

The Moseley Society

Registered Charity Number 512211

Financial Statements

31 December 2019

## **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
John Dring	
Paul Lindley	
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.

The Society has a Data Protection Policy and membership system that complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

## **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 much of the work is carried out by the Trustees, other members of The Society and representatives of other organisations are also involved, particularly in the sub-groups. Some help occasionally, but many are regular volunteers who contribute greatly to the success of The Society.

### **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. During the year we have expressed our concern to the Local Planning Authority about the lack of resources that result in low levels of enforcement against planning breaches, and also the over-cautious reaction of Birmingham City Council to GDPR legislation, which has led to the redaction of the names of applicants for planning permission from public records.
- 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 outreach worker employed by Moseley Community Development Trust continues to offer support and advice to the people who congregate in public spaces in Moseley. Many of them have addictions and other problems.
- The Draft St Agnes Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan has at last been checked by the City's Planning Department and we expect the public consultation process to be undertaken in the first half of 2020, with adoption by the Planning Committee later in the year.
- Following the closure of the Harborne Society and reduced number of meetings of the West Midlands Amenities Societies Association, towards the end of 2019 the Trustees decided to apply to join Civic Voice in 2020. Civic Voice is 'The national charity for the civic movement in England. We make places more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive. We promote civic pride.'

- 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. Throughout 2019 we celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society with a special exhibition illustrating our achievements over that time. We produced a new membership application form, to publicise the Society and were delighted to add 33 new memberships to our list during the year, a considerably higher number than in recent years. The AGM included a celebration, an opportunity for reminiscences to be shared and some special refreshments.
- The Moseley History Group has continued to meet regularly, to organise events and 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 has continued and during the year a special commemoration of those from our area who fought at Gallipoli was organised, together with the publication of a booklet produced in conjunction with the Gallipoli Association. During Heritage Open Days the Moseley History Group opened its Collection, welcomed visitors and recruited several new members of The Society.
- The History Group publications are on sale at all meetings, including 'Wipe Away Your Tears', the story of seven Moseley men who served in the Gallipoli Campaign. In addition the Society continues to sell copies of the 'Architectural History of Moseley' poster and one is now given to each new member.
- Guided walks, which are free of charge, continue to be organised. Such walks take place during the Moseley Festival and for groups visiting the area and interested to learn more about 'the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Moseley'. During 2019 a walk for the Solihull Discovery Walking Group was fully subscribed.

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'. These buildings were specially opened for Heritage Open Days in 2019.
- 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, 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, and the 'Moseley Meetings' that are open to all residents in the new Ward.
- The Trustees maintain a close link with the Board of Moseley in Bloom (MiB). In 2019 The Society made another grant to support the floral displays and also the 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. Although the majority of copies are now sent out by email, paper copies are still delivered to some members by our volunteer newsletter distributors.

## **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 street scene 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: 9 March 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
Year to 31 December 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Grants and donations		691	500	1,191	972
Membership subscriptions		2,987		2,987	2,890
Tax refund (Gift Aid)		795		795	784
Interest received		1		1	1
Other - Sales of posters, local history books, etc		162		162	127
Moseley Soc events		164		164	164
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,800</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>4,938</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Grants to local organisations		650		650	600
Membership promotion		657		657	-
Meetings and events		1,015		1,015	774
40th year promotion and celebration		839		839	-
Humphrey Repton posters and leaflets		-		-	280
Dovecote & icehouse		147		147	87
Local History Group		-	788	788	596
Management and administration	2	1,622		1,622	1,534
Cost of sales - merchandise		100		100	86
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>5,030</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>5,818</b>	<b>3,957</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(230)</b>	<b>(288)</b>	<b>(518)</b>	<b>981</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2019		11,105	1,048	12,153	11,172
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2019	4	10,875	760	11,635	12,153

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

BALANCE SHEET  
31 December 2019

	Notes	2019		2018
		£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks		574		674
HMRC - Gift Aid repayment	3	1,447		1,356
Bank and cash balances		9,614		10,123
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			11,635	12,153
 <b>Deduct: Current Liabilities</b>				
			-	-
			<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net assets</b>			11,635	12,153
			<hr/>	<hr/>
Represented by:				
<b>FUNDS</b>				
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>				
General fund	4		10,875	11,105
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
	4		760	1,048
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<b>Total Funds</b>			11,635	12,153
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These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 March 2020  
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Helen Minovi Co Chair

Phil Williams Treasurer



# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## Year to 31 December 2019

### 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

	2019	2018
	£	£
Printing and stationery (including newsletters)	905	894
Public liability insurance	247	217
Subscriptions	80	80
Room hire committee meetings	195	200
Miscellaneous expenses	195	143
	<hr/> 1,622	<hr/> 1,534

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
Year to 31 December 2019

**3. GIFT AID REPAYMENT**

The Gift Aid repayment due to the Society as at 31 December 2019 consists of Gift Aid on members' subscriptions and donations for the two years to 31 December 2019.

**4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01.01.19	Income	Expenditure	At 31.12.19
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	11,105	4,800	(5,030)	10,875
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Local History Group    Projects	1,048	500	(788)	760
<b>Total fund balances carried forward</b>	<u>12,153</u>	<u>5,300</u>	<u>(5,818)</u>	<u>11,635</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.