The Green Ginger Fellowship have discovered another Act of Wanton Wonder – a sprawling miniature city built within the iconic Springhead Pumping Station.

Following Re-Rediffusion’s Voice Park at Pickering Park last week, The Fellowship was inundated on social media with reports of sightings of tiny footprints coming from drains across the city.

Starting investigations earlier this week, they tracked the footprints down to a number of locations including East Park, North Point Shopping Centre, Longhill, Pickering Park and Land of Green Ginger itself – all the locations that previous Acts of Wanton Wonder have taken place.

The footprints were accompanied by small signs saying, ‘Springhead Pumping Station this way’ and varying numbers in centimetres, which The Fellowship presumed to be the distance between each area and the pumping station.

Following leads from the public, The Fellowship visited Springhead Pumping Station – located on Springhead Avenue, off Willerby road, west of the city - on Thursday, finding a light beaming from the topmost tower of the disused building and a Land of Green Ginger mark outside the entrance gates.

Taking up the story, co-founder and current member of The Green Ginger Fellowship, Antony O’Brien, says:

‘All the signs of another Act of Wanton Wonder were there, but we had to seek permission from Yorkshire Water before we could enter the building and investigate further.

‘Luckily they were very receptive to our request, and were able to let us in to see what was going on.’

On securing entry, The Green Ginger Fellowship and Yorkshire Water were amazed to find an intricate miniature city within the Pumping Station.

O’Brien continued:

‘It’s quite remarkable.

‘The city is populated with a vast community of tiny people, who we think have been travelling beneath Hull using the drain networks. Our best guess is they’ve been collecting everything we throw away for a very long time, using it to gradually expand their world.

‘There are hotels, restaurants, shops, gyms, pubs – everything you’d find in any city, just much, much smaller.’

Duncan Macintyre Project Advisor for Yorkshire Water commented:

‘The Pumping Station is an impressive building and has been providing Hull with water for over last 150 years.

‘It’s amazing that they’ve used our network of drains to reach Springhead. Few people realise that Springhead is a true jewel in the crown of Hull’s suburbs.

‘Not only has it been a Grade II listed building for over 20 years, but it provides Hull and East Riding with six million gallons of water every day; over a third of the region’s daily supply.

‘The non-operational part of the building has been locked away for decades. Locals still remember it as the waterworks museum, so the drains are the only way they could have got in. We have no idea how long they’ve been building their city right under our noses – years, I’d say.’

‘This is an incredibly exciting find by The Fellowship, and we’re looking forward to welcoming the public back into Springhead Pumping Station after all these years.’

The Green Ginger Fellowship and the tiny community have agreed to allow the fully-sized general public into their Micropolis for 16 days only, from Saturday 21 October until Sunday November 5, between 2 and 8.30pm each day. The public will be able to come and go at any point between those hours.

They ask only that you treat it with the utmost respect, and allow them privacy once the final viewing day has ended.