



Moseley in Bloom- September 2022

the blooming news

Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter. We hope you enjoyed your garden over the glorious weather we had in the summer and with the year going by so quickly soon time to prepare for Autumn. As always, we would also love to hear about your garden and any 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).



Kerry Jenkins

Introducing another member of our team...

Kerry became a local government councillor for Moseley in May 2018 and has been involved with MiB ever since, volunteering at our Open Gardens, as a member of our Committee and also as Trustee. Kerry also helps to look after our social media, is the council liaison for the beautiful floral displays in the village centre and is co-editor of this newsletter. Kerry grew up in Moseley and many members of her family also live here. and her Mom was one of our new garden openers this year. Kerry loves gardening and amongst her favourite plants are Hydrangeas, Agapanthus, Allium and Verbena. She also has a small collection of indoor orchards that she has managed to keep in flower for the whole summer. Other indoor plants have not been so lucky.

Moseley in Bloom Business Awards

Some of the businesses in Moseley had a surprise on a Monday in August when they were visited by Amy Maclean, Chair of Moseley in Bloom and by journalist, broadcaster and academic, Marverine Cole, who dropped by to present awards. It's a few years since we made these awards and we have now decided to re-introduce them and encourage the businesses to help to brighten up our environment in a sustainable way. Earlier in the month, anonymous judges went around the village looking at businesses with reference to the following criteria:

- Floral or Planting displays: attractiveness of design, colours, balance of annuals and perennials. Condition of plants, taking account of time of year, weather conditions
- Cleanliness and tidiness of premises. Good standard of maintenance
- Overall 'kerb appeal'

See the winners on the next page



Remembering John Rouse

Members of Moseley in Bloom were greatly saddened recently to hear that John Rouse had passed away. John joined the committee of Moseley in Bloom in 2007 and soon became fully immersed in all the activities, bringing many skills that contributed to our successes. He was always there with a firm and expert guiding hand on our judging days with Heart of England in Bloom, offering many helpful comments from his wide experience of living in Moseley. In this respect he contributed to us winning eight gold medals between 2008 and 2015. When Moseley in Bloom became a charity in 2011, John was one of the first Trustees. With great verve and energy he soon took on the organisation of the Open Gardens weekend which quickly became a staple of the Moseley events calendar. He was always at our annual Awards event, offering encouragement and support to both our guests and winners each year. We will remember John as a true Moseley man with a great love of gardens and plants who will be sadly missed and we send our thoughts to Janis and all of his family.



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Schools Project

MiB congratulates the recipients of this year's schools' Gardening Grants and looks forward to working with them as their projects develop.' Our independent judges met to review this year's applications. Five schools applied for our support and all succeeded in attracting the full £500. The judges were very impressed with the plans to develop exciting, innovative and sustainable projects that will over the year engage pupils, staff and parents.

Whealers Lane will transform a derelict space and plant it with perennial shrubs and spring bulbs. They will also build outdoor seating, bee hotels and bird boxes.

Billesley Primary have a long term project to create a community house and garden to change the use and purpose of the former caretaker's residence. The grant will be used to construct a greenhouse and involve students in its use. That greenhouse will serve well their longer term project.

Uffculme School pupils will be involved in creating year-round hanging baskets, with each class working in age and skill appropriate ways. The baskets will be maintained throughout the year and give colour to the whole of the school site.

Our Lady of Lourdes school has designed an innovative project - to create a 'dyers garden'. Pupils will be raising plants used to dye textiles and will adopt an inter-disciplinary approach within and outside the classroom to think about colour, textile and design development.

Moor Green Primary Academy have a long term plan to build a community garden using the neglected space of the old caretaker's house and garden. The grant this year will support a phase in that project - building raised beds.