

Beneath the Vale Extra – Broadband, a glimpse at a Superfast future

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This then is the first Extra and is from UMV's Broadband Group.

Broadband improvements are coming to Dorset, albeit long after the rest of the west country. Devon, Somerset and Wiltshire have well advanced arrangements and get-ahead Cornish residents are getting their Superfast Broadband installed right now. Many residents and businesses in that county are already using their new motorway-grade digital highways to the rest of the world and BT, who are wiring up Cornwall, have built a mobile demonstration unit to go around the towns and villages to show what the improvements will mean to the average family or typical business.

This vehicle will be starting the new Superfast Broadband road show in Cornwall soon, but two Dorset villages have grabbed the chance to preview their rehearsals; Marshwood is one, thanks to smart footwork from local broadband activists.

On the 17th of April 2012, Bettiscombe village hall will host this event organised by UMV Broadband Group with doors open from 11am to 6pm. With displays and tea or coffee in the hall and the display truck parked outside, visitors will be shown how the new Superfast Broadband will affect all of us who go on line. There is no charge, and all will be welcome.

To set the context, BT is one of three organisations bidding to wire up Dorset in 2013 and 2014. So this demonstration will serve as an early insight to the sort of technological leap that all these contractors are being asked to deliver. Each part of urban and rural Dorset will have different requirements and each of the three contenders will come up with different plans. So on the 17th we will be shown the BT version of Dorset's broadband future.

What is certain is that BT will show the sort of thing we can expect for rural West Dorset when it's our turn to get in touch with the rest of the world.

As space in the vehicle is limited why not contact Charles Somers on 01297 678178 to get your own Superfast appointment?