



Better Broadband for Bramhope

Faster Broadband now available for Kings Road/The Trees

Faster Broadband connections are now available to residents on Kings Road, Kings Drive, The Sycamores, The Birches, The Cedars, The Rowans, The Poplars, and the stretch of Leeds Road between The Birches and the Kings Road roundabout.

This is a significant step forward for Better Broadband for Bramhope as this is the last remaining major section where broadband speeds were very slow.

Openreach has confirmed that Cabinet 35 (at the junction of Leeds Road/The Birches) is now live and connected by fibre to the Adel Exchange. The sticker announcing Faster Broadband is available will be put on the cabinet in the next few days. The original Openreach plan (described in the August 2018 Bulletin and the Summer 2018 Village Newsletter) was to transfer some dwellings from the Adel Exchange to the Arthington Exchange, but all have been attached to Cabinet 35.

The original timescale was to provide faster broadband by September 2019. Openreach have been very aware of the urgent requirement for faster broadband in this part of the village, and have worked closely with the Parish Council to expedite implementation. Most, perhaps all the connections are FTTP (fibre to the premises) and so fibre broadband packages may be available from a supplier.

Do I have to do anything?

Broadband will not automatically become faster (though you may perceive some improvement.) Households will need to purchase a faster broadband package from a supplier. This may be your existing ISP, or it may be an opportunity to find a new deal. Ofcom provide a list of accredited price comparison sites which will enable you to select a broadband package that suits your needs. For further information look on the SuperFastWestYorkshire website <https://www.superfastwestyorkshire.co.uk/get-fibre>

Other Areas of Bramhope and Carlton

LS 18 5HZ St Helena's Caravan Park and adjacent farms

- will be connected -FTTP – June 2019

Carlton / East Carlton

- East Carlton village is on the plan for March 2020 as an FTTP solution
- Other locations in Carlton are connected to different exchanges/cabinets including Rawdon, Otley and Guiseley. It may be already be possible to get faster broadband. Best advice is to check on availability using a range of checking tools.

Online Availability Checkers

There are many availability checkers. A page on the SFWY website lists several of them <https://www.superfastwestyorkshire.co.uk/resources/broadband-types>

Note that the Ofcom Broadband and Mobility Checker, although detailed and specific, often does not reflect the most recent developments

Councillor John Howard

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