

# BROADBAND

## UPDATE

July 2015



Last update May 2015.

Please find below progress reports from the main protagonists, don't forget that a detailed overview of the village position can be found on the Piddington website:

<http://www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk/broadband.html>

### BT OPENREACH

Oxfordshire County Council Broadband Lead Manager has confirmed that Piddington is definitely part of a phase 7 installation due sometime next year.

We have been given a revised list of post codes which will be upgraded and those that at the moment will not. It appears that those who will receive the new service are linked to cabinet P6 in the village. Please see below:

#### INCLUDED IN PHASE 7 ROLL-OUT

OX25 1AE  
OX25 1PD  
OX25 1PR  
OX25 1PT  
OX25 1PU  
OX25 1PX  
OX25 1QA  
OX25 1QB  
OX25 1TW

#### NOT INCLUDED AT PRESENT

HP18 9UH  
HP18 9UY  
HP18 9XA  
HP18 9XB  
OX25 1PS\*\*  
OX25 1PY\*\*  
OX25 1QD\*\*  
OX25 1QE\*\*  
OX25 1QF  
OX25 1QG  
OX25 1QN  
OX25 1QQ

\*\* Service may reach certain properties depending on distance from the box.

Sadly, this means that the village has an overall varied expectation and it is difficult to predict which properties marked \*\* will benefit and what will happen to those not included.

We have been advised that The CDC Broadband Fund will assist matters but that this will need to await the outcome for the parish once the final installation position is completed.

The good news is the group have a contact in Cherwell who will continue to monitor installation outcomes on our behalf and we will continue to update the village as new facts emerge.

You can read more on the rollout (including a coverage map for Oxfordshire) at [www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk).

## GIGACLEAR

Those of you already signed up with Gigaclear should have received an email update this week.

The build is due to start in the village on **25<sup>th</sup> August** and they are expecting the network to 'go live' during the month of October with construction works due for completion during December.

As we have advised in the previous newsletter the build will affect the entire village as verges will be dug up. Regardless of whether you have signed up for their service every property will receive a connection point. We have been advised that leaflets will be circulated around the village as works reach your property. The Broadband Group have insisted that communication with the village and Parish Council is imperative.

If you want to know more about what to expect from these works we will be updating the village website shortly with more information.

Website is: [www.gigaclear.com](http://www.gigaclear.com)

## VILLAGE NETWORKS

At their open evening Village Networks announced that their network is currently being updated and that they will shortly be in a position to offer **unlimited** Superfast (24Mb/s) speeds.

We have since been advised that the Piddington upgrade is now dependent on the connection of new fibre at Westcott. This fibre runs through a BT Openreach owned duct and VN are awaiting a connection!

As a consequence they are unable to give specific dates. However, they currently expect to 'go live' at Westcott in a matter of weeks, after which Piddington will be an early priority for upgrade.

Village Networks currently provide a free service to the village hall.

Website: [www.villagenetworks.co.uk](http://www.villagenetworks.co.uk)

Email: [info@villagenetworks.co.uk](mailto:info@villagenetworks.co.uk)

Customer Service: 03333 321817

## SUMMARY

The broadband group endeavour to bring the village information directly from the suppliers and to pass this on to the you for personal consideration.

It does appear that progress is being made on all fronts and that super-fast broadband (in some shape or form) will be available in the latter part of 2015!

Regards  
The Piddington Broadband Group