

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

The Society's response to consultation of the Draft Birmingham Unitary Development Plan included a request for the reopening of the Camp Hill railway line to passenger traffic.

Campaign to replace the underground toilets continued – with limericks, cartoons and a petition written on a toilet roll.

Successful campaign for first bottle banks to be sited in Moseley – in the car park rather than on the Village Green.

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.

1997-98

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 '18thC period garden' sustaining wildlife approved for Dovecote area.

2003-04

One of the first Alcohol Restricted Areas in Birmingham introduced for an area within 660 yard radius of Moseley Village centre.

Neighbourhood Renewal Fund used for various environmental projects in the area – partly due to pressure from local organisations including The Society.

People on probation serving community punishment orders undertook work at the dovecote garden.

2004-05

25th Anniversary of the Society celebrated on 8 July 2004 at Highbury Hall, with Alan Crawford as guest speaker.

Centre 13 closed – most Moseley Society meetings now take place at Moseley Community Development Trust.

Clare Younger (née Lindley) produced two new Christmas cards for The Society, one a traditional image of a star over St Mary's Church and the other the ice house as Santa's grotto.

'Walk through Moseley Park visiting the ice house and returning via Chantry Road' produced for Heritage Open Days.

Moseley Conservation Area extended to include Reddings, Russell and Goodby Roads + Article 4[2] Directions introduced in parts of the CA.

2005-06

Appraisal & Management Plan for the extended Moseley Conservation Area published – produced with much support from Society members.

In June 2005 The Society organised a splendid exhibition to celebrate the 600th anniversary of St Mary's Church.

Tornado swept through parts of Moseley on 28 July 2005.

Moseley in Bloom began and was awarded a Merit Award in its first year.

Moseley Society website updated.

Last red telephone boxes removed from Moseley.

2006-07

Ideal Benefit Society sold Pitmaston with planning permission for residential development.

The Society campaigned for Central Moseley to have a Special Policy as part of the City's Statement of Licensing Policy.

Moseley in Bloom won Silver Gilt.

A proposal to erect a 21ft steel Ent [inspired by JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings] on the Village Green caused much controversy.

The Society's 'Moseley Mix' art competition attracted many entrants and visitors.

2007-08

The Special Licensing Policy came into force in January 2008 – allowing Councillors to consider the cumulative impact of licence extensions.

With a grant from the Community Chest, sufficient copies of a Royal Horticultural Society booklet about how to create attractive front gardens and still park cars there was distributed across the Ward by Moseley Society members.

In 2007 Moseley in Bloom was the Heart of England regional winner in the neighbourhood category.

The cypress trees which had overshadowed the dovecote were, with permission, removed. Replacement crab apples were planted at the roadside edge of the garden.

2008-09

A calf (plastic) took up residence in the Cow House, being brought out into the garden to the delight of visitors to the dovecote.

Funds were raised for repairs to the dovecote roof and cupola and scaffolding erected – much of the work was done by committee member Paul Lindley.

In 2008 the dovecote garden was included in Moseley in Bloom open gardens – with over 200 visitors.

The long running dispute over plans to build a new hospital alongside Moseley Hall Hospital was resolved with widespread support for much improved designs.

2009-10

‘Project Champion’ automatic number plate recognition cameras were erected all round Moseley without any consultation – large and ugly and doing nothing to enhance or conserve the conservation areas. Restoration of the dovecote completed and an exhibition created to show the work undertaken.

Guided walks organised by the Society during Moseley Festival and Heritage Open Days were very successful.

St Agnes Conservation Area extended to include part of Billesley Lane and Greenhill Road, and an Article 4[2] order introduced for the whole CA.

2010-11

The Special Licensing Policy was renewed for another three years and the Project Champion cameras removed following a campaign of national significance.

The Juniper Centre at Moseley Hall Hospital was opened and the newly rebuilt, and floodlit, Warwickshire County Cricket ground hosted a test match against India in August.

The ‘Moseley in Motion’ art competition was organised as part of Moseley Festival.

Janet Berry volunteered to start a new evening local history group.

Work on a Moseley Supplementary Planning Document, co-ordinated by the Regeneration Group at Moseley Community Development Trust, was begun.

2011-12

Sally Wright volunteered to edit Moseley Society Newsletters and Michael Marlow to update the website, which had become very static.

Jean Gilkison and Ray Cocks volunteered to respond to planning applications.

Fiona Adams was awarded an MBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours, and the medal was presented to her by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands at a special event and party at Moseley Community Development Trust.

Janet Berry oversaw a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund and a local historian was appointed.

A seat was placed at the corner of Salisbury Road and Amesbury Road in memory of Constance Perris.

A plant identification event at the dovecote attracted many visitors to Heritage Open Days.

Problems caused by street drinking, particularly in St Mary’s church yard, proliferated.

2012-13

A Christmas card, of the dovecote in snow, was published and the dovecote garden flourished – with the addition of a wild life pond and more fruit trees. The local history project has led to the organisation of many records into a properly archived collection.

Moseley Community Development Trust helped ensure that Moseley became a pilot ‘Community Alcohol Partnership’ area. For two years funds will be available to employ agencies able to target and help street drinkers. At the same time the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership introduced an experimental Local Government Act Section 222 Order, excluding known drinkers and beggars from certain locations.

2013-14

Following a period of excessive fly-tipping, all the recycling banks were removed from Moseley Car Park. The Society continues its monthly clean-up – begun in 1979.

A new event was added to our Programme ‘afternoon tea and conversation with.....’ Mary Stopes-Roe, the daughter of Barnes Wallis.

Moseley Park submitted an application to Heritage Lottery Fund.

Moseley in Bloom won gold for the 6th year in succession.

The ice house continues to attract huge numbers of visitors during Mostly Jazz and Moseley Folk festivals in Moseley Park.

2014-15

Moseley SPD was approved by BCC Cabinet in April 2014 – after 5 years of work by the community.

Work on the community-led ‘regeneration strategy’ was launched at the Making Moseley event on 5 April.

Petitions collected for improvement of No 1 bus service and the introduction of a new service via Reddings Road/Moor Green Lane to the University and QE Hospital.

2015-16

Moseley Hall opened as part of Heritage Open Days.

Introduction of wheelie bins led to a reduction in litter.

Proposal of Local Government Boundary Commission to divide Moseley between 5 separate Wards in new plans led to a major campaign in which society members played a vital part. Thanks to them the whole area was leafletted and a large public meeting was held.

Cumulative Impact licensing policy for Central Moseley renewed for another three years.

2016-17

Successful campaign to have the proposed new local government ward boundaries redrawn – the new Moseley Ward which is almost coterminous with the Society's area of interest, will come into effect in May 2018. PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) introduced in central Moseley because of increased nuisance from street drinking/drug-taking/rough sleeping.

2017-18

M&S Food opened on the site of Meteor Garage.

24 hour charging in Moseley Car Park – but in return the Council introduced a weekly cleaning service. Moseley Society Car Park Cleaning Team stood down.

Draft St Agnes Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan produced by Dr Terry Slater with support from Society and Residents' Association members submitted to City Council.