

SWIMMING BATHS & LIBRARY, MOSELEY ROAD (AREA 4)

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This exotic red brick and terracotta Edwardian-style palace of wellness was designed by William Hale and Son and opened in 1907. The swimming pool is one of only three in the country listed at Grade II status. Its separate entrances for first class males, second class males, and women, was common practice during those times.

The crest above the women's entrance historically links to absorbing the Balsall Heath district into the city of Birmingham. By including a figure representing art, it confirms importance of the arts to Birmingham which is visible from the art school across the road. Being my old school, this is where I learnt to swim, and the swimming baths was a landmark when alighting the nu 50 bus to get there.

The Library section designed by Jethro A.Cossins and F. B. Peacock was opened in 1895.

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