

**Treasurer's Report: Financial Year 01.01.25 to 31.12.25**

Friends of Selsdon Wood (FSW) ended 2025 with a credit balance of £5,608.82 (2024 £5,784.72).

**INCOME**

The bulk of the income in 2025 arose from Membership Fees & Donations, Further income is raised through Just Giving and Easy Fundraising donations . For further details, see End of Year Accounts and information attached. Income for the year was £4,111 which was £450 down on the previous year, mainly due to less money received through Just Giving

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Members/Households:** 130 members had either joined or renewed membership during 2025

**Chair status:** 11 members/households - This is a convenient classification for generous members, who make donations from time to time. ( in 2025 5 chair members made donations)

**Honorary members:** 18 members/households - who have or are giving service to or are useful contacts, for FSW. They never pay subs but some may donate.

**2026 CALENDARS**

For the fourteenth year FSW has produced a Calendar, the Calendars were taken by local people for a minimum donation of £5, we had 70 calendars printed at a cost of £357.32 unfortunately not all were sold this time. The committee are currently looking at whether it will be viable to produce them going forward as people don't seem to want calendars now as they use their smartphones to log appointments etc.

**WOOD CARVINGS**

The previous wood carvings have continued to be enjoyed by the local community and we commissioned 2 further sculptures – a badger and a carved seat this time by Lorcan which are v popular.

**EXPENDITURE**

The group spent £197.80 on tools and equipment in 2025 – (chainsaw, bin for bird food and a set of keys) £595 was spent on plants etc. for the Butterfly Bank, Linton Glade pool, and elsewhere in the woods to improve plant diversity, and £529 on bird food etc. for the bird feeding station. The main area of expenditure was the wood carvings project where £1.500 was spent on the new carvings by Lorcan O'Byrne

Other notable expenditure related to the Public Liability and Tools Insurance cover (£269.94 – which was the same premium as the last 2 years).

**OVERVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>Opening Balance</b> Jan 2025	£5,784.72
<b>Total income</b> Jan-Dec 2025	£4,110.63
<b>Total expenditure</b> Jan-Dec 2025	£4,268.53
<b>Bank Balance</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2025	<b><u>£5,626.82</u></b>

**PLANS FOR 2026**

FSW needs to maintain sufficient funds to cover essentials such as insurance cover, health and safety supplies, etc. While being mindful of this, FSW's Committee is developing a plan to ensure the available funds are used in Selsdon Wood to the benefit of its flora and fauna, and to enhance the enjoyment of the many people who support and visit it. The Muddy Paths project will be ongoing, to try to make it better for people to walk in the wood during the wet weather when the paths become muddy. The committee are currently planning to renew the notice board, which will be quite expensive.

FSW is grateful once again to Alan Williams for scrutinising the annual accounts on which this report is based.

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