

Gigabit broadband for Llanddowror area

Drop-in Q&A on 27th July

Dear neighbour,

Our community has an opportunity to get next-generation Fibre To The Premises (FTTP) gigabit broadband installed without cost to householders under a UK Government scheme. To make this a viable project, we need as many local householders as possible to register their interest. Even if you currently have superfast broadband, you'll be able to upgrade and you'll also be helping any of your neighbours who are still stuck in the slow lane.

One of the network providers, Broadway Broadband, has agreed to visit us and answer questions about what they can offer our community under this scheme.

If you're interested, please pop by **Llanddowror Meeting Room on 27th July** any time between **4-7 pm**, and you can put any questions to Reece Simmons from Broadway Broadband and Ceri Jenkins from Carmarthenshire Council.

In the meantime, please register your interest at www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk by entering your postcode and details. You're under no obligation to take up the service by doing this – this is simply to gauge the level of interest in our community.

What is gigabit broadband?

This is a broadband connection that can offer speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second (1000 megabit/second). By comparison, even in the parts of our community that have fast broadband, speeds are usually less than 100 megabit/second.

Why do we need it?

- Around 58% of households in our community still suffer from poor broadband speeds (as little as 1-2 megabit per second in some places)
- This will upgrade our internet connectivity to make it fit for the future
- It will add value to your home

**Find out more
and register your interest:**
www.broadwaybroadband.co.uk



Who are Broadway Broadband?

Broadway Broadband are a network service provider and are one of the companies participating in the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme. They are currently liaising with the nearby communities of Meidrim and Laugharne to install gigabit broadband, and they've already installed gigabit broadband in Ambleston and have started installing in Dale and Marloes in Pembrokeshire.

How much will it cost?

The Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme is being funded by the UK and Welsh Governments. Vouchers are being offered to households in our area to enable us to get gigabit broadband installed in our homes, with no installation costs to householders.

As with all internet providers, there's a monthly fee to use their service, which starts at £19.99 per month for a 100 Mbps fibre-based broadband with unlimited data.

What about my phone line?

You can continue using your existing phone provider, or you can opt for Broadway's telephony package. This costs an additional £9.99 per month but has no line rental, and you can keep your existing landline number. Other internet-based "VOIP" telephony services are also available without a line rental.

Kind regards,

Your local project group

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