

The Moseley Society

Registered Charity Number 512211

Financial Statements

31 December 2020

## **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

## **EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SOCIETY**

Although the year began with all our normal activities taking place, the effect of the pandemic led to a decision to cancel the 2020 Annual General Meeting in May, and instead to distribute the accounts to members and extend the appointment of all Trustees. Meetings of the Committee have been held online. As far as possible activities have been continued – although since March it has not been possible to organise any events at which people could meet in person, apart from our contribution to Heritage Open Days.

## **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, although few meetings in person have taken place during the year. The committee has continued to meet online, 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. It has continued throughout the year – communicating by email rather than in person.
- One of the many matters delayed by the pandemic was consultation on The Draft St Agnes Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan. It is now anticipated that consultation will take place in 2021, with adoption by the Planning Committee later in the year or early in 2022.
- 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:

- Our regular programme of lectures and activities came to an abrupt halt with the first national lockdown in March.
- The Moseley History Group has continued to conduct research, publish articles and material on the website, respond to queries and hold online committee meetings. One of the positive effects of the lockdown has been the good use to which our local historians have put their time. It also appears to have generated enquiries from people who have discovered information about their relations on the history pages of our website, and who have made contact from all over the world. The response of some people to the lockdown has been to spring clean. One consequence was the donation of a great deal of interesting material about one former Moseley resident.

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. The pandemic coincided with the closure of all public buildings and so it has not been possible to admit members of the public to any of the buildings during 2020.
- 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, on the buildings and the gardens, has continued throughout the year. The volunteer gardeners have devoted their outdoor exercise time for this purpose and followed guidelines to maintain safety at all times.
- We were able to take part in Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week by opening the dovecote garden and Moseley Park and Pool. Specially designed signs to encourage socially distanced visits and one-way routes were used. We know that 175 or more people enjoyed the opportunity to visit both sites and learn more about the history of Moseley.
- 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. The meetings have taken place online in 2020.
- 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 Ward.
- The Trustees maintain a close link with the Board of Moseley in Bloom (MiB). In 2020 there were no floral displays and so a decision was taken to increase the donation to the Christmas lights in the hope of raising spirits at a very difficult time.
- Production of the Society's quarterly Newsletter has continued. In addition a daily email of local news began being sent to members in March. Members of the Society contributed ideas and information and the daily email became 'Local News', distributed to all members and also via 'Moseley Together'. It had been set up by Moseley Community Development Trust to help people during the pandemic. The news was also shared widely via other online networks. Local News continued to be produced by The Society until November when it was handed over to 'Moseley Together'.

## **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. Despite the pandemic many of those activities have continued:

- the dovecote garden has been well cared for and remained open throughout the year. It is a source of pleasure for passers-by and provides a tranquil refuge for hospital staff, visitors and patients as well as others living nearby and without access to a garden.
- 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 improve the built environment for the benefit of all.

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 reduction in sales reflects the lack of in-person meetings and events. The increase in expenditure under the 'events' heading includes the subscription to Zoom.

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: 8 March 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
Year to 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Grants and donations		472		472	1,191
Membership subscriptions		2,788		2,788	2,987
Tax refund (Gift Aid)		581		581	795
Interest received		1		1	1
Other - Sales of posters, local history books, etc		3		3	162
Moseley Soc events		182		182	164
<b>Total income</b>		<b>4,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,027</b>	<b>5,300</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Grants to local organisations		800		800	650
Subscriptions		580		580	80
Membership promotion		-		-	657
Meetings and events		318		318	1,015
40th year promotion and celebration		-		-	839
Dovecote & icehouse		105		105	147
Local History Group		-	144	144	788
Management and administration	2	941		941	1,542
Cost of sales - merchandise		100		100	100
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>2,844</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>5,818</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>1,183</b>	<b>(144)</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>(518)</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		10,875	760	11,635	12,153
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020	4	12,058	616	12,674	11,635

The notes on pages 8 and 9 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET  
31 December 2020

	Notes	2020		2019
		£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks		474		574
HMRC - Gift Aid repayment	<b>3</b>	1,257		1,447
Bank and cash balances		10,943		9,614
			<u>12,674</u>	<u>11,635</u>
<b>Deduct: Current Liabilities</b>				
			-	-
			<u>12,674</u>	<u>11,635</u>
<b>Net assets</b>				
Represented by:				
<b>FUNDS</b>				
<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>				
General fund	<b>4</b>		12,058	10,875
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
	<b>4</b>		616	760
			<u>12,674</u>	<u>11,635</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>				

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8 March 2021  
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Geoff Rees Co Chair

Phil Williams Treasurer

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## Year to 31 December 2020

### 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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Printing and stationery (including newsletters)	262	905
Public liability insurance	277	247
Room hire committee meetings	280	195
Miscellaneous expenses	122	195
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	941	1,542
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Year to 31 December 2020

**3. GIFT AID REPAYMENT**

The Gift Aid repayment due to the Society as at 31 December 2020 consists of Gift Aid on members' subscriptions and donations for the two years to 31 December 2020.

**4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 01.01.20	Income	Expenditure	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
General Fund	10,875	4,027	(2,844)	12,058
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Local History Group    Projects	760	-	(144)	616
<b>Total fund balances carried forward</b>	<u>11,635</u>	<u>4,027</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>	<u>12,674</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.