

BROADBAND UPDATE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Parish Council of the latest status of the HCC Superfast Broadband Scheme and any developments/opportunities that have arisen since the last meeting.

BACKGROUND

2. The Council will have seen in the national news that there continues to be criticism, at Government level, of the lack of progress in providing high speed broadband across the nation.
3. The HCC Superfast Broadband Programme do not yet have a detailed rollout plan for Hannington which is included in the programme. The Superfast Programme expects that superfast delivery to Hannington to be completed by September 2018. See <http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/> . However, as BT Openreach are still developing their implementation plans, more detailed information as to exactly 'what, when and how' is not currently available.
4. Earlier in the year Cllr Hertz asked the Hampshire County Council Broadband Scheme if HiWiFi was registered with the 'Better Basic Broadband Scheme'. At that time it was not. But, he has been recently informed that HiWiFi now has been registered as part of the scheme. **This is of particular interest to Hannington residents who are considering the option of installing satellite broadband i.e. a subsidised service under the scheme, as one such scheme currently exists for Hannington.**

HCC Superfast Broadband in Hannington:

5. Registered companies taking part in the scheme ***now includes the local fixed wireless supplier Tim Robinson of HiWiFi.*** See <http://www.hiwifi.co.uk/index.html> , and several people have the HiWiFi broadband services already running in Hannington and Ibworth.
6. The national (HCC) '*Better Basic Broadband Scheme*' offers for those with less than 2Mbps the opportunity to apply for a ***subsidy towards the installation and setup*** of a satellite or fixed wireless broadband solution. See <http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/residents/usc/> .
7. For those who wish to take advantage of the subsidy of up to £350 towards installation, the application guide can be found online at <https://hampshirebroadband.s3.amazonaws.com/Map%20pdfs/GUIDE%20TO%20REVISED%20BETTER%20BROADBAND%20SCHEME%20July%202016.pdf> . You cannot obtain the £350 subsidy if you have not gone through the application process initially.

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