

The Moseley Society

Registered Charity Number 512211

Financial Statements

31 December 2013

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Charity name** The Moseley Society

**Charity registration number** 512211

**Charity correspondence address**

36 Grove Avenue, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9RY

**Trustees**

Geoff Rees	Co-Chairman
Helen Minovi	Co-Chairman
Anna Williams	Treasurer
Fiona Adams	Secretary
Roy Cockel	
John Dring	
Jean Gilkison	
Paul Lindley	
Mike Marlow	
Robert Orme	
Michael Potter	[Until 16 May 2013]
John Rouse	
Claire Spencer	[Until 9 September 2013]
Rosemary Turner	
John Underwood	
Sally Wright	

**Bankers**

Lloyds Bank plc, 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 sub-groups formed to address issues related to

- Planning and licensing;

- Moseley Hall dovecote and icehouse;
- Communications and marketing;
- The programme of meetings and events;
- Membership;
- Local history.

In addition, ad hoc meetings are sometimes arranged to pursue particular projects.

Although the majority of the work is carried out by Trustees, other members of The Society and representatives of other organisations may also be involved.

## **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 the national and local framework of planning policy have continued to be affected by change and we are grateful to our members with specialist planning knowledge for keeping us up to date.
- 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 a representative to Birmingham City Council's Planning Management User Forum. Representatives also attend meetings of the West Midlands Amenities Societies Association. At 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 organisations. 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. We expect the final document to be adopted in 2014.

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 local history group has flourished and successfully completed its Heritage Lottery Funded project to organise the archive and make it more accessible to the public. We are grateful to Moseley Community Development Trust for managing the grant for us, and employing the local historians appointed with the grant. The group has

raised more funds during the year to support research on Moseley during WW1 and other aspects of local history.

- The distribution of publications produced by the local history group and its predecessor Moseley Local History Society and of guided walk leaflets produced by a Trustee. In addition the Society continues to sell copies of the 'Architectural History of Moseley' poster.
- 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 Icehouse, 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 or for individuals or groups that ask to visit. We have produced postcards and a Christmas card of the dovecote which are increasing interest in the building. 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'. In 2013 a musician returned following the Folk Festival to record her lovely, clear singing voice in the icehouse. We also opened the icehouse for Heritage Open Days and attracted many visitors, despite high winds and rain.
- Continuing work on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 small pond is flourishing and the compost bays are exemplary. 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 2013 we organised a special plant identification event for Heritage Open Days and received visitors of all ages despite poor weather.
- 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 and its Green, Clean, Safe Environment Group.
- The Trustees maintain a close link with the Board of the Moseley Park and Pool Trust and with 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, and its 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. Unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2013 have grown to £4,667 (31 December 2012 - £3,920) and the restricted fund relating to the Local History Archive Project and other projects is now £2,005 (31 December 2012 - £1,758) giving total reserves of £6,672 (31 December 2012 - £5,678).

The Society's total income in 2013 was £19,290 of which £12,923 related to a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant for the Local History Archive Project. We are grateful to the Moseley Community Development Trust for their help, advice and support with this project. Additional grants to the value of £2,500 have been received to support the Archive and other local history projects.

Excluding the local history projects grant income, unrestricted income for the year to 31 December 2013 was comparable to the previous year at £3,867 (Year to 31 December 2012 - £3,893). Subscription and gift aid income were higher than 2012 levels due to the increase in subscription charges. Unrestricted expenditure, excluding the Local History Archive project was £3,120 (Year to 31 December 2012 - £2,798) which includes a contribution to support the Christmas lights in 2013. The trustees are continuing to explore ways of

generating additional funds for The Moseley Society to ensure that it can continue and increase its many activities for the benefit of Moseley in the future.

We would like to thank those members who have agreed to pay their subscription via Gift Aid – this enables The Moseley Society to reclaim tax. We would be very pleased if members who are able to do so would sign the Gift Aid declaration on the membership renewal form when they pay their next subscription

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**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity Law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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:

Helen Minovi  
Co-chairman  
Date: 10 March 2014

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
Period ended 31 December 2013

	Note	2013 Unrestrict ed Funds	2013 Restricted Funds	2013 Total funds £	2012 Total funds £
<b>Incoming resources:</b>					
<b><i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i></b>					
Grants and donations		534	15,423	15,957	14,024
Membership subscriptions		2,695	-	2,695	1,517
Tax refund (gift aid)		0	-	0	333
Interest received		1	-	1	1
<b>Other income</b>					
Sale of Merchandise		247	-	247	1,049
Local History Group Events	3	190	-	190	229
Moseley Society Events		200	-	200	240
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>3,867</b>	<b>15,423</b>	<b>19,290</b>	<b>17,393</b>
<b>Resources expended:</b>					
Grants to local organisations		250	-	250	-
Moseley Society meetings and events		323	-	323	202
Dovecote and icehouse expenses		354	-	354	296
Local History Group	3	215	15,176	15,391	12,803
Management and Administration	2	1,916	-	1,916	1,295
Cost of Sales - merchandise		62	-	62	745
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>3,120</b>	<b>15,176</b>	<b>18,296</b>	<b>15,341</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		<b>747</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>2,052</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2013		3,920	1,758	5,678	3,626
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2013		4,667	2,005	6,672	5,678

All the above results are derived from continuing activities.  
The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET  
31 December 2013

	Note	2013 £	2012 £
		£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks		599	661
Debtors		118	502
Cash at bank and in hand		6,259	5,526
		<u>6,976</u>	<u>6,689</u>
<b>DEDUCT: Current Liabilities</b>			
Subscriptions received in advance		284	1,011
Creditors		20	-
		<u>304</u>	<u>1,011</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>£6,672</u>	<u>£5,678</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>			
General fund	4	4,667	3,920
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
	4	2,005	1,758
		<u>£6,672</u>	<u>£5,678</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 10 March 2014  
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Helen Minovi Co Chairman

Anna Williams Treasurer



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
 Period ended 31 December 2013

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**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 2011.

**Incoming resources**

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

**Stocks**

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

**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.

**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**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
	<b>Un-</b>	<b>Un-</b>
	<b>restricted</b>	<b>restricted</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Printing, stationery and postage (inc newsletters)	1,157	681
Public liability insurance	132	122
Subscriptions	60	30
Room hire committee meetings	380	380
Miscellaneous expenses	187	82
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	1,916	1,295
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
Period ended 31 December 2013

**3. LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

	<b>Archive Project £</b>	<b>Other £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Grants and donations	12,923	2,500	15,423
Meetings	-	190	190
	<u>12,923</u>	<u>2,690</u>	<u>15,613</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Archive Project	15,176	-	15,176
Management and Administration	-	215	215
	<u>15,176</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>15,391</u>

**4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1 January 2013 £</b>	<b>Incoming Resources £</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2013 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Fund	3,920	3,867	(3,120)	4,667
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Local History Group – Archive Project	1,758	14,423	(15,176)	1,005
Local History Group – Other	-	1,000		1,000
	<u>1,758</u>	<u>15,423</u>	<u>(15,176)</u>	<u>2,005</u>
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<u>5,678</u>	<u>19,290</u>	<u>(18,296)</u>	<u>6,672</u>

**Purpose of restricted funds**

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 productions of booklets on the history of Moseley.

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

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