

Lyng Broadband News

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November 2012 - Mission accomplished!



Lyng Area Broadband Group held their final meeting 7.11.12 in order to release a press statement to the media. If you are not already on the wifi service with Rapid Waters in the area, it will only be a matter of weeks before the complete roll-out!

High speed broadband goes live at over 70 mb speed on a wired connection in Lyng village



A wireless speed test at Lyng Easthaugh, 1.5 miles from the pole.

September 2012

After several weeks of delays, the link between BT's fibre and the Rapid Waters fibre was completed on Wednesday 26th September. At present the system is being tested for the next 24 hours, after which it should go live. Rapid Waters intend to then put routers into customer's homes, using a different team to the external fitters. Over 60 homes have now been kitted-out with ariels over the area, mainly in central Lyng. So over half of the customers should be receiving super fast broadband in early October. It is envisaged that all who wanted the new system will be online by the end of October.

August 2012

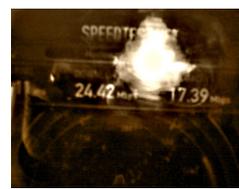
The pole was erected early in the month and transmitters fitted on the 21st. All connections to the transmitters have been completed by Rapid Waters. Rapid Waters appointed a fitter, Richard, who has started to install equipment on properties who have signed up. Initially this started on Pytle Way where there is a good view of the pole. At least 5 instalations per day can be carried out and so everyone who applied should be fitted by the end of September. BT are scheduled to complete roadworks at the bottom of Cadder's Hill by 29th August and they are expected to make the service live at the beginning of September. This will deliver up to 30 mb to customers across the Lyng area.

March 2012

Rapid Waters Ltd were invited to speak about taking over the broadband scheme from Norfolk CC.. Rob Urry told a packed meeting at the village hall on Thursday 15th March that his company could provide a fast broadband service similar to one installed in the Cawston area in around 8 weeks, if there were no hold up with BT and duct blockages. Initial reading give at least 24 megs download/17 megs upload on an iPad in Cawston where there were trees. 30 megs should be possible up to 5km from the pole. The meeting was enthusiastic about the scheme and at least 67 people signed up there and then for an information pack from Rapid Waters.. [Click here for further details and FAQ](#)

Village Hall Meeting with Rob Urry

Speed test photo on an iPad at Cawston



For a pack and to register interest please email - lyng4broadband@gmail.com

January 2012

Mast approved and details are available from link - http://planning.breckland.gov.uk/portal/pls/portal/BRECKWEB.RPT_APPLICATION_DETAILS.show?p_arg_names=reference&p_arg_values=3PL/2011/1337/F

Short version is <http://tinyurl.com/7bopzwf>

A timetable for developments will follow.

Norfolk County Council has launched a campaign to show how much support there is for faster broadband in rural Norfolk. This information is needed to attract commercial support for the project. Our wi-fi project will still come on line first, but we all want Reephams exchange upgraded and fibreoptic cables laid as soon as possible, so we should all go to www.norfolk.gov.uk/sayyesnorfolk and register our support. If you haven't already registered, please do it now - in the long run this will give us really fast broadband, which will increasingly be essential.

November 2011

Norfolk County Council has now formally approved the plans for the wi fi broadband service in Lyng as part of a three-village pilot project. Work is now underway to acquire planning permission and draw up a timescale for the roll-out of the service.

This excellent news comes after many months of hard work by the Lyng Action Group, the County officers involved and our elected representatives.

This is a major and important stage in the development of what has been and continues to be a complex project. As soon as we have been given the details of the timescale we shall be able to move towards pricing the options that Lyng people will have for purchasing and fitting receivers.

These will involve NO monthly charges – the service offered by the County is similar to the library service ie free to use. There will however be set-up costs for receiving equipment and installation. The action group is working to provide suitable options to suit the community.

The next stage will be to issue the timescale and confirm the people who are registering a firm intention to take up the service.

30th August 2011

Using a "cherry picker" (See pictures below) BT made transmission tests from the site of the proposed mast and checked reception at locations around Lyng and Lyng Easthaugh.

All of the results were encouraging, even though they were not able to test reception at the full height at which receiver aerials will be fitted.

The County Council rep, working on our behalf, continues to hope that fitting of aerials can begin before Christmas.



