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Cllr Maria Gatland
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Dear

Maria

I am writing to congratulate you and all the fantastic volunteers who make up the Friends of Croham Hurst Woods, on winning The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2014.

From that promise back in 2002, that should you be elected to Croydon Council, you would set up a Friends Group to give a local voice to and input into the care of the very beautiful ancient woodland of Croham Hurst, such wonderful work has been achieved.

The range of projects which the Friends have been involved in - from the removal of large amounts of invasive holly, the clearing of thirty years' worth of scrub from the Upper Selsdon Road bank, to the recreation of the meadow - is wide and the whole hearted commitment shown by all involved has clearly been outstanding.

I know too that you have future projects in mind, such as restoring the view from the top of the Hurst, and that your work to regenerate this much loved Site of Special Scientific Interest, will go from strength to strength.

I am thrilled to bits that you have won this Award; it is richly deserved and I wish you a most successful AGM on 12th November, when the Award will formally be presented by a representative of Her Majesty, The Queen.

Yours sincerely,

Richard