

The Moseley Society

Registered Charity Number 512211

Financial Statements

31 December 2018

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name The Moseley Society

Charity registration number 512211

Charity correspondence address

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Trustees

Helen Minovi	Co-Chairman
Geoff Rees	Co-Chairman
Phil Williams	Treasurer
Fiona Adams	Secretary
John Dring	
Paul Lindley	
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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.

During the year the Society's Data Protection Policy and membership system has been updated to take account of the General Data Protection Regulation.

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

- Our planning sub-group monitors planning and licensing applications and responds 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 sub-group is made up of Trustees with a special interest and representatives from residents' groups in Moseley.
- 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 continued to be reduced. The nationwide increase in homelessness and begging continues to affect Moseley. The appointment of an outreach worker by Moseley Community Development Trust has increased the level of support and advice that can be offered to the people who congregate in public spaces in Moseley. Many of them have addiction and other problems.
- In conjunction with St Agnes Road Residents' Association we have been helping to prepare a Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for the St Agnes Conservation Area. Despite the expectation that every conservation area should have such a document, it was not high on the priorities of Birmingham City Council. Led by Dr Terry Slater, the group has produced a draft which has been given to Birmingham City Council for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document. Despite Terry's careful work write the document in line with the City's specification; a survey of the frontage of every property in the area and a full photographic survey; staff shortages in the City's Planning Department have delayed the approval process. As news spread of the resident-led efforts in Moseley, Terry was approached by residents in Selly Park and in Edgbaston for advice on how to produce or update Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plans for their areas.
- Opportunities to meet and learn from similar civic amenity societies have reduced. We were saddened to learn that the Harborne Society had decided to

close and the numbers attending meetings of the West Midlands Amenities Societies Association has reduced.

- 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 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. The website is updated regularly with the results of this research. 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. Research into the lives of the men whose names are recorded on WW1 Memorials in Moseley continues. During Heritage Open Days the Moseley History Group organised an exhibition at Highbury. The home of the Chamberlain family in Moor Green, Moseley had been used as a hospital during WW1. Our History Group not only exhibited their research into the lives of the men from Moseley who died during WW1 but they also organised other groups to spend the day at Highbury. A choir, a field hospital, displays of regimental and other relevant information filled the Hall and its grounds. It was clear that the many hundreds of visitors were very appreciative.
- The sale of publications produced by the Moseley history group continues, including a new booklet 'Love and loss in the Great War'. 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'. A walk led by Dr Terry Slater was organised for Heritage Open Days in 2018, featuring the architecture in the St Agnes Conservation Area. It proved to be very popular.

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'. Both buildings were opened for Heritage Open Days in 2018.
- 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. The garden was entered in the Heart of England in Bloom 'It's Your

Neighbourhood' category and was once again judged to be 'Outstanding'. Moseley in Bloom awarded the team with a Special Achievement Award in 2018.

- 2018 marked the bicentenary of the death of Humphry Repton, the first person to describe himself as a 'landscape gardener'. We produced an exhibition about his Red Book for the Moseley Hall estate of John Taylor II. One copy of the exhibition was on display at the dovecote and the other was exhibited in various locations. A copy remains on view in Moseley Hall, now a hospital.
- We send representatives to meetings of the Birmingham Heritage Forum where issues affecting all heritage sites in the city are discussed, 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, Moseley Forum, The Moseley & Kings Heath Community Partnership and its Greener, Cleaner, Safer Environment (GCSE) Group. In May 2018 the newly enlarged Moseley Ward came into effect with a boundary almost coterminous with that of The Moseley Society. The Community Partnership and GCSE Groups now meet as 'Moseley Meetings' open to all residents in the new Ward.
- 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. The weekly City Council car park cleaning service has continued, supplemented by Moseley Litterbusters' Sunday morning efforts.
- 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:

Helen Minovi, Co-chair

Date: 11 March 2019

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
Year to 31 December 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Grants and donations		672	300	972	875
Membership subscriptions		2,890		2,890	3,180
Tax refund (Gift Aid)		784		784	697
Interest received		1		1	-
Other - Sales of posters, local history books, etc		127		127	110
Moseley Soc events		164		164	164
Total income		4,638	300	4,938	5,026
Expenditure on:					
Grants to local organisations		600		600	600
Contribution to St Agnes CA Appraisal & Management Plan		-		-	601
Meetings and events		774		774	825
Humphrey Repton posters and leaflets		280		280	-
Computer for presentations		-		-	382
Dovecote & icehouse		87		87	207
Local History Group		-	596	596	599
Management and administration	2	1,534		1,534	1,667
Cost of sales - merchandise		86		86	76
Total expenditure		3,361	596	3,957	4,957
Net income/(expenditure)		1,277	(296)	981	69
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2018		9,828	1,344	11,172	11,103
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2018	4	11,105	1,048	12,153	11,172

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

BALANCE SHEET
31 December 2018

	Notes	2018		2017
		£	£	£
Current Assets				
Stocks		674		153
HMRC - Gift Aid repayment	3	1,356		1,077
Bank and cash balances		10,123		9,942
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			12,153	11,172
 Deduct: Current Liabilities				
			-	-
			<hr/>	<hr/>
Net assets			12,153	11,172
			<hr/>	<hr/>
 Represented by:				
FUNDS				
Unrestricted Fund				
General fund	4		11,105	9,828
Restricted Funds				
	4		1,048	1,344
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Total Funds			12,153	11,172
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These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 March 2019
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Helen Minovi Co Chair

Phil Williams Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year to 31 December 2018

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.

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

	2018	2017
	£	£
Printing, stationery and postage (including newsletters)	894	1,025
Public liability insurance	217	195
Subscriptions	80	80
Room hire committee meetings	200	160
Miscellaneous expenses	143	207
	<hr/> 1,534	<hr/> 1,667

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Year to 31 December 2018

3. GIFT AID REPAYMENT

The Gift Aid repayment due to the Society as at 31 December 2018 consists of Gift Aid on members' subscriptions and donations for the two years to 31 December 2018.

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.01.18	Income	Expenditure	At 31.12.18
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	9,828	4,638	(3,361)	11,105
Restricted Funds				
Local History Group Projects	1,344	300	(596)	1,048
Total fund balances forward	<u>11,172</u>	<u>4,938</u>	<u>(3,957)</u>	<u>12,153</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.