



the blooming news

APRIL 2026



It's been so lovely to see trees full of blossom and the daffodils in full bloom recently, plus our gardens are beginning to burst with colour thanks to the warmth of the sun! Do let us know what you have been up to in the garden, and if you have any projects planned ~ pop an email to Carol at doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. Many thanks, Carol Miller and Charlotte Jenkins.

AGM

Moseley in Bloom held its AGM on 28th March at St Anne's Church in Park Hill. Well attended by Moseley in Bloom trustees, members, Friends and supporters, it was an opportunity to review the past year and note many achievements. Our Chair, Sabreena Mahroof was unable to attend, and her place was taken by Caroline Edwards. The formalities of the meeting recorded a very successful 20th anniversary year and the most successful Open Gardens event yet!

Almost £13,000 was spent on floral displays in Moseley last year, and 13 schools were supported in projects including raised beds, sensory gardens and seed-sowing initiatives, all aimed at getting children involved and interested in gardening.

The contribution of our volunteers was applauded. Nothing could be achieved without them! The monthly planting sessions are now well supported, and 65 volunteers helped with Open Gardens last year. Kate Stocks was thanked for her work in coordinating the recent Open Gardens events, and it was noted that Bridget Langstaff will take on the role this year.

Copies of the Financial Report were available to all the attendees. Income comes from Open Gardens, business sponsorship, Friends' subscriptions, plant sales and a range of donations. It was noted that the finances were in good health.

Compost Connection

In addition to the formal AGM Agenda, we were treated to a presentation by Claire Woolnough from the Compost Connection who showed us that soil contains billions of living organisms, fungi and bacteria. It almost looked as though we were going to see a cookery demonstration with dishes of flour and what seemed to be chocolate cake mixture. However, the cake mix turned out to be soil and compost! The plate of flour was to show us what happens when water falls on dusty soil - it runs off. This demonstrates the importance of healthy, organic soil that absorbs and retains water. The case for composting was well made and we were all offered packets of Phacelia to plant as a soil improver and green manure.



Plant Sale

Remember that our next Plant sale will be at...



**The Dovecote, 179 Alcester Road, B13 8JR,
Sunday 26th April from 2-4pm!**

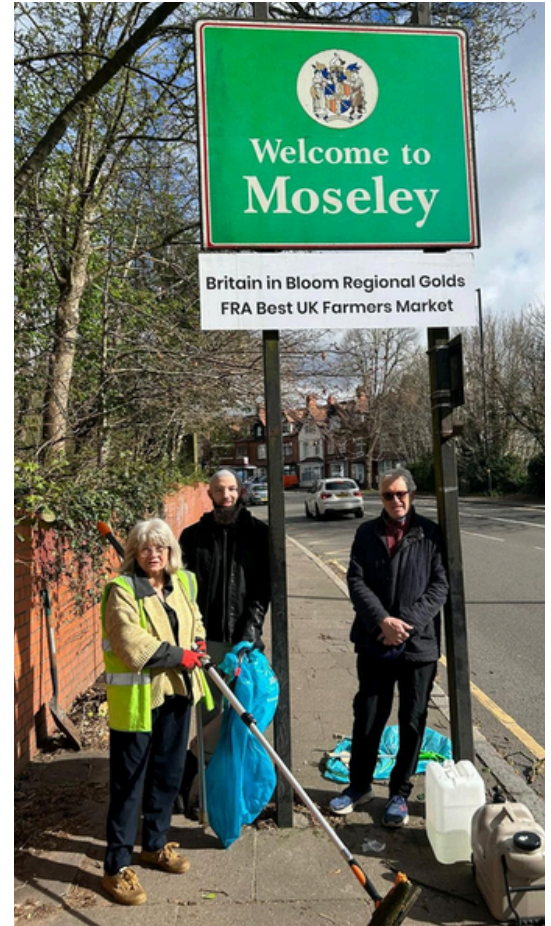


If you have plants to donate, please bring them to the sale on the day or they can be taken to the Dovecote from 20 April. You can enter the Dovecote garden at the side gate on the right hand side of the road into Moseley Hall Hospital. Put the plants on the far side of the garden on the path near the compost heaps!



Clean sign, bracket found

The saga of the Welcome to Moseley sign has come to a beautiful conclusion. On 5 April, members of the Litter Busters group were out with buckets and mops to clean the sign. It now sparkles in the sunshine. At the same time, our ever vigilant councillor, Izzy, spotted the missing bracket lying in the adjacent bushes. She retrieved it and it will now be reinstated ready to hold a flower box later in the Spring. And, at our Welcome sign on Salisbury Road, tulips planted last Autumn are beginning to flower!



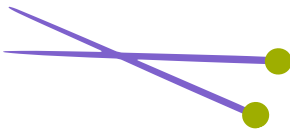
A Moseley in Bloom fond farewell...

At the end of March over coffee and cake at Maison Mayci, Moseley in Bloom wished a fond farewell to Chris Jones from Birmingham City Council Parks and Nurseries. Chris who was based at Cofton Nursery had designed and delivered Moseley's floral displays for the last 20 years and has now taken a well deserved retirement. Moseley benefitted from his undoubted skills and expertise over these many years and we know this will continue with his successor Arthur Tamlyn. Thank you Chris!



A crafted celebration!

'The Moseley Knit and Natter' group have celebrated the opening of the railway station with a piece of pillar box work that features not only a train but The Hive and other Moseley icons, including the Moseley in Bloom logo. We are honoured!



'Moseley Knit and Natter' meet in Coffee #1, 162 Alcester Rd, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8HS on Thursdays between 1-4pm. Anyone is welcome to join!



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