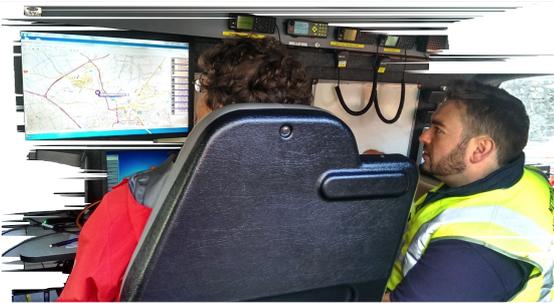


Fell Rescue team use SuperFast Broadband to help co-ordinate search and rescue

Fixed Wireless specialists LN Communications provides Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association (UWFRA) with free access to its next generation wireless fibre network to aid search and rescue efforts.



You will be forgiven for thinking this impossible given the recent barrage of press articles concerned with the last 5% of rural areas not able to access next generation broadband. But here in Kettlewell on a bright and breezy late October afternoon the search and rescue team are experiencing download speeds of 40Mbps from within their mobile command centre vehicle.



UWFRA were introduced to LN Communications, by residents of Upper Wharfedale, following the successful construction of an LN Communications next generation wireless fibre network covering both Upper Wharfedale and Littondale.



Alan Scowcroft of UWFRA said; "Efficient communications are an extremely important component of both mountain and cave rescue. The Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association has a mobile control van, which is used as a forward base, for any extended search or rescue. The systems we use rely increasingly on access to the Internet ranging from calling out the team members through to sophisticated GPS based mapping systems. The Internet is

also essential for access to real time weather forecasts and for sharing information with the Police and other teams."

"UWFRA are extremely grateful to LN Communications for the technical support provided to the team. With the LN Communications system we are now able to access the Internet in large parts of Upper Wharfedale, which were previously communications black spots. We believe that having better communications in remote parts of the Dales will help us to save lives in the future"

To find out more about UWFRA and how to donate please visit <http://www.uwfra.org.uk/> .



Martyn Boswell, Technical Director of LN Communications had this to say.

“We met some of the UWFRA volunteers at the 2013 Buckden Gala, whilst providing free wireless broadband. The guys were impressed with the download speeds achieved from the middle of a field and asked if we could help them out with

their rescue black spots and speed issues. We

were only too happy to help support this essential service. We provided all the equipment and free access to our network. These guys provide a tremendous support service, which should not be underestimated, and they completely rely on donations and fund raising to keep the operation going. If our service can help save lives then why would we not support the UWFRA. This is just one of many ways in which our rural broadband service is helping people, businesses and organisations achieve what would otherwise be impossible.”

LN Communications are a Drifffield based company specialising in providing fixed wireless solutions for businesses and home owners in rural areas of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire that will not benefit from next generation superfast broadband.

Using a combination of high-speed fibre and over-the-air technologies LN Communications support both businesses and residences to receive up to 30 Mbps where they previously would have only achieved between typical speeds of dial-up through to 1 Mbps. For businesses this means that it is now possible to run a business from home, for example farmers can complete DEFRA and VAT returns online, manage cottage bookings and generally run their businesses more effectively. For the home user the superfast broadband service allows for multiple high demand activities to occur simultaneously such as BBC I-player, Gaming, and Social Media including Skype.

LN Communications promotes its service through the brand **ilovebroadband**.

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