

Moseley, still in Bloom

Front gardens on show

Are you still looking out for Moseley in Bloom lollipops in front gardens? This week, three new ones were given out.

One recipient is Charlie Savage in Meadow View. Charlie is a former carpenter and is currently turning wood on his lathe to make a support pole for his placard. Now in his late 80s, in the past Charlie has been involved with woodwork at Sarehole Mill and Moseley Bog and has helped with the Tolkien Weekends. He makes wooden boxes and paints them as gifts for friends and neighbours, using wood recycled from Joy's Wood. Over the years, he worked on numerous projects, including floors at the Wake Green Road prefabs, a pulpit at Acocks Green Church and even a tortoise house on wheels for a neighbour.

Charlie's front garden is full of colour with bedding plants and borders of marigolds, his favourite flower.



Two placards have also been awarded in Dyott Road.

Alma Tanner sent in this photo of her front garden - definitely worth a placard.



Her next door neighbours, Judy and Alan Wenban-Smith, whose garden featured in the Virtual Open Gardens films, have also been given a placard.



Look out for all of these gardens as you walk around Moseley.

The placards are still available. If you, or a neighbour has a front garden to show off, contact us and we can supply a placard.

Contact amy.maclean@moseleyinbloom.org.uk for more information

Moseley in Bloom Newsletter definitely being read!

Last week there was evidence that people are paying attention to our Newsletter. The piece about Agapanthus created interested and a keen reader has been put in touch with the Agapanthus-lover, Peter.

Also, Jill Adams will be happy because her plant was identified as a Eucomis, by Joy Turner and by Glenn O'Raw, who agreed it was a Pineapple Plant or Eucomis. However, Glenn said 'if it smells anything like ours, it definitely is. I like them from a distance, but...' Thank you both.

National Allotments Week

10-16 August is National Allotments Week, although, as the National Allotment Society says,

"This year every week has been National Allotments Week, with more people than ever realising that growing your own food is a great way of eating healthily, getting some outdoor exercise in the fresh air and acquiring new skills. Plot-holders have also benefited from the contact with nature and the easy camaraderie on allotment sites, helping to retain their mental health and stay positive during these worrying times."

There is lots of useful information and inspiring stories on their website. Have a look at <https://www.nsalg.org.uk>

If you have any stories or news from your allotments, please let us know.

Gardens still open!

You can still see the lovely Moseley Open Gardens 2020 at

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

Thanks to everyone who has donated to Moseley in Bloom via our Just Giving pages - also still open

www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/donate



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