



**Why trees are felled in Selsdon Wood** - Visitors sometimes query why trees are felled in Selsdon Wood.

Selsdon Wood is classified as Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW) and must be managed to maintain a wide range of flora & fauna. Trees will form a dense canopy that cuts out light, which prevents other plants and wildlife thriving. Bio-diversity can only be maintained by a programme which includes felling some trees. As part of this, a programme of coppicing also maintains an ancient tradition.

The woodland is managed by Croydon Council's Trees and Woodlands Officers. They follow a set management plan which ensures the wood's sustainability. Like all Croydon's woodlands, the management of Selsdon Wood is approved by the Forestry Commission, and is carried out under their grants and with a felling licence.

Whenever possible, felled timber is sold to help offset the considerable costs incurred in managing the woodland.

The map shows the areas that will be affected this coming winter season. The rides coloured yellow will be opened up and green areas will be coppiced/thinned. For more details please contact the Trees and Woodlands Team - email: [treesandwoodlands@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:treesandwoodlands@croydon.gov.uk) postal address: Trees and Woodlands Team, Croydon Council, Place Department, 1st Floor Public Realm Office, Stubbs Mead Depot, Factory Lane, Croydon CR0 3RL

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**The FSW Calendar 2020 is now available for a donation of £5** - Phone 020-8651 1037 or 07971 580528 e-mail [selsdonwood@gmail.com](mailto:selsdonwood@gmail.com) - See below for a preview of some of the beautiful photographs included in next year's calendar.

**FSW October Workday** – Ted Forsyth and the workdays team have now begun their bi-monthly winter workdays programme. With the agreement of the Council we maintain our own area of coppice at the top of Langford's Way. After the cancellation of the previous two workdays due to bad weather, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October proved fair so the workday went ahead. We cleared an area of bramble and other low vegetation then began cutting just inside and parallel to the fence. As the material was cut others removed it and stacked it for later burning or to provide stakes to support the replanting. We have already started a collection of stakes. Next weekend, weather permitting, we will burn the unwanted material. We would welcome extra help for a couple of hours.

**This Month's Walk – Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1pm** – As last month's Fungus Hunt was cancelled due to illness our November walk will focus on both fungi and autumnal trees. There are plenty of fungi around and on the workday while walking up Langford's Way to reach the coppice area we saw Candlesnuff, Turkeytail, Sulphur Tuft, Buttercup and several other fungi species. More have been seen in the intervening week and these are shown on the Sightings page of the website. This is our last guided walk of the year and we look forward to seeing you there.

# FSW Calendar 2020

Cover Photo - Snowy Face by Neale Fox



**March**

Song Thrush in Leafy Grove by John Zareba



**May**

Jet in the Bluebells by Lee Butcher



**June**

Peacock Butterfly by Tony Flecchia



**July**

Meadow Flight by Philip Murray-Pearce



**August**

Bluetit by Steven Budd



**October**

Bird Pool in Autumn by David Pinkney



**December**

Great Hill in the Snow by Steven Budd

