

THE MOSELEY SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2008**

Registered charity number: 512211

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name The Moseley Society

Charity registration number 512211

Charity correspondence address
36 Grove Avenue, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9RY

Trustees

Roy Cockel	Co-chairman
Robert Orme	Co-chairman until 21 May 2008
George Macleod	Co-chairman since 21 May 2008
Joyce Elliott	Treasurer
Fiona Adams	Secretary
John Dring	
Barry Henley	
Paul Lindley	
Helen Minovi	Appointed 21 May 2008
Constance Perris	
Michael Potter	
Geoff Rees	Appointed 21 May 2008
John Rouse	Appointed 21 May 2008
Rosemary Turner	
John Underwood	

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 ad hoc meetings to pursue particular projects.

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.
- Since the introduction of a Special Licensing Policy covering the centre of Moseley there have been no new licensing applications and committee members and residents affected by licensed premises have not had to spend time attending Licensing Committee meetings.
- We send representatives to Birmingham City Council's Conservation and Heritage Panel and also its Planning Management User Forum. Representatives also attend meetings of the West Midlands Amenities Societies Association. At all these meetings 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 local groups. This group is preparing a revision of the 1993 'Moseley Action Plan' Supplementary Planning Guidance and good progress has been made during the course of the year.

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 almost all of which are advertised and open to members of the public free of charge.
- 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.
- By leading guided walks which are either free of charge, or for which the cost of the walk leaflet is levied, during the Civic Trust's 'Heritage Open Days' and the Moseley Festival.
- A successful Moseley Art competition was organised, drawing entries from a wide cross section of the public and providing a delightful exhibition of local talent.

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. 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.

- Continuing work on the creation of an 18th century style garden at the Moseley Hall Dovecote. Much hard work by some dedicated volunteers has seen noticeable progress in this project. It is hoped that improvement of this area will benefit the patients and staff of Moseley Hall Hospital.
- Making repairs to the roof of the 18th century Moseley Hall Dovecote. The work was planned in consultation with conservation officers from Birmingham City Council. Funds were raised from charitable trusts and professional builders employed, but much work has also been done by a skilled committee member.
- We have contributed to the Concept Plan drawn up by local residents for Highbury Hall and grounds, the home of Joseph Chamberlain.
- 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 together with its Ward Advisory Board and its Clean Environment Theme Group.
- The Trustees maintain a close link with the Board of the Moseley Park and Pool Trust. The Society is also a member of Moseley and District Churches Housing Association.
- The Society continues to organise a monthly clean-up session in the local public car park, where the compound enclosing some trade waste bins has been proving a significant improvement to the area.
- 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 recent Charity Commission advice on benefit to the public. They have always sought to act in the 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, but no charge is made for meetings, which are open to all. 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. A decision to raise membership subscriptions was taken at the Annual General Meeting but because most members pay a three-year subscription the effect is not immediately apparent in the accounts.

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

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its results for that period.

In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view, the Trustees are required to:

- 1 select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 2 make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 3 prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue.

Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose at any time, and with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

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

Date: 7.6.09.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008**

	Unrestricted Notes Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2008	Total 2007
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Grants and donations	59	6,840	6,899	1,816
Membership subscriptions	1,053	-	1,053	1,067
Tax refund (Gift Aid)	156	-	156	598
Sales of posters, local history books, etc	197	-	197	189
Interest received	90	-	90	149
Total incoming resources	<u>1,555</u>	<u>6,840</u>	<u>8,395</u>	<u>3,819</u>
Resources expended				
Meetings and events	330	-	330	415
Dovecote garden and restoration	-	4,033	4,033	839
Dovecote expenses	101	-	101	423
Donations to Moseley projects	50	-	50	100
Management and administration	2 1,147	-	1,147	1,093
Front gardens booklet	-	-	-	1,813
Total resources expended	<u>1,628</u>	<u>4,033</u>	<u>5,661</u>	<u>4,683</u>
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	(73)	2,807	2,734	(864)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2008	3,115	-	3,115	3,979
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2008	3 <u>3,042</u>	<u>2,807</u>	<u>5,849</u>	<u>3,115</u>

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of those accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008		2007
	£	£	£
Current Assets			
Stocks	330		350
Debtors	25		-
Bank and cash balances	6,752		4,333
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		7,107	4,683
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Deduct: Current Liabilities			
Subscriptions received in advance	1,215		1,191
Creditors and accrued charges	43		377
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		1,258	1,568
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Net assets		5,849	3,115
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Represented by:

FUNDS

Unrestricted Fund			
General fund		3,042	3,115
Restricted Fund			
Dovecote garden and restoration		2,807	-
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Total Funds (note 3)		5,849	3,115
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Approved by the Trustees on
and signed on their behalf by

7 April 2009



Co chairman



Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

1 Accounting Policies**a 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 1993.

b Incoming resources

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

c Stocks

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

d 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.

e 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	2008	2007
Printing, stationery and postage (including newsletters)	741	677
Public liability insurance	110	110
Subscriptions - Civic Trust & Heritage Forum	220	234
Miscellaneous expenses	76	72
	<u>1,147</u>	<u>1,093</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 (CONTINUED)

3 Movements in Funds

	At 31.01.08 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31.12.08 £
Unrestricted Fund				
General Fund	3,115	1,555	(1,628)	3,042
Restricted Funds				
Dovecote garden & restoration	-	6,840	(4,033)	2,807
Total fund balances forward	<u>3,115</u>	<u>8,395</u>	<u>(5,661)</u>	<u>5,849</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

The Dovecote garden & restoration restricted fund is for the creation of an 18th century style garden at the dovecote and work in connection with the restoration of the dovecote.

4 Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration or reimbursement of expenses have been paid to any of the trustees during the year.