

The Moseley Society

Registered Charity Number 512211

Financial Statements

31 December 2025

## **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
Frances Anderson	
Kirsten de Vos	
Paul Lindley	
Ray Tier	
Charles Wall	
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 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, representatives from residents' groups in Moseley and others with relevant skills. We remain very concerned about the under-resourcing of the Planning Department which no longer appears to have an office anywhere in the City. The number of planning applications registered continues to fall and proposed changes to the planning system seek to reduce the influence that civic societies can have on planning decisions.
- In 2020 the Use Class system was changed fundamentally, making almost all properties in any high street available for any use with market forces being the only determinant. In Moseley the market has determined that coffee shops, cafes, dessert shops and hairdressers should fill almost every property.
- Street drinking/substance abuse continued to cause considerable problems in the shopping centre throughout the long, hot summer of 2025. Despite the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) the number of drinkers/drug users congregating in groups and also sleeping rough in Moseley remains high.
- The Society has maintained its membership of Civic Voice which is 'The national charity for the civic movement in England. We make places more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive. We promote civic pride.' However Civic Voice can no longer afford to employ staff and is being reorganised as a voluntary body run by its members. It remains a source of advice and information because of the expertise of many members of civic societies across England.
- 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 arrange a varied programme of meetings and social events on topics of local interest and to which we welcome everyone in the hope of attracting new members.
- The Moseley History Group has continued to conduct research, publish articles and material on the website, respond to queries and hold committee meetings.

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 regular schedule of public openings has continued. The maintenance of the buildings is an on-going process. The accounts show some expenditure on plants and equipment but that is insignificant compared with the value of the many hours of skilled work contributed by volunteers.
- The new display in the dovecote has been appreciated by visitors during the year and a new display board, designed by Chris Rice, has been erected beside the icehouse in Moseley Park. This sign cost more than the display inside the dovecote because it is of exterior, weather-proof quality.
- 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 garden continues to be enjoyed by staff, patients and visitors to Moseley Hall Hospital.
- We took part in Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week and also Moseley in Bloom Open Gardens by opening the buildings and the garden to enthusiastic visitors. When we open the Icehouse for these events we also help to promote Moseley Park and Pool.
- 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 Trustees consider matters of public interest that affect all of Moseley's residents by supporting and by sending representatives to Moseley Forum and the 'Moseley Ward Meetings' that are open to all residents in the Ward.
- The Trustees maintain close links with the Board of Moseley in Bloom (MiB). The floral displays once more graced the centre of Moseley throughout the summer and Christmas lights welcomed people to the centre of Moseley throughout December and the Society made a contribution to both.
- Production of the Society's regular Newsletter has continued.

## **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. The benefit of those activities include:

- 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 pleasure and interest that visitors to the Dovecote and Icehouse express when learning more about the history of the area.
- the interest in the history of Moseley that our team of researchers generates.
- 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.

Expenditure exceeds income by £1,056 reflecting the completion of two projects – the signage and interpretation panels for the Icehouse and the Dovecote. The expenditure has been enabled by the legacies received in recent years and the interest received from the resultant funds.

Membership subscriptions have fallen in 2025 and this, in part, is due to members forgetting to pay. We would encourage members to pay subscriptions by standing order Details can be found on The Moseley Society website.

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.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Helen Minovi, Co-chair

Date: 9 March 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
Year to 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations		361	415
Membership subscriptions		2,715	2,895
Tax refund (Gift Aid)		585	559
Legacies		-	1,500
Interest received		2,767	3,071
Sales of posters, local history books, etc		164	475
<b>Total income</b>		6,592	8,915
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Grants to local organisations		650	900
Subscriptions		580	580
Meetings and events		757	957
Dovecote & icehouse	2	3,839	5,511
Local History Group	3	378	801
Management and administration	4	1,295	1,140
Cost of sales - merchandise		149	404
<b>Total expenditure</b>		7,648	10,293
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(1,056)	(1,378)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2025		88,199	89,577
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2025		87,143	88,199

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

BALANCE SHEET  
31 December 2025

	Notes	2025		2024
		£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Stocks		74		223
HMRC - Gift Aid repayment	5	1,081		1,065
Bank and cash balances		85,988		87,036
			87,143	88,324
<b>Deduct: Current Liabilities</b>				
			-	125
<b>Net assets</b>			87,143	88,199
Represented by:				
<b>Total Funds</b>			87,143	88,199

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9 March 2026  
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Helen Minovi Co Chair

Phil Williams Treasurer

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
Year to 31 December 2025

**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.

**2. DOVECOTE AND ICEHOUSE**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Dovecote signage and interpretation panels	998	4,787
Icehouse signage and interpretation panels	2,370	-
Shredder for dovecote gardens	-	326
Plants for dovecote gardens	88	282
Dovecote floodlight controls	205	-
Electricity	78	116
Miscellaneous expenses	100	-
	<u>3,839</u>	<u>5,511</u>

**3. LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Meetings	326	403
Subscriptions and licences	-	212
Transfer of records to Moseley CDT offices	-	100
Miscellaneous expenses	52	86
	<u>378</u>	<u>801</u>

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Year to 31 December 2025

**4. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Printing and stationery (including newsletters)	805	672
Public liability insurance	178	149
Room hire committee meetings	261	248
Miscellaneous expenses	51	71
	<u>1,295</u>	<u>1,140</u>

**5. GIFT AID REPAYMENT**

The Gift Aid repayment due to the Society as at 31 December 2025 consists of Gift Aid on members' subscriptions and donations for the two years to 31 December 2025

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

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