

**THE MOSELEY SOCIETY**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2009**

**Registered charity number: 512211**

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2009

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Charity name** The Moseley Society

**Charity registration number** 512211

**Charity correspondence address**

36 Grove Avenue, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9RY

### Trustees

Roy Cockel	Co-chairman until 22 May 2009
George Macleod	Co-chairman
Geoff Rees	Co-Chairman since 22 May 2009
Joyce Elliott	Treasurer until 22 May 2009
Mike Marlow	Appointed as Treasurer 22 May 2009
Fiona Adams	Secretary
John Dring	
Barry Henley	
Paul Lindley	
Helen Minovi	
Robert Orme	
Constance Perris	
Michael Potter	
John Rouse	
Rosemary Turner	
John Underwood	

### 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.
- The Special Licensing Policy covering the centre of Moseley has continued to have an effect in reducing the number 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 its 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 has secured the support of Birmingham City Council and West Midlands Planning Aid in producing a revised 'Moseley Action Plan' that will be the first example of a community-led Supplementary Planning Document in the city.

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 almost all of which are advertised and open to members of the public free of charge.
- 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, during 'Heritage Open Days' and the Moseley Festival and to organised groups visiting the area and interested to learn more about 'the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Moseley'.
- A successful Moseley Art competition was organised, drawing entries from a wide cross section of the public and providing a delightful exhibition of local talent. The exhibition was organised as part of the Moseley Festival and attracted many visitors.

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 creation of an 18<sup>th</sup> century style garden at the Moseley Hall Dovecote. Hard work by committee members and other dedicated volunteers has resulted in the completion of the main garden, leading to the need for regular maintenance as plants mature and flourish. Other peripheral areas in need of improvement are now being tackled to make shaded areas for seating for the patients and staff of Moseley Hall Hospital. The improvements in the garden were recognised during the visit of the Britain in Bloom judges, when Moseley in Bloom secured another gold medal and a place in the 2010 national competition.
- The repairs to the roof of the 18th century Moseley Hall Dovecote are complete, and Paul Lindley's role in overseeing the professional contractors and doing much of the work himself has been celebrated by a photographic exhibition.
- We have continued to play an active role in the Highbury Coalition which is seeking an increase in charitable activity for the Highbury Trust and also a change of governance. We consider that this is necessary to end the conflict of interest that exists because Birmingham City Council is both sole trustee and tenant of Highbury Hall and grounds, the home of Joseph Chamberlain.
- 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, Moseley in Bloom, 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. The Society is also a member of Moseley and District Churches Housing Association.
- 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 recent Charity Commission advice on benefit to the public. They have always sought to act in the 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 no charge is made for meetings, which are open to all. The Society's activities provide a public benefit because:

- the icehouse and dovecote are regularly opened to the public for education on local history;
- the car park is cleaned monthly and this is a major environmental improvement for residents;
- the Society reviews all planning applications in the area and gives advice to members and the public applications and, if necessary, the objection process, leading to enhancement of our conservation areas for 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

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 the Annual General Meeting in 2008 but because most members pay a three-year subscription full benefit of the increase is not yet reflected in the accounts.

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: 12 April 2010

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2009**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2009	Total 2008
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Grants and donations		99	2,999	3,098	6,899
Membership subscriptions		1,170	-	1,170	1,053
Tax refund (Gift Aid)		260	231	491	156
Interest received		3	-	3	90
Other income -					
Sales of posters, local history books, etc		356	-	356	197
Art Competition		569	-	569	448
Total incoming resources		2,457	3,230	5,687	8,843
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Meetings and events		561	-	561	263
Art Competition expenses		420	-	420	515
Dovecote garden and restoration		-	3,473	3,473	4,033
Dovecote expenses		119	-	119	101
Donations to Moseley projects		-	-	0	50
Management and administration	2	1,511	-	1,511	1,147
Total resources expended		2,611	3,473	6,084	6,109
<b>Net (outgoing) incoming resources</b>		(154)	(243)	(397)	2,734
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2009		3,042	2,807	5,849	3,115
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2009	3	2,888	2,564	5,452	5,849

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**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2009**

	2009		2008
	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stocks	270		330
Debtors	-		25
Bank and cash balances	7,124		6,752
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		7,394	7,107
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<b>Deduct: Current Liabilities</b>			
Subscriptions received in advance	1,879		1,215
Creditors and accrued charges	63		43
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		1,942	1,258
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<b>Net assets</b>		5,452	5,849
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Represented by:

**FUNDS**

**Unrestricted Fund**

General fund	2,888	3,042
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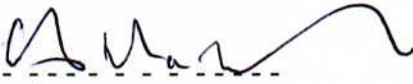
**Restricted Fund**


Dovecote garden and restoration	2,564	2,807
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**Total Funds (note 3)**

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	5,452	5,849
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Approved by the Trustees on 12 April 2010  
and signed on their behalf by

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 Co chairman

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 Treasurer

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

**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.

<b>2 Management and administration expenses</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Printing, stationery and postage (including newsletters)	1,042	741
Public liability insurance	110	110
Subscriptions - Civic Trust & Heritage Forum	260	220
Miscellaneous expenses	99	76
	<u>1,511</u>	<u>1,147</u>



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

## 3 Movements in Funds

	At 31.01.09 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31.12.09 £
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>				
General Fund	3,042	2,457	(2,611)	2,888
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Dovecote garden & restoration	2,807	3,230	(3,473)	2,564
<b>Total fund balances forward</b>	<u>5,849</u>	<u>5,687</u>	<u>(6,084)</u>	<u>5,452</u>

## 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.

## 4 Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

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