



the blooming news

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Welcome to our newsletter for October! Autumn has truly arrived; we've said hello to the nights drawing in, the wind & the rain, and an abundance of leaves! If you have a story to share, news about an event, or if you'd like to let us know how you've been keeping busy in the garden - please do send an email to Carol at doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. Many thanks, Carol Miller and Charlotte Jenkins.

A problem solved in a Moseley garden!

This established Moseley garden had been lovingly created and cared for over the years. However, I could see how the surface waters running down from the upper reaches of the garden, the craters left by the resident badger and the heavy rains had rendered this once lovely spot unwelcoming, boggy underfoot and hard to mow. I took the design challenge to create an elliptical walkway over the wet ground, spaces to sit in sun and shade, a boulder fringed ephemeral 'river', all planted to withstand flood and drought.

Emilia Faux



Box Moths - the story continues...

I had a terrible time with the box moth this year - the first time ever! I have maybe seven box balls along the front path and around eight in the back garden. I used an anti-box moth spray which really worked, as well as picking off all the caterpillars. The Box started to re-grow and then I lost maybe three or four to the drought! I have never had to water box before.

Angela King



Calling local woodworkers!

We're thrilled that Amy Watson, a Moseley-based glass-on-glass mosaic artist, has donated a specially commissioned sunflower piece to Moseley in Bloom. Amy's practice blends stained glass and mosaic techniques on toughened safety glass—a style she's honed over more than twenty years.

To display this artwork safely and beautifully, we'd love help from a local woodworker to design and make a simple, weather-resistant stand or plinth. If you can assist (or know someone who can), please email info@moseleyinbloom.org.uk

Amy is proudly based here in Moseley and recently shared progress of this very piece for MiB.

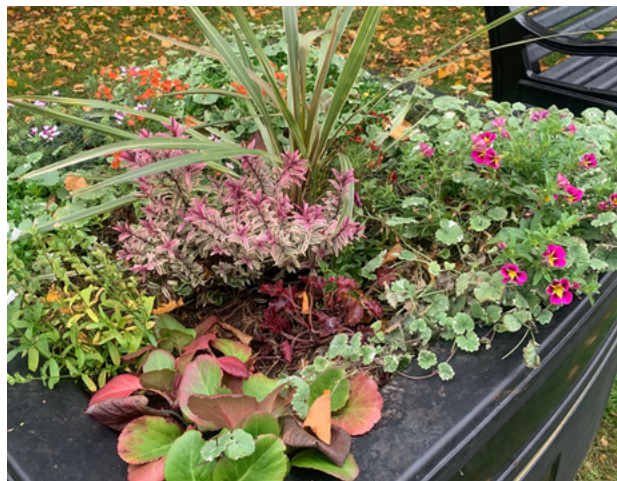


You can see more of Amy's work on her socials: [@amy_mosaics](#), and website: www.amysmosaics.co.uk

Floral news!

This planter has had a tough summer, with scorching heat and even a few plants stolen. But thanks to the generosity of donors, along with bulbs and plants sourced at a great price from Birmingham City Council's Parks and Nurseries, it's been given a fresh new look...

A big thank you to everyone who supports keeping our village green and welcoming. Graffiti removal is next on our list, so watch this space!



By the time you get our newsletter this month the Moseley in Bloom floral displays will have been removed and recycled, marking the end of this season. Due to the generosity of your donations, volunteering and sponsorship the displays have mainly served us well over what has been a challenging summer, weather wise.

We can look forward to next year and hopefully to an equally good floriferous and colourful display taking us through 2026. *Jenny Brewer*

Pop up sale!

Storm Amy gave us a little anxiety on 4 October but on Sunday 5 October, the weather calmed down and the sun appeared. All of this meant that our plant sale could go ahead. This time, as well as our usual wonderful plants, contributed by local, gardening supporters, we had honey! Andy Roxburgh, another of our most loyal volunteers, who is also a beekeeper, had acquired 40 pots of honey from a local beekeeping friend and had donated them to Moseley in Bloom. We now understand the phrase 'like bees round a honey pot'. Within the first half hour, the honey was gone! This really enhanced our takings and the total for the afternoon was just around £550. Thank you so much to all the volunteers, the plant donors and all those who came to make our pop-up sale such a success!



In addition to the plants and honey, our friends from Change Kitchen came; selling their delicious frozen, ready meals - Thai Red Curry, Homity Pie, Vegetable Lasagne and Tarka Dal. They also were delighted to sell more than half of the packets they had brought with them. So a very good time was had by all!

Pictures on the walls...

You may have noticed that the wall on the former HSBC Bank in Moseley became an exhibition space in recent months. With two big birthdays being celebrated this year, the new exhibition represents 20 years of Moseley in Bloom and 25 years of the Farmers Market. You can see photos of the early years and the different people who have been involved!



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