

Friends of Selsdon Wood Newsletter

July 2023

Easyfundraising

- Friends of Selsdon Wood now has an Easyfundraising account. You can access it to register via their website

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-selsdon-wood?utm_source=adminact22sharebox or via their app. You can then opt to get an automatic reminder popping up from Easyfundraising on your PC or mobile device whenever you order something online sold by a participating company. Many retailers, insurance and travel companies etc are listed so there's a good chance you are using one of them. FSW then receives a small percentage of your total spend via Easyfundraising once the purchase has been confirmed i.e. when they are sure you are not over-ordering and sending unwanted items back! The individual donations might seem to be small but please do not be put off by this; my experience with the Selsdon Christmas Lights is that the SRA has received over £300 in a little over a year using this way to get donations – which cost you nothing! Please give it a try as it is an easy way to boost our funds for the Linden Glade renovation. There will be regular updates and reminders on FB etc as Easyfundraising often make a special offer e.g. to start us off they are matching our first donations for the first week or so.

Please Send in Your Entries for the Photo Competition - Closing date 20th August

- Sadly, the 2022 Photo Competition had to be cancelled. After a bumper entry in 2021, with a total of 26 people sending in their photos, hardly anyone submitted an entry in 2022. By the closing date of 20th August we had just 5 entrants despite advertising on the FSW website, in the FSW Facebook group and on posters. This was really not enough to give an interesting selection to choose from so we cancelled the competition for the year. However, we have great hopes for this year when there will be a 2 year period for eligibility (20th August 2021 - 19th August 2023) so photos from last year will be acceptable.

As usual the winners will be chosen by a secret ballot of the visitors to the FSW Open Day in September. Winners will receive cash prizes of **£50 first, £20 second and £10 third**. Please submit your photographs to our competition organiser, Heather Govier, in electronic format by email to govierh@gmail.com or via the FSW Facebook page. Please send full sized images (not reduced edits). Alternatively, you could submit prints to Heather Govier, 219 Oswald, Courtwood Lane, Croydon. CR0 9HG. Include the entry form (available from the website) or the following information: your name, address, email address and phone number and for each photo: - a title and details of where and when taken and with what camera. (By entering the competition, you agree that your photographs may be used and displayed by the FSW.)

FSW Open day & SRA Selsdon Community Picnic – Sunday 3rd September from mid-day















– Be sure to mark the date in your diary. We are collecting prizes for the tombola so please let us have any unwanted gifts or other suitable items. If you have anything to donate, please let us know asap by text or email to the contact details below. We have limited storage space so please hang on to the actual items until nearer the time. Also, we have room this year for anyone who would like to sell goods from their own gazebo or just from a table. Book a pitch through the FSW email or 07979 00 2547 - no direct charge is made for the site, we simply ask for a donation as the sellers see fit. We are always short of tables so if you have a folding table you could loan, or an unwanted one you could donate, do please let us know. Help for the Friends on the day - setting up, on the stall or clearing up afterwards - would also be greatly appreciated. If you prefer a seated job rather than standing behind a stall table, could you perhaps help with logging any subs paid?

Work Session – Sunday 4th June

– We began by exposing the Vale Border board buried in the hedge by the car park then walked along Vale Border, clearing vegetation from around benches as we went. Near Kingfisher Gate we removed the limbo bar formed by a fallen tree then put up one of Jim's bird boxes. Colin and David returned to Field 3 with the trolley and cleared more vegetation while on their way to Linden Glade. The other four members of the group followed Beech Grove, pausing at Broad Walk to replace the guidepost, and eventually joined the others in Linden Glade. As usual one of the benches had vanished under mixed vegetation so we rescued that before erecting Jim's Robin nest box. A few tree branches were lopped off and spare drinking water was added to the basin on top of the cairn.

This Month's Walk - 8th July @ 11am – Butterflies with FSW

– On our walk we hope to see some of the species of butterflies shown overleaf and all the summer flowers that they visit. Do join us for this much-loved regular event.

<p style="text-align: center;">Butterflies</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Butterflies to be seen in field areas of Selsdon Wood in the Summer Time</p> <p>All photographs taken in Selsdon Wood.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Small Blue</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Our new visitor to the Butterfly Bank.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Small Blue (underside)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Great to see this rare & endangered species in our wood.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">White Admiral</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Uncommon with dramatic black and white colouring.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">White Admiral (underside)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">The underside of this butterfly has much more colour.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Small Tortoiseshell</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Once a common butterfly but now in decline. Spotted on the BB on 8th June last year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Caterpillar of Small Tortoiseshell</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Less colourful but also distinctive and found on nettles.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ringlet</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Small brown butterfly with rings on the wings. Found in fields.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ringlet (underside)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">The ring markings are even clearer on the underside</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Large Skipper</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">A small butterfly in spite of the name.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Small Copper</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Here seen on Marjoram in David's Crook</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Common Blue (male)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">The female is brown.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Comma</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Widespread in field areas.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Caterpillar of Comma</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Spectacular and distinctive on nettle food plant.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Silver Washed Fritillary</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Here seen on Buddleia - a plant very attractive to many butterflies.</p>