

Is Nottingham's Broadmarsh becoming a disgrace?

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On Sunday 3rd March, two of my friends and I walked through the Broadmarsh centre. We know it is shutting down but it is in such an unacceptable state. Here is more:

When we walked in there was a big area with grass, piano and a shop that had bags for £10-£40. It looked very unprofessional. To our left was a pop-up phone case shop. There was a man walking around it. One of my friends saw a pigeon, yes a live pigeon, that was trying to bite underneath the stand. My friend scared it away and it landed on a big cardboard box that said something similar to "this shop is closed for now".

We kept walking and came across an empty, closed coffee stand, a row of shops that had been shut down, down some sort of alleyway and a small open shop that was selling snacks next to a broken escalator. There was a "gifts for cash" kind of shop and a clothes shop that had unsightly A3 sheets saying, "SALE UP TO 70% OFF". Because of this, access to upstairs was unavailable.

There was a shop selling furniture that looked pretty nice. As we carried on walking, looking to our left we saw one of those sweet dispensers that cost £1 for a little ball with a toy and a sweet. After that it was a bit livelier. Funny mirrors were on display beside a shop and a Greggs with a seating area inside and outside! Next to that was Heron Foods, it was vast. There were two play areas for kids across this shopping aisle. On the other side a bit further down after some closed down shops, there was a Card Factory and other shops. They looked well maintained. Finally, you could get outside through an alternative exit, which is good.

I am really excited for the renovation of Broadmarsh, which is expected to run until 2021 and cost £250 million, as me and my friends will have more availability and more places to shop!