

Mayors Report –March 2024

Invitations:

I will be attending the Malton & Norton Fairtrade Craft event on Saturday 16th March which is a celebration of the renewal of our towns status as a Fairtrade Town (verbal report at meeting)

Issues relating to Norton:

Lakeside:

The damaged fencing has now been replaced, albeit it to a poor standard. After much investigation by the clerk and myself we have established that the fencing is the responsibility of the owner of the land adjacent to the public footpath and that he has erected the replacement. I have received several complaints from local residents about it- children climbing over it, reduction residents privacy and small children hurting themselves on the poor quality wood.

I have written to the owner to ask if he would consider replacing 'like for like' but no reply to date.

I am meeting one of the PROW officers from NYC later this week to discuss other issues with the Lakeside paths which have been raised – flooding/lifted paths as work is definitely required.

Foodbank:

Just for members information – demand for food aid has risen gradually and remains high – Feb 23 to Feb 24 we have fed 3,857 individuals.

Woodhams Stone Collection:

The Collection is in the process of moving back into Norton - it's original home. Once the move is complete trustees will be applying to the Heritage Lottery (& others) to refurbish the building where it is now housed. This will be a phased programme of work due to the amount of work required and in order to work around the Collection and in the meantime trustees and volunteers will take items from the Collection into the community to maintain a presence.

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