

The Moseley Society

Registered Charity Number 512211

Financial Statements

31 December 2015

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name The Moseley Society

Charity registration number 512211

Charity correspondence address

36 Grove Avenue, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9RY

Trustees

Helen Minovi	Co-Chairman
Geoff Rees	Co-Chairman
Anna Williams	Treasurer (Until 21 May 2015)
Phil Williams	Treasurer (From 21 May 2015)
Fiona Adams	Secretary
Roy Cockel	
John Dring	
Jean Gilkison	
Paul Lindley	
Mike Marlow	
Robert Orme	
John Rouse	(Until 21 May 2015)
Ray Tier	(From 21 May 2015)
Rosemary Turner	(Until 9 March 2015)
John Underwood	
Sally Wright	

Bankers

Lloyds Bank, 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;
- Marketing, news and membership;
- The programme of meetings and events;
- Moseley 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.
- 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 2am do have a considerable impact on the lives of Moseley residents. The City's Statement of Licensing Policy was revised in 2015 and the Special 'Cumulative Impact' Policy for Moseley was retained.
- 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.

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.
- The Moseley history group has continued to meet regularly, hold public meetings and to conduct research including Moseley during WW1 and on 'Moseley Now and Then'.
- The distribution of publications produced by the Moseley history group and its predecessor 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 such as Moseley in Bloom 'Open Gardens' weekend or Moseley Festival or for individuals or groups that ask to visit. 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 icehouse is 'Wow'. For Heritage Open Days in 2015 the Estate staff for Moseley Hall Hospital joined in, showing visitors the old Hall and enabling people to make a circular walk through the Moseley Hall estate, visiting the Hall, and its dovecote and icehouse. In conjunction with Moseley Park & Pool Trust and the hospital staff and supported by at least 20 volunteers from The Society, we welcomed well over 600 visitors.
- 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. For the first time the garden was entered in the Heart of England in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category and was judged to be 'Thriving' with Roy Cockel and Helen Minovi's work being recognised with the award of a Certificate of Merit.
- 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 & Kings Heath Community Partnership and its Greener, Cleaner, Safer 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. The restricted fund for the local history archive project includes grants received for specific projects. A legacy of £1,000 was received during the year and discussions are on-going to determine the best use of this. Donations collected at the funeral of another member who was a keen gardener, amounting to £350, have been spent on new roses and equipment needed for the dovecote garden. 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.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Helen Minovi, Co-chair
Date: 14 March 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
Year to 31 December 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Grants and donations		1,017	767	1,784	1,158
Membership subscriptions		2,565		2,565	3,394
Legacy		1,000		1,000	-
Tax refund (Gift Aid)	4	1,600		1,600	-
Interest received		1		1	1
Other income - Sales of posters, local history books, etc		483		483	384
Local History Group	3	116		116	386
Moseley Soc events		235		235	202
Total incoming resources		7,017	767	7,784	5,525
Resources expended					
Grants to local organisations		400		400	750
Meetings and events		746		746	441
Dovecote & icehouse expenses		94		94	259
Local History Group	3	536	541	1,077	500
Management and administration	2	2,007		2,007	2,095
Cost of sales - merchandise		167		167	222
Total resources expended		3,949	541	4,490	4,267
Net incoming resources		3,068	226	3,294	1,258
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2015		6,262	1,668	7,930	6,672
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2015	5	9,330	1,894	11,224	7,930

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET
31 December 2015

	Notes	2015		2014
		£	£	£
Current Assets				
Stocks		330		497
Debtors		-		-
HMRC - Gift Aid repayment	4	1,600		-
Bank and cash balances		9,294		7,433
			11,224	7,930
Deduct: Current Liabilities				
			-	-
Net assets			11,224	7,930
Represented by:				
FUNDS				
Unrestricted Fund				
General fund	5		9,330	6,262
Restricted Funds				
	5		1,894	1,668
Total Funds			11,224	7,930

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14 March 2016
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Helen Minovi Co Chair

Phil Williams Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year to 31 December 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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 the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, the Trustees have chosen 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

	2015	2014
	£	£
Printing, stationery and postage (including newsletters)	1,391	1,325
Public liability insurance	168	161
Subscriptions	80	80
Room hire committee meetings	240	318
Miscellaneous expenses	128	211
	<hr/> 2,007	<hr/> 2,095

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year to 31 December 2015

3. LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

	Projects £	Other £	Total £
Income			
Grants & donations	767	-	767
Meetings	-	116	116
	<u>767</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>883</u>
Expenditure			
Projects	541	-	541
Move to All Services Club		206	206
Meetings & admin	-	330	330
	<u>541</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>1,077</u>

4. GIFT AID REPAYMENT

The Gift Aid repayment due to the Society as at 31 December 2015 consists of Gift Aid on members' subscriptions and donations for the four years to 31 December 2015.

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.01.15 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31.12.15 £
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	6,262	7,017	(3,949)	9,330
Restricted Funds				
Local History Group Projects	1,668	767	(541)	1,894
Total fund balances forward	<u>7,930</u>	<u>7,784</u>	<u>(4,490)</u>	<u>11,224</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 projects on 'Moseley Now and Then' and WW1 and (b) the productions of booklets on the history of Moseley.

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

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