



the blooming news

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Welcome to our newsletter for September - we hope you all had a great summer! This edition brings you some news about activities happening across Moseley, along with some lovely stories. If you have an autumnal project, news about a forthcoming event, or if you'd like to let us know what you have been up to in the garden - please do send an email to Carol at doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. Many thanks! Carol Miller and Charlotte Jenkins.

A warm welcome to our new Art Editor!

We are delighted to welcome Charlotte Jenkins, daughter of Kerry Jenkins, as the new co-editor of this newsletter. Charlotte is a professional Graphic Designer and we are very pleased to have her experience and expertise!



Celebrating our volunteers – and looking for new leads...

At the heart of everything Moseley in Bloom does is a team of dedicated and creative volunteers. I've been privileged to work alongside so many people who give their time and talents to make our neighbourhood cleaner and greener. A special mention must go to *Jenny Brewer*, who has been the quiet driving force behind our floral displays and planting projects. From sourcing plants and scheduling monthly planting days to organising teams of volunteers, Jenny has been instrumental in keeping Moseley blooming year-round. However, Jenny will be stepping back in the coming months, so we are now looking for someone to lead on planting projects, and ideally to learn from her with a view to eventually taking over the floral displays as well.

It's a wonderful opportunity for someone with a good eye, some plant knowledge and a passion for our public spaces! If you're interested, or know somebody who would be, please reach out to us.

We're also always happy to welcome new volunteers! Whether you can give a few hours now and again, or want to take on more responsibility; every contribution helps. *Sabreena Mahroof*

Agapanthus

We love Agapanthus and this year, they loved the warm sunshine but I have to admit that when the flowers have faded, they look rather messy. A friend suggested cutting off the seeds and leaving the stems to make Agapanthus Stars. It's a fiddly job but I think they look attractive and the plant benefits as it doesn't have to put its energy into making seeds. What do you think?



Keep up to date with Moseley in Bloom!

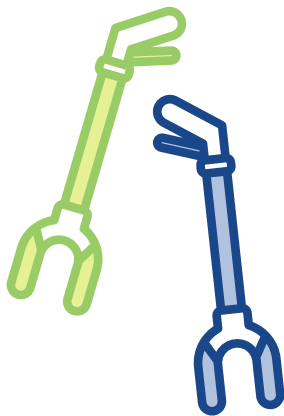
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More information detailing local events & how you can support us can be found on our website:
<https://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/>.



High Street Nightmare!

The Litter Busters in Birmingham do a great job, and we are very grateful to the local groups who go out regularly to clean up our streets. We recently received this 'rubbish poem' which we thought was great!

I had a dream the other night,
It woke me up with such a fright.
I dreamt that everyone in town,
Just went and threw their litter down.
I waded through rubbish on the High Street,
It was so deep couldn't see my feet.
All the traffic was bathed in goo,
Buses, trucks, cars and cyclists too.
The awful smell was strong and thick,
I could hardly breathe, I felt so sick.
All my clothes were covered in dirt,
My lovely jeans and my best shirt.



The gulls were having a fine old time,
Pecking at fast food through the grime.
The sky turned nasty, it started to rain,
But the water couldn't go down the drain.
The rubbish got wet and turned into sludge,
Nothing was moving, I couldn't budge.
A pile of dog poo was on the top,
I cried out loud, stop, stop, stop!
Then I woke up, I was okay,
I knew what I must do that day.
Get my bags and litter picker too,
And help clean my town for me and you.



Thank you to Ruth Davies, from Kings Heath and Brandwood Litter Busters.

Box Moths...

Box moths, which first appeared in the UK about 10 years ago, have now become a major threat. They totally consumed the foliage on 16 well-established box balls in my garden this year. I had no choice but to dig them up as they were now dead. They've devoured all the box bushes and hedges along School Road and, from what I've been told, throughout much of Moseley. The moths are an even greater threat to box than box blight and are very difficult, if not impossible to control. Digging infected shrubs up and killing the caterpillars is the best solution to prevent the moths developing. I immersed my box bushes in water to drown them.) You can get advice from local nurseries or from Google on what to plant in the place of box. Good luck! *Wendy Weston*



Image: Homes and Gardens

Signs of Collaboration

You may have noticed signs popping up around Moseley acknowledging the businesses that have sponsored Moseley in Bloom and noting the organisations that collaborate with us. The latest signs to go up show how Anawim, the local charity that supports women, is working with us to make Moseley cleaner and greener. You can see their gardening efforts in the former 'loo-bed' at the entrance to the car park. This picture shows Hannah Johnson from Anawim, delighted with their new signs!



Pop up sale!

Our next Plant Sale, the final one for this year will be on Sunday 5 October from 2-4pm at The Dovecote, B13 8JR. At this time of the year, when we are splitting up plants and putting the gardens to bed, it's a great time to donate and to buy, locally grown specimens!

From 29th September, donations of plants can be dropped off at 15 Thornley Close, B13 9UQ. Or bring them on the day!



Street furniture painting...

Recently volunteers from Moseley in Bloom and the Litter Busters started to smarten up the street furniture in the village by giving it a new coat of paint. This is inevitably a staged operation that can't all be done at once or on one day. Phase Two took place recently but was then rained off. We hope the job can be completed before the end of our 20th birthday year!

