



MOSELEY IN BLOOM / OCT 2023

# the blooming news

Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter. Can you believe another month has passed and we are in the thick of autumn. Even with the shorter days we are still enjoying some fine weather and continuing to focus on our gardens and getting things ready for the winter. As always, we would love to hear about your garden and any projects you are involved with so please send items of news, photos and any information by email to [doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com](mailto:doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com) We look forward to hearing from you, Kerry Jenkins and Carol Miller (Editors).

## Moseley in Bloom AGM – Update and report

Our AGM was held on 21 September at the Hive and we were delighted that as well as the Committee, 15 other local residents attended. Our Chair for the past four years, Amy McClean, was not re-standing for election and she was thanked for her contribution and work leading the Committee over recent years. Our newly elected Chair is Sabreena Mahroof and we wish her well in her new position. Our usual activities continued during the year, including fundraising such as Open Gardens, Pop Up plant sales and the Business sponsorship programme. Our very busy committee also continued contributions to our local community with our flagship School Gardening Scholarship Programme, Flower Displays around the village, Business Awards and days cleaning, tidying and planting various corners of Moseley. Last year we also expanded our Social media presence, created a monthly newsletter, supported the newly developing Moseley train station group and developed a fledgling sustainability group.



At the AGM, one of our newsletter Editors and sustainability lead, Carol Miller, also stepped down as a Trustee. Thankfully, both Amy and Carol will continue to be invaluable members of Moseley in Bloom. Jonathan Smith and Marci Green will continue in their role as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

A highlight of the AGM was a presentation by Suzie Bonczyk of Moor Green Primary Academy. Her school has been supported by our gardening grants for the past three years and she shared with us the fascinating projects the pupils have successfully developed - from seed to table! Through photos and slides, she also demonstrated how much these projects have engaged the pupils and enhanced the quality of the school environment. Suzie is very keen to involve members of the public to support the work she does at the school. If any of our readers are interested please contact Carol at [doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com](mailto:doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com)

Finally, let us give special thanks to the Hive. This is a great community space and the staff were so very helpful!

## Moseley in Bloom Business Awards 2023

On Friday 22nd September we were beyond delighted to welcome actor John Simmit to Moseley Village to present our Business in Bloom awards. John is fondly remembered by many of us for his enchanting character 'Dipsy' in BBC's 'Teletubbies' and presented awards to our winners:

STAR SHOP, Guthrie & Ghani

MOST BLOSSOMING BUSINESS, Moseley Exchange and Moseley Haven

MOST BLOOMING BOOZER, Dark Horse Moseley, Patrick Kavanagh and Fighting Cocks

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT, La Plancha

MOST CAPTIVATING CAFÉ, Sorrento Lounge and Nazca

ROSIEST RESTAURANT, Chakana

It's wonderful that so many businesses in Moseley Village have created marvellous displays of plants and flowers to keep their premises looking fabulous. After our presentation walkabout we enjoyed a celebration networking lunch at Amore Pizza Napoletana for our Business in Bloom Winners. Discussions are already afoot for Business in Bloom 2024 but in the meantime please remember we always welcome support for our Moseley in Bloom Business Sponsorship Scheme, More information here <https://moseleyinbloom.org.uk/business-sponsorship/>



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## Potting Party

On 29 September, our wonderful friends from Birmingham Parks and Nurseries took down the floral displays on Alcester Road by Moseley Hall Hospital and in Woodbridge Road. These planters contained perennials and edibles as part of our efforts to increase sustainability of planting by reducing waste. On 1 October, volunteers from Moseley in Bloom and the Dovecote garden assembled at the Dovecote to reclaim the plants by potting them up. It was a huge task. Using compost donated by Moseley Park & Pool and pots donated by many people, the dozen or so volunteers worked hard to complete the work. A huge thank you to all involved! Not only do we now have geraniums, begonias, mint, chives and parsley ready to go into our next pop up sale, since our potting party, we have had another generous donation from the rangers in Cannon Hill Park. They recently took down the display that was awarded Gold at the Chelsea flower show and have given us some of the plants. They will now be potted up and included in the plant sale on 15 October. Put in in your diary and be there to grab a bargain!



## Places for People plans

Whatever you think about the Places for People plan, we have to say that the planters on School Road are very well used and will be missed by many people if they are removed. They are often occupied by school kids meeting up before travelling on to school together, by teenagers getting together in the evenings and also by older people resting after walking up the hill. We often say, 'I'll meet you by the planters'. In the next phase of the traffic plan, they would be moved further down the road. This would be a mammoth task and would require the resurfacing of the road where they currently stand because, you may remember, they were too difficult to move when School Road was resurfaced and so there would be a very uneven road surface remaining. Let's see what happens! Wendy Weston



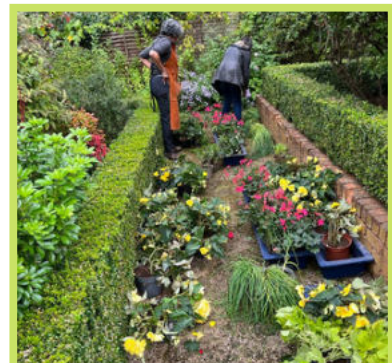
## The Dovecote is Outstanding

On 29 September the RHS Heart of England in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards were made at the Manor Hotel, Meriden. Volunteers from Moseley Dovecote garden, Helen Minovi and Paul Lindley attended and were awarded 'Outstanding'. This means that under the headings Community Participation, Environmental Responsibility and Gardening, their total marks out of 100, exceeded 86. Congratulations to everyone at the Dovecote. It is such a beautiful garden. Open every month on Market Day, it is well worth a visit.



## Date for your diary - Next Pop up Sale

The next Pop up Plant sale will be between 2 and 4pm on 15th October and we are delighted that this one will be at Moseley Hive, 93 Alcester Rd, B13 8DD. We are very pleased to use this venue because we can be outside if the weather is good and inside if it rains. If you have never been to the Hive, please do come along and take the opportunity to see this wonderful space, owned by the Community Development Trust for the community of Moseley.





# Our 2023 Business Award Winners



**Guthrie & Garni  
STAR SHOP**



**Sorrento Lounge  
MOST CAPTIVATING CAFE**



**Nazca  
MOST CAPTIVATING CAFE**



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