



Selsdon Wood Summary of 43 Benches

26.5.20

7 types . NP - from Norbury Park. inc ref 29 which is missing but might turn up

1. Very old stock 6ft T construction

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

No. 4.

2 have been scrapped.



2. 6ft Old half-log – possibly made on site around 1980:

Turned wood legs – 4.

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

5 older design with log legs have been scrapped and replaced by FSW,



3. 4ft 8” design. - 25 in good condition - few have some damage.

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Some appear to be cemented in.

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 8.2017. Should be replaced near Addington Border.



4. 5 ft design. Bookham (NP), bought by FSW – 5.

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



5. 6ft design. Bookham (NP), bought 2014 by Council -1.

No. 6.



6. 6ft design - 4

Nos. 1, 20, 26, 36



7. 6ft design. - 2

Nos 41, 42



43 Benches (3 Dedicated) inc 29 which is missing

		No.	Design	Condition	Comments and Dedication – p Plaque, c Carved
Field 1 - 2	NW	1	4	ok	
	SW	2	3	ok	
Field 2 - 7	NW	3	3	ok	
	NE	4	1	very old T construction	ok
	"	5	2	old half-log	ok
	"	6	5	ok	c dedicated to 'HEATHER CREAMER, REACH TO THE STARS.
	"	7	3	ok	Found in wood by DM, installed by Council.
	SW	8	3	ok	
	"	9	3	ok	
Field 3 - 6	NW	10	3	ok	
	NE	11	3	ok	Found in wood by DM, installed by FSW.
	"	12	3	ok	
	SE	13	3	ok	
	SW	14	2	old half-log	ok
	"	15	2	old half-log	ok
Field 4 - 8	NW	16	3	ok	
	"	17	3	ok	
	"	18	3	ok	
	SW	19	3	ok	
	NW	20	6	ok	
	SE	21	3	ok	
	"	22	3	ok	
	"	23	4	ok	p IN MEMORY OF G G LEWIS WHO LOVED IT HERE 2015.
Field 5 - 2	N	24	3	ok	
	N	25	3	ok	
Paths	18				
Greenhill Way		26	6	ok	
Broad Walk		27	3	ok	
"		28	3	ok	
"		29	3	Now missing	
Beech Grove		30	3	ok	
Avis Grove		31	3	ok	
"		32	4	ok	p DONATED IN 2015 BY FSW p Dedicated to Janet Bickerstaff
"		33	3	ok	Repaired by FSW
Courtwood Grove		34	4	ok	p DONATED IN 2015 BY FSW
Leafy Grove		35	4	ok	p DONATED IN 2015 BY FSW
Middle Gorse		36	6	ok	
"		37	3	ok	
East Gorse		38	2	old half-log	New legs fitted by FSW but needs checking.
The Wend		39	4	ok	(c dedicated to ROB SOWTER, A TRUE WOODSMAN (p DONATED IN 2015 BY FSW.
Smith Grove		40	3	ok	
Linden Glade		41	7	ok	
"		42	7	ok	Repaired by FSW
Farleigh Border		43	6	ok	

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 fulfils 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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