Responses Needed! Full government funding of fast fibre installation for Compton Street, Attwoods Drove, Martins Fields if enough people sign up to take the service.

Dear Householder,

Do you use the internet?

- Are you worried about download speeds?
- Do you notice that the internet seems to slow down at peak times, such as when the kids get home from school?
- Do you watch streaming services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, BT Sport, Apple TV, or catch-up TV with iPlayer, ITV Hub etc?
- Do you use Skype or Facetime to keep in touch with kids, grandparents or other friends and relatives?
- Upload speeds are important too, if you want to share large files or family photos.
- Most businesses, and many aspects of daily life now need a reliable internet connection.

Did you know?

- Broadband speed is now one of the most important factors when choosing a house to buy or rent
- faster broadband can increase your house price significantly (and low speeds reduce property value)

Good news

Compton has a chance to get Fast Fibre broadband. BT Openreach are splitting the costs with us.

If we can raise £45,000 the community will get the latest FTTP (Fibre To The Premises), sometimes called Ultrafast or Full Fibre. Speeds up to 300Mbps or even 1Gbps are available.

Even Better News

If enough people sign up to take the new service for at least 12 months, we can get government grants to cover the whole cost.



How does it work?

You qualify for a £3,500 DCMS voucher if you're a small business or self-employed person based in Compton.

£1,500 voucher for a domestic household.

We'll collect names and addresses of people and small businesses who commit to take the new service, and pass them to BT Openreach. After the details are checked, BT Openreach redeems the vouchers directly from DCMS.

You'll need to be ready to answer an email when the details are being checked.

Timing

We need to collect enough names by the end of March 2020 to cover the £45,000 cost. Then we'll sign the contract. We're told the service could be in place by about the end of 2020.

What does the new service cost?

In early 2020 BT were offering 36Mbps for £24.99/month on a 2-year contract with a one-time setup fee of £19.99. For other providers, ask them whether they'll support FTTP and what they'll charge, or consider changing to a provider who does support FTTP over the Openreach network. If you need to change suppliers, when does your current contract end?

What next?

- See https://cfp.comptonshawford.uk/
- Please tell us by email or at the site above
- a) If you'll definitely take the new service for 12 months (or more) when available
- b) or if you're interested but have some questions
- Come to the public meeting at 7:30pm on Wednesday 11 March in the Scout Hall.

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Compton Community Fibre Partnership supported by the Compton Village Association 8 February 2020 Summary of article that was in the February 2020 Parish Magazine and on Facebook

Fast Fibre for Compton

Good news for Compton Village Residents

Compton Village has been left behind. The rest of the parish already has Superfast under Hampshire's Superfast Broadband programme.

But now, if we get our act together, we could have full fibre access in Compton Village within about 12 months.

Because...

Compton is eligible for Government (DCMS) Rural Broadband Connectivity grants. They help to bring full fibre access to rural areas which currently have lower than 30Mbps download speeds.

Who can benefit?

All the properties in Compton Village who can't yet get fast broadband. That's Attwoods Drove, Martins Fields and the western end of Compton Street.

What do we get?

This would be FTTP (Fibre To The Premises), sometimes called Ultrafast or Full Fibre. Speeds up to 300Mbps are available.



What can/should I do now?

 If you're thinking about taking out a new broadband contract, ask your provider if they will let you upgrade to FTTP once it is available here.

Progress so far

- We've registered a Community Fibre Partnership with BT Openreach, listing all the properties in the affected area
- Openreach gave us a final quotation (dated 31 Jan 2020) of £44,971.00.

Adrian Walmsley
Compton Community Fibre Partnership
supported by the Compton Village Association
15 January 2020

When you're ready to sign up for a voucher, this is what we'll need:

Customer Name	
Contact Name (if different)	
Customer Address Line 1	
Customer Address Line 2	
Customer Address Town	
Customer PostCode	
Beneficiary Type	(business or individual)
Company Number / 'Sole trader'	
Customer telephone Number	
Customer Email Address	