



MOSELEY IN BLOOM / JUNE 2023

# the blooming news



Welcome to the Moseley in Bloom's Newsletter. Our gardens have loved the long hot spell sun but have been glad of the recent storm clouds bringing much needed rain! We are nearly ready for our Open Gardens event and are excited to say our programme is finalised. We cannot wait! In perfect timing, our floral displays have been installed and they look beautiful! They would not be possible without the monies raised through sponsorship and events and the great support of Cofton Nursery. Do let us know what you have planned for your garden and any other horticultural projects you hear about. You can send us news, photographs or information about events you hear about to [doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com](mailto:doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com) and don't forget to tag us at [@moseleyinbloom](#) in any of your social media. We look forward to hearing from you, Carol Miller and Kerry Jenkins, Joint Editors.

## Open Gardens 2023 - Sunday 25th June. It's time to buy your tickets!

They can be bought in advance at the Moseley Exchange, at our stall at the Moseley Farmers Market on Saturday 24 June or via our online shop - <https://moseley-in-bloom.sumupstore.com/category/open-gardens-tickets>. Tickets are £10 each and free for accompanied under-16s. Of course you can also buy on the day at one of five garden locations. Bring plenty of cash with you – a few of our selling points will have card-payment facilities, but not all. If you buy online, choose one of five gardens as your pick-up point and we'll have your Garden Guides and wrist-bands waiting for you so you can go straight on in to enjoy the gardens.

### Ticket points are at:

- The Coach House, Oakland Road, B13 9DN
- 13 Laburnum Grove (entrance via Woodbridge Road only), B13 8EL
- 14 Amesbury Road, B13 8LD
- 32 Cambridge Road, B13 9UD
- 31 Dyott Road, B13 9QZ

We have 18 lovely gardens open around Moseley, plus live music, refreshments and a free bespoke bus service to take you from garden to garden. This is our major fund-raising event that pays for all the floral displays around Moseley Village and allows us to give grants to local schools for gardening projects. You will not only participate in a vibrant day for our community, but also help to ensure we can have flowers again next year.

So please buy your tickets now!

More information can be found at <https://moseleyinbloom.org.uk/open-gardens-2023/>



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## Floral displays are up!

The hanging baskets and planters have once again been installed in Moseley Village. With the help of our friends at the Council Parks and Nurseries, this year we are trialling a mixture of perennial and annual plants in an effort to be more environmentally sustainable. At the end of the season we will retain the perennial plants for use next year or we may even make them available for people to buy. As usual, BCC staff have done a brilliant job and the funds raised by Moseley in Bloom have been used to pay for them.



## Trafalgar Road Plan Bee

Residents of Trafalgar Rd have been helping the environment by making their front gardens Bee-Friendly. Last year, they leafleted the road and side roads and identified 'barren' areas to utilise Starting small, they managed three places as an experiment by Admiral Place, Harrisons Pleck and one entrance to the pocket park. In the Autumn six fruit trees were planted in the park free-of-charge by Fruit and Nut Village in Balsall Heath. This year over 60 new plants have been put in, although some were lost through lack of rain. The plants are ones that multiply easily in gardens and through cuttings. Watering however, is a problem. More neighbours are needed to help and would be given a watering can! They would love others to join in. Please contact Jude - judegreenwood67@gmail.com if you can help. Step by step, these residents are changing the living environment and hopefully it will make a difference for the bees! Just imagine if every street in Moseley had its own PLAN BEE!!!

## No Mow May - how was it for you?

How was it for you? Some of us loved No Mow May and noticed the flowers and grasses that grew in the verges, providing extra food and protection for birds and insects. Not everyone did though and apparently Council gardeners received many complaints from Moseley residents about the lack of grass cutting. In my road, a well-meaning neighbour decided to mow several verges during May, cutting down the self-sown and resident-planted wild flowers that had begun to spring up. Perhaps we need a more public discussion and information on why No Mow May was introduced. What do you think?

We also learnt from our friends at Birmingham City Council Parks and Nurseries that hedge cutting is not permitted in the Summer. This is a legal requirement and Dave Connolly, responsible for the grass and hedges in Hall Green and Selly Oak, told us that DEFRA rules say we should not cut or trim hedges or trees between the dates of 1 March and 1 September without a derogation. You may only apply for a derogation if you plan to cut hedges before any new grass ley or oil seed rape is sown in the Autumn. So now you know!

## Saving the Map

Members of Moseley in Bloom and the Litterbusters were out on the Green on 28 May, greening up and cleaning up. We weeded round the railings and started to clean the map. However, all was not simple. Parts of the wooden frame have rotted and the map needs some renovation as well as a good clean up. We are looking for someone who might be able to help with this? We need a person with woodworking skills who can examine and then repair the damage. Please do get in touch if you can help as we want to prevent further deterioration of this lovely piece of art.

## Made in Moseley

The people in Moseley Park have been busy making compost from all the lovely vegetation that comes from the plants and trees. It has a lovely texture and is, of course, peat-free. You can buy it for just £3 a bag. To buy and arrange to collect, ring Ranger Richard on 07471675553. We are all assessing the results of peat-free compost at the moment and the park rangers would love to know how you find it. Please send us your comments and we will pass them on to our friends in Moseley Park.

## Date for your diary

We are planning another Pop-up Plant Sale for 30 July. Save the date and please save any spare plants to bring along. More information to come.



## Roundabout News

The exotic roundabout has had a beauty treatment! After Moseley in Bloom sadly had to give up its support for this special place, our good friends at BCC Parks and Nurseries have taken it under their green wings and cleared the weeds, restoring it to its former tidy state. Thank you!