

## Moseley, still in Bloom

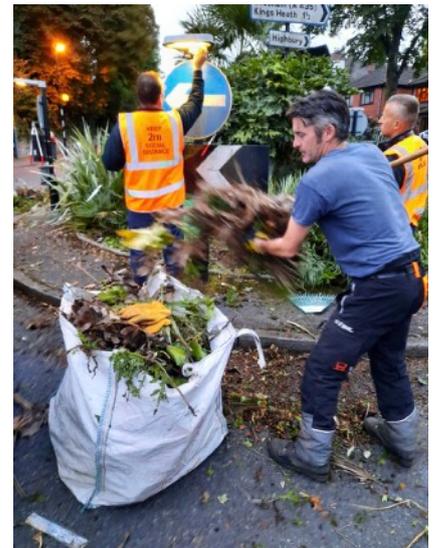
### The Exotic Roundabout

Jenny Brewer was up early last Wednesday as she wanted to catch the work starting at 5.30am on our Exotic Roundabout. For various reasons the roundabout had been rather neglected recently. Jenny did a great job negotiating with Birmingham City Council Parks and Nurseries to do a clean up to renovate the bed and make visibility around it safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Although Moseley in Bloom volunteers often take on planting and horticultural jobs around the village, this one requires professional intervention. As Jenny says, 'it would have been way beyond a few Bloom volunteers who might be willing to chance dodging traffic, never mind what we needed to do with all that green waste. It was the Parks and Nurseries team who did all the hard whilst I just hovered around taking photographs'.

What a transformation! Thanks to Parks and Nurseries and thanks to Jenny for organising the operation. The roundabout at this important gateway to Moseley is restored.

Since its inception, the Roundabout has been sponsored by Fishers Property, through Moseley resident Alan Holland. That sponsorship is now ending and a new funding arrangement will be needed if the Roundabout is to remain 'Exotic'. If anyone can help us, please contact Moseley in Bloom.



The roundabout restored!



**Moseley Together Art Nature Walk**

Rhiannon at Moseley Together organised a Nature Art Walk last week. A small group assembled at Sarehole Mill and, led by Tara, a Moseley artist, we were introduced to the amazing process called Cyanotype. This early form of photography relies on natural UV light to form impressions on solar photo paper. After collecting leaves, grasses and other natural objects, we arranged them on the paper and then allowed them to sit in the light.



Here we are waiting for the imprints to form



The paper is then washed in water and allowed to dry. On this occasion it was hung on the trees.

Such a simple process with such effective results. We were all keen to try it again.



Thank you Moseley Together for organising this.

### **Moseley in Bloom AGM**

This year, Moseley in Bloom's Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 15 September at 7.30pm. As usual, everyone is invited and this year, it will be easy to attend without leaving the comfort of your own home because it will be held on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact Amy Maclean, Chair of MiB at [amy.maclean@moseleyinbloom.org.uk](mailto:amy.maclean@moseleyinbloom.org.uk) Amy will then send you a link to join the meeting. We look forward to see you there!

### **Pop-up Plant, Produce and (gardening) Paraphernalia Sale**

This sale will be on Sunday 20 September from 2-4pm at 62 Chantry Road. If you have surplus plants, cuttings or seeds, fruit or vegetable produce or garden equipment that you do not want, please save it and bring it along to the Pop-up Sale. Please label plants and seeds. For further information or to ask questions about the Sale, contact Carol Miller [doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com](mailto:doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com) Our last sale, in June, raised over £300 for Moseley in Bloom so let's see if we can beat that in our last sale of the year.

### **Gardening on the radio**

I wasn't going to put this item in the Newsletter but our Chair, Amy (she who must be obeyed), said that I should. The words are Amy's:

Hooray for Carol, the star among us who recently joined a Bank Holiday morning audience on BBC WM Breakfast Show. Listen on BBC Sounds at minutes 1:54-1:59 (1 hour, 54 minutes) promoting front gardens and gardening during lockdown.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08ny5bl>

### **Gardens still open**

The Open Gardens films will remain available until the end of September so if you haven't finished viewing them, look now!

<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](http://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/donate)



### **September Newsflash!**

It's September and gardening activities are slowing down a little so we will stop sending out this Newsletter at the end of the month. That doesn't mean that everything stops for Moseley in Bloom as we do carry on during the winter, but at a different pace. If you have any horticultural or environmental stories or news to tell before we finish, please send to Carol Miller [doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com](mailto:doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com) If sending photos, please send them in the largest size possible, rather than reduced, in order to give a good quality image.