

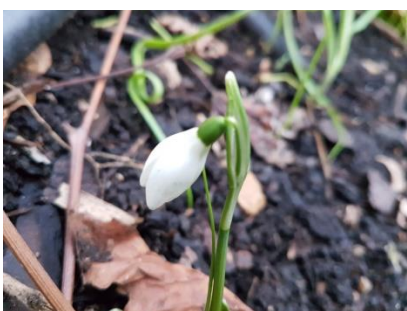
# View from The Southwood Garden January 2018



Inhale deeply as you stroll in the garden this month and you will be rewarded with the wonderful honeyed scents of Sweet Winter Box or *Sarcococca confusa*. Its creamy-white flowers are anything but attention seekers, tucked as they are between the axils of the leaves, but their scent packs a punch.



The head and torso on the right is by Alfred Hardiman, the sculptor who created our garden's Peace statue and also the cherubs and dolphins playing in the fountain. It is currently on display in the Sackler Wing of the Royal Academy as part of a small (and free) exhibition called 'Richard Deacon RA Selects.'



Our first snowdrop was out by 4<sup>th</sup> January.



These look like Velvet Shank mushrooms growing out of one of our wood stacks. The dead branches are covered with soil and then has had leaves heaped over them to create that damp, warm environment that fungus like. **WARNING: it is notoriously difficult to confirm a fungi's identity. Don't pick or eat!**



I've been putting our coffee grinds and tea bag waste in the middle of the compost bins. Having done a bit of research it seems they are better used a compost accelerant than adding them directly to the soil. I noticed a family of woodlice have set up home in their midst. Although woodlice look like insects, they are crustaceans and related to crabs and lobsters.



Join us in the garden on **Sunday 28 January, 9.45 - 10.45 am** and take part in The World's Largest Wildlife Survey!

