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Better broadband for Herefordshire

Better Broadband will make a massive difference to businesses, communities and households in Herefordshire. Many people have no access to broadband or very low speeds which makes accessing services, making the most of business opportunities or simply for entertainment very difficult. There is a risk that more rural areas in the country will lose out on future opportunities as there is more and more reliance on the internet.

To address this in-balance Herefordshire, along with Gloucestershire has been awarded one of the 4 national pilots to deploy better broadband in rural areas. The first phase of the deployment will be in the southern areas of Herefordshire and the Forest of Dean area of Gloucestershire, for then wider delivery to the rest of the counties. More details of the project can be found at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/broadband.

As part of the project Faster Broadband for Herefordshire is working with Herefordshire Council, Town and Parish Councils to gather as much local information as possible. The plan is to create a network of local champions that will able to create a picture of local need and shape the project going forward. A questionnaire will also be circulated later in the year with the data used to support the broadband requirements in the county going forward.

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