



Dyffryn Cennen & Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Fibre-Optic Brodband Upgrade Initiative

18th October 2022

Dear Resident,

You may have seen previous communications on this broadband upgrade initiative. This issue is to update you with information since the previous communication in late August / early September.

The community co-ordinators of Dyffryn Cennen and Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council areas are now working together with Broadway Broadband to take forward the project to deliver fibre-optic cable broadband to each residence in the community areas that would like it. This is fibre-optic cable direct to your property.

Back on Monday 22nd August Broadway informed co-ordinators for Llanfihangel Aberbythych Community Council area that DCMS (Department for Culture, Media and Sport) had approved funding, for the submission made by Broadway Broadband.

OpenReach have compromised the use of Gigabit Vouchers by Broadway in the hamlet of Milo and parts of Ffairfach having installed fibre-optic cable on the street poles. Broadway are used to this happening. However, in the video-conference call, Monday 10th October 2022, there was a commitment by Broadway to connect anyone who ROI (Registration of Interest) before roll-out, with caveat for more remote residence that sign contract, even those who are in areas where OpenReach have run fibre-optic cable. So, if you have not yet registered an interest with Broadway you still can and have a choice.

At the date of this update sheet, OpenReach web site is still saying that fibre-optic cable (FTTP) to premise is coming for the postcodes covering Milo.

Other points from the video-call:

- Surveying to commence mid-December 2022 based on current plan which is still to be finalised.
- Planning of roll-out to commence late January / early February 2023 based on current which is still to be finalised.

- Roll-out to commence April 2023 and complete by end August 2023 based on current plan which is still to be finalised. Broadway will still be connecting premises after this date but as they are done in close waves, they will aim to connect properties within 14 days of passing them (being made ready for service). There will be some that we won't be able to connect within 14 days due to additional infrastructure, wayleaves *etc.* but most will be within 14 days of being RFS.
- Residence connection would be subject to individual survey and take into account residents routing preference from street to premise
- Llanfihangel Aberbythych need 35 more ROI. So, even if you are happy with the broadband provision you have, you can help others in the community area who are not so fortunate by registering an interest. There is no commitment to anything by registering interest. More registrations welcomed for Dyffryn Cennen as well.
- Broadway possible sponsorship of Tregib sports facility
- Broadway currently concentrating on 4 areas in Carmarthenshire (Laugharne, Meidrim, Dyffryn Cennen & Llanfihangel Aberbythych with Abergwili 'simmering')
- Broadway hiring more staff all based in Wales with 'support/technology' centre in Swansea Bay City Area possibly between Swansea and Ystradgynlais
- S4C contact has said there may be a community interest story suitable for broadcast
- next meeting between community co-ordinators and Broadway is scheduled for 18:00 GMT on Wednesday 9th November 2022

If you would like to know more and / or have questions, then get in touch with one of the scheme co-ordinators.

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Joined-up working with community and health partners has improved local knowledge

People feel less socially isolated and more connected with their community

People can easily access the support they need within their community

Fundamentally changing care and support arrangements has improved people's sense of wellbeing

People are feeling more confident and resilient on facing their future

People are able to stay in their home rather than move into residential care

Different conversations and support are helping to reduce physical and emotional stress

People have shared that this is the first time they feel they have been properly listened to

Some cost comparisons as of 11th October 2023

Company	*Product Name*	*Download / Upload (Mbps)*	*Monthly Cost (inclusive of VAT)*	*Installation Cost*
Broadway	Ultrafast 100	90/ 27	£19.99	None
	Ultrafast 300+	270 / 90	£34.99	None
	Gigafast 1000	1000 / 300	£64.99 ①	None
BT	Full Fibre 100	150 / 30	£34.99 ①	£29.99 upfront
	Full Fibre 900	900 / 110	£54.99 ①	£29.99 upfront
WeFibre	Gig Home	900 / ?	£35.00	£49 installation fee Or FREE installation with the UK Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
	Gig Business	900 / ?	£75.00	£49 installation fee Or FREE installation with the UK Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme

① If you sign up to a new contract or renew your contract for a Landline (including call charges, features, add-ons and plans), BT Mobile (including plans, monthly add-ons, call, text, and data charges), BT Broadband (including plans and add-ons), BT TV or BT Sport (including TV and Sport add-ons) the monthly price will increase each year from March 2022. That increase is based on the Consumer Price Index Rate of inflation which is published in January each year plus 3.9%. See bt.com/prices for details. All prices shown are in contract prices. Prices after 24 months increase by up to £8 if you don't recontract.

UK ISP Options on Openreach's FTTP Broadband Network - 2022
https://www.ispreview.co.uk/index.php/2022/08/uk-isp-options-on-openreachs-fttp-broadband-network-2022.html