

Update from Connecting Shropshire for Chetton Parish Council - July 2017

Connecting Shropshire is a multi-million pound programme to bring faster broadband to the parts of the Shropshire Council area where private companies are not going to provide it as part of their current commercial plans. To date, the programme has provided access to superfast broadband for many homes and businesses across a range of exchange areas, from Albrighton to Chirbury, and Chirk to Tenbury Wells. More than 60,000 premises are now within reach of the new network that we've built. The programme is due to complete by 2020.

To date, Connecting Shropshire has provided access to fibre broadband for around 30 premises in the parish. Premises in The Down area (to the west of the exchange building) have access to a fibre broadband connection.

Once fibre broadband is available in an area, people wanting to access the new network need to make the switch by upgrading to a fibre broadband package with their chosen internet service provider. Parishioners can visit our website:

<http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/> to check the availability of fibre broadband.



If parishioners have a download speeds of less 2mbps, they can apply to the Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme. For more details, see: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/basic-broadband-subsidy-scheme/> or call Connecting Shropshire and we can assist you by completing the online application form on their behalf.

Legacy contract 1 work is expected to benefit premises in the south west of the parish. Work planned in contract 2 is expected to bring premises in Chetton within reach of a superfast broadband service.

Contract 3 – Airband <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/contract-3-airband/>

The following map shows the planned/current Next Generation Access (NGA) coverage in the parish up to 2020 (NGA infrastructure is capable of delivering 30mbps). Most premises in the parish either already have current/planned access to fibre broadband (grey dots), or are expected to benefit from contract 3 (pink dots).

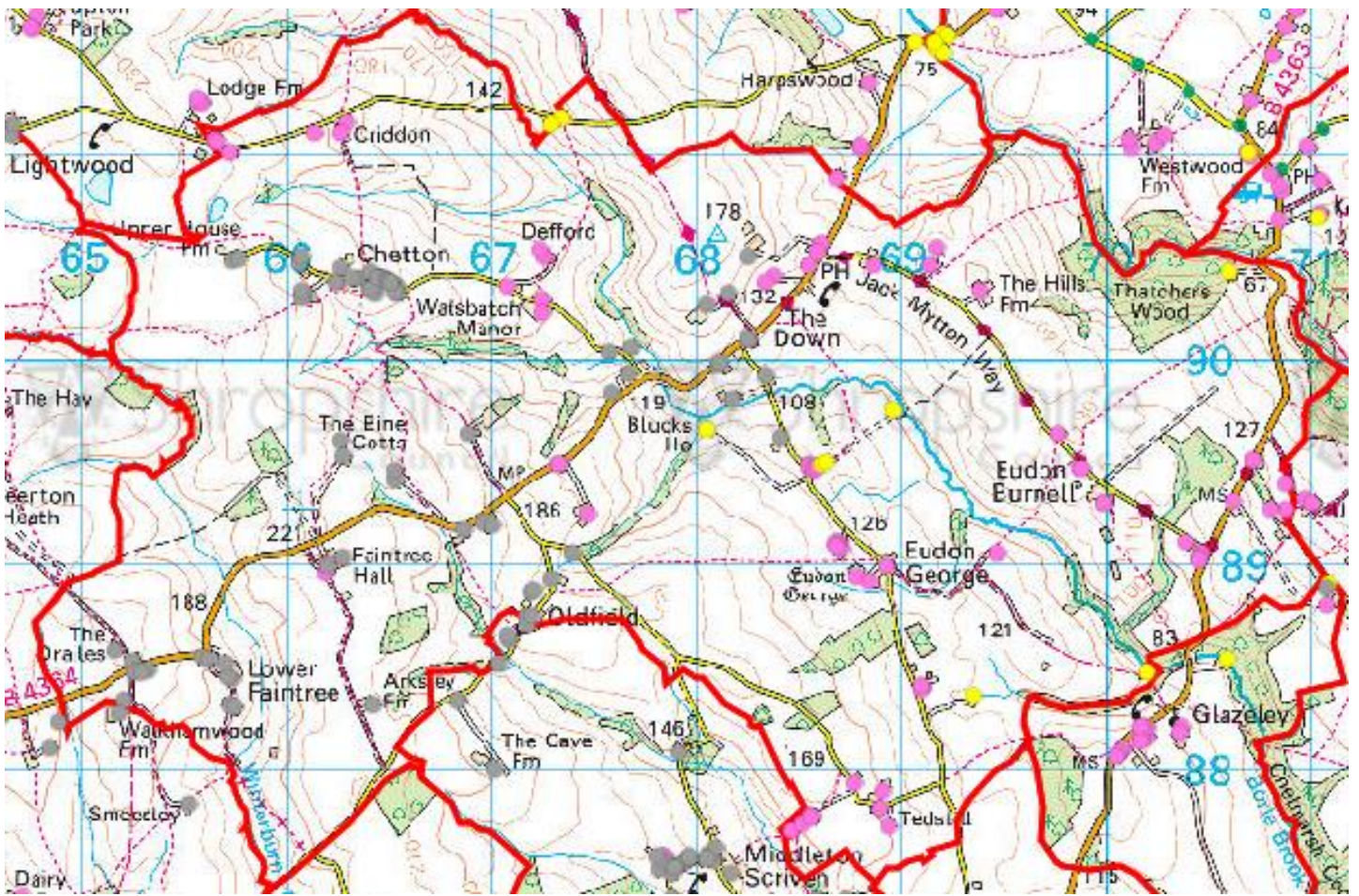


airband
high speed internet

Contract 3 has just been signed with a company called Airband, which has been providing access to high-speed wireless broadband in rural areas since 2002.

Premises marked with a yellow dot are not currently in plan to get access to superfast broadband. Having said that, the Connecting Shropshire programme runs till 2020 and additional funding is available. We will be seeking a solution to provide superfast broadband for

unserved premises and remain confident that we can provide access to a superfast broadband connection for all Shropshire Council premises by 2020.



Map of Chetton Parish Council area

Register your interest

If you're in plan to be covered by contract 3 (pink dot), you can register your interest with Airband by entering your postcode on their website at <https://home.airband.co.uk/>. Airband will then keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Queries

If parishioners have specific queries, they should email connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk, with their question as well as providing their address and landline number (if they have one at the property).

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