

Fast Broadband Update

Sub-contractors for BT Openreach arrived on 26th June to clear the last remaining blockages in the ducting to the school. Having laboured all day they were able to clear the blockages and insert a rope to be used to pull the fibre optic cable through to the school. On 18th July BT Openreach arrived to insert the fibre optic cable and connect the school only to find that the ducting was still blocked; the sub-contractors were then called out to dig out the same holes to see if they could free up the blockages. They failed and decided that the whole ducting would have to be replaced. This was passed to BT Openreach's planning department to schedule in the work and get approval from NYCC Highways to dig up the road. This work has now been approved and the road from the Racehorses to the school is to be dug up and 120 metres of new ducting is to be laid. This is scheduled to take place from August 6th to 10th after which the fibre optic cable will have to be inserted and then connections and commissioning will take place. For those of you who use this section of road, the work is to take place during the day and traffic lights will be in operation.

That is this month's bad news; the good news is that the school is transmitting its wireless signal, albeit without a connection to the World Wide Web. The mast to supply Conistone and Kilnsey is up and running. After various discussions with the National Trust and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority the final locations of the masts to supply the Upper Dale from Starbotton and beyond have been agreed and the planning applications are being processed. The locations for the masts in Littondale have been identified and the planning applications will be made in due course

It is hard to imagine what else could delay the project but we are keeping our fingers crossed for an August launch

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