

# Plumpton Fibre Community Partnership



If your answer is 'yes' then you need Fibre To The Premises (FTTP).

It's coming to Plumpton, but not for years unless we all act together now to try and speed up delivery.

<b>What is FTTP?</b>	Superfast broadband delivered through fibre optic cable rather than copper phone lines.
<b>How fast is 'superfast'?</b>	Reliable to 300MBPS and beyond, or typically 10-20 times faster than typical village speeds today, especially if you are not lucky enough to live close to an Openreach cabinet.
<b>Doesn't Plumpton have fibre broadband already?</b>	With the exception of the new Oakfield Lane development, Plumpton has fibre to the cabinets (FTTC) but not FTTP. We are in the last 5% of the country with slow broadband, but Plumpton has no definite date for upgrade to fibre under the national rollout program, and is currently in the last wave of intended deliveries estimated as 2026 or beyond.
<b>What will it cost you to install FTTP?</b>	Potentially nothing. There is the Gigabit Voucher Broadband Scheme <a href="https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk">https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk</a> aimed at households with download speeds of less than 30MBPS and offers between £500 and £1,500 per household and up to £3,500 per SME (small and medium size enterprises) towards the cost of installing superfast broadband with speeds potentially as fast as 300 MBPS or beyond. We can also take advantage of an East Sussex County Council scheme that may provide an additional contribution of £1000 per eligible household ( <a href="https://www.esussex.org/PublicContent/National%20Schemes">https://www.esussex.org/PublicContent/National%20Schemes</a> ). Our neighbours in East Chiltington are in the final stages of delivering FTTP under the scheme so we know it works.
<b>What is your commitment under the scheme?</b>	You must take a 12 month contract for a FTTP package at a minimum of 30MBPS or twice your current speed if you already enjoy a <b>guaranteed</b> 30MBPS. Cost will depend on what speed you select, but could be no more expensive than your current broadband contract.
<b>Are we guaranteed to get an earlier delivery of FTTP?</b>	<u>Unfortunately we can't guarantee fibre will be delivered any sooner than the national rollout program could deliver it. There are two main hurdles:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need sufficient residents committing to the scheme to make it no cost, but we won't know how many to break even until we get a price from Openreach</li> <li>• Nationally, so many rural communities opted for the Gigabit Voucher Broadband Scheme that Openreach couldn't cope with the demand and closed new registrations in March 2022 so we need them to open up the scheme again locally if possible</li> </ul>

## Next Steps?

**Step 1 – Interested?** We need some basic information from everyone who is interested (see the form overleaf) so when Openreach resume taking registrations they can assess the work involved.

**Step 2 – Critical mass.** The more of you that get involved, the more vouchers we get, and the more money the government will give to the project. We collate and send everyone's addresses to the Openreach Fibre Community Partnership team. At that point we will only share your address and landline(s) and whether there is a school, charity or business at your address, and there is absolutely no obligation to proceed at this stage.

**Step 3 – Quotation.** Openreach will give us an indicative cost for the scheme and then a quotation.

**Step 4 – Delivery Project.** We will get back in touch with you and explain what happens next, maybe even getting Openreach to come to a community meeting if that is felt necessary.

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## PULLING TOGETHER FOR BETTER INTERNET

If you would like to take advantage of the government's **Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme** and benefit from much faster broadband, we need to know as soon as possible so we can make sure your home is included and you get your voucher. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM BY 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (SEE BELOW)**

*Name(s)	
*Email address (so we can keep you informed of progress)	
*Home Address	
*Postcode	
*Telephone Landline(s) (Please list all)	
*Is there a business charity or school at this address?	If yes, which is it?
Business Telephone number (if different to the landline)	
Mobile	
Current Broadband supplier	
Current guaranteed download and upload speed	
*Please sign here to say you are happy for us to send your information to Openreach and to use it to contact you about community broadband	Signature

\*Required Information

You can either email the details above to us at [plumptonfibre@gmail.com](mailto:plumptonfibre@gmail.com) or drop a completed form at the village shop.



*Plumpton Fibre Community Partnership is a not for profit organisation that has been set up with the endorsement of Plumpton Parish Council (PPC) in response to guidance that the prevailing financial regulations for PPC prevent it from entering directly into a contract with Openreach.*

Further information on the fibre initiative can be found at <https://www.plumptonpc.co.uk/new/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Plumpton-full-fibre2.pdf>