

Moseley, still in Bloom

Virtual Open Gardens event - coming soon!

Open Gardens, but not as you know it! Films of Moseley gardens will be shown on a dedicated YouTube channel on Saturday 27th June and for some time afterwards. We now have a fantastic set of gardens to show, filmed by their proud owners. The usual awesome variety of gardens, big and small, will be there for all to see. Indeed, while we often have some visitors from far afield, distance is no obstacle this year and you can invite your family and friends anywhere in the world to see the marvels of Moseley. Rain will not be a problem either so, whatever the weather, we hope you will be there!



More information can be found at www.MoseleyInBloom.org.uk/open-gardens and next week, the link should be live to the Open Gardens event.

Pop up plant sales prove popular

Last Sunday Moseley in Bloom held another pop up plant sale. It was the second this year and, in spite of nurseries and garden centres now being open, Moseley folk chose to come in large numbers, well spaced out, for locally grown plants. At this time of year, gardeners have plenty of spare plants after successfully sowing seeds and splitting plants. Plants were donated to the pop up, making a great selection of perennials, vegetable and herbs. There was also compost, pots and a few other items of garden surplus. Moseley in Bloom note cards were on sale together with the now-familiar lollipops that announce front gardens. Payment was again by voluntary donation to Moseley in Bloom and we were delighted to raise more than £300. Thanks to all who donated and bought plants. This money will enable us to continue our projects in schools and will help to fund next year's popular floral displays in Moseley village.





Happy customers at the pop up sale



The Big Compost Experiment

I hope some people joined the Big Compost Experiment at University College London. They have just sent out a report and you can listen to the researchers discussing their latest results at the Cheltenham Science Festival online

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoRBjeV9_d8

For further information see

<https://www.bigcompostexperiment.org.uk>

A little more history from Moseley in Bloom archives

Exotic Roundabout

The 'exotic roundabout' at the bottom of Salisbury Road is now a familiar part of the landscape but people with long memories may remember it otherwise. It was reclaimed from a circular tarmac desert in 2006 with the generous help and assistance of both BCC Parks and Nurseries and BCC Highways to create this beautiful island at the centre of a busy junction. The planting scheme was designed by Darren Share, Head of Birmingham Parks and Nurseries. Set at a major gateway to Moseley it inspired local businessman and philanthropist, Alan Holland to give his generous sponsorship support for a ten-year period. This allowed Moseley in Bloom to continue with its upkeep and maintain it, with the help of the Council gardeners.





The roundabout has survived well, in spite of some difficult winter weather (see photo 1). The late summer period always brings a fabulous display of agapanthus and tulbaghia. The second photo shows the roundabout in 2013.

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