



Moseley in Bloom- January 2022

the blooming news

Welcome to the January edition of our newsletter and Happy New Year! As we enter 2022 we look forward to what this new year will bring. The more volunteers we have the more we can do so if you think you can offer us any of your time then please do get in touch. We would also love to hear about your garden and any horticultural projects you are involved with so please send items of news, photos and any information about any forthcoming events by email to doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you, Kerry Jenkins and Carol Miller (Editors).



Introducing our Chair...

Over the next few issues we plan to introduce the members of Moseley in Bloom's committee and Trustees of the charity. We start with our Chair, Amy Maclean who joined MiB as Chair in 2019, after many years of being an enthusiastic garden opener for MiB Open Gardens. Having studied in the USA with degrees in Finance and Education, she brings a unique blend of commercial and health management and education experience to the charity. Her early career in Chicago was in change management and training for large systems implementation programmes. After moving to the UK in 2000, Amy became an antenatal teacher with NCT, founded a birthing pool company and joined the NHS in 2014 as a lead for patient

experience and engagement. Although Amy's interest in gardening is more limited to enjoying, rather than 'doing' gardens, she is committed to bringing gardening to young people in schools and continuing to enable more Moseleyites to enjoy our Open Gardens and other beautification projects undertaken year-round.

Well done Izzy!

Congratulations to MiB Committee Member Izzy Knowles who has been awarded a British Empire Medal for her 'services to the Moseley community, particularly during Covid 19'. Formerly a Neighbourhood Police Sergeant with 30 years service with West Midlands Police, Izzy then worked as an outreach worker and volunteer organiser at SIFA Fireside, in Birmingham. She has devoted much of her time to the local Moseley community over the past nine years including supporting Moseley in Bloom. Chair of MiB Amy Maclean says, 'we are so pleased for Izzy and her well-deserved honour. She has been a tireless campaigner for better living in Moseley through improvement projects, always supporting and bringing people along with her. Well done Izzy'.



Roundabout makeover

Early on a December morning, even before the dawn chorus, the Christmas elves, aka Arthur, Tony and Marcin, from BCC's Parks and Nurseries did their duty to Moseley and tidied up our Exotic Roundabout. How spick and span it looks now with a shiny and clean signpost showing us the way up Salisbury Road. We particularly like the picture of Tony wearing his headtorch and wielding a squeegee mop on our Moseley signpost. We should also note that MiB member, Jenny Brewer was up before dawn to take photographs of the horticultural activities. Sending big thanks to all involved!



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Mobile Household Recycling Centres or MHRCS!

Last year the City Council launched a new initiative to help improve recycling and waste management in Birmingham with MHRCS that visit for half a day in a nominated street and take away unwanted items. The crew will sort out things that can be repaired or recycled and it's a great resource if you don't have a load big enough to go to the tip but can put a few things in the car. Currently visiting Moseley on a monthly basis, information about when the MHRCS will be coming to a street near you is available from Cllr Kerry Jenkins and Cllr Martin Straker Welds and look out for details on social media.



Plastic Free Moseley and Kings Heath

In December we reported on our links with the Plastic Free M&KH group and we are delighted to note that they were the winners in a vote organised by LoveBrum, the charity that supports 'hidden gem' projects across Birmingham. The group will receive funding to set up a coffee cup deposit return scheme in our area.

Free to good home...

Jean Gilkison is looking to rehome three golden raspberry plants. They're healthy but were in too shady a spot in the garden to live up to their full potential. Golden raspberries taste like red raspberries despite their goldish colour. They are pretty and not something you find in shops. If interested then email jean.gilkison@gmail.com for more info.

Christmas at the planters

Whatever you think about the planters, they make a great meeting place and just before Christmas the ones on School Road provided a venue for neighbours to gather to sing carols and take refreshments together in the Christmas spirit. It was particularly good to see some new residents there who could be introduced to their neighbours and welcomed to the area.



A greener, cleaner, safer Moseley

The Greener, Cleaner Safer Environmental Group (GCSE) was re-launched last year by our Moseley Councillors and holds regular meetings (currently online.) The purpose of the GCSE is to encourage a more joined-up and informed approach between council services and community groups and is chaired by Cllr Martin Straker-Welds. The meetings are attended by Council officers, residents and representatives from community groups and MiB is pleased to be represented on the group by Carol Miller. Meetings provide an opportunity to learn about and raise concerns on waste management, street cleanliness and local environmental matters affecting Moseley. If you have queries or complaints about GCSE matters, please contact the Chair: martin.straker.welds@birmingham.gov.uk who can raise directly with officers.



We have a new indoor plant shop opened in Moseley. The Jungle Shop Birmingham is open 9-6 Mon to Sat!



Great news to hear that Clean Kilo, a zero waste shop is re-locating to Moseley in the next few weeks.