

# *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 icehouse 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 icehouse 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 icehouse; 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 Icehouse.  
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 Icehouse 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 icehouse.  
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 Icehouse to monthly in summer and special days.

## **2002-03**

Booklet to accompany guided walk around St Agnes Conservation Area on Heritage Open Days.  
Icehouse 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.

## **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, so most Moseley Society meetings transferred to Moseley Community Development Trust (CDT).

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

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

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

## **2005-06**

Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan for the extended Moseley CA published – with major contributions from Society members.

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

A tornado swept through parts of Moseley on 28 July 2005.

Moseley in Bloom received from 'Britain in Bloom' a Merit Award in its first year.

Moseley Society website updated.

Last red telephone boxes removed.

## **2006-07**

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

Campaign for central Moseley to have a Special Policy as part of the City's Statement of Licensing.

Moseley in Bloom won Silver Gilt.

A proposal to erect a 7m steel Ent (inspired by JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings) on the Village Green caused much controversy.

The 'Moseley Mix' art competition was successful.

## **2007-08**

The Special Licensing Policy commenced in January 2008 - allowing Councillors to consider the cumulative impact of licence extensions.

Copies of a Royal Horticultural Society booklet about making attractive front gardens yet still with car parking, was distributed across the Ward by Society members, with a grant from Community Chest.

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

The cypress trees obscuring the Dovecote were, with permission, removed. Replacement crab apples were planted at the roadside edge of the garden. In preparing for new rose and shrub borders to be laid out in 18th century style, the base of an old water tank was uncovered.

## **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.

Repairs to the dovecote roof and cupola were undertaken, supervised by Paul Lindley, who actually did much of the work himself.

The dovecote garden was included in Moseley in Bloom's open gardens weekend with over 200 visitors.

Improved designs for a new hospital alongside Moseley Hall Hospital were approved.

## **2009-10**

'Project Champion', obtrusive automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras were erected on roads around Moseley without consultation.

Restoration of the dovecote was completed, and an exhibition created to show the work undertaken.

Visit to the Science Museum in London led by Prof Peter Willmore. Successful guided walks during The Moseley Festival and Heritage Open Days organised by The Society.

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. The 'Project Champion' cameras were removed following a campaign of national significance.

The Juniper Centre (newly built) 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 the Moseley Festival.

A new evening local history group was established by Janet Berry. Work started on a Moseley Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), co-ordinated by the Regeneration Group at Moseley Community Development Trust.

## **2011-12**

A 'new look' Moseley Society Newsletter was introduced and edited by Sally Wright.

Michael Marlow updated the Society website, which had become out-dated and static.

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

Fiona Adams (Honorary Secretary) was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, and her medal was presented 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 for a grant, which was awarded to the local history group.

Subsequently a local historian was appointed.

A seat was placed at the corner of Salisbury and Amesbury Roads in memory of Constance Perris, a longstanding member of the Committee.

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

Problems caused by street drinkers proliferated, particularly in St Mary's churchyard.

## **2012-13**

A further Christmas card, of the dovecote in snow, was published. The dovecote garden flourished – with the addition of a wildlife pond and more fruit trees.

The local history project enabled the organisation of documents and other items into a properly archived Collection.

Moseley Community Development Trust helped ensure that Moseley became a pilot ‘Community Alcohol Partnership’ area to target and help street drinkers. A Local Government Act Section 222 Order was introduced, excluding known drinkers and beggars from certain locations.

## **2013-14**

The recycling banks were removed from Moseley car park because of excessive fly-tipping around them. The Society continued its monthly clean-up – begun in 1979.

A new event in our programme was ‘afternoon tea and conversation with----’, on this occasion, Mary Stopes-Roe daughter of Barnes Wallis, inventor of the bouncing bomb.

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

During Mostly Jazz and Moseley Folk festivals in Moseley Park, the icehouse continued to attract huge numbers of visitors

## **2014-15**

Moseley Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was approved by Birmingham City Council 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 5th April.

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

Throughout the year Sarah Moss, engraver, worked in Moseley.

## **2015-16**

Moseley Hall (Hospital) opened as part of Heritage Open Days. Introduction of wheelie bins led to a reduction in litter.

Proposal of the Local Government Boundary Commission to divide Moseley between 5 separate Wards led to a major campaign in which Society members played a vital part. Thanks to them the whole area was leafletted, a large public meeting held, and many individual letters of representation were sent to the Commission. 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.

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) introduced in central Moseley because of increased nuisance from street drinkers, drug users and rough sleepers.

## **2017-18**

Marks and Spencer Foodhall opened on the site of former Meteor Garage.

24-hour charging to park 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 (CAAMP) produced by Dr Terry Slater with support from Society and St Agnes Residents' Association members, submitted to City Council.

## **2018-19**

Community-led 'Moseley Meetings' were introduced to replace Ward Meetings and involve everyone in the issues dealt with previously by the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Environment Group.

During the heatwave in July, the bags of ice stored by the Mostly Jazz Festival in Moseley Park stayed frozen in the icehouse.

A new membership form was devised.

The Moseley History Group continued to flourish with new publications and exhibitions.

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Moseley Society was celebrated at the AGM.