

B4SH news: An chalky decent to Home Farm October 2018 update

After months of planning and preparation for Phase 1, we are now in Installation Phase. Our first section of backbone duct has nearly been installed.

Our determined team have been making the most of the good weather and you may have noticed a white line of chalk trench on the hill above the A25 by Home Farm and there are also sections of duct in the field from our connection at Staple Lane and also around Silent Pool businesses. Our target is for our cabinet at Home Farm to go live by Christmas and service the immediate area with broadband speeds of one gig up and down.

The mole plough has been busy, but this lower section required a Kubota digger to create a trench – too much flint and hard chalk. If anyone is tempted to join us, do get in touch or stop and say hello to the volunteers. You get great views, good company plus the social dividend of contributing something to your community. This may have been what persuaded one of our volunteers to get involved in our installations. He has been such a key part he has now become a director, leading on Operations. We welcome Angus Denny to the team.



Cows are always intrigued by what we are doing.



A glorious place to work, with fantastic views

After months of planning and preparation for Phase 1, we are now installing in earnest. Join our team, the weather has been glorious, the views beautiful and there's good company too. To help us install our network, email enquiries@b4sh.org.uk to find out where we will be, or stop by and talk to the volunteers.

The next routes and how to get involved

We have selected our next routes with the aim of picking up as many subscribers as we can, before we head south and into more rural areas:

Phase 2 East will take us to The Bothy, Albury Park and western Shere

Phase 2 West will go into the south of Albury

We have a new installation price, plus, if you invest a minimum sum, you get a free installation. Prices per month start at £45 with a one off installation charge of £150 (subject to survey and both include VAT). Go to <http://www.gigupanddown.net/charges> for more information.

I would love to say a good product sells itself, based on reliability, value and that we are replicating B4RN's fantastically successful service (www.b4rn.org.uk) in the north west. But however good our service will be, <http://www.gigupanddown.net> FCA Registration No 7656 VAT No 289 5582 37 31/08/18

it is not enough to keep the show on the road without your interest and investment, something we write about each month. We are driven by our belief in B4SH and the service we will provide.

Investors have been coming forward over the last month, some tempted by the pre-approval from HMRC for Social Investment Tax Relief which means private investors can apply to HMRC for an immediate 30% tax rebate plus obtain the full share value on withdrawal (at Directors' discretion). However, we need further investment to enable us to install at a much quicker rate. If anyone would like to see our 'Invitation to Subscribe for Shares' document please let us know. If you or your neighbours would like to know more, we are very happy to come to small meetings in people's houses to talk about the project. Alternatively, you may be able to help us with knowledge of:

- Someone locally with a large tractor who can pull our mole plough to help install the main network
- Champions in each area to communicate and liaise with neighbours – of particular interest is Farley Green if you happen to know people who live there
- Marketing help
- Someone with experience or just an interest in setting up GIS mapping software for us

We always ask for anyone to let us know of roadworks where we might work with others to enable a road crossing. This saves a significant expense for us plus the double inconvenience to the public. We will usually install duct in the same trench, even if installation in that area is some way off.

We await confirmed dates from our dark fibre provider as to when they will provide service, but we are planning to go live before Christmas for Phase 1 – Home Farm and the immediate area.

Despite our best efforts, clever marketing and promotion, our subscribers and investors will always be the ones that come by word of mouth from you, who have already expressed an interest in our service. We are planning later phases, so do get in touch and influence where our network is rolled out.

Find out more: enquiries@b4sh.org.uk or www.gigupanddown.net

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