

## Step by Step, Hyperfast Connectivity is Coming

Hopefully you have had the chance to check out our website <http://gigupanddown.net/>. We are also keeping everyone up to date through our Facebook page and tweeting the latest news. Follow us at @gigupanddown to get the latest.

At last we have had confirmation from HMRC that we have pre-approval for Social Investment Tax Relief so private investors can apply to HMRC for a 30% tax rebate. It took close to 3 months to get and a change in government rules in tax relief for community start-ups like ourselves, hence you will notice we are now eligible for SISR rather than Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS). It has, however, rather slowed our progress. However, with it now in place we are approaching the investors who have already pledged funds and are in the happy position of placing orders for duct and chambers etc. We took our first delivery of duct last week. It is very exciting to be in the position of physically handling the materials that will ultimately form part of our hyperfast broadband network.

The Albury Estate Trustees have confirmed permission of the wayleave for the initial phase of our project from Staple Lane to Home Farm and the immediate area and we're happy to say they will also be investors in our project that will be of benefit to all their tenants.

We are in discussion with Surrey County Council and Surrey Wildlife Trust to confirm permissions to cross their land. Further meetings are planned but they have been supportive of our project, we just need to obtain the written agreements and confirm the route.

We hope to purchase a mole plough from a completed B4RN area of North Yorkshire .

Through negotiations with SGN and iGas they have generously covered the installation cost to cross New Road in Albury – vital to our ability to head south. The duct has now been delivered to the bottom of New Road – it took 4 men to wrestle the duct into the trailer! The duct will be installed when SGN close the road for the work they are doing in early August. Working with them has also benefited local residents as the road will only be closed once for both B4SH and iGas' installations; a good partnership and our thanks again to iGas and SGN.

We have started to explore a little around Wotton to plan a potential route to provide them with service. The planning is ongoing as at first sight the North Downs terrain is proving quite challenging.

We met and are in further discussions with our dark fibre provider, Zayo, regarding multiple connections to allow us, potentially, to connect not just in Albury but at Wotton too.

We will be at the Albury Produce Show on Saturday 21 July from 2-5pm so pop along and say hello.

We also hope to hold a public meeting on Thursday 26 July, 7pm at Albury Village Hall where we will present our plans and give the latest news. Check Twitter and Facebook for confirmation of this event.

Use the Contact Us page on our website if you need more information or would like to get involved. We will soon be in the position of needing people to do the physical installation of our network, but more of that later.

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