



MOSELEY IN BLOOM / SEP 2023

the blooming news



Welcome to the Moseley in Bloom Newsletter. We hope you have been enjoying the mini heatwave and have managed to stop your gardens from becoming parched! Our florals have suffered a little but they have been wonderful and sadly will be coming down by the end of the month. A reminder that we will be holding our AGM on Thursday 21 September at 7.30 at the Hive, Alcester Road and would love to welcome some new faces. Please do share any news, photographs or information about your garden or forthcoming horticultural events to doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you, Carol Miller and Kerry Jenkins, Joint Editors.

Business in Bloom

Moseley in Bloom's Business awards were relaunched last year and framed certificates were awarded to businesses taking pride in their shop frontages. On 24th August our four judges again took to the village again to secretly assess businesses with the most eye catching floral displays for the 2023 awards. One judge remarked having "really enjoyed judging again for Business in Bloom, we have such fantastic blooms and shop fronts in Moseley Village and we appreciate the work the businesses do." Many thanks to Councillors Kerry Jenkins and Izzy Knowles and Moseley in Bloom Committee members Kate Stocks and Sabreena Mahroof for taking time to consider and judge this event. The businesses receiving awards this year will be revealed at the end of September. It is heartening to see so many Moseley businesses with such wonderful and thoughtful planting.



Moseley Florals

Despite struggling a little with the ferocious heat of the last week or so, you may have noticed that the planters in Moseley Village have been looking particularly good this year. Helen Minovi from Moseley Dovecote said "I think they have been superb this year, the best ever." Lots of our visitors agree! Carolyn Hicks from Russell Road Residents Association also sent a complimentary message saying how much

they all had appreciated the displays. They were certainly well watered for the majority of time this summer but we also took a different approach with the planting this year. Following discussion with Birmingham City Council Parks and Nurseries staff, who provide the floral displays, this year the planters in Moseley contain a mixture of annual, perennial and edible plants. At the end of the season, MiB will be given the perennials and we will replant them. We will hold a 'potting party' early in October, using compost kindly donated by Moseley Park. The plants will then be sold at our next plant sale on **Sunday 15th October** or they can be re-used around Moseley. We are very pleased to say that the next pop up sale will be held at the **Hive on Alcester Road**. We will be outside if the weather is fine, but can run the sale inside the Hive, if it is raining.



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Crocheted veg

Last month we mentioned the Birmingham Allotment Project. Part of the exhibition will include artwork by children and, would you believe - crocheted vegetables! Brenda Marshall is a textile artist, usually working with felting scarves and bags. She has also been working on the Incredible Surplus allotment for several years and she was approached by Chris Pullman, curator of the Allotment Exhibition, to ask if she could crochet fruit and vegetables to enhance the exhibition. Brenda said, 'This was a big challenge as I hadn't done any crochet before lockdown and still don't follow patterns, preferring to create free-hand. I hadn't realised that they would take so long to make, but it has been enjoyable and has taught me a lot about crochet along the way. I have tried to make them as realistic as possible so that the public can recognise them'. The veg in the photographs are certainly recognisable! The Birmingham Allotment Project Exhibition will be at the Library of Birmingham from 16 September - 25 November. <https://thebirminghamallotmentproject.co.uk/>

Cambridge Road planters

The planters on Cambridge Road have been looking very unloved recently and Wendy Weston, faithful volunteer for Moseley in Bloom thought something needed to be done. She mustered a group of residents from Cambridge and School Roads and the planters were transformed. The soil in them was rock hard and dry but the volunteers cut back overgrown plants and managed to pull out weeds and unwanted grass. We are not yet sure what is happening in the traffic plan but the Cambridge Road volunteers pledged to keep an eye on them and perhaps plant some bulbs in anticipation of Spring flowers. Thanks to everyone who helped.



Opportunity to work with us

We are looking for a new minute taker for 2023. This would involve attending each monthly meeting, held on the fourth Monday of the month at 19:30, and typing up and distributing the minutes and agenda. No gardening experience required. If you are interested, even only for a trial period, please do email our Chair at: chair@moseleyinbloom.org.uk



AGM 2023

A reminder that Moseley in Bloom's AGM will be held on Thursday 21st September at 7.30 at the Hive, Moseley. All are invited.

Moseley Ward Action Plan 2022-2026

The Plan is linked with Birmingham Council's 'Bold' plan and focuses on priorities for the coming four years. We have added comments at points where there are implications for Moseley in Bloom and the Ward Plan will be updated accordingly. These include increasing participation in activities to develop prosperity and inclusivity of Moseley (business support; community events) and a Bolder Greener Moseley. The Ward Plan can be found at:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/27013/moseley_ward_action_plan