



MOSELEY IN BLOOM / AUG 2023

the blooming news



Welcome to the Moseley in Bloom's Newsletter. Can you believe it is the middle of summer? It certainly feels like Autumn has come early but a bonus of the cooler weather and the rain is that our floral displays have thrived and look amazing! We hope you have managed to get out in the garden in between the showers and we are looking forward to welcoming back some sunshine. Do let us know what you have planned for your garden and any other horticultural projects you hear about. Send us news, photographs or information about events to come to doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you, Carol Miller and Kerry Jenkins, Joint Editors.

The Planter Fairy

Some time over the weekend of 29 July, magic happened at some of the planters in Moseley. Those situated outside the Exchange and by the Salisbury Road crossroads near the bicycle racks, were transformed from a rather sad, scruffy state to flourishing, blooming beauty! The planters have been replanted with new compost and bright perennials. We are incredibly grateful to a longstanding supporter of Moseley in Bloom, our very own planter fairy, for carrying out this wonderful act and hope that these planters will now continue to provide floral pleasure to anyone passing by. Thank you!



The Birmingham Allotment Project

If you can go into the city centre between 16 Sep and the 25 of Nov then please pop into the Library of Birmingham and visit the Gallery on Floor 3. There will be an exhibition showing Birmingham's vibrant allotment culture from the 1960s to the present day. With 113 allotment sites and nearly 7000 plots, Brum has more allotments than any other UK local authority. This oral history project celebrates these assets with recordings and pictures and shows why, in the context of environmental catastrophe, they are more important than ever before. If you can't manage a visit, then do have a look at <https://thebirminghamallotmentproject.co.uk/> where you will find lots of information and you can listen to some of the oral history clips including one from Paul Rooney, who admits he is smitten by Moor Green allotments and offers a snapshot of the diversity of plot holders on the site.

THE BIRMINGHAM ALLOTMENT PROJECT

WOTTA LOTTA CULTURE!

EXHIBITION:
SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
TO SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023
THE LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM
THE GALLERY (FLOOR 3)

Exhibition Opening:
Saturday 16th September
2.00 - 4.00pm

Pop up plant sale

Sadly, the rain put a damper on our plant sale on 30th July so we weren't as financially successful as we have been in the past. However, we managed to raise just over £200 for Moseley in Bloom's funds which will go towards helping community planting projects. Because we had quite a lot of plants left over, we were able to donate them to local community groups. If you know of any groups that might like, mostly perennial garden plants, then please get in touch. A big thanks to all who braved the weather and supported the plant sale and of course a big thank you to our volunteers. We hope to have another in October... fingers crossed for the weather!



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Chelsea display at Cannon Hill Park

You may already know that Birmingham City Council's display won (again) a Gold Award at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this year. The display celebrates the parks and open spaces of Birmingham and is decorated by children's drawings all around the base. Part of the display has been reconstructed and can be seen now in Cannon Hill Park. It's really worth a visit to see the vibrant flowers, metal and willow sculptures that represent the many events and activities that take place in our city. Many congratulations to the brilliant staff in Parks and Nurseries. It is also worth visiting their nurseries at Cofton, by Cofton Park, where the wonderful shop has a huge range of plants for the garden and the house.

Moseley in Bloom's AGM 2023

Our AGM will be held at The Hive, Alcester Road, Moseley on Thursday 21st September, 7.30-9pm. If you have an interest in gardening at any level and would like to get involved then please do come along to find out a bit more about the work we have undertaken over the last 12 months and our plans for the forthcoming year. All are welcome.

Planters around Moseley

Although most of our planters are concentrated in Moseley centre, we also like to help where we can to spread the colour more widely, even across our ward boundaries.

Recently, Naima alongside councillors from Moseley and Sparkhill and Balsall Heath East, and other friends, spent time smartening up the planters on Stoney Lane bringing colour for the neighbours in that area. Naima has also painted and re-planted the planters on Ladypool Road and they now look very smart. Thank you Naima for your enthusiasm and for organising this.

Cannon Hill Park 1873-2023

Plans to celebrate 150 years of Cannon Hill Park are currently being put into place and Heritage Open Days have published some information about events running from the 8th - 17th September.

More information from Birmingham City Council Office, 2 Russell Road, Moseley, Birmingham, West Midlands, B13 8RD or <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/cannon-hill-park-150yrs-heritage-open-days-1873-2023>



Tips to keep your garden looking great

Collect Seeds - Lots of plants have finished flowering and set seed by the time August arrives. If you haven't already done so, collect flower seeds by cutting seed heads from the stalk, separate the seeds from the chaff and place in small, lidded containers or paper envelopes – remember to date and label them!

Cut Back Lightly - When perennials start to look a bit untidy or overgrown a light trim can make a huge difference. Cut away dead or dying branches and spent flower stalks, and trim out brown or wilted foliage.

Deadhead Spent Flowers - Many annual and perennial cultivars are bred so that deadheading isn't required for the plants to rebloom or keep a tidy appearance. Use clean, sharp shears to snip flower heads weekly, which also encourages a light, late rebloom in many plants.

Divide Perennials - Species such as bearded iris, foxtail lilies, and oriental poppies flower in late spring, go dormant in summer's hot sunshine, and then revive as the temperatures cool off. They need to be lifted and separated when they're dormant.

Harvest Summer Crops - Continue to pick daily in smaller amounts for your personal use and put up surplus amounts of produce as frozen foods, dried goods, preserves and chutneys.

Self-Seeding for Easy Propagation - Self-seeding is an easy and economical way to propagate some annuals, biennials, flowering bulbs, herbs, and perennials.