## Friends of Selsdon Wood Janua

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## Newsletter

Litter Picking Champions – We have been getting messages from a

number of FSW members and regular dog walkers to tell us about the superb work they are doing in collecting litter from our wood on their regular walks and depositing it in the car park waste bins where it belongs. We have decided to collate this into an archive on the website to give credit and acknowledgement to these star litter picking champions. They are making a difference but we could do with more help. If you collect litter in our wood do please let us know via the website or email and we will be delighted to add your work to the archive and to send you a copy of our Fantastic Foxes Litter Picker badge.

The worst littering tends to occur in the summer picnic season but items such as sweet wrappers, cigarette packets and, worst of all, bags of dog poo get deposited in our lovely woods all year round. Do please add your shoulders to the wheel in our efforts to clean this up.

**Can You Help?** – We maintain full species lists for our wood showing all the wild flowers, fungi, and butterflies seen in the wood with dates of first sightings for each year. Two of the people who have collected data in previous years are now unwell and thus unable to undertake regular walks. If you walk in the wood regularly and would be willing to keep an eye out for these seasonal changes we would very much welcome your input. Please take a look at the species lists on the website in the appropriate categories and get in touch to let us know of all first sightings in 2020.

**FSW Facebook Group** - Do join the FSW Facebook Group to keep in touch with things happening in our wood and in the surrounding area. There are posts and photos of lost and found items, sightings of flowers, fungi etc and reports of tree falls and other happenings. Last month someone posted this lovely collection of late autumn leaves.



Your Membership Subscription is now due for renewal - Our Membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st and it would be very helpful to us if you could pay your 2020 subs as soon as possible. Of course, this does not apply to those of you who have standing orders and we thank you for past and future payments as these certainly make our life much easier. If you currently pay annually, please do consider a taking out standing order.

## There are just a few remaining copies of the FSW Calendar 2020 - now available for a donation of £5 -

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Page 2 of our Newsletter this month is a map of Selsdon Wood which we hope will encourage you to walk in our wood this year.

