PICKERING FOODSHARE – WHO ARE WE?

When a group of Pickering people met in a coffee house, before Christmas, to discuss the possibility of saving a lot of food from going into landfill sites, they did not realise how well the project would take off. Firstly, they had to find a suitable place to distribute the food from and also to raise some money to buy such items as a lockable fridge and freezer in which to store the food, scales and freezer bags and a lot more equipment than originally thought. The group hoped to open for the early half term holidays in February but were thoughted, until the local Rotary Club and Lions stepped in and bought them a freezer and fridge. Also, they were offered the Ings Garth Community Hall in Pike Road, in Pickering.



On the 28th February the Pickering Food Share, known also at Pickering Community Fridge, was officially opened by Ryan Swine, amidst balloons and members of the radio and press, and local people eager to find out what was in store and to enjoy tea and biscuits.

A couple of weeks later the Coronavirus brought difficulties but the group kept going. The tea and biscuits had to be stopped and measure put into place to keep social distancing.

A further fridge and a freezer were donated by the council, so more food could be stored. The group also had to pass food hygiene examinations.



Food that is passed its sell by date, but not its use by date, is donated by local supermarkets, bakeries, cafes and other food out lets. When it comes in it is all weighed and checked before being distributed to anyone who cared to come to the centre on a Wednesday or Friday morning between 10 am and 1 p.m.



To date about 6,000 people have been fed and 19 tons of food has been distributed rather gone as waste, into land fill site.

We are very grateful to the outlets who have donated their surplus food, including, more recently allotment holders and gardeners for fruit and veg and also for eggs. Also, to those individuals and businesses who donated equipment. Especial thanks to those volunteers who give up their time to collect the donations and to distribute it to the public. More volunteers are always welcome. See Pickering Food Share website. You can also visit the FB page.

Spare apples are also collected for donating to the apple juice project

They also sell their apple juice.

