



MOSELEY IN BLOOM / SEP24

the blooming news

Welcome to our newsletter for September and we hope you all had a fabulous summer! This edition brings you some news about activities happening across Moseley (and beyond). If you have a story to share or news about a forthcoming event then please do let us know. You can send an email to Carol at doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com - Many thanks, Carol Miller and Kerry Jenkins (Editors).



THE DOVECOTE TRIUMPHS AGAIN

On 13 September, the RHS Heart of England in Bloom held its annual award ceremony for those entering the It's Your Neighbourhood scheme. The event this time was at the beautiful Holme Lacy House Hotel in Herefordshire. Judging had taken place in July and, once again, the Moseley Dovecote was awarded **Outstanding**. Congratulations to the volunteers from the Moseley Society who have developed and maintain this beautiful garden. An award was also made to our very own Carol Miller for Services to the Heart of England in Bloom, recognising the years spent as a judge. Well done all!



BOSF COFFEE MORNING

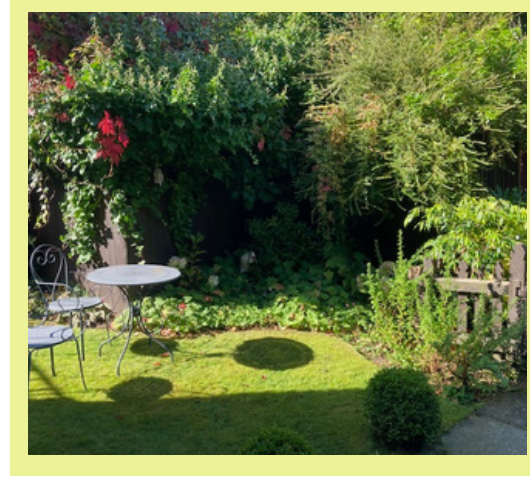
Birmingham Open Spaces Forum (BOSF) is a network organisation that brings together groups and volunteers in Birmingham that have an interest in and support parks and open spaces. Every month, they hold a coffee morning for members to meet each other. Despite recent inclement weather, Wednesday 4th September was a pleasant late summer morning in B13 when Moseley in Bloom hosted the BOSF Coffee Morning at The Dovecote. The venue was perfect. Many of the people attending had never been to the Dovecote before so it was an opportunity for them to explore the garden and the old buildings and meet the volunteers from the Moseley Society who look after them. Coffee, tea and snacks were provided by Change Kitchen and Moseley in Bloom provided cakes - mostly made by Fiona Kessedjian using honey and eggs donated by Frank from his Beez Neez stall at the Famers' Market. Members of Kinmos choir also came to entertain us and encouraged everyone to join in a sing-along to classic chart hits. Sabreena Mahroof welcomed all our visitors and it was a wonderful opportunity to chat with BOSF volunteers from a variety of open spaces across the city. We would like to thank our friends at the Dovecote for letting us use the beautiful space. We look forward to more collaborations with them and with Change Kitchen and BOSF.



Find Moseley in Bloom on Facebook and Twitter - @moseleyinbloom and on Instagram - @moseley_in_bloom and more information is available on our website at <https://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/> MiB Charity No. 1141664

FAVOURITE SPOTS IN THE GARDEN

We are so lucky to live in an area with so much greenery. This bit of my garden is in a secluded corner of Moseley and a real sun trap on cooler days. We all know how important it is for both physical and mental health to be outside in gardens or parks. Creating your own green oasis need not be too arduous or expensive. So if you have a bit of outside space why don't you give it a go? Members of Moseley in Bloom would be happy to help with advice and maybe some plants! **Sara Cummins**



OUR FLORAL DISPLAYS

We hope you have noticed that the floral baskets and planters have looked particularly beautiful this year. The colours have been striking and although the weather this Summer may not have suited all of us, the plants have really thrived. Thanks to the funds raised this year through our various activities we were again able to commission our displays from the Council. We thank staff in Birmingham Parks and Nurseries for serving us so well.



AUTUMN PLANT SALE

Our final Plant Sale of the year will be on Sunday 6 October 2-4pm at the Dovecote. As usual, please bring along any spare plants or 'garden paraphernalia' and see what we have to offer.

LTN MANAGEMENT

Some people are determined to overcome the inconvenience they find in planters that block some of our roads and on more than one occasion a car has been driven round the planters on School Road, onto the pavement and over the grass verge. Various residents have attempted to prevent this by placing rocks in the way and more recently, a beautiful barrel planter was put on the verge. Determined as ever, saboteurs moved the rocks and then the planter was overturned. The planter is too good to spoil and so we have put it back in place and planted it with fuchsias and other perennials. We will continue to maintain the planters !

LITTERBUSTERS

Moseley Litter Busters don't just bust litter! Recently they have cut back overhanging branches and cleared pavement weeds that were contributing to areas of neglect in the Village. The work of volunteers made a huge difference to the exterior of the Post Office and the Exchange which both looked so much smarter afterwards. Thank you Litter Busters.



SLUG PATROL

Have you been plagued by the slimy monsters this summer?

It has certainly been a topic of conversation among local gardeners.

An article in the Guardian recently by Claire Ratinon suggests that at this time of year we can begin to sow seeds for an autumn harvest. The soil is warm enough to start seeds in the ground. However, the slugs could still eat them there. We would really like to know how you have been dealing with them now that slug pellets are no longer allowed. Do you use beer, copper tape, eggshells or ...?

Cabbage white butterflies are also active until October, so protect plants from the moment there's enough leaf for them to lay eggs on. Check the underside of brassicas' leaves for little yellow eggs (or for live caterpillars if you missed the egg stage) regularly. Good luck!

BUSINESS IN BLOOM AWARDS

Scarlett Allen Horton, BBC finalist from Series 15 of The Apprentice took time out of her hectic schedule to visit Moseley and present this years Business in Bloom awards. Scarlett was an absolute delight and all the winning businesses were happy to receive their award.

This Years winners:

- **STAR SHOP, Guthrie & Ghani**
- **MOST BLOSSOMING BUSINESS, Nicholas George**
- **MOST BLOOMING BOOZER, The Fighting Cocks**
- **MOST CAPTIVATING CAFÉ, Maison Mayci**
- **ROSIEST RESTAURANT, May's at Moseley**

Moseley in Bloom, along with other Moseley Charities work hard to fundraise to provide Floral tributes to adorn the village so we have a fabulous place to live, work and visit and we are always grateful to our local businesses who are committed to the same efforts.

Most of the winning businesses were able to attend The Hive in the afternoon for a celebration and networking opportunity and to learn more about Moseley in Bloom. 2025 will be an Anniversary Year for Moseley in Bloom and we hope the Businesses continue to plant and tidy their spaces and encourage others to follow suit.

Please remember you can support Moseley in Bloom via The Business Support Scheme. You can find out more information about the scheme on our website by visiting <https://moseleyinbloom.org.uk/business-sponsorship/>

Our heartfelt thanks to all involved.

Business in Bloom (BiB) Sub Group



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