

Moseley & Kings Heath



# FOCUS

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## NEW PUBLIC SQUARE FOR KINGS

### HEATH

A new public square at the heart of Kings Heath is nearing completion thanks in part to the efforts of your local Lib Dem Councillors.

For decades this heart of Kings Heath, at the junction of Vicarage Road and the High Street, has been an eyesore, dominated by public toilets. In an effort to transform this part of our area, the Council has worked closely with All Saint's Church, their development company, the Diocese and the business community.

Supported by your local Lib Dem Councillors, the Council has contributed £200,000 toward the scheme and offered up the triangular shaped land formerly occupied by the toilets and a disabled car park. The project was subsequently successful in winning the regional Community Spaces lottery bid, delivering a further £460,000 towards the scheme.

The scheme will be completed when an ornate Edwardian lamp post that has been hidden behind the public toilets since the 1980s is moved back to its original prominent position at the corner of Vicarage Road and High Street.



HOW THE AREA LOOKED BEFORE

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# MOSELEY ROAD BATHS BACK ON TRACK

Work has now restarted on Moseley Road baths after a brief delay when loose asbestos was discovered in the basement.

Specialist contractors moved onto site in mid-October and are on target to remove all the asbestos from the basement by the end of November.

Once this is done, work can then begin on installing the permanent scaffolding in the basement to replace the heavily corroded temporary scaffolding which is currently holding up large sections of the floor plate of the building. This work will take six weeks to complete. Taking into account the Christmas break, it is anticipated work finishing mid-January and the baths re-opening shortly afterwards.

The fire exit door from pool 2, which caused the closure of the pool last Christmas, is now fully repaired.

Councillor Mullaney has also been successful in identifying an additional £195,000 for the baths to do the following:

- £65,000 to install the permanent scaffolding in the basement from 25<sup>th</sup> November onwards
- £50,000 to prepare a Heritage Lottery bid for just over £5million for phase one of the works to restore these baths. Our objective for phase 1 is to stabilise the condition of the building, so that it is no longer deteriorating. This would include removing the dry rot from the first floor and fixing any leaks in the roof.
- £80,000 for 'sticking plaster' works to get the swimming baths through the next two years, in preparation for any restoration monies.

This money will safeguard the future of Moseley Road Baths for many years to come.

# CHRISTMAS IN BIRMINGHAM

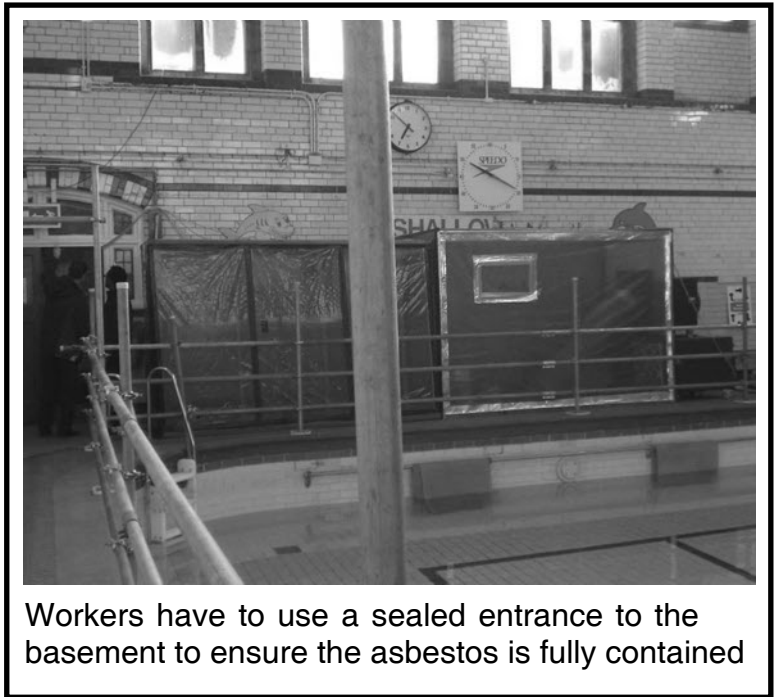


Christmas is rapidly approaching and as always there will be a wide variety of events taking place both in Moseley & Kings Heath and across the City.

Historic Highbury Hall has a full programme of festive events, including a Christmas Open Day on December 4th. Elsewhere in the city, museums such as Aston Hall, Soho House and BMAG will be hosting events for people of all ages.

Finally, Christmas in Birmingham just wouldn't be the same without the Frankfurt German Market which returns to Victoria Square on November 17th.

For information on things to do in Birmingham this Christmas visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/things-to-do](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/things-to-do)



Workers have to use a sealed entrance to the basement to ensure the asbestos is fully contained

# CONTACT YOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT TEAM

We are here to help you 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can contact us via telephone or email using the following details:

## Planning or environmental issues

**Contact:** Cllr Martin Mullaney:  
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## Advice Bureaux.

**Every Monday (except Bank Holidays and during the month of August)**

**6.30 - 7.00pm**

Kings Heath Community Centre,  
8 Heathfield Road, Kings Heath.

**7.15 - 7.45pm,**

Moseley Community Development Trust,  
The Post Office Building,  
149-153 Alcester Road, Moseley.

**Or you can return this sheet to our freepost address using the box below to detail any problems you are having:**

Please use the space below to tell us about any concerns you have. Use a separate sheet if you need to. **Return to: Moseley & Kings Heath Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST RRBY-KLUR-RRUB, 12 Southlands Road, Birmingham B13 9RJ.** This is **FREE**, but using a stamp helps the Lib Dems.

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If you have internet access you can keep up to date in the following ways:

Twitter: @MKHLibDems  
@mullaney3

Blog: martinmullaney.blogspot.com



Councillor Mullaney also runs various e-mail lists for local residents:

- Focus Newsletter
- Moseley Road baths
- Restoration of Highbury Park
- Local Planning application updates
- John F Kennedy Memorial
- General non-political updates on key issues in Moseley and Kings Heath



If you would like to receive any of these, simply send an e-mail with to **mullaney3@blueyonder.co.uk** stating which list you would like to receive.

# JFK MEMORIAL TO BE RE-ERECTED

Thanks to Martin Mullaney, work has now begun on re-erecting the memorial to John F. Kennedy that was dismantled when St Chad's Circus was redeveloped.

The memorial was originally located in the middle of the busy traffic roundabout next to the Roman Catholic cathedral of St Chad's. It was unveiled in 1968 and was funded solely by public donation through the Birmingham Irish Catholic Committee. The re-erection of the Kennedy memorial is being funded by Ballymore, the property developers behind the office development enabled by the new road layout at St Chad's Circus.

The re-erected memorial will contain the mosaic as designed by Kenneth Budd in 1968. It will now be located on the corner of Floodgate Street and High Street Deritend. This more prominent location will ensure the memorial is seen by many more people than its original location. It is anticipated that it will be finished in April/May 2012 in time for the 95th anniversary of Kennedy's birth.

The memorial is one of only two in the United Kingdom dedicated to the memory of former United States President John F. Kennedy. The other memorial is at Runnymede, off the River Thames in Berkshire, which was the site where Magna Carta was signed in 1215.

Martin has taken the lead on getting this memorial re-erected, working closely with the Irish Welfare Information Centre. Prior to Martin's involvement, there had been various proposals - both creative and crazy - to put bits of the memorial under public benches, or sections of it next to the entrance of the Dubliner pub. There were even discussions about including other prominent figures in the memorial, such as Mother Theresa, Bob Geldof and Nelson Mandela.

If you would like to be kept up to date with progress on the Kennedy memorial, please send a blank e-mail to [mullaney3@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mullaney3@blueyonder.co.uk) with the subject 'JFK memorial'

More on the history of this monument and the restoration can be found at [martinmullaney.blogspot.com](http://martinmullaney.blogspot.com)



The above photo shows a segment of the 1968 mosaic. At 12m long and 3m high, the mosaic contains the image of President John F Kennedy surrounded by a crowd of people of all creeds. Two of the faces in this crowd are Martin Luther King and Senator Edward Kennedy. Behind President Kennedy are images that represent parts of his life and Presidency including his wife, the Presidential Seal and The Cuban Missile Crisis