THE GOLD NOSE OF GREEN GINGER

In 1967, excavations made to lay the foundations to build the first houses on Bransholme unearthed the legendary Gold Nose of Green Ginger.

It quickly disappeared again, presumed lost or stolen, before being discovered in a crate during investigations by The Green Ginger Fellowship earlier this year.

Archaeologists do not know definitively what The Nose was originally used for, its source, or how it ended up in Bransholme, but laboratory analysis confirms that it is made of real gold.

Some believe it was transported to Hull on cargo ships bringing spices from the East; others tell a story about a wild boar that used to roam around the marshes and forests that now form Bransholme. Some say a wild boar was foraging for food and unearthed the gold root, while others say the boar turned the root gold itself with special powers.

The Gold Nose resembles a ginger root, roughly in the shape of a wizened, warty nose. It has two ‘nostrils’ and two braided silk ties which indicate that it was worn, perhaps ceremonially.

Wherever it came from or how it came to be, many believe that The Gold Nose of Green Ginger brings unfathomable and unexplainable good luck. Many have visited to wish upon it, hoping their desires and dreams may just come true.

After enjoying two months in residence at North Point Shopping Centre, The Gold Nose of Green Ginger has now been handed back to the City of Hull for safekeeping at Hull History Centre for the foreseeable future.

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