The Gold Nose of Green Ginger was finally returned to Bransholme on Saturday, with an eager group of enthusiasts waiting at North Point Shopping Centre to welcome it home.

Onlookers were amazed as the Nose Guardian – the ‘face’ of the treasure – arrived at 11am in a horse and carriage, bearing the Nose on the end of a ceremonial pole. Greeted by a fanfare of trumpeters and banner bearers, it was paraded with great solemnity through the shopping centre to take up its temporary summer residency.

Once safely installed within The Gold Nose of Green Ginger space, the Nose Guardian marked the momentous occasion with a short speech about the long history of the Nose. Mentioned fleetingly throughout the centuries, many presumed it was merely an urban myth, a legend passed down through generations. The story was briefly validated back in 1967, with reports stating it was uncovered when the first foundations of the Bransholme estate were laid. Lying in a small casket, reports state it was removed from the building works only to be lost – or stolen.

The Nose then came to prevalence again during the Green Ginger Fellowship’s investigations into a number of crates found underneath the city earlier this year. They were particularly drawn to a crate that smelled strongly of ginger, transpiring to be where the legendary Gold Nose was nestled. Such was the elation over the discovery, sources close to the Green Ginger Fellowship have confirmed it has been guarded around the clock in the lead-up to its landmark housing within North Point.

Many theories abound as to the origins of The Gold Nose of Green Ginger, but it has been consistently claimed that it brings plentiful, unexplainable good luck to all who come into contact with it.

North Point Shopping Centre Manager, Louise Smith, commented:

‘It’s wonderful to have the Gold Nose back where it belongs, and an absolute honour that North Point has been chosen as its temporary home for the next two months.

‘This is an item of huge historical interest, and we’re looking forward to answering questions and potentially investigating what events of good fortune and luck it might have been responsible for over the years – who knows how it might have changed the course of history!'

The parade to open The Gold Nose of Green Ginger marks the culmination of weeks of planning and collaboration between the Green Ginger Fellowship and North Point Shopping Centre, providing an outstanding opportunity for visitors to examine the Nose at close-hand, make a wish upon it, share a hope, learn to play the nose flute, enjoy live music and engage in various nose-themed crafts. It is being hailed as the second of a number of *'Acts of Wanton Wonder'* taking place across the city, with more – as yet unknown - expected to transpire throughout the year.

The Gold Nose of Green Ginger will be on display from Saturday June 18 through to Friday August 18. Visit greenginger.org for more information and follow the story on Facebook @greengingerfellowship and twitter @GreenGingerHull.

Visit The Gold Nose of Green Ginger at:

The Gold Nose of Green Ginger

North Point Shopping Centre

5 Goodhart Road

Bransholme

Hull

HU7 4EE

**Opening Times**

Sunday 18 June-Friday 18 August

Wednesday to Saturday, 10am-5pm

Sunday, 10am-4pm

(Closed Monday and Tuesday)

**Events**

**Nose Flute Lessons**

**Wednesdays, 3-4pm**

Learn how to play the nose flute.

*In association with Culture:Music.*

**Get Creative!**

**Thursdays, all day, drop-in**

A different creative workshop each week.

**Lunchtime Concert**

**Fridays, 1-2.15pm**

From classic to pop, interrupt your day with some live music. *In association with North Point Shopping Centre.*

**Afternoon Tea**

**Saturdays, 3pm**

Pop in for a cup of tea and a nose biscuit.

*In association with the Ferguson Fawsitt Arms based in Walkington.*

**Storytime**

**Sundays, 11am-12pm**

Aimed at 3-5 year olds and 6-8 year olds on alternate weekends. *In association with One Pound Two Pound Books.*

**All events are FREE**