REACH TO THE STARS.
	"	7	5'a	ok	
	SW	8	5'a	ok	
"	9	5'a	ok		
Field 3 - 6	NW	10	5'a	ok	
	NE	11	5'a	ok	Found in wood and installed by FSW.
	"	12	5'a	ok	
	SE	13	5a	ok	
	SW	14	4	old half-log	ok
	"	15	4	old half-log	ok
Field 4 - 8	NW	16	5'a	ok	
	"	17	5'a	ok	
	"	18	5'a	ok	
	SW	19	5'a	ok	
	NW	20	6'b	ok	
	SE	21	5'a	ok	
	"	22	5'a	ok	
	"	23	5'c	ok	p IN MEMORY OF G G LEWIS WHO LOVED IT HERE.
Field 5 - 2	N	24	5'a	ok	
	N	25	5'a	ok	
Paths	18				
Greenhill Way	26	6'b	ok		
Broad Walk	27	5'a	ok		
"	28	5'a	ok		
"	29	5'a	Now missing		
Beech Grove	30	5'a	ok		
Avis Grove	31	5'a	ok		
"	32	5'c	ok	p DONATED IN 2015 BY FSW	
"	33	5'a	ok	p Dedicated to Janet Bickerstaff	
Courtwood Grove	34	5'a	ok	Repaired by FSW	
Leafy Grove	35	5'c	ok	p DONATED IN 2015 BY FSW	
Middle Gorse	36	5'c	ok	p DONATED IN 2015 BY FSW	
"	37	6'b	ok		
"	37	5'a	ok		
East Gorse	38	4	old half-log	New legs fitted by FSW but needs checking.	
The Wend	39	5'c	ok	(c dedicated to ROB SOWTER, A TRUE WOODSMAN	
				(p DONATED IN 2015 BY FSW.	
Smith Grove	40	5'a	ok		
Linden Glade	41	6'c	ok		
"	42	6'c	ok	Repaired by FSW	

The 81 hectares (200 acres) of Selsdon Wood with an estimated 7+ kilometres of woodland and 5+ kilometres of grassland paths needs a lot of seats and benches to support the Croydon Council and National Trust policy of supporting access to the public. The FSW is playing its part and has reinstated and repaired several benches. The FSW has also bought benches & seats and installed benches & seats for private purchasers. Then the FSW passes their ownership to Croydon Council. The Council has said that it is not in a position to repair benches in the current financial climate, so the FSW fulfills this function within its resources.

The 5 remaining old benches will deteriorate and there are other sites that could take benches.

1. to replace missing bench 29 - Addington Border/Avis Grove (Top of hill on London Loop),
2. Beech Grove/ Langfords Way (site picked by Gordon Endersby for its view but ignored by Council – white squirrel territory),
3. E side of Field 1 (sunny near car park),
4. E side Field 5 (sunny with a view),
5. Farleigh Border E of Broom Path (demolished bench).

New sites should have tractor access.

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