

Moseley, Still, In Bloom

We are told to look for the silver linings in these unsettling times and one silvery line is how fantastic some Moseley gardens and frontages are looking. It is obvious, as we take our daily walks, that people have been using some of their free time to put their gardening skills into practice.

The Moseley In Bloom committee have been contemplating how we too can continue our charity’s commitment for beautiful greenspaces during lock-down. Our beloved annual Open Gardens calendar won’t run in its usual way this year (although stay tuned for alternative ideas!). Furthermore, it is with heavy hearts that we are unable to support the floral displays that you are used to seeing in Moseley Village*. This will be a significant loss to the aesthetics of our neighbourhood but with an annual cost of £12,000 it is simply too much expense to shoulder/fundraise for this year. Additionally the uncertainty regarding the City Council’s and Cofton Nursery’s capability to put up, maintain and water the baskets means that the situation is pretty much already decided for us.

However, I’m sure you’ll agree, Moseley’s amazing front gardens continue to inspire and give hope:



Instead of the Front Garden awards scheme, we would like to invite every home in Moseley to participate in a special “Show off” your front garden campaign. We think your hard work deserves to be celebrated and we want to help you do this.

8 Alcester Road – making good use of the parking area flower bed which can be also be enjoyed by passers-by from the pavement side.

If you feel that your garden / balcony / hanging baskets or pots deserve to be “shown-off” please feel free to print off the Moseley In Bloom printable pdf sign from <http://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/front-gardens> or design your own, or simply just hand write “Moseley In Bloom” on a piece of paper, and put it in a see-through plastic envelope and display in it your front garden. Then drop an e-mail to frontgardens@moseleyinbloom.org.uk and let us know your address. We will flag up your wondrous work on our website and social media channels and let people know to look out for your garden as they take their daily walks.

If you would like us to provide you with a sign, we have a partner printer who can help us for a small cost: A coated plastic sign will be £5 and a sign attached to a 1.2m stake would be £10. Just email us what you require and we’ll organise these for you.

No matter how big or small your garden or display, we want to hear from you. Even if you just have one pot of flowers that you are particularly proud of, don’t hold back. Appreciation of the outdoors is such a great way to stay positive so “showing off” your garden may help others find their silver linings as they are out for a stroll.

Plant offer

This week’s plant offer: One of our generous gardeners would like to offer broccoli and courgette seedlings and a few little spider plants to share. Please collect safely from Sovereign Way. Message Ruth on ruthtetlow@btinternet.com for more details.

Gardening Challenge

Your gardening challenge this week is brought to you by the Royal Horticultural Society. Please see 26 challenges on <https://www.rhs.org.uk/about-the-rhs/pdfs/about-the-rhs/support-us/26-Challenges-for-RHS.pdf>

Moseley in Bloom on Facebook

Our main Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/moseleyinbloom> but we also have a Friends group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofMiB> where you can share anything garden-related.

* Look out for next week’s update for how you can purchase some of the beautiful bedding plants we would have had in our public displays.

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