



Calling Time

Since we started our B4RN Barbon + Middleton FTTP Community Broadband project in March 2016, your local volunteers have installed **over 32 km** of fibre ducting and by October will have brought it to the boundaries of **well over 200 properties** across both villages. So far, we have **approaching 80% of properties having a B4RN connection or at least orange fibre duct to their boundary ready to connect**. The remaining 20% are 'in progress'.

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But now as we are finishing our work, we need to CALL TIME and ask those who have not yet decided that they want a B4RN connection, to do so by October 31st, 2017 at the latest.

YOUR INVITATION

You are invited to attend a Final B4RN Drop-In Meeting at Barbon Village Hall, 10 am to noon on Saturday October 14th, if you are still uncertain about joining our Gigabit Broadband community network. We will answer your questions, update you on benefits, plus inform you what to do.

The purpose of the B4RN for Barbon & Middleton Steering Group has been to "Facilitate the provision of Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN) network to residential and commercial premises in the parishes of Barbon & Middleton". That objective has been successfully pursued almost to a conclusion. A robust core network has been built and, after current work is complete, extensions will have been taken to the boundaries of ALL existing properties in the two parishes, plus those who wanted to have the network installed, will have it then in their premises. It's been a great community effort.

At its last meeting, the Steering Group considered how the project should be wound down. With work on the Beckfoot and Holme Farm spurs now well advanced, the team's work is nearly finished. Final house connections are expected to be completed before the end of 2017. In the future, properties may be converted or change hands or new properties built, creating further demands for extension of the network, but the present Volunteer Group will not be responsible for dealing with those issues. Future requests will be handled directly by B4RN Ltd, Melling.

Given this context, the Steering Group agreed to set a cut-off date of 31st October 2017 for 'final connection requests' to be received for inclusion in the current project.

So, if there are any householders still uncertain about whether they want to be involved, NOW is the time to decide. We're not trying to twist anybody's arm, but the value an optical-fibre broadband feed adds to a property is undeniable and this is the

last opportunity to get on board and take advantage of the project's Concessionary Rate for Installations.

Anyone wanting to request a B4RN installation should contact Will Dehany, either directly at will@smailthorn.uk or via the Group's email address info@b4rnbarbon.org by 31st October latest.

All future requests after October 31st, 2017 should be made directly to:

Broadband for the Rural North Ltd
Station Yard
Melling
via Carnforth
Lancashire
LA6 2QY
Tel: 01524 555 887
Email: info@b4rn.org.uk

All requests received by us by the October 31st deadline plus all work in progress by your local volunteers, will be completed during the next few months.

IMPORTANT – YOU NEED THESE B4RN GUIDES – GET THEM NOW

Download the B4RN Welcome Guide + Contract, a helpful list of our Local Contractors (they can do your cross-garden duct installs for you), a Guide to Internet Telephones (VoIP), a Request for B4RN Share Applications, plus more here:
<http://b4rn.strikingly.com/>

For a general overview and latest news about our B4RN Barbon + Middleton project please visit:
<http://b4rnbarbon.org/>

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Our Community Briefings will continue into early 2018, bringing tips, advice and useful information so that you can best exploit your new B4RN Gigabit broadband.

Thank you for your involvement and support!

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