

Moseley, still in Bloom

More notes from Moseley Gardeners

Jenny Brewer has sent another report from her 'bijoux' garden

Hello again. Thought I would offer up a second episode of me and my garden in 2020, this strange and different year that we are all living through. You first saw my garden in April, just starting to get ready for the spring season, but still a bit bare, and here I am now in July, more flourishing and greened up, what a delight.



And this year has allowed me to think about both my back and front gardens. Having watched our Open Gardens You Tube channel I was mightily impressed with the veg and fruit growers of Moseley but this garden of mine is a decorative garden and will remain so. I do need to add some more pockets of floral colour for next year but in the meantime and when we get to the autumn I will do some fine pruning to refine the shape of the plants and shrubs and this will also highlight the mix of assorted foliage colour I have which will take me through to winter.

As for the front garden I have a brick edged bed that slopes towards the kitchen window and my planned replanting here has been put on hold. I have filled the gaps with what I managed to lay my hands on. It won't bear close scrutiny until next year. I then have an odd area at the front which I started planting up at least 20 years ago and anything planted here has to be prepared to look after itself apart from an occasional titivate. But last autumn I had to make the difficult decision to remove a lovely but diseased cherry tree and the gap is still there.





Now I have another executive decision to make regarding a six foot high Elaeagnus which over the last six weeks or so has seen the majority of its leaves turn brown and drop off ! Is this the end of its lifespan or just this year's weather? I have given it a harsh prune and a good talking to and expect it to revive during this coming autumn. Do you think it will ? Answers on a postcard please ...

Benita Roberts has sent in this report of her friend Sadie's garden

Church Avenue has always been a secret showpiece of Moseley and one resident has used her lockdown to further beautify her surroundings. Not just a slabbed empty space but an area that was used to dump discarded rubbish and more. In the two years Sadie has lived here she's transformed the area into an oasis for herself and her partner John. Whilst furloughed from her work in hospitality, in lockdown the garden has been her saving grace. She grows from seeds and cuttings and has an abundance of veggies, strawberries and tomatoes. Her plants and flowers are a joy for anybody walking through or peeping through the gate of Church Avenue.



Nature based listening.

Our green spaces have taken on new meaning these last few months. Discover more about Highbury Orchard on this podcast by the Birmingham Tree People.

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Margaret Wilson has lots of plastic plant pots ranging from 3" to 4 litre that she wants to get rid of. She would be happy to deliver. If you would like some, please contact Margaret on brookeswilson@btinternet.com

Gardens still open!

You can still see the lovely Moseley Open Gardens 2020 at

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

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