## Where the original entrance was to Moseley Hall and Park

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A little bit of Moseley's Georgian history was revealed on a weekend in March when gas fitters digging a trench along Victoria Parade uncovered the foundations of the grand gate pillars that formed the entrance to Moseley Hall and Park.

Moseley Hall dates from 1796 and its grounds stretched from Alcester Road down to present day Cannon Hill Park. On a north-south orientation it stretched from Park Hill down to Reddings Road.

The estate was divided up around 1900 and houses were built on parts of its grounds, although some the original features still exist, namely:

- Moseley Hall now part of Moseley Hall hospital
- The fishing lake now part of Moseley Park & Pool
- The ice house, where ice was stored prior to refrigerators this was recently restored by the Moseley Society and is in Moseley Park
- The dovecote this was part of a farm complex of stables and workshops. The complex of buildings around the dovecote were demolished in the 1930s. The Dovecote was restored by the Moseley Society in the early 1980s and is located on the Alcester Road across the road from St.David Primary School.

The excavations on Victoria Parade mean we have a clear idea of exactly where the entrance was. See photos below:







The photo on the left below shows the original entrance to Moseley Hall and Park on Alcester Road.

In the photo on the right the original photo has been superimposed on to the modern equivalent to show where the entrance was - basically through the front door of Subway sandwich shop.



