

Brock and Calder B4RN Project

Broadband for the Rural North in Claughton on Brock (B4RN) – 1 July 2020

We are delighted to report that first few properties on the phase one route of the Brock and Caldervale B4RN project were connected and live transactions commenced on Friday 25th June. Last week we celebrated the commencement of the digging and installation of the ducting for Route 6 - Claughton on Brock. The contractor, Roger Clark, and his team have installed the first chamber (CDV105) and have completed the first stretch of duct laying from Landskill down to Cobble Hey. B4RN have authorised Roger Clark to continue the installation of ducting to the curtilage of properties in Route 6, and they expect this to be finished by 31st August.

The installation of the fibre network will follow and will enable Claughton properties to be progressively connected. The timings for the remainder of this aspect of the work is, to a degree, dependent upon people registering and signing up for connection.

Currently we have 46 of 89 Claughton on Brock properties on the route formally registered for B4RN connection. It is therefore **vitaly important** that we encourage as many of those properties that have not yet signed up to do this as soon as possible.

Funding for the Route is made up by a combination of Government Grant Vouchers for properties that sign up and investments in shares by our residents. When you sign up to 'Get B4RN' a voucher is applied for by B4RN. Some people who have already applied will shortly start to receive a request by B4RN for permission for them to resubmit the voucher on your behalf due to some technical issues with the scheme – please respond to these requests as soon as you can.

You can also help the community and the project by buying shares in B4RN - these must be held for 3 years and provide a 5% annual return – all the information is on the B4RN website <https://b4rn.org.uk/>.

Both of these are a vitaly important source of funding and it is critical to us to help fund the project to conclusion.

For those who have already registered for the service it is essential to start now to consider and decide where on their property curtilage they wish the B4RN duct to enter. In addition, the arrangements for the installation of the ducting from the curtilage to the chosen location within the property for the installation of the B4RN equipment will need to be put in place and the work completed to prepare for the fibre cables to be installed. You will find included with this news bulletin and other papers a **Laminated Yellow** poster which we ask you to place in clear view at the point on your property's curtilage where you wish the B4RN ducting to arrive. This will help the contractor and volunteers to readily locate your property when installing your properties duct. Although you may not currently want the B4RN service, a duct will be dropped off outside your curtilage for possible future use by you or a future occupant, so please use the poster to make sure it is left in the best place, even if you have not signed up for B4RN.

There is plenty of information, help and advice available to assist with planning and getting the work done. B4RN provide a dig grant of £150.00 for those residential properties and £300.00 for businesses that registered for this service on 'Get B4RN',

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prior to 14th May 2020. Registrations on or after 14th May will get a dig grant of £150 whether business or residential. This grant can be used to help pay for a third party contractor, or if assisted by community volunteers for making a donation to the projects funds, for undertaking the dig from the curtilage to the property and installation of the B4RN connection boxes to the inside and outside on the walls of the property. Alternatively, property owners could choose to retain the grant funding and undertake the dig and install the equipment themselves.

Please note that if your property is owned by the Cloughton Estate the arrangements for installation are being managed by the Estate management and team and work has already been completed to install the ducts at several properties.

If you have any questions or need help, further information and advice is available from the Project Co-ordinators and the team so please use the contact details provided on the reverse of this document.

B4RN Service

If you want the service but have not yet signed up for 'Get B4RN' please do so, even if you want to defer taking service because you have a contract in place with another provider – B4RN will help you manage your options. Finally, please note that whilst this project has been months in the planning stage it will become reality very quickly and available to your property soon.

See all Contact details and information below:-

If you have any queries or questions that you need answered then please contact Christina Campion at >christinamcampion@gmail.com or Tel 07801718395
John Hallas at> johne.hallas@gmail.com or Tel. 07790005604
Accessing the project webpage – <https://sites.google.com/view/brockcalderb4rn>
Or on Facebook search for Brock&Calder B4RN
Get B4RN <https://b4rn.org.uk/postcode-checker/>

List and Details of dig Contractors that can be contacted for assistance:-

We have prepared a list of contractors below, please note this is not a list of recommended contractors but simply a list of contractors that we are aware may be able to undertake the installation.

Dig Contractors

Stuart Heap – Dig Contractor – 07830673539

Roger Clark – Dig Contractor – 07718755175

Toby at Treeco – Dig Contractor – 07779247022

Mark Cornforth – Smaller Gardens Dig Contractor – 07494114858

Dig and House Installs

Cloughton Estate Team – for initial requests for the Estate Team's assistance please contact Chris Campion or John Hallas.

House Installs:

Mark Yates Electrical - 07836688639

Steven Clark - 07710762575