



# EBAG UPDATE

## FANTASTIC BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY!

### APRIL 2018

We have just now received a significantly lower quote from Openreach/Hampshire County Council for a faster broadband solution (Fibre to the Premises – FTTP) to the **whole** of South of Ellisfield. The quote is for £44,883 which means that we need to raise **£22,442** (Hampshire County Council can currently provide 50% of the cost).

**EBAG firmly believes that this is a great opportunity for the South!** Although the South are having to pay for their broadband it is important to point out that the solution on offer is the 'latest and greatest' available. It is superior to the solution in the North and will give us a uniform fast service that is inherently future proofed. FTTP can offer speeds of up to 300mbps!

However HCC funds are limited and issued on a first come first served basis. Therefore time is of the essence – we need to move quickly. The South raised £11,500 in pledges in 2014, let's just double that!!

We are now asking residents to make their pledges via:

Ali Swanston            Oakhill, Green Lane, telephone 381171, email [aaswanston@gmail.com](mailto:aaswanston@gmail.com)

Alix Taylor             Lower Farm, Green Lane, telephone 381992, email [nfgt@aol.com](mailto:nfgt@aol.com)

**Pledges will be taken in confidence.** Please could you confirm the date of your pledge, the amount, your name and property name. We will acknowledge your pledges in due course along with a proposed payment date.

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEDGES NEED TO BE WITH US BY 6 MAY 2018\*\*\*\*\***

***Please 'dig deep'. There is no minimum or maximum amount to pledge as every household is different. However as this is a community undertaking we would hope that the majority will feel able to contribute something. If anyone has ideas for community fundraising efforts – perhaps the younger generation might like to get involved – please share them as this scheme has huge benefits for everyone for many years to come.***

If you have any questions please contact Alix Taylor (details above) in the first instance.

We will publicise a running total on the Parish Council website and should you wish at any point to increase your pledge please do so!

We would be interested to hear if you run a business from your home in the South of Ellisfield as we are investigating the 'Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme'. Just let Ali or Alix know.

The North of the village did go live with superfast broadband on 10 April 2018. If residents in the North have any questions or require assistance about what to do next please contact Julian Wright, [Julian@ivycottage.aero](mailto:Julian@ivycottage.aero) who will be only too happy to help.