

Upper Wharfedale Fast Broadband Network – Update – July 2013



The Upper Wharfedale Fast Broadband network Phase 1 has now been completed providing high speed internet from Long Ashes to Cam Houses. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority have backed the project by providing a grant to connect all the masts to mains power allowing for the removal of the solar panels and wind turbines and increasing the reliability of the network.

Many households are now enjoying the advantages that fast broadband can offer choosing a 10, 20 or 30Mb/s service. One big advantage of this wireless delivered service is that the speed does not degrade as it travels up the dale in marked contrast to the current copper based system and even more so to BT's future Infinity service, where the speed will drop off even more sharply beyond 1 mile from the exchange.

Because the service does not use the telephone line it is possible move your house phone number to the wireless broadband connection, using a technology called VoIP (voice over Internet Protocol), giving dramatically reduced call charges and saving over £140 line rental every year.

Phase 1 of the project received financial support from all the parish councils/meetings in the Upper Dale together with Craven District Council and private residents. As part of their investment in the community LN Communications have provided free broadband in all 3 village halls.

Phase 2 of the project is under way along Littondale as far as Pen-y-ghent, the first transmitter is up serving Hawkswick, Arncliffe and Litton, with the final links to the head of the valley going in shortly.

Interested? Contact LN Communications on 0845 643 5811 or www.ilovebroadband.co.uk

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