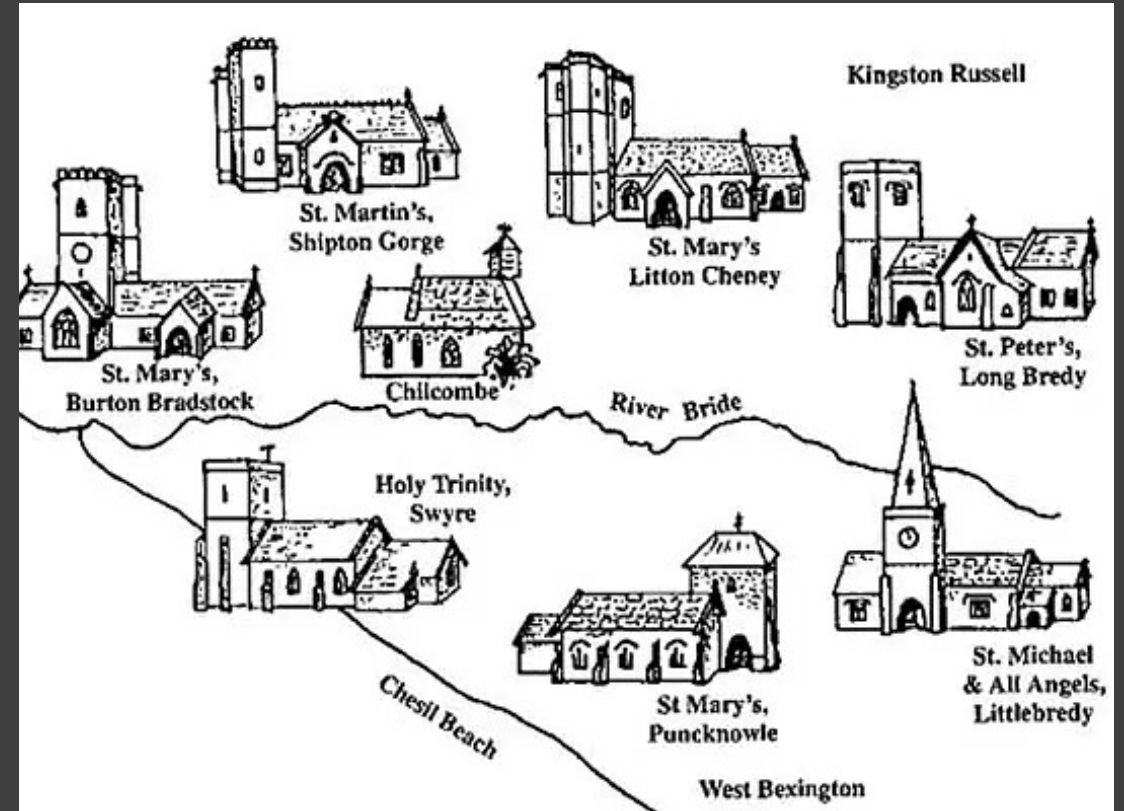


# Gigabit Broadband

Ultrafast internet speed



# Agenda



Background – The Challenge



Current Status - The Opportunity



Next Steps – The Support required

## Internet Access, Broadband and Wi-Fi

6.16 The rapid move to using the internet for everyday activities such as shopping, banking and benefits, has made it an essential service. Online video conferencing will become increasingly important following COVID-19 as a way to work and socialise.

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6.19 At present there is free wi-fi available in the library and to patrons of The Three Horseshoes and The Anchor public houses.

6.20 Those residents with smartphones can connect to the internet but mobile signals are patchy to the north and east of the Parish. 4G is generally available but lobbying will be required to speed up improved mobile reception for all together with 5G coverage when this becomes available.

6.21 Broadband speeds have improved in the Parish following the installation of Fibre connected cabinets in the village. Because connection to houses and businesses is via the existing copper wire network, outlying houses and businesses in the Parish are severely disadvantaged by poor and unreliable broadband.

6.22 Local lobbying should be undertaken by the Parish Council and individuals to both Dorset Council and Government to speed up the promised full fibre connection for all.

### Policies

6.23 Our policies relating to this section are:

- L1. To continue to consider improvements to the play area, the playing field and the allotments.
- L2. To support the continued provision of the Library and the Village Hall and other recreational and cultural activities in the Parish
- L3. To support DorBAG in improving radio and television reception and local news broadcasting in the Parish
- L4. To lobby all tiers of Government to improve broadband throughout the Parish and to provide internet access to all



## Background – The Challenge

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2. A poll of Burton Bradstock local businesses and village institutions was taken to determine interest and to bolster the numbers from the original application - again interest wasn't great. However, in the process, it came to light that neighbouring villages were also applying. By combining the interest from Puncknowle and Swyre the original application now met the criteria for both Government and Local Dorset Council funding. Unfortunately, this funding came to an end in March and the qualifying application had missed the deadline.

Today

December  
2020

3. The GOOD news is that the interest from the three villages now qualifies for the community application on 8th of April (home and businesses in rural locations can use vouchers to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections when part of a group project). In order to progress to final offer stage, we require support and greater awareness in getting our homes and local businesses into the new digital era! Exciting times indeed!

June 2020

1. The first community programme application for Gigabit Broadband was made for Burton Bradstock village. Unfortunately, it did not progress as the interest and numbers in the application were not sufficient for the Government's voucher scheme criteria for financing.

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VOUCHER SCHEME

PROJECT GIGABIT  
Fast and reliable broadband for everyone in the UK

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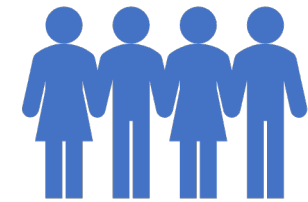


Create Awareness through website, newsletters, etc.



Support **CURRENT** community application across Burton Bradstock (including the School), Swyre & Puncknowle totaling 424 premises

Community Scheme - Full PC
424
£203,344.00
£479.58



Support **FUTURE** community applications