

SALISBURY ROAD (AREA 4)

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Salisbury Road heads west from the crossroads known to generations of Brummies as 'Moseley Cross', which forms the epicentre of Moseley village. This junction has historical significance, it has existed for over 1000 years and was the site of a Saxon settlement, Musleah, meaning 'fieldmouse clearing'.

For most of that time this was a T-junction, until Salisbury Road was cut in 1896, splitting the extensive grounds of Moseley Hall to the west. The new road was named after Lord Salisbury, Conservative Prime Minister.

On the map, Salisbury Road forms a crescent curving gently from an initial westerly heading from Moseley village, to turn toward north giving elevated views of Birmingham city centre, before sweeping downhill toward Edgbaston Cricket Ground. It ends at the junction with Edgbaston Road.

Having lived in Moseley for over 30 years, I've driven the route countless times, jogged and cycled it too. Walking it, you can get views of Moseley Hall and glimpses of Moseley Park and Pool, site of two music festivals each year. It forms one of the main bus routes.

Many of the houses at the Moseley end are grand, they were built for wealthy middle-class citizens. The 1901 census mentions an accountant, a solicitor, a manufacturing jeweller and a civil engineer. You will see many examples of the Arts and Crafts style of building, most of which are listed.
