

## Mayors Report – August 2024

### Invitations:

I attended the induction of the new Methodist Superintendent Minister for Ryedale at Pickering Methodist Church on Sept 5. Very enjoyable service – Rev Andy Lindley welcomed to the area and will be overseeing churches in both Norton & Malton as part of his ministry.

I also chaired the Ryedale Community Foodbank AGM a on September 11. Demand for food parcels remains high and we predict will stay high due to the government's removal of the Winter Fuel Payments. This is a double whammy for the Foodbank as not only will we likely need to support more older residents due to increased fuel costs, but also some of those who used to receive the payment but didn't feel they needed it would donate their £200 directly to us.

The Foodbank is also looking at the possibility of moving to bigger premises- more details to follow.

### Issues relating to Norton:

- **Shop fronts and building works on Commercial Street** – I have again contacted Emma Woodland, Planning Conservation Officer and Building Control regarding councils ongoing concerns about property on Commercial Street.

Officers have contacted Candy Crunch once and are going to pursue them again saying they will be subject to enforcement action if they don't change their shopfront.

I have sent photos of the new shop front at Malinda Market and the lack of progress on the other shop/restaurant having heard from a local trader that the restaurant is also planing to remove the shop front and replace it with another modern front- for which they have no planning permission.

I will update members when I hear more.

- **Norton Art Trail** - plans are going well for the trail which will shortly be launched in the press. We have a collection point for artworks that members of the public can submit for the trail in the chamber.

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