

Superfast Broadband

East Sussex County Council expects to have £25m of funding to bring Super-Fast Broadband to the County. It is unlikely this will be sufficient to provide for everyone, and thus Plumpton Parish Council working with the Village Action Plan Business Team, have formed a Working Party to put forward the case for Plumpton. Whilst for most, existing Broadband connections might seem adequate; the value of the internet in our daily lives is becoming ever more important. Thus working together to secure an even faster connection could benefit us in ways we might not yet imagine.

Superfast Broadband, is the term we are using to describe an internet connection speed of up to 100MBPS, that's Mega-Bits Per Second. Currently, broadband users using the Plumpton exchange experience speeds of between 2-4MBPS, so Super-fast broadband will represent a fifty fold increase in some cases. This will bring significant benefits to all ages, with examples including:

- Enabling more people to work from home, including those with disabilities or mobility challenges.
- Ensuring more people are able to enjoy television through the internet, including seamless access to BBC iPlayer.
- Extending ways to help elderly people to stay at home and enjoy 'telecare' in preference to going into residential care.
- Providing better connections to friends and colleagues through high quality video conferencing and social media tools.
- Enabling more businesses to start from home, and thrive on a world stage regardless of location.
- Creating better on-line gaming and access to limitless and fast access to on line media, films, music and photography.

To take advantage of this opportunity, the Superfast Broadband Working Party will shortly be asking for your views through a questionnaire, and providing a leaflet giving more information on how Super-fast Broadband can benefit our villages. The leaflet and questionnaire will be available from the Parish Council and VAP websites and there are plans to deliver it to every household within the Plumpton exchange. If you would like further information, please contact one of the team.

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