

What about the future and B4RN?

B4RN is truly future proof. It is currently capable of 1GB delivery, both upload and download. No other UK Broadband offers faster speeds.

Already, if desired, 10GB can be delivered now by upgrading switch gear and into the future 100GB is quite feasible with an upgrade of switch.

What about all the questions I've got about the installation?

For more information from B4RN go direct to their very helpful website which is <u>http://b4rn.org.uk</u> or phone direct on 01524 555887 – they have a specially helpful list of questions & answer on their FAQs page.

The Community

Bringing B4RN hyperfast broadband into any community can only be done by the community for the community. And already *this* community has come up trumps. Many of you have already come forward with offers of money, labour in all forms from toiling in the fields to administration, and warm encouragement. But having said that we do still need more investors, local volunteers and supportive landowners.

With your help you know that



'We could do with thousands more like you..'



Don't DELAY - join the B4HR Broadband Land Army - TODAY

We would like to give a very big thank you to all the landowners who have generously allowed access across their land to enable the whole parish of Hutton Roof and Newbiggin to get connected to the best broadband in the world.

We would also like to thank the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee for their continued and much needed support.

Registration

Finally, if you have not registered your interest and you do want a connection, please either email or phone Nick Hall now, as we must log your details on our database. All future newsletters will only be available via email but we will post paper copies on to the Village Noticeboards.

Email address: Broadband4hr@gmail.com

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B4HR: Broadband4Hutton Roof

News of how close the B4RN hyperfast fibre broadband now is to the Parish of Hutton Roof



To offer help in any form please call Nick Hall on **07798768433** or any queries email:

Broadband4hr@gmail.com

News and updates and pictures can be found on: <u>www.facebook.com/broadband4huttonroof</u>



It's coming, it really is and to prove it here are some of our very own, smiling through the rain!

Do join us, you will love it!

Progress report

Sellet Hall is now linked to Whittington, which means it is but a short hop to High Biggins and then we can start the long link up to Hutton Roof.

Below is a map. The solid red line is where duct is currently installed and the dotted line is where we are digging right now.



Connection Charge

On the page headed Finances the share-based investment opportunity for everyone is explained but it is perhaps worth saying here that the standard connection charge is £150 with a monthly fee of just £30.

A sneak preview

Here is a picture of two cabinets, one of which is waiting to be installed at Hutton Roof Village Hall.

We just have to build the platform for it.



And then the really serious work begins as we start to connect the village in stages. At this point we will also branch out towards Newbiggin.

Take-up

The take-up so far is very positive and in fact at the last count it looked like well over 60% of the villagers of Hutton Roof and Newbiggin were wanting a B4RN connection.



The thumb is definitely up for B4RN to come to the Village Hall and the index finger hits the spot!

Finances

Nick Hall is busy collecting investment cheques ringfenced for Hutton Roof and Newbiggin as we have been warned that the B4RN free connection offer to anyone investing in what B4RN call the Foundation Share Scheme to the value of £1500 is likely to be withdrawn some time during December this year.

If you want to take up this offer please contact Nick Hall urgently.

This share-based investment opportunity is open to all, gained through money or labour. Any investment qualifies you for an EIS tax rebate, which means as a taxpayer you get 30% of your investment back within the tax year. It is important that all money is ringfenced for the Hutton Roof/Newbiggin campaign and Nick Hall has the appropriate forms for the payments to be made correctly.

As B4RN explains on its website because B4RN is a non-profit organization they are not interested in commercial speculation, so they only extend their network into communities where they're wanted. Each new area that invites B4RN in needs to raise the investment to cover the work and materials required for their area's installation. The minimum shareholding is £100 (but for the free connection it must be £1500) and the maximum is £100,000. All shareholders are members of B4RN. One member, one vote. Shares must be held for a minimum of 3 years and after Year 3 interest of 5% can be paid out or reinvested. Shares can only ever be sold back to B4RN at £1 each.

Nick is happy to report that we have had some very promising offers, both in pledges should we need to draw on them, and in actual cheques, which means that together with the promises of volunteer help in digging, laying duct etc. we are definitely now going to be one of the very lucky group of villages who are going to enjoy the enviable speeds that only B4RN hyperfast-fibre-to-the-property broadband can provide.