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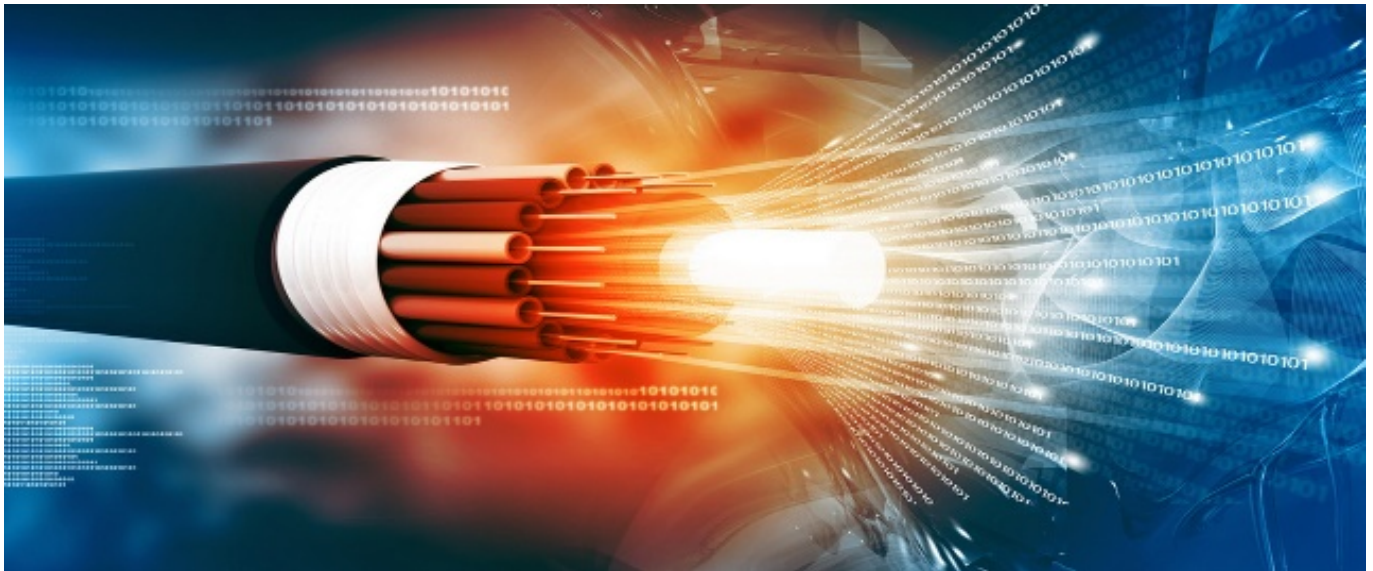
The Community News is an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group - "Working Together For Our Community"

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- if you have any questions on what's happening - or not happening - in our community, do let us know and we'll do our best to provide an answer, or at least point you in the right direction - email the Editor
 - please email if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area jobs
 - if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.
- ...AND IF YOU NEED TO CHECK BACK ON PAST ISSUES FOR INFORMATION, YOU CAN SEE THESE (along with lots of other good information) ON THE TOWN WEBSITE www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar

Important Message from Presteigne & Norton Town Council

Ultrafast Broadband Project in Presteigne and Norton



The Council is supporting a project to bring ultra fast broadband to its community and letters inviting expressions of interest have recently gone out to residents and businesses from the Council's chosen supplier, Broadway Partners.

If you have not received a letter please contact the Clerk, Tracey, by email to presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com or 01547 528575 and a copy will be sent to you.

Or go to www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk, enter your postcode and register your interest online.

The Council stresses that at this stage no firm commitment is needed but the project will not be able to go ahead if sufficient numbers do not return their forms.

Providing minimum connection speeds of 100mbps via fibre to the premises connections, (current cost £19.99 per month for 100mbps) this project, if it goes ahead, will provide superior speeds even for those currently on fibre from the cabinet broadband, and at a competitive cost. Connection costs will be met via grant funding available to registered providers such as Broadway Partners. Compared to other technologies, a full fibre connection allows the installation to have a far longer lifespan

as well as ensuring the infrastructure can support much faster broadband speeds both now and in the future.

Please act now - do not leave registration for another day or think others will do it so you need not bother. It really is important that people register and there is no commitment at this point. It will only take a few minutes!

The sooner enough registrations are in, the sooner the project can start.

PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON COMMUNITY BROADBAND SCHEME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If I register now am I committed to taking the service?

No! Registration is just saying you are interested. There is absolutely no commitment at this stage. Registration will really help us get the project moving.

I'm in a contract with another provider so I can't register can I?

Yes you can register. You are not committed. Registration will help the scheme get started and will help us enormously. The project will take some time and it is likely your contract will have ended before we are ready to ask you if you want to commit to connecting your property.

I have a good speed now. Why would registration benefit me?

Few if any properties in the area have a fibre to the premises connection with speeds starting at 100mbps. Some will have fibre from the cabinet but this is likely to have a max speed of around 70mbps. As more and more use is made of the internet ever faster speeds will be needed. This connection will help future proof your connection into the future and will also make your property more attractive to buyers should you sell.

What will my commitment be if the project goes ahead and I decide to connect my property?

You will need to commit your 'connection voucher' from UK government. This can only be claimed by an official provider such as Broadway Partners, it cannot be claimed by individuals. Your connection will then be free of charge. Once connected you will be in a contract for a minimum 12 month period. The minimum speed of 100 mbps currently costs £19.99 per month. After this you are free to leave if you wish but we very much hope you will be pleased with connection and continue. £19.99 is a very competitive price.

Would waiting for BT be a better idea?

There is no current evidence that BT are interested in extending even their existing superfast broadband service to those properties in our area that are not currently connected.

Any further questions? You can call:

Tracey Price, Clerk to the Council on 01547 528575 or by email to

presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com or

Reece Simmons, Wales Regional Manager for Broadway Partners on 07870 549947 or

by email to reece.simmons@broadwaypartners.co.uk or

go online at - <https://www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk/faq/new-customer/>

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