

# *Chronological summary of events influenced by or influencing The Moseley Society*

## **1979**

Inaugural meeting May. In response to plans for road widening at the Moseley crossroads, the disgusting state of the public car park and the inappropriate design of the then new Tesco supermarket. 34 present. Committee set up and Aims of Society stated:-

- Non-political
- Preservation and protection
- Development and improvement
- Represent opinion on matters of general interest

Resolved to initiate a car park clean-up scheme and to oppose the road widening plans.

## **1979-80**

Started to monitor planning applications  
Successfully opposed road widening  
Regular car park clean-ups established  
Plans for Moseley Directory and to establish a traders' association  
Discussions about plans for enhancement of Village, pavements, green etc  
Opinion of Society sought by various agencies, local and the city,

## **1980-81**

Adopted amended constitution suggested by Civic Trust to allow Registration and to seek charitable status.  
Moseley Business and Traders Association (MOBTRA) established (64 members)  
Commissioning of 'landscaping' plans for Village

## **1981-82**

Initiation of dovecote restoration programme.  
Rejection of 'red light' suggestion for any area of Moseley.  
Acceptance of proposal by Chantry Road and Park Hill Residents Association for establishment of a Moseley Conservation Area.

## **1982-83**

Success in preventing road widening proposals.  
Licence to restore Dovecote granted.  
Commencement of 'landscaping' on Victoria Parade.

## **1983-84**

Start of oral history group (later to become Moseley Local History Society).  
Slow progress with 'landscaping' and problems with appearance.

## **1984-85**

Dovecote restoration in progress but slow and poor standard of work.  
Plans for Brighton Place to be restored and refurbished (support).  
Highbury opened as Civic resource (welcomed).

## **1985-86**

Opening of restored Dovecote.  
Abandonment of 'Improvement Lines' (road widening).  
Highbury open days with Society members acting as stewards.  
Formation of Local history society.  
Tree planting in St Mary's churchyard.

## **1986-87**

Regular public openings of Dovecote and 'Cow house'.  
Agreement on relocation of public lavatories from Village Green.  
Discussions about possible St Agnes Conservation Area.  
Demise of MOBTRA.

## **1987-88**

Threat of tunnel under or by-pass of Kings Heath with road along railway cutting through Moseley as a link with the M40 (opposed).

## **1988-89**

Publication of the booklet of Moseley's Listed Buildings.  
Donation of spiral staircase by TSB for use in Cow house.

## **1989-90**

A year of stability, receipt of draft Unitary Development Plan.

## **1990-91**

New public lavatories opened at entrance to car park.  
Publication of Moseley Personalities.  
Publication of History of Moseley Hall (jointly).

## **1991-92**

Success opposing latest proposal for road widening.  
Production of Design Guide for Shopfronts in Moseley by City.  
Revised moseley Action Plan as part of the Unitary Development Plan.  
Establishment of bottle banks in car park for recycling glass.  
Publication of History of Presbyterian Church

## **1992-93**

Establishment of Area of Restraint for institutional properties.  
Publication of Moseley Architectural poster.  
Improvements in local street scene.

## **1993-94**

Publication of second volume of Moseley Personalities.  
Continued street improvements.  
Introduction of all-red phase for pedestrian crossings at crossroads.  
Street closures as measures against street prostitution.  
Re-formation of traders group.  
Proposal to create wildlife garden at Dovecote.

## **1994-95**

Resolved to restore ice house in Moseley Park and to set up a public appeal.

## **1995-96**

Recognition by The Tidy Britain Group which presented a certificate for good work in the car park, and Society mentioned in The Queen Mother's Birthday Awards.

## **1996-97**

Presentation of Award for Voluntary Organisations as part of The Queen Mother's Birthday Awards 1996.  
Launch of public appeal for funds to restore the ice house and to create a wildlife garden at the Dovecote.  
Creation of The Moseley Society web page.

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Another successful Christmas card.  
Statutory listing of the ice house; grade II.  
Establishment of Central Moseley Neighbourhood Forum.  
Dovecote and Cow house included in Civic Trust Heritage Open Days.  
Theft of spiral staircase from Cow house.

## **1998-99**

Restoration of Ice House.  
Further plans for wildlife garden.  
Booklet to accompany Moseley Trail as part of Heritage Open Days.

## **1999-2000**

Village Green refurbishment.  
Formal opening of restored Ice House by Chris Upton and public open days started.  
New wooden staircase in Cow house.

## **2000-01**

Establishment of Moseley Community Development Trust.  
Launch of regular monthly farmers' market.  
Regular openings of ice house.  
Threat of demolition of 'new' public toilets.

## **2001-02**

Publication of 'The Great Walls of Moseley' as guidelines for domestic enclosures.  
Re-launch of Moseley Society website.  
Purchase of old Post Office building as home of Moseley Community Development Trust.  
Appointment of street wardens.  
Rationalisation of opening times of Dovecote and Ice House to monthly in summer and special days.

## **2002-03**

Booklet to accompany guided walk around St Agnes Conservation Area on Heritage Open Days.  
Ice House and Dovecote openings aligned with farmers' market weekends.  
Transfer of historical and other archival documents and effects to CDT building.  
Final plans for '18<sup>th</sup>C period garden' sustaining wildlife approved for Dovecote area.