

Get your entries in for the 2020 Photo Competition! – As a glance at the FSW Facebook page shows, many people are taking their exercise in our woods and taking photos of what they see. Do please send your favourite photos in for our annual photo competition.

Each entrant may submit up to 6 photographs taken in Selsdon Wood between 20th August 2019 and 19th August 2020. Hopefully, the winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day on 6th September. If the event is cancelled due to the pandemic we will set up an online voting system. Please submit your photographs to our competition organiser, Steve Budd, either in electronic format by email to danceswithwolfezs@gmail.com or via the FSW Facebook page. Please send full sized images (not reduced edits) and for each photo supply a title, date and the area of the wood in which it was taken (if known). We also need your full name and contact details.

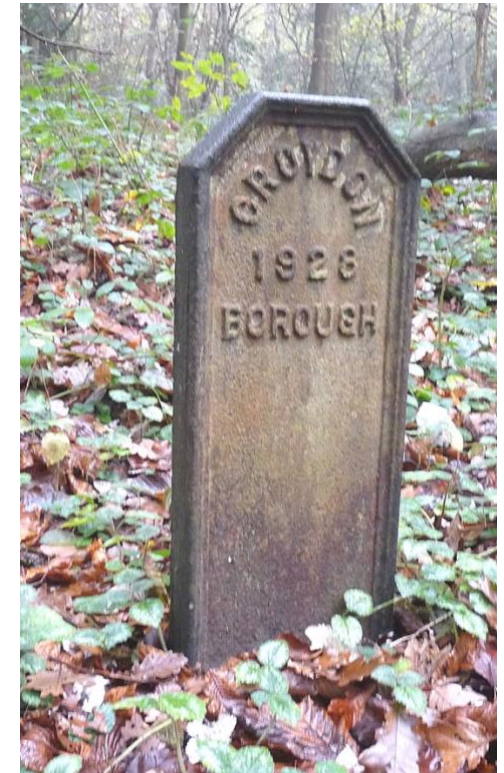
Boundary Marker – This boundary marker - which reads 'Croydon Borough 1928' can still be seen in the wood. It is just off Courtwood Grove, NW of the path, in the boundary ditch that originally marked the boundary between the Archbishop of Canterbury's Addington estate and Croydon. This broadly follows the current Addington Border path. On the Croydon website it is noted that Croydon "... was enlarged by taking in the parish of Addington in 1928" - [see here](#) - this is presumably the significance of the date on the markers which denote the new Croydon boundary. Two similar markers are to be found in Littleheath Wood and we would love to know of the whereabouts of others. Do please get in touch if you know of any. One visitor to the woods recalled 'beating the bounds' as a choirboy 50+ years ago. We would be very interested to hear more about this.



















Walking in Selsdon Wood – All of our scheduled walks and workdays are cancelled until further notice but for those walking unaccompanied, the Friends have produced a Guide to the Red and Green Walking Routes through Selsdon Wood. These are marked by wooden posts and start at the car park. The guide may be [downloaded from here](#). Alternatively you can access a version of the guides to the Green and Red Routes on your smartphone using the QR codes attached to the numbered wooden posts. These QR guides can also be found using the links below [Green Route QR](#) and [Red Route QR](#).

Identifying Trees – An interesting diversion during this time, when so many children are off school and parents off work, is learning to identify the trees, shrubs and flowers to be found in our wood. With the May Newsletter we supplied an identification chart for 19 early summer flowers and this month we have a guide to identifying trees by their leaves that we first published last June. We have a total of 41 different species of tree in the wood. The guide covers only 18 of these, as evergreens and those with hard to identify, oval leaves are excluded. There is much more about our trees on the Trees page of the website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/trees-and-shrubs.php> where there is a full listing and a downloadable spotters guide for each species.

Identifying Flowers – The number of summer flowers in our wood is far too great for a simple one-page guide. We have thus produced a series of guides each focussed on a single colour. These are available to download from the Flowers page of the website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/wildflowers.php> .

We love to record first sightings each year so If you see any of them do let us know (with a photo if possible) via the FB page or direct to me at govierh@gmail.com . They will then be shown on the Sightings page of our website <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/sightings.php>. Here there are also listings of animal species seen in the wood and we would also love to hear of any you can add to the list (with photos if possible)



<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Trees</p> <p>Now that all the trees are in full leaf here is a guide to identifying some of the most recognisable - shown in alphabetical order. Evergreens and trees with hard to identify oval leaves are excluded. 50p piece shows scale.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ash</p>  <p>Leaves formed of 4 - 7 pairs of leaflets with a terminal single,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Birch (Silver)</p>  <p>Leaf small and triangular/ heart shaped with toothed edges</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sweet Chestnut</p>  <p>Leaves are large and glossy, oval in shape and deeply toothed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elder</p>  <p>Dusky green compound leaf - 5, 7 or 9 oval leaflets with toothed edges</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Elm</p>  <p>Leaves asymmetrical with 3 lobes at the tip on some - no stalk and ribbed under surface</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Field Maple</p>  <p>Leaf (on top) similar to Sycamore (beneath) but smaller and more deeply cut</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hawthorn</p>  <p>Common H (left) has deeply lobed leaf - Midland H (right) similar in outline but with very shallow lobes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Horse Chestnut</p>  <p>Large leaves are palmate (broken up into 'fingers') with 7 leaflets with toothed edges.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lime</p>  <p>Leaf toothed and heart shaped with one lobe larger - we have large & small leaved varieties</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Oak - English</p>  <p>Very distinctive leaf shape with wavy edges</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oak - Turkey</p>  <p>Leaves more jagged than those of English Oak</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Poplar (White)</p>  <p>New leaves are shiny above with white felt on the underside - green fades until tree appears silver</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rowan</p>  <p>Compound leaf divided into 11-15 leaflets with toothed edges</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sycamore</p>  <p>Leaf is large and distinctive with five toothed lobes and a pink stem.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wayfaring Tree</p>  <p>Large paired leaves round or heart shaped - dusty green above and whiter beneath</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Whitebeam</p>  <p>Leaves oval but with distinctive white underside</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wild Service</p>  <p>Leaves are distinctive in shape - closer to Maple than any other English tree</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Willow</p>  <p>Leaves oval but hairy on both sides with a distinctive downy feel and borne on downy red stems</p>	<p>A detailed Tree Spotter's Guide for each of the 41 species of tree in Selsdon Wood is available in the form of downloadable pdfs from the Trees and Shrubs page of the FSW website.</p>