

SELLING PARISH COUNCIL

You may already be aware of the government Broadband Voucher Scheme. This offers residents and SME businesses in rural communities financial help to install *superfast* broadband where there is none. The same scheme also offers Gigabit *Ultrafast* full fibre broadband connection to anyone. To get the benefits of no cost better broadband, you will need to be part of a registered group or organisation.

Although there is *superfast* broadband already in large parts of the village - all new housing builds are required to have *superfast* broadband - there are some areas without it. The Parish Council are seeking to get the fastest broadband connection installed for the whole the village at no cost.

Those with existing *superfast* broadband can use the voucher scheme to get connection to Gigabit *Ultrafast* full fibre broadband, a potentially life changing improvement. With Ultrafast broadband there is no go-slow, it never lets you down and is always on. Speeds for downloads (what comes in) and uploads (what goes out) are the same and up to 1,000Mbps compared to a typical 40-50Mbps for *superfast*.

If you have already joined a registered group, there is no need to take further action. If you haven't, then this letter invites you to join through Selling Parish Council and Openreach.

We must tell you that there are no guarantees that we will be successful. The voucher scheme ends on the 31 March 2021 and the money available may run out before that time. But we think it is worth trying.

It doesn't cost anything and there is no risk. To join, please simply contact The Clerk by email clerk@sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk or by phone 07790 903442 and give your name, address, email address and your landline phone no. The Clerk will add you to the Parish Council's registered group.

Success now depends on how quickly Selling residents and businesses join. We all have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Even if you think your broadband speed is fine, upgrading now will future-proof your home or business for generations. More information is on our website sellingparishcouncil.gov.uk

Let's work together to make this happen. Thank you.