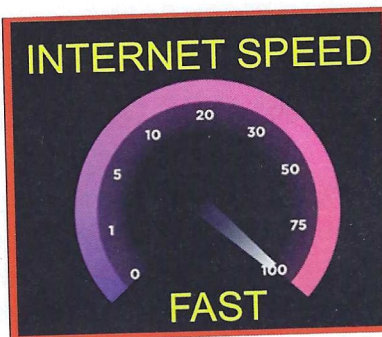


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## Super fast broadband is coming to our area !

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Would you like to get much faster broadband to your home or business? Would you be happy if someone else paid for the whole cost of the upgrade to full-fibre broadband? Local village councils have clubbed together and reached a deal with Openreach which can make this dream a reality.



Let's work together

The government is offering a £1500 voucher to every home (and £3500 to every business) to help them upgrade to full-fibre broadband. On its own, this voucher is of no practical use to you, because it doesn't begin to pay for the cost (hundreds of thousands of £).

However, by clubbing together across our villages and pooling everyone's vouchers, we can raise enough money to pay for all our villages to be upgraded together - at no cost to anyone.

Therefore we are asking you to pool your voucher to the scheme. If enough people across the villages of Netherfield, Ninfield, Brightling, Ashburnham, Penhurst, Catsfield, Dallington and Mountfield do this, then we will all benefit from the upgrade.

### How do I pool my voucher into the scheme?

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**GIGABIT BROADBAND**  
VOUCHER SCHEME

Pooling your voucher into the scheme is very easy. Simply visit the Openreach project website <https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity> and enter your postcode and a few details. It shouldn't take more than 5 minutes.

It really is that simple! The website is now open for pledging and so the sooner we can reach our pledge target the sooner Openreach will start work on the upgrade.

If you are a business or sole trader, please check the box to say so - the scheme will get more money that way. You don't have to be registered as a business; any form of working from home should count. Also please check the box that says "Your postcode has been identified as being eligible for a further local body top up". East Sussex County Council will then top-up with another £1000 per property - so that will help us raise even more money!

### What happens next?

After visiting the project website you will receive a confirmation email from the government at [gigabit.vouchers@notifications.service.gov.uk](mailto:gigabit.vouchers@notifications.service.gov.uk). You must reply to this email or your voucher will not be pledged. If you don't see the email after a few days, please check for it in your Junk Mail.

## What is our target?

We need about approximately 75% of eligible premises to pledge their vouchers if the scheme is to go ahead. Villages in other parts of the country have managed this successfully, so there is no reason why we shouldn't. If everyone getting this letter pledged their voucher straight away, the upgrade could start almost straight away.

## Further questions?



Want to know more or have a question, we will shortly be posting "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) with answers at our website below:

<https://ashburnham-penhurst.net>

You may also send any unanswered queries that you might have to the following address and we will do our best to respond quickly:

[HighWealdSuperfastbroadband@gmail.com](mailto:HighWealdSuperfastbroadband@gmail.com)

For those that prefer social media, keep an eye on the Penhurst & Ashburnham Community Facebook Page for updates.