

Moseley, still in Bloom

Moseley in Bloom's Pop-up Perennials

A massive thank you to the community of Moseley - to those who gave plants in the autumn and this spring and those who came along on Sunday to support our Pop Up Perennials and make donations. We achieved a splendid total of £250. Thank you all so much.

News from Europe

Tiziana is a nun from Naples in Italy, who was living with some of the Catholic nuns who volunteer at St Chad's cathedral in Birmingham, where refugees are helped to learn English. Tiziana joined Jenny Peacock's class to improve her English while she was in the UK. Now back at home, she sent this news to Jenny.

In this very sad time for all us, about the Corona Virus, we must have so much courage and so much personal responsibility. It seems that they are limiting us in our 'freedom' but I think the correct word is, they are 'protecting' us, from an invisible danger. I, by staying at home, protect both myself and others. These days, I am confined to Naples, but I have the opportunity to go into the garden and look along the way near home. What do my eyes and my heart see? What do my heart and ears



feel? The gates are closed, but in the garden Spring explodes in absolute freedom. Flowers bloom, scents smell in the air. The colours cheer and lift our mood, I become a little more serene, quieter and the fluttering of birds and their singing open my heart, bring joy because life goes on. Because even if there is pain, not understanding, darkness. In this time I wrote and set a song because together we will all get out of this dark, I believe and want to continue believing !!! The day and the light pierce every barrier. The streets are deserted, but Creation and I in it, alive!!!

The photos show Tiziana and the garden of where lives in the parish of St. Paul in Pozzuoli, Naples





A little history from Moseley in Bloom archives

Moseley has Marks and Spencers. Before that, there was a Meteor Ford garage (AKA Bristol Street Motors), but from 2009 to 2011, while Tesco wrangled and the community protested, there was a Moseley in Bloom project. The derelict garage site was an eyesore and nothing seemed to happen there except rubbish dumping and other antisocial behaviour. Our volunteers set to work cleaning up and beautifying the area. Planters were made from old chemical drums covered with hessian and the perimeter fence acted as a perfect plant support. Seeds were sown for us at Four Seasons Nursery and one of our volunteers, Deborah Taylor, nurtured them in her own greenhouses. Bulbs and spring flowers were planted round the edge and vegetables forming a dense screen hung from the fence. Beans and courgettes mingled with Morning Glory, Chilean Glory Vine, and climbing Nasturtians. The whole show caught the attention of passers by on foot and on the bus and, towards the end of the summer, we even had a regular visitor - a 'bean man' who came to pick beans and, we think, sold them in his shop!



In 2010, when Moseley in Bloom entered the Heart of England in Bloom in the Urban Community category, we were delighted to receive an Award of Special Merit from the RHS for our project. You can see more about it by going to our website <https://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk> Follow the links to 'About us' and click on Annual Reviews for 2009 and 2011.

If you have any horticultural or environmental stories or news to tell, please send to Carol Miller doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com

Watch out soon for news of our plans for the Open Gardens Weekend. Coming soon!

