

St Harmon Community Council

Community Broadband Scheme

Is this of interest to you?

St Harmon Community Council received a presentation from Reece Simmons, PCC Community Broadband Officer on the above opportunity for this community at the meeting held on 2nd December 2021. We are aware that Broadband coverage is not ideal within our community.

The following information was provided:

Community Broadband Schemes – these are community led schemes working with a chosen supplier to bring fibre to the premises to an area using government funding. There is a neighbouring project in Rhayader and Nantmel.

UK Gigabit Voucher Scheme and Welsh Top Up ([Gigabit Vouchers \(culture.gov.uk\)](https://www.culture.gov.uk/gigabit-vouchers)) – the funding is broken down into the following:

UK Government for properties receiving less than 100 Mbps:

Residential Property - £1500

Business Property - £3500

Welsh Top Up for properties receiving less than 30 Mbps:

Residential - £1500

Business - £3500

If a property in Wales receives less than 30Mbps the total that property is eligible for:

Residential - £3000

Business - £7000

Contacting the Community – The chosen supplier would let the community know of the opportunity via different channels such as social media, mail etc. The supplier would commonly seek guidance and support from the community council and project group in doing this. It is key for the supplier to make sure there is interest in the community for having fibre to the premises to make the project viable.

Building the network – the chosen supplier would build the network running fibre to the premises to each property that signs up. The supplier has access to Openreach ducts and poles but has to use their own cabling. The supplier will also put in ducts and erect poles where needed too.

Cost – Suppliers commonly state there will be no upfront cost for the consumer and then monthly costs range from £19.99 to £24.99 per month for 100 Mbps (dependant on the supplier), most suppliers also provide a landline package as an option also bringing over the landline number which is commonly around £9.99 per month.

Support of the Community Council – Suppliers commonly ask for the support of the Community Councils to help publicise the project and make the people in the area aware of the opportunity. In many communities the community council also form part of or all of the project group.

The Community Council has agreed to express and interest in this project and will be engaging further on this scheme.

If this is something you would be interested in participating in, without making any commitment, please email the Clerk – stharmoncc2021@gmail.com