



**Good News - New Poo Bins** – Tired of finding dog poo bags hanging on trees or thrown into bushes the FSW started a campaign in the spring of 2019 to persuade the Council to install more poo bins. This was supported by many users of the wood who lobbied the local Councillors. They were persuaded and the Council agreed to install new bins at 4 key sites - the gates at Yew Tree Way, Cascades, and Vincent Avenue and also at the exit from the car park field on Vale Border. We fervently hope that this will help stop the inappropriate disposal of bags and help to clean up our wood. [Photo shows the bin at Yew Tree way being put to use!!](#)



## FSW Fantastic Foxes



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## More Good News - Litter

**Collection** – We have been getting messages from many of the FSW to tell me about the superb work they are doing in collecting litter from our wood on their regular walks. We have decided to collate this into an archive on the website to give credit and acknowledgement to these star litter picking champions - see <http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/litter-picking.php> . If you collect litter in our wood do please let me know and I will be delighted to add your work to the archive and to send you a copy of our Fantastic Foxes Litter Picker badge

## FSW Open Day 8th September

– Open Day 2019 was a combined event with the SRA Community Picnic Lunch and Fun and Games afternoon. The weather was kind to us and we had a good turnout. For the first time we had musical entertainment from the Soul Symphony Choir. Both the walk led by Ted and the Story Time were well attended. The Scouts provided a useful seating area, refreshments and some action games. The Rotary Club of Sanderstead and South Croydon (including Selsdon) helped the SRA by organising some silly races (sack races, wheelbarrow races and tomato and spoon races etc) for all age groups. Many of our regular stall holders attended - the Woodturners, Friends of Littleheath Woods, a local potter, RSPB, Girl Guides, Friends of the Earth, Croydon Beekeepers, Greenvale PTA and there was a sand paint stall as well as, of course, our own Tombola and White Elephant stall. We also welcomed a new stall - the RNLI. We hope to have more newcomers next year but need your help in publicising the availability of stall pitches. The event date for 2020 has yet to be decided but will be either 6th or 13th September. Many of the stall holders and visitors said they thought it was one of the best Open Days of the 13 we have held so we hope to keep up to that standard next year!

## Extra Bat Walk - Friday 13th September 2019

- 23 people attended on a fine clear evening. Neale and Karen led a group to Leafy Grove while Ruth and Steve set up camp near the entrance to Greenhill Way and distributed a handout, with some broad information about Selsdon's bats, joining the Friends and what to do if you find a grounded bat. Common Pipistrelles, a Leisler and a Myotis bat were detected.

## Meeting with LB Croydon 23rd September

– A meeting was arranged with a number of representatives of Croydon Council to discuss the work of the FSW and establish ways of ensuring closer cooperation between us. This was attended by 6 members of FSW and 5 Council representatives. Issues under discussion were: the FSW coppicing work; the repair of the Linden Glade pool; benches and seats in the wood; path cutting in fields and woodland areas; and maintenance of, and access to, the toilet block. It was agreed that FSW and LBC should continue to meet and work together to conserve the wood.

## The FSW Calendar 2020 is now available for a donation of £5

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**The Fungus Hunt planned for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled due to illness. Our next walk is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 1pm and will look at Fungi and Autumnal Trees.**

**2019 Photo Competition!** – This year there were 13 entrants who submitted over 80 photographs. From these, a shortlist of 43 were selected and printed for display at Open Day when the public were invited to participate in a secret ballot to select the winners. Over 50 visitors voted and the winners were:

**First Prize £50 - Deer by Ian Schofield**

**Second Prize £20 - Bullet Drop by Steve Budd**

**Third Prize £10 - Inquisitive Robin by Tony Flecchia**

All the winners donated their prize money to FSW - sincere thanks to them all! We are planning to use it to buy a trail camera to take night time photos of wildlife in the wood.

The 3 winning photos are shown below and all the winning and shortlisted photos are shown on the Photo Competition page of the website.

<http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/photo-competition.php>

