

THE MOSELEY SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2011**

Registered charity number: 512211

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name The Moseley Society

Charity registration number 512211

Charity correspondence address
36 Grove Avenue, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9RY

Trustees

George Macleod	Co-Chairman until 19 May 2011
Geoff Rees	Co-Chairman
Helen Minovi	Co-Chairman from 19 May 2011
Mike Marlow	Treasurer
Fiona Adams	Secretary
Roy Cockel	
John Dring	
Jean Gilkison from 19 May 2011	
Paul Lindley	
Robert Orme	
Michael Potter	
John Rouse	
Claire Spencer	
Rosemary Turner	
John Underwood	
Sally Wright	

Bankers

Lloyds TSB, 140 Alcester Road, Moseley, B13 8HT

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Moseley Society was established by a constitution in 1979 and was registered as a charity on 13 January 1982, no. 512211.

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The executive committee, the members of which are the charity's Trustees for the purpose of charity law, may appoint up to three additional members to fill vacancies between General Meetings.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity, as set out in the constitution, are:

- to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting Moseley;
- to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Moseley;
- and to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Moseley.

The Trustees seek to achieve the above objects by continuing to maintain a consistently high level of activity. The committee meets regularly, supplemented by ad hoc meetings to pursue particular projects.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees seek to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting Moseley in a number of ways, including

- We monitor planning and licensing applications and respond according to an agreed set of guidelines which are distributed to members and published and available to all via our website. Developments taking place in the area are monitored to ensure they are built and operated in accordance with planning or licensing permissions, and enforcement action is sought against contraventions of regulations. During the year two new volunteers have joined the group to monitor and respond to planning applications and we are very grateful to them, for this is a relentless task.
- The Special Licensing Policy covering the centre of Moseley has continued to have an effect in reducing the number of new licensing applications, although existing licensed premises with permission to be open until 2 a.m. do have a considerable impact on the lives of Moseley residents.
- We send representatives to Birmingham City Council's Conservation and Heritage Panel and also the Planning Management User Forum. Representatives also attend meetings of the West Midlands Amenities Societies Association. At all these meetings regional and national planning and licensing issues are discussed, and knowledge gained relevant to matters of local interest.
- We send representatives to the Moseley Regeneration Group, a body that is organised by the Moseley Community Development Trust and includes representatives from a wide range of local groups. This group is continuing to work, in conjunction with Birmingham City Council, to produce a revised 'Moseley Action Plan' that will be the first example of a community-led Supplementary Planning Document in the city. The planning system has undergone considerable change since work on the revised plan began, but a decision has been taken to continue with the SPD model rather than change to that of 'Neighbourhood Plan'.

The Trustees seek to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Moseley in a number of ways, including

- We organise a regular programme of lectures and activities, the majority of which are directly related to these topics and which are advertised and open to members of the public free of charge.
- During the year the evening local history group has flourished and has submitted an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund in order to organise the archive and make it more accessible to the public. Sadly, the long standing afternoon group has been wound up, following the death of its chairman and retirement of its secretary. We are all extremely grateful to this group which for 30 years has been researching our local history and publishing the results.
- The sale of publications produced by the Moseley Local History Society; of the 'Architectural History of Moseley' poster; and of guided walk leaflets produced by a Trustee.
- By leading guided walks which are either free of charge, or for which the cost of the walk leaflet is levied. Such walks take place during the Moseley Festival and for organised groups visiting the area and interested to learn more about 'the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Moseley'.

The Trustees seek to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Moseley in a number of ways, including

- Continuing to preserve and maintain the Moseley Hall Ice House, Dovecote and Cow House. These listed buildings are opened to the public free of charge once

a month during the warmer half of the year and on other special occasions. During festivals in Moseley Park the ice house is open free of charge and is visited by hundreds of festival-goers, some of whom have travelled from a wide area or from overseas. Both buildings continue to fascinate visitors – the word heard repeatedly in the ice house is ‘Wow’.

- Continuing work on the 18th century style garden that has been created and established at the Moseley Hall Dovecote and Cow House. Regular maintenance work has ensured that the garden continues to improve and it is now visited regularly by hospital staff, patients and visitors as well as passers by. The garden is included at the Moseley in Bloom Open Garden weekend and on judging routes and we know from the comments how much the garden is appreciated. In 2011 we organised a special plant identification event for Heritage Open Days and received visitors of all ages who were challenged with quizzes of varying difficulty.
- We send representatives to meetings of the Birmingham Heritage Forum where issues affecting all heritage sites in the city are discussed and advice is available and knowledge shared.
- The Trustees consider matters of public interest that affect all of Moseley’s residents by supporting and by sending representatives to the Moseley Community Development Trust, the Moseley Forum, The Moseley and Kings Heath Ward Committee together with its Ward Advisory Board and its Clean Environment Theme Group.
- The Trustees maintain a close link with the Board of the Moseley Park and Pool Trust and with Moseley in Bloom. During 2011 the Society received and passed on a grant from a charitable trust and destined for Moseley in Bloom
- The Society continues to organise a monthly clean-up session in the local public car park.
- A newsletter is produced to keep members informed, and it is also available at local information points and via the website.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission advice on benefit to the public. They have always sought to act in the long-term interests of all local residents and not just the paid-up members of the Society. Membership fees are charged in order to enable the Society to meet its modest running costs, but the Society’s activities provide a public benefit because:

- the icehouse and dovecote are regularly opened to the public and provide education on local history;
- the car park is cleaned monthly and this is a major environmental improvement for residents;
- The Society reviews all significant planning applications in the area and when asked, gives advice to members and others about planning matters and, if necessary, the objection process. This leads to enhancement of our conservation areas and to public enjoyment of the local architectural heritage;
- we are available to advise on new developments at the planning stage and seek to ensure that the new buildings complement or enhance the existing ones and consequently improve the built environment for the benefit of all. This process usually takes place through the Regeneration Group organised by Moseley Community Development Trust and while all the groups involved reserve their right to make individual comments, there is also an opportunity for developers to gain a consensus view from most of the active groups in the area.

Being volunteers, we have not taken the time to calculate the number of hours of work devoted to Society activities by its Trustees and members each year, but a very considerable amount of time is devoted in this way for the public benefit.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached accounts show the charity's financial activities during the year. A decision to raise membership subscriptions was taken at a Special General Meeting in 2011 and also to end the three-year subscription system. As current three year memberships run out, annual renewal will be more straightforward, and in addition members are being encouraged to set up Standing Orders.

With regard to restricted funds, during the year funds raised for improvements at the dovecote have been largely spent. General funds will be used to cover on-going expenditure and fund-raising undertaken if more substantial amounts need to be raised. A new restricted fund for the local history archive project has been established, and an appeal was made to members for contributions. Since the end of the 2011 financial year a Heritage Lottery Fund grant has been awarded. The project will run until the summer of 2013 and we are grateful to the Moseley Community Development Trust for their help, advice and support during the application process, and also for offering to employ the local historian and technical assistant who will do the work.

Our activities are greatly helped by the large number of volunteers who readily give their time in a number of ways which means that we are able to keep expenses and overheads to a minimum.

It is our policy to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the available reserves of the charity, at a level which provides sufficient funds to cover foreseeable future costs.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its results for that period.

In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view, the Trustees are required to:

- 1 select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 2 make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3 prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue.

Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose at any time, and with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:


Co-chairman

Date: 20th April 2012

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2011	Total 2010
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Grants and donations		85	850	935	90
Membership subscriptions		1,667	-	1,667	1,554
Tax refund (Gift Aid)		354	-	354	362
Interest received		1	-	1	2
Other income - Sales of posters, local history books, etc		119	-	119	117
Local History Group	3	460	1,243	1,703	-
Art Competition		-	-	-	477
Total incoming resources		2,686	2,093	4,779	2,602
Resources expended					
Grants to local organisations		-	750	750	100
Meetings and events		224	-	224	534
Dovecote garden and restoration		-	216	216	2,290
Dovecote & icehouse expenses		105	-	105	203
Local History Group	3	609	600	1,209	-
Management and administration	2	1,517	-	1,517	1,599
Art Competition expenses		-	-	-	460
Total resources expended		2,455	1,566	4,021	5,186
Net incoming (2010 outgoing) resources		231	527	758	(2,584)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2011		2,594	274	2,868	5,452
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2011	4	<u>£2,825</u>	<u>£801</u>	<u>£3,626</u>	<u>£2,868</u>

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of those accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

	Notes	2011		2010
		£	£	£
Current Assets				
Stocks		105		210
Debtors		-		362
Bank and cash balances		5,053		4,143
		<u>5,053</u>		<u>4,143</u>
			5,158	<u>4,715</u>
Deduct: Current Liabilities				
Subscriptions received in advance		1,467		1,744
Creditors and accrued charges		65		103
		<u>1,532</u>		<u>1,847</u>
			<u>1,532</u>	<u>1,847</u>
Net assets			<u>£3,626</u>	<u>£2,868</u>

Represented by:

FUNDS

Unrestricted Fund

General fund	4	2,825	2,594
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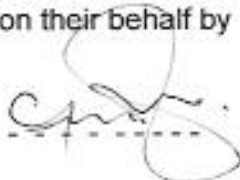
Restricted Funds

4	801	274
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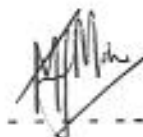
Total Funds

<u>£3,626</u>	<u>£2,868</u>
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Approved by the Trustees on 20.4.2012
and signed on their behalf by



Co-chairman



Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), issued in March 2005 and the provisions of the Charities Act 1993.

b Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income.

c Stocks

Stocks of cards, local history books, maps, etc. are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

d Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions laid down by the donors as to how they may be used.

e Accounting statements of smaller charities

In accordance with SORP 2005 (Appendix 5.3) the Trustees have taken advantage of the provision which enables them to choose classifications in the Statement of Financial Activities of incoming resources and resources expended to suit the circumstances of the charity.

2 Management and administration expenses	2011	2010
	£	£
Printing, stationery and postage (including newsletters)	948	908
Public liability insurance	117	110
Subscriptions	60	90
Room hire committee meetings	302	396
Miscellaneous expenses	90	95
	1,517	1,599

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011 (CONTINUED)

3 Local History Group

	Archive project £	Other £	Total £
Income			
Grants & donations	1,143	100	1,243
Meetings	-	460	460
	1,143	560	1,703
Expenditure			
Archive project	500	-	500
Moseley Trail leaflet	-	100	100
Meetings & admin	-	609	609
	500	709	1,209

4 Movements in Funds

	At 01.01.11 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31.12.11 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	2,594	2,686	(2,455)	2,825
Restricted Funds				
Dovecote garden & restoration	274	100	(216)	158
Moseley in Bloom	-	750	(750)	-
Local History Group				
Archive project	-	1,143	(500)	643
Moseley Trail leaflet	-	100	(100)	-
	274	2,093	(1,566)	801
Total fund balances forward	2,868	4,779	(4,021)	3,626

Purpose of restricted funds

The Dovecote garden & restoration restricted fund is for the creation of an 18th century style garden at the dovecote and work in connection with the restoration of the dovecote.

The Moseley in Bloom fund relates to a grant received from Birmingham Common Good Trust on behalf of that organisation.

The Local History Group restricted funds arise in connection with (a) the archiving of documents and records relating to the history of Moseley and (b) the production of a leaflet on the history of Moseley.

5 Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration or reimbursement of expenses have been paid to any of the Trustees during the year.