

Friends of Sanderstead Library – Situation Report

One of the great things about living in Sanderstead is the trees. In a suburban area trees provide relief to the landscape and natural shade in hot weather not to mention an alternative to lampposts for dogs. However as in life in general, all good things have a down side and in the case of trees – leaves.

Sanderstead library grounds is blessed with two magnificent trees, a Beech tree which is nearly 100 years old and is protected and an unusual Cigar Tree- but they shed their leaves. The other great benefit of the library is the surrounding ground which, with a recently donated picnic bench, is a haven of open space in an erstwhile built up area.

To ensure this grassy area is maintained the leaves have to be removed, else the grass will not flourish and be available in summer.



So this is what two Fiends achieved in two hours – 37 bags for Croydon Council to collect. Just think what six friends could have achieved in the same time.

The leaves we didn't have time for -



The leaf rake also 'revealed' all the hidden crocuses under the beech tree which will now be a burst of colour for all to enjoy.

FOSL has advertised maintenance days but support has not been encouraging. So if you are able and willing to help, would you please e-mail Richard, tfosl@sanderstead-residents.co.uk, and let us know the days of the week you could be available, please – not specific dates yet just the days you could make. This will allow us to arrange a day or days suitable for most people so that we can keep our library and its grounds looking good.

Stop Press – the library gained a nomination for the GreenThumb 'Share the Lawn Love' campaign which has been successful. The library's lawn will now get some free lawn treatments.