



the blooming news

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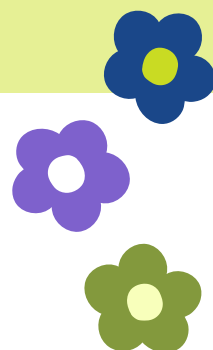
It's been wonderful to enjoy everything that July has to offer, with gardens bursting into full bloom, vibrant summer flowers adding colour all around, and the longer, warmer days encouraging us to spend more time outdoors. Do let us know what you have been up to in the garden; pop an email to Carol at doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. Many thanks, Carol Miller and Charlotte Jenkins.

Lots has been happening since our last Newsletter in May. Our volunteers have been busy again, the floral displays went up early in June, the Knit and Natter folk decorated the pillar boxes with their work and then, of course, we had **Open Gardens** on 28 June. What a day that was! After the intensive heatwave, the weather cooled a little so people came out and were not disappointed. Bridget Langstaff, who coordinated the event sent her reaction:

"Was Open Gardens 2026 worth all the effort? It certainly was! We saw record attendance, selling 929 tickets. Visitors enjoyed tea and cake, Prosecco, elderflower fizz and samosas. The Blooming Bus ferried people round and over 1,000 people took part in the prize draw. More than £11,500 was made to go into floral displays, schools and community work next year. This was a splendid effort by the committee and all the volunteers and we would like to thank everyone who attended."

We had some great feedback too:

'For reasons I am at a loss to explain, last Sunday was the first time I had visited Moseley's Open Gardens, despite having lived here over 35 years. I just wanted to say how wonderful I thought the seven gardens I managed to see were. I could kick myself for not going before because they were stunning, very varied and totally inspirational. The gardeners were extremely accommodating, helpful and informative, and the whole event was a complete joy.'



'Had a great day, beautiful gardens, lots of inspiration, well done on putting together a brilliant event!'

'...absolutely beautiful displays. Such inspiration and hard work.'

'It was a lovely day and the gardens are amazing. Thanks to everyone who organised it.'

'So much often hidden beauty within Moseley community - a perfect day to show it off at its best!'

'... had a wonderful time visiting the many gardens. Such wonderful people who have opened up their gardens. They are absolutely beautiful and breathtaking. Thank you to everyone involved!'

If anyone else would like to send feedback on Open Gardens, go to: <https://moseleyinbloom.org.uk/feedback>
We would love to hear from you!



Volunteers planting in the village

On Sunday 10th May, our incredible team of 11 volunteers rolled up their sleeves to weed, tidy, and plant across the village — helping to make sure Moseley blooms in full splendour this summer. From bright new flowers to freshly cared for beds, every bit of effort adds colour, pride, and joy to the place we all call home. These small acts of care make a big difference for residents, visitors and local businesses.

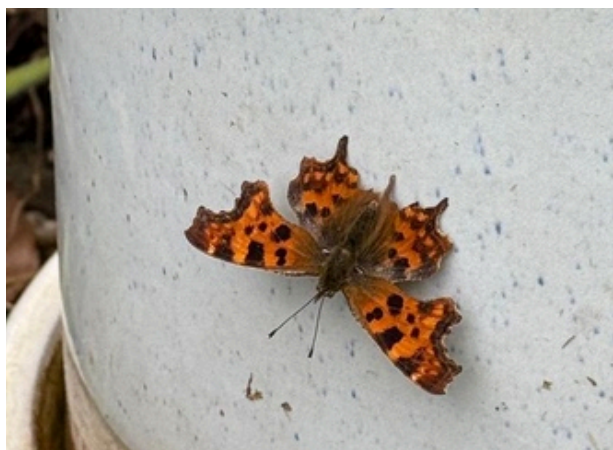
To the volunteers: thank you for giving your time, energy and heart to keep Moseley looking beautiful. You make this community shine!

Want to get involved? Everyone's welcome — no gardening experience needed, just enthusiasm and a smile. www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/volunteer



BOSF coffee morning at MiB

Birmingham Open Spaces Forum (BOSF) hold a regular coffee morning for, and together with, their member organisations. In June, it was Moseley in Bloom's turn to host. We showcased three lush private gardens in our neighbourhood where coffee, cake and music were served up. Outdoor networking can be so relaxing!



Spotted in Sabreena's garden!

Look at these two beauties - the Comma butterfly that can now be found in woodland clearings and gardens throughout England and Wales, perhaps because of the warming climate, and this handsome Elephant Hawkmoth. The Hawkmoth flies around from May to early August at dusk. Both of these were seen in Sabreena's Moseley garden.

Keep up to date with Moseley in Bloom!

Find Moseley in Bloom on Facebook and X: @moseleyinbloom, and on Instagram: @moseley_in_bloom. More information detailing local events & how you can support us can be found on our website: <https://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/>.



Moseley Knit & Natter

As mentioned at the beginning of the newsletter, the Moseley Knit & Natter folk have been busy decorating the pillar-boxes with more of their work! We had to include some photographs of their most recent floral design, especially as it was inspired by Moseley In Bloom...

Florals in Moseley

The floral displays went up at the beginning of June. Unfortunately, some plants soon disappeared from the boxes outside the Dovecote when some anti-social people decided they needed them. But we are very grateful to our friends at the Council nurseries who quickly replaced them.

This year we again have some perennials and herbs in the planters so we will be able to pot these up at the end of the season and include them in our Autumn pop up plant sale.

Then, early in July, additional planters arrived in Moseley. We're delighted that these new planters have been made possible thanks to support from Moseley Community Trust, through funding provided by the Moseley Community Investment District (CID). This community-led investment is helping to regenerate Moseley's high street and local area. Moseley CID has support from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, and is funded by the UK Government, Birmingham City Council, and the West Midlands Combined Authority. Again the planters were planted for us by the Council nursery at Cofton. They have been strategically placed where we have noticed inconsiderate or dangerous parking, in the hope that they will act as a deterrent.



And did you get this news?

After 25 years as Moseley Community Development Trust, the CDT, has a new identity. It is now **Moseley Community Trust**. This 'refreshed brand' brings its services together under one clear identity: Moseley Hive, Moseley Thrive, Moseley Outreach, Moseley Exchange.

For more information, look at the new website:

<https://moseleytogether.org.uk/>

See also this photo of the Hive's current window. Clearly in harmony with Moseley in Bloom!

