

Further Work on the Muddy Puddles – There has been further work on the paths this month by our Workdays team and by Tony Flecchia. Tony has registered his vehicle for access with the Council and has been up on many occasions to distribute the gravel to various sites around the wood and to lay some of it. He has particularly addressed the problem of Linden Glade, where the damp and mud has been steadily worsening over the past few years, by creating paths of gravel and woodchip around the edges of the triangular plot so that it can be walked cleanly in all directions. Many thanks to Tony for all his work on this.

We have now purchased an extra 3 pallets of gravel from Spring Lane Builders Merchants, and they are currently at the top of the car park field awaiting distribution to various planned locations. Thanks again to Paul Winters, Woodside Timber and Spring Lane Builders Merchants for all their support with this project. A full report with more photographs can be found on the Projects page of the website.



Winter Work by the Council – Recently Council Contractors have been working in the wood to improve the biodiversity. Organisations such as the RSPB and Plantlife have identified that under-management is the major threat to woodland plant life and other wildlife that depends upon a rich woodland flora. This year the Council will be widening the paths in The Wend and Leafy Grove/West Gorse to let in more sunlight and link areas where regular work is carried out. These works, together with annual coppicing, aim to address the threat of under-management by creating short term open space. Whilst works are being undertaken some paths may be temporarily shut and there will be tractor movement so please follow any safety notices or diversions. Please contact the Trees and Woodlands team for further information on 020 8726 6000 ex. 62387.



Our Autumn Leaves Walk – Rainy weather led to the cancellation of this walk but we contacted FSW members to let them know that we would go at the same time on the following day if there was any demand. Four people turned up for the walk - with two dogs (plus 4 members of the FSW committee) and we walked around the planned route looking at some of the more striking trees such as the Spindle in Field 3 laden with berries and the striking silvery leaves of the White Poplar in David's Crook. A few interesting fungi were also seen including Hen of the Woods in West Gorse shown here.

Our Own Detectorist – Last month we reported that a young man was doing some metal detecting in the wood. This month he found a 1936 bullet shell. He did some research on its provenance and found out it that it was made in a factory where his great nan worked. We are looking forward to hearing more about treasures as he finds them. We have an item about this find on the Sightings page of the website. Check that page regularly for recent sightings (including of deer and our famous white squirrel) and do please let us know of anything you see.



The FSW Calendar 2017 is now available for a donation of £5 - Phone 020-8657 0423 or e-mail selsdonwood@gmail.com

See this month's Spotters' Guide for a preview of some of the beautiful photographs included in the calendar - all taken in Selsdon Wood.

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February

The Three Woodsmen by Andy Hart



March

The Albina Squirrel by Mark Shoesmith



April

Goldcrest by Tony Flecchia



June

Great Field by Drone by Jack Webber



July

Two Tortoiseshells by Sheila Woolcock



August

Flying Visit by Peter Underwood



September

Fox Family by John Zareba

