

The Moseley Society

Registered Charity Number 512211

Financial Statements

31 December 2017

## **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
Phil Williams	Treasurer
Fiona Adams	Secretary
Roy Cockel (Resigned 13.3.2017)	
John Dring	
Jean Gilkison (Resigned 13.3.2017)	
Paul Lindley	
Mike Marlow (Resigned 18.5.2017)	
Robert Orme	
Ray Tier	
John Underwood	
Sally Wright	

### **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank, 32-34 Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, B14 7PU

## **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. The constitution was updated at the Annual General Meeting held on 26 May 2016.

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;
- to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Moseley;
- and to pursue these ends by means of meetings, exhibitions, lectures, research, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity, and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature and do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the above purposes.

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 some of the applications regarding licensed premises in Moseley. The Public Spaces Protection Order for central Moseley, giving additional powers to police officers to try to control street drinking, has been effective and used by our local neighbourhood police team. However their numbers have been greatly reduced. The nationwide increase in homelessness and begging has also affected Moseley. Three heroin addicts who have been sleeping rough in Moseley refused offers of help and after many painful months the local authority obtained injunctions against all three.
- Birmingham City Council's Planning Management User Forum has not met during the year and the reduction in senior staff posts in the Department must cast its future in doubt. Representatives 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. The group responds to requests for information and is able to help many people who have queries about different aspects of the history of Moseley.

- 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 free of charge. 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'. Moseley Hall dovecote was opened for Heritage Open Days in 2017.
- Continuing work on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. The garden was entered in the Heart of England in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category and was once again judged to be 'Outstanding'.
- 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. As members of BHF we have entries for the dovecote and the icehouse on their website and this helps attract visitors to Moseley.
- 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 Moseley in Bloom (MiB). It makes a grant to support the floral displays and also Christmas lights, the fundraising for which is undertaken by MiB.
- One of the reasons that The Moseley Society was founded in 1979 was the woeful, litter-strewn state of Moseley's public car park. We have organised a monthly clean-up session ever since, while pressing the City Council to implement a proper cleaning service. In June 2017 the Council introduced 24 hour charging in the car park and after renewed pressure from the Society, it has now implemented a weekly cleaning service. As a result the Society's clean-up team has been disbanded with some joining other local litter-picking efforts and some helping to maintain the dovecote garden.
- 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 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.

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 Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Geoff Rees, Co-chair  
Date: 26 March 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
Year to 31 December 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Grants and donations		825		825	2,952
Membership subscriptions		3,180		3,180	2,555
Tax refund (Gift Aid)		697		697	520
Interest received		-			2
Other -					
Sales of posters, local history books, etc		110		110	349
Local History Group donation		50		50	211
Moseley Soc events		164		164	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>5,026</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,026</b>	<b>6,589</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Grants to local organisations		600		600	500
Contribution to St Agnes CA Appraisal & Management Plan		601		601	
Meetings and events		825		825	460
Computer for presentations		382		382	
Dovecote & icehouse		207		207	403
Local History Group		-	599	599	3,265
Management and administration	2	1,667		1,667	1,981
Cost of sales - merchandise		76		76	101
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>4,358</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>6,710</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>668</b>	<b>(599)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>(121)</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2017		9,160	1,943	11,103	11,224
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2017	4	9,828	1,344	11,172	11,103

The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET  
31 December 2017

	Notes	2017		2016
		£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks		153		229
HMRC - Gift Aid repayment	3	1,077		861
Bank and cash balances		9,942		10,462
			11,172	11,552
<b>Deduct: Current Liabilities</b>				
			-	449
<b>Net assets</b>			11,172	11,103
Represented by:				
<b>FUNDS</b>				
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>				
General fund	4		9,828	9,160
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	4		1,344	1,943
<b>Total Funds</b>			11,172	11,103

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26 March 2018  
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Geoff Rees Co Chair

Phil Williams Treasurer



# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## Year to 31 December 2017

### 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102.

#### Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

#### Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

#### Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

#### 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.

### 2. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES

	2017	2016
	£	£
Printing, stationery and postage (including newsletters)	1,025	1,335
Public liability insurance	195	184
Subscriptions	80	80
Room hire committee meetings	160	240
Miscellaneous expenses	207	142
	<hr/> 1,667	<hr/> 1,981

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
Year to 31 December 2017

**3. GIFT AID REPAYMENT**

The Gift Aid repayment due to the Society as at 31 December 2017 consists of Gift Aid on members' subscriptions and donations for the two years to 31 December 2017.

**4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01.01.17	Income	Expenditure	At 31.12.17
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	9,160	5,026	(4,358)	9,828
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Local History Group      Projects	1,943	-	(599)	1,344
<b>Total fund balances forward</b>	<u>11,103</u>	<u>5,026</u>	<u>(4,957)</u>	<u>11,172</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 (b) the production of a leaflet on the history of Moseley.

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

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