



Affetside Link



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The Newsletter for Affetside Village

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HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

In May we wrote to you about the poor broadband speed we get in Affetside. If you spend much time on the internet or want to watch programmes on iPlayer, you will be very familiar with the problems of having slow broadband. It is important to all of us as poor broadband speeds are now having a negative impact on property values.

In Affetside you are likely to get somewhere between 1 and 3 Mbs. However, in parts of Hawkshaw they are already receiving speeds up to 40 Mbs. This highlights how unfair it is.

Since May, members of the Affetside Society have been working closely with BRIF (Bury Rural Inequalities Forum), BT, Bury council and our MP, David Nuttall, to see what we can do to achieve high speed broadband here.

It is not economical for BT to roll out high speed broadband in rural areas so Central Government has allocated over £530 million nationally to assist rural areas getting fast broadband.

Recently Greater Manchester (which covers

Affetside) has been awarded £900,000. We are now engaged in a desperate fight to secure some of this funding for Affetside.

The funding will partly be allocated on local demand and expression of interest. This is where we need your help. The more people who respond the better the chance of increasing your broadband speed from snail pace to something that will save you time and make your property more attractive to future buyers.

Can we please ask that you complete and return the slip below by 20th September so we can present our findings to the council and help secure funding. Or email your name, address and landline phone number to mail@affetside.org.uk

BONFIRE NIGHT

Remember, remember the 5th of November will be the next Affetside event. Lighting of the bonfire will take place at 6pm. In the meantime, if you have any spare wood please transport it to the bonfire site behind the Green. If you cannot manage it, please leave it on the Green and we will transport it to the bonfire for you.



To indicate your interest in Affetside having high speed broadband, complete this slip by **20 September**

Name Landline phone number.....

Address

Please return it to Joanne Wilcock, 20 Watling Street, or Sandra Thompson, Sunnybank, Watling Street
Alternatively email your details to mail@affetside.org.uk