

Moseley, still in Bloom

What now?

After the wonderful virtual Open Gardens, what happens next? The Moseley in Bloom Committee is still meeting on Zoom and always has horticulture in mind. There may be another pop up plant sale so remember this if you have too many cuttings or are dividing plants. Our work with schools also continues as Marci Green explains below.

Moseley in Bloom Schools Project Begins Its third year!

Our Schools Gardening Projects began in 2018, when we launched our initiative to encourage local primary schools to 'green up' their school sites. We provided gardening grants of up to £500 and offered advice throughout the schools' gardening year.

We are now looking to fund projects for the next academic year. We want teachers, parents and governors to help inspire and support pupils to develop gardening skills and encourage them to understand their role in the quality and sustainability of their environment.



These planters were built at Our Lady of Lourdes school



The development of the willow arch at King David School





A bright corner at Uffculme School

If you would like your primary school in B13 to be involved, please log on to our website, where you will find all the information you need to apply for a grant. ([www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/schools project](http://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/schools%20project)). Deadline for applications is 23 October 2020.

Keep on sowing and growing

According to Allan Jenkins, of Plot 29 (published by 4th Estate), by the end of July, we will already have an hour less light a day. But if you hurry, you can still sow some late summer salads and rocket and some leaves sown now will be ready in the autumn. If you were busy at the beginning of lockdown, you will be harvesting beans and courgettes soon and tomatoes and chillies are beginning to form on the plants.

Seeds for refugees

Early in the lockdown, there was plenty of seed and plant swapping. Experienced gardeners and people who took up gardening because they had more time really benefitted from the variety of seeds available from friends and neighbours. We are all beginning to harvest from these now. If you still have spare packets of flower and vegetable seeds, why not send them to another gardener? The Lemon Tree Trust's Gardener to Gardener appeal is providing refugee gardeners with seeds, in the camps of Kurdistan. Visit lemontreetrust.org to find out how to donate.

Gardens still open!

You can still see the lovely Moseley Open Gardens 2020 at

<http://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/videos>



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