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Gold Nose Shines at Hull History Centre

The Bransholme community joined together to bid a fond farewell to The Gold Nose of Green Ginger on Saturday, joined by a number of special guests and VIPs.

The Gold Nose, which has been on display at North Point Shopping Centre since June, has attracted a huge amount of interest over the past two months.

The Nose was always considered urban myth until it was found during work to build the first houses in Bransholme, back in 1967. The discovery briefly attracted public interest until it disappeared again, considered either lost or stolen.

During their investigations on the large cache of crates found under the city back in April, The Green Ginger Fellowship discovered The Nose lying in a crate that smelled particularly strongly of ginger. After a series of mysterious signs at North Point Shopping Centre – including the appearance of several small crates and the Land of Green Ginger mark on the floor – the Shopping Centre offered up a space for The Nose to be installed. For two months, the public have been able to view the treasure at close quarters as the second in a line of Acts of Wanton Wonder taking over the city in 2017.

Considered to bring unexplainable good fortune to all who come into contact with it, The Gold Nose has received around 30,000 visits from people who have made wishes, shared a secret with it in the ‘secret pocket’ where some also claimed to hear The Nose breathe, and engaged in various nose-themed crafts, activities and even parties.

Now The Nose begins a residency at Hull History Centre for the foreseeable future, taking its place in the atrium alongside the current Plots, Intrigue and Treason exhibition.

Jade Wasling, The Nose Guardian, commented:

‘We’re very sad to bid farewell to The Gold Nose, but we know it’ll have a very happy home here at Hull History Centre.

‘It seems only right that The Nose should take its place in the fabric of the history of the city, and we’re so happy that people will still be able to view it and make their wishes.’

The farewell ceremony for The Gold Nose caused quite a stir at North Point Shopping Centre on Saturday, with a number of special guests joining members of the public and VIPs to say goodbye. Processed through the centre and joined by the resident nose flute orchestra, banner bearers and trumpet players, The Nose was paraded onto a waiting horse and carriage after an emotional speech by The Nose Guardian.

Once at the History Centre, the Lord Mayor gave a speech about how delighted he was to be receiving The Gold Nose of Green Ginger on behalf of the City of Hull. Joined by specially invited guests, he talked about the success of the residency at North Point and the numerous stories of good luck encountered after visiting The Nose.

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He commented:

'It's an honour to have welcomed such a treasure into Hull History Centre.

There's huge affection for The Gold Nose and a lot of stories about people's wishes for luck coming true. Who knows what could have caused such a phenomenon, but I hope it continues long into the future.

'I look forward to finding out what else The Green Ginger Fellowship find, and what the next Act of Wanton Wonder might be.'

To follow The Green Ginger Fellowship and their ongoing investigations, visit greenginger.org.

The Gold Nose can be viewed at Hull History Centre every Tuesday – Friday, 9.30am – 5.30pm, and on the first and third Saturday of every month.