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Subject: Fibre Optic Broadband comes to Lurgashall - Action needed!

As you may well know the council's *West Sussex Better Connected* in partnership with *BT Openreach* have been surveying and deciding which postcodes and villages should be upgraded to super fast fibre optic broadband. Lurgashall has been so far totally overlooked for no apparent reason, despite the service currently being installed all around us: Northchapel, Lickfold and Lodsworth to name the nearest villages being connected now.

Finally some good news! After all this time, we have been added to the next round of surveys to see how best to connect us. This will take some time, surveys will commence in the Spring after the current local installations are completed for all the neighbouring villages. Once the surveys are completed probably by September, they will be able to plan and tell us what speeds/service they can offer, but whatever that is, it will be a huge improvement on what we can all currently get now.

The installation work will then commence sometime after that, so realistically, it is still more than a year away. We have been told that if we can get together a list of everyone who would potentially like to be connected to improved broadband and present it to them, whilst there are no guarantees it will speed that process up, a strong demand may well help things move faster for us and push up the queue a little.

With speeding this installation process up in mind, it would be great if anyone who would like to benefit from much faster, stable, reliable internet could send their names and house to be connected full address to the below email, we can compile a list for them to show there is a serious demand for them to expedite the installation. There is no cost to express this interest, the overall village connection is funded by a limited fund the council & *Openreach* have to try and connect 95% of the population to super fast broadband, hence them being selective with where that fund is spent. I would like to send this list of names to them in two weeks, so please anyone who would like to register their interest, do so by Friday 4th December.

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I am sure everyone is aware of the virtues of a much faster, more stable internet, with a larger bandwidth, but just in case, a few of the many benefits:

Greater speeds (up to 30x what you probably have at the moment, so no waiting and no spinning discs); **More bandwidth** (more people can use the same connection at the same time without effecting the service, e.g. you can stream HD TV to two TVs, whilst still using computers); **Reliable**, none of the drops in service during periods of high demand; People can work from home easily (large files easy to transfer and fast remote networking); Huge plus for local businesses; House price - connectivity of a property has a direct effect on the value of a house, if someone can't get connected it can put them off a property.... there are many more bonuses.

The reliance on super fast data connection is growing exponentially, so the longer we get left behind, the more we miss out on. The sooner the better!

Please join the list of interest on the email above, or if you have any questions, feel free to ask, please email me at lurgashallfibre@gmail.com

Thank you. Up the digital revolution (even if it did happen to everyone else years ago!)

Simon