

Moseley, still in Bloom

Moseley's trees - from our Portfolio 2015

There is such a profusion of trees in Moseley that it is difficult to believe we are in a suburb of the second city. It is not only the number of trees that is impressive, there is also a rich diversity of species, including a wide range of native species such as oak, beech and ash, for example, in Moseley Park and Pool. Since the mid-19th century, private gardeners have also introduced a range of ornamental and imported species. The Council and contractors maintain, improve and replace trees.

Although some would argue that trees do not need any additional beautifying, you will notice that in some roads, guerrilla gardeners have under-planted trees. Spring bulbs are followed by summer bedding that adds a welcome splash of colour to grey tarmac streets.

2020: Birmingham City Council does not seem to mind residents planting in the tree bases and where the bases and verges look well cared-for, will try hard not to mow down the flowers. Why not do some planting in your road?



Jenny Brewer
Planted tree base, Cambridge Rd

Agapanthus passion

Agapanthus are always impressive as they slowly reveal their magnificent flower heads in all shades and mixtures of blue and white. There is a gardener in Moseley who is passionate about them. Starting from one bought locally a few years ago, Peter now has quite a collection and is expert at looking after them. They vary in size and over the past few weeks, have been coming out in all their splendour. It is impossible to have a favourite as they all have their own beauty but White Heaven is remarkable. It has an enormous flower head on thick, strong stems that support it well. Peter keeps them in pots, feeds them throughout the summer and takes them to a protected part of the garden in winter.





If you are interested to know more about Agapanthus and related plants such as Nerines and Clivia, Hoyand Plant Centre is a specialist grower in Yorkshire. Look at their website <https://somethingforthegarden.co.uk>

What is this?

Jill Adams has found a plant growing in a pot on her terrace and has no idea what it is, although she knows she must have planted it at some time. Can anyone help to identify it please?



Gardens still open!

You can still see the lovely Moseley Open Gardens 2020 at

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

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