

The Moseley Society

Registered Charity Number 512211

Financial Statements

31 December 2012

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name The Moseley Society

Charity registration number 512211

Charity correspondence address

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Trustees

Geoff Rees	Co-Chairman
Helen Minovi	Co-Chairman
Mike Marlow	Treasurer until 17 May 2012
Anna Williams	Treasurer from 17 May 2012
Fiona Adams	Secretary
Roy Cockel	
John Dring	
Jean Gilkison	
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 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 sometime 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. The national and local framework of planning policy has undergone significant changes during the year 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. During the year the City Council altered the composition of its Conservation and Heritage Panel, excluding all amenity society representatives, thus ending our long association with city wide efforts to ensure that Birmingham's heritage is conserved and enhanced. 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 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. 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 local history group has flourished and was successful in its application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The first half of the grant to organise the archive and make it more accessible to the public is reflected in the accounts that follow. We are grateful to Moseley Community Development Trust for managing the grant for us, and employing the local historians appointed with the grant.
- 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. During the year several of these publications including some now out of print have been saved in digital format and some remaining printed copies are being given away.
- 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 or for individuals or groups that ask to visit. We have in 2012 produced postcards and a Christmas card of the dovecote which are selling well and 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 2012 a group of local musicians led by one who had heard his 'wow' reverberate came back and recorded a CD of foot-tapping tunes in the ice house.
- 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. A small pond has been added during the year and the compost bays are now 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 2012 we organised a special scarecrow making + plant identification event for Heritage Open Days and received visitors of all ages who were challenged with quizzes of varying difficulty. One of the scarecrows is still at work in the garden.

- 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 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.
- 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. The restricted fund for the local history archive project includes the first half of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant. We are grateful to the Moseley Community Development Trust for their help, advice and support with this project.

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:

Co-chairman **Geoff Rees**

Date: 17 April 2013

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
Period ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 Unrestrict ed Funds	2012 Restricted Funds	2012 Total funds £	2011 Total funds £
Incoming resources:					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Grants and donations	3	524	13,500	14,024	935
Membership subscriptions		1,517	-	1,517	1,667
Tax refund (gift aid)		333	-	333	354
Interest received		1	-	1	1
Other income					
Sale of Merchandise		1,049	-	1,049	119
Local History Group Events	3	229	-	229	1,703
Moseley Society Events		240	-	240	0
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Total incoming resources		3,893	13,500	17,393	4,779
Resources expended:					
Grants to local organisations		-	-	-	750
Moseley Society meetings and events		202	-	202	224
Dovecote garden and restoration		-	158	158	216
Dovecote and icehouse expenses		138	-	138	105
Local History Group	3	418	12,385	12,803	1,209
Management and Administration	2	1,295	-	1,295	1,517
Cost of Sales - merchandise		745	-	745	0
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Total resources expended		2,798	12,543	15,341	4,021
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the period		1,095	957	2,052	758
Opening funds		2,825	801	3,626	2,868
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Closing funds		3,920	1,758	5,678	3,626
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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 2012

	Note	31.12.12 £	31.12.11 £
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		661	105
Debtors		502	-
Cash at bank and in hand		5,526	5,053
		<u>6,689</u>	<u>5,158</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year			
Subscriptions received in advance		1,011	1,467
Creditors and Accrued charges		-	65
		<u>1,011</u>	<u>1,532</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,011</u>	<u>1,532</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>5,678</u>	<u>3,626</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds - general	4	3,920	2,825
Restricted funds	4	1,758	801
		<u>5,678</u>	<u>3,626</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 17 April 2013
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Co Chairman Geoff Rees

Treasurer Anna Williams

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
 Period ended 31 December 2012

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

	2012	2011
	Un-	Un-
	restricted	restricted
	funds	funds
	£	£
Printing, stationery and postage (inc newsletters)	681	948
Public liability insurance	122	117
Subscriptions	30	60
Room hire committee meetings	380	302
Miscellaneous expenses	82	90
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	1,295	1,517
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Period ended 31 December 2012

3. LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

	Archive Project £	Other £	Total £
Income			
Grants – Heritage Lottery Fund	12,950	-	12,950
Grants and donations - sundry	550	-	550
Meetings	-	229	229
	<u>13,500</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>13,729</u>
Expenditure			
Archive Project	12,385	-	12,385
Management and Administration	-	418	418
	<u>12,385</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>12,803</u>

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 January 2012 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31 December 2012 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	2,825	3,893	(2,798)	3,920
Restricted Funds				
Dovecote garden and restoration	158	-	(158)	-
Local History Group – Archive Project	643	13,500	(12,385)	1,758
	<u>3,626</u>	<u>17,393</u>	<u>(15,341)</u>	<u>5,678</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

The Dovecote garden and restoration 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 Local History Group restricted funds arise in connection with the archiving of documents and records relating to 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.