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MOSELEY



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UPDATE FROM

COUNCILLOR KERRY JENKINS



Wheelie bins for cleaner streets

After months of negotiation and engagement with residents it was good to witness the arrival of wheelie bins for residents living on King Edward Road. Councillor Jenkins had received numerous pleas from residents who were fed up seeing rubbish strewn all over the pavements and who asked for her help to get wheelie bins to replace the use of black sacks. **Kerry said** "Wheelie bins are a bit like Marmite and not all residents want them but after talking to residents here I found more than half of them did and I believe they should be allowed to choose rather than that decision being made for them."

Beryl scooters coming soon!

We will soon be seeing the re-introduction of e-scooters in Moseley and across Birmingham with an opportunity to merge the cycle hire with the e-scooter assets through a shared infrastructure, operated by the same supplier. This will effectively enable bikes and e-scooters to be hired and returned to the same stations. **Kerry said** "It's really good to hear that the popular scooters will soon be returning and I know that planning work is currently underway to identify where all the cycle /scooter hire stations will be located. While we are waiting for the e-scooters I urge everyone to use the Beryl bikes so that there is a robust business case for expansion of the scheme."



Working in partnership for a safer Moseley

Councillor Jenkins has been working with the Daniel Baird Foundation to provide bleed control kits to pubs across Moseley and has now rolled out five kits as well as the bleed control cabinet installed last year. The charity works to raise awareness of the importance of having publicly accessible kits available to ensure that where any incident that results with a catastrophic bleed occurs, the necessary first aid can be given to reduce blood loss until professional medical help arrives. **Kerry** also recently spoke in support of a motion at full council, supporting the work of the Foundation and the call for a campaign of improved public awareness and increased availability of kits in relation to local centres.

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Taking action to combat food poverty

Many are facing huge challenges as a result of the cost of living crisis. With 38% of children in our constituency living in poverty there is an absolute need to ensure support is available to the growing numbers finding themselves in crisis. That's why the Moseley Labour team have continued collecting for local foodbanks and with the generosity of residents and others visiting Moseley has meant that we have been able to donate over 120 Easter eggs and £1,629 directly to Kings Heath Foodbank and have delivered 600kg of food to the Trussell Trust at Tyseley." **Kerry said** "We are a very wealthy country yet millions rely on food banks to make sure that their children are fed. Too many are facing food poverty with every day being a choice between eating and heating. We shouldn't need foodbanks but the sad truth is they are a normalised part of our communities. I'm proud of the support that we have given but far more can and must be done by government."



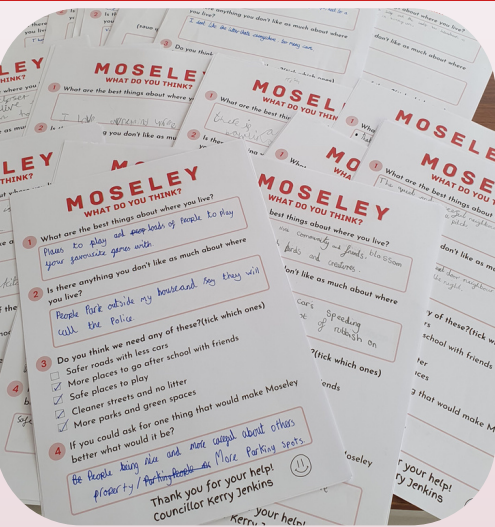
Kerry with Sharon Power at Kings Heath Foodbank

An update on the Moseley Ward Action Plan



The Moseley Ward Action Plan is now live on the Birmingham City Council website. It focuses on six key themes - prosperity, safety, health, localism, inclusion, and the environment. **Kerry said** "The ward plan is a working document and will be an important tool by pointing to the priorities set out by the Moseley community and will be used for pulling down resources and funding when they become available." You can read the ward plan in full on the Birmingham Council website: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/27013/moseley_ward_action_plan

Amplifying the voice of children and young people



Cllr Jenkins was recently invited to present to pupils in Key Stage 2 at St Martin de Porres as part of the school's Vocations Week. **Kerry said** "It was fabulous to have the opportunity to talk to the children about the role of a councillor and how I serve the whole of the Moseley community. The children were really interested to hear about the different aspects of the role and also about how local government depends on central government for a big chunk of its funding. They didn't think it was fair that Birmingham's budget has been cut so much! I would have to agree." **Kerry also said** "I want to thank the teachers and the children for their brilliant questions but also for taking the time to fill in my mini survey, sharing their thoughts about where they live in Moseley and completing some key information about there priorities and what they want is important to them."

Can you help?

We have been asked by Birmingham for Ukraine to share this request: Following the dam bombing and resulting flooding in the town of Oleshky, near Kherson, there is an urgent need for hosts in Birmingham who can offer a single room or two for short term hosting of Ukrainians under Government's Homes4Ukraine Scheme. Birmingham, as a City of Sanctuary, has already welcomed 1000 guests from Ukraine as the ongoing war unfolds. If you wish to consider hosting or can offer support in any other way, please email Birminghamforukraine@gmail.com - Your support is much appreciated.

Advice surgery

My advice surgeries are held every fourth Thursday of the month at the Moseley Exchange, between 6 and 7pm. No appointment necessary.



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