

HERITAGE & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE, 24 January 2023

WAYFINDING PHASE 2

Works completed or under way:

1. Public access noticeboard at Wright's Walk
2. Public access noticeboard at Toftwood Co-op
3. Public access noticeboard at Dereham windmill

These noticeboards are installed by Dereham Men's Shed; a donation will be made towards their operating costs. Like many community access boards, the use of the board is self-policing. The boards will have a notice asking users to take care and keep the site litter-free. The site owners will keep an eye on all three of these boards and remove any debris or inappropriate notices. Autism Anglia will also inspect the boards weekly and remove expired notices and/or pick up any litter and dispose of correctly. COST OF THESE BOARDS INC. INSTALLATION: £2045

4. Three information panels for the Queen Mother's Garden – designed and commissioned – will match the existing wayfinding panels in town. These will acknowledge the contribution made by the Dereham Wayfinding Partnership.
5. Three Di-bond panels with directions to find the QMG to be placed in locations off the High Street to assist people to find and use the QMG; plus one panel at the north gate.

With thanks to Sue Walker for her research and design work on the Zeppelin panel.

Balance remaining in wayfinding budget: (Awaiting update from NCC Highways – est. £15k)

Priorities for action:

1. **Removal of obsolete finger-post** in front of historic stone trough at the cenotaph
2. **Removal of the obsolete finger-post** at the junction of Nunns Walk and Norwich Street.

Rationale: both of these finger-posts have broken fingers and/or the information is out of date or superseded by the new information panels. They contribute to street clutter. The one at Nunn's way spoils the view when reading about Brian Aldiss and looking down towards Aldiss Court to see where the Aldiss family shops were located. The one at the cenotaph spoils the view of the historic stone trough.

3. **Repairs to the interpretation panel next to Bishop Bonner's Cottage Museum.** This panel is very large – over five feet long and contains a wealth of information and imagery about the town's early history. It must be made good to the same standard as the lectern outside the Cherry Tree car park.

Cost of repairs: £125.40 plus labour cost

4. **Relocation of lectern at Neather Moor.** This is another important panel which describes some of the history of this important piece of land. Sadly its position under the tree means that in the summer it becomes filthy due to bird droppings and other debris from the tree, this in turn encourages mould. It spoils the effect of a lovely panel and will lead to its rapid deterioration if left as is.

Estimated cost: £300

5. **Purchase of paving slab** or manhole cover to cover the hole where the Christmas tree stands and removal of obsolete sign.

Estimated cost – less than £100.