**Craddingdon Circular, Saturday 16th November 2019**

26 walkers, 18.2 miles – leader Gavin Fuller. Mud rating 9/10

The leader got quite a surprise to discover just how many people had convened at East Croydon station for a circular exploration of the area to its south-east. The walk took in 10 woods, 3 parks, a nature reserve and a Site of Special Interest, as well as passing an unsolved crime scene of 90 years previous, a water tower which could hold a million pints pf beer and a memorial tree to the inventor of the teleprinter. The rain of the previous week had a noticeable effect on the paths, which were considerably muddier than on the leader's recce a week earlier, but despite this, some interesting ups and downs and a footpath the locals clearly don't people to walk all got around safely on a walk showing this area at its autumnal best.

Photographs by Gavin Fuller and Ian Watson; more by Ian and Stephen Lannon on the group Facebook site.