

Better Broadband for Sheldon

Derbyshire County Council has won almost £8m of match funding to upgrade broadband throughout the county. This funding is being used to upgrade 90% of the county to superfast broadband, with the remaining 10% upgraded to a paltry 2Mbps. Sheldon is likely to be in the 10% category, so in order for us to be upgraded to superfast speeds we will have to bid for funds from *defra*, who have announced a national fund of £20m. Derbyshire County Council will be working with active communities to organise these upgrades and funding bids.

It is up to us, as a community, to show that we want superfast broadband in Sheldon. Even if you currently have little or no interest in the Internet, more and more services will soon be 'Internet only' and small business are increasingly reliant on the Internet for their trade. If we don't all act now, ourselves and future generations will be disadvantaged.

Derbyshire County Council are asking all residents to fill in a broadband survey, to gauge the level of community interest, at the following address:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/broadbandsurvey

If you are able to fill this survey in (thanks to those of you that already have), then it is vitally important that you do so. If you have broadband, the following answers might help with the more technical questions:

Q3. ADSL

Q5. 8Mbps

Q6. download: between 0.5Mbps and 1.5Mbps upload: 0.35Mbps

You can also use <http://speedtest.net/> to give the actual download and upload speeds of your internet connection. If you do this, please can you let us know your results using questions 1-10 overleaf.

For those of you without an internet connection, please answer questions 1 to 9 overleaf, and we will submit a questionnaire for you.

