

FREMINGTON QUAY ENVIRONMENT GROUP

IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT FREMINGTON QUAY

Fremington Quay Environment Group (FQEG) has advised FPC that it wishes to implement several items at Fremington Quay that affect the site as a whole, rather than just the interior of the Heritage Centre. FQEG has highlighted the following:

Signal Box Tower

Maintenance of the wooden structure at the top of the signal box tower (see photos attached) has not been carried out for some time, the boards are all but unprotected from the elements and two of the window sills are rotting away. FQEG is not responsible for this but is quite willing to make a contribution towards the cost of re-decorating the woodwork and using the true railway colours (green and cream) to do so. FQEG has obtained quotes and the cost of carrying out this work, including scaffolding, replacement sills and materials is £2,600.

Signage

FQEG has advised that there is a need for improved signage to lead visitors to the Heritage Centre, details as follows:

- (a) Replace the current "Fremington" sign on the front of the tower with one the same size but in true railway font (see photo of Instow and Bideford signal boxes attached). FQEG has approached a contact to see whether they would take this on as a "materials only" cost which FQEG will pay.
- (b) Small supplementary signs on the wooden railing at the eastern end of the Café terrace (see photo attached). FQEG will pay.

Disability Access

A recent Disability Access survey carried out by a member of FQEG showed that things were currently ok, except for the access to the signal box 1st floor, known as "The Lookout" because of its wonderful views of the estuary. FQEG obtained a quote for a chairlift but the cost was prohibitive. Instead, the Group proposes to put a CCTV camera on the roof of the signal box tower with a viewing screen with pan and zoom controls on the ground floor of the Heritage Centre. The quote for this is around £2,000 which FQEG can cover.

Redecoration in the Café

FQEG is liaising with the Café regarding the possible redecoration of the Café seating area to help tie the Café and Heritage Centre together visually. They advise that the current sepia photos are not liked and you have to disturb a seated Café user if you want to view them properly. The proposal may include the provision of a Timeline covering the Café and Heritage Centre at the top and local/national/world events below. There is also some colourful signage that is currently positioned in the Heritage Centre that may become available from other work that FQEG has planned, which it feels would look good displayed on the walls of the Café.

Installation of Broadband in the Heritage Centre

FQEG would like to install and fund the installation of Airband, however this will involve placing a receiver on the building.