

Following the last meeting as a result of a joint effort, (with special thanks to Jeff and Eric) a new flier was drafted, and a second circulation was completed. The website was also updated.

The results as you will see from the spreadsheet there has been some movement but not as great as we could have hoped for. We have attracted a further 16 responses.

There have been a number of enquiries each of which has been followed up, as a result we now have 6 definite no's and about 4 people who may be persuaded.

We sharpened the message, and during the exercise all of the major service providers with the exception of PlusNet have joined or will be joining the scheme. This is significant as most of the enquiries relate to an understandable reluctance to change providers.

As far as it is possible to conclude what has prevented the majority from responding (noting that there have probably been about 15 enquiries which have meant that we know what questions people have), then it seems that the following work against a decision

- Happy with speeds they have
- Not significant users of the internet
- Reluctance to change present arrangements or providers (some people have combined take up land line/broadband/internet)
- Reluctance to commit to an increase in cost

This time we emphasised the community benefit and at least 2 people appeared to be prepared to consider making the change on this basis. We also emphasised the potential added value re house value and future proofing.

As you will see from the attachment from another local scheme, we are not alone in getting the message across.

The other attachments provide an area by area update of who has signed up.

Although the government scheme has closed, we met the deadline so in theory the funding should still be available.

It is fair to observe that the 64 who have responded are keen for the project to succeed, and some have helped out.

It would probably be sensible to consider whether we should continue. There remains potential, for example the Royal Oak is open we could talk directly to the owner, and perhaps utilise other contacts?

It is clearly difficult to convince people that for a relatively small investment, they would be provided with a connection that will essentially future proof them and their property. It also seems disappointing that there is not a greater recognition that this would be of real benefit for the many people in the parish who have very slow and poor internet connections.

Richard