

July 2021

The Bickleigh Bugle



We are a bit low on content this month. They say a picture paints a thousand words. So here is beautiful one of Bickleigh from afar, courtesy of Clive.

A quick reminder that the next Bugle will be September and it will

be a little late as the school will be returning a week into September.

Perhaps we will be back to normal service then but as always time will tell - until then have a great summer!

**Your editors
Steve and Michael**

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Internet upgrade – the plot thickens

On the 24th June, BT Openreach got back to me with a proposal to upgrade the internet here in the village.

If I read the proposal correctly, out of the 29 houses included the application, it only covers 15 of them - 14 are not included. I suspect some of those that were not included are just too far away to be viable but I am surprised that some in the village (it seems those in the southern parts) have not been included. I will find out why that might be and ask them to let us know about all the houses that were missed and what the costs might be to connect them.

It also includes 17 properties that were not in the original proposal. I think this is fairly normal since they are all close by to houses that requested to be included. Most of these are closer to the Church and School. I will try and get in contact with those people and ask them to register their interest using the <https://tinyurl.com/bickleigh-internet-upgrade-form>.

Seven houses filled in the form after I had sent off the application. One of them was lucky enough to get included but the other six did not. I will ask that they get included as well.

I have attached the letter I was sent and also their FAQs to this post. If you have anything that you would like me to ask or say to OpenReach, please send me an email (michaelmcandrew@thirdsectordesign.org). And if you are up for helping out move this along, just let me know - I could do with a hand!

At this stage, I have quite a few questions and I suspect that you might too. Feel free to send them over to me using this email address: michaelmcandrew@thirdsectordesign.org and I will ask the Rural Engagement Manager.

And here is a link to a page on the village website where you are find out more and read the response:

<https://www.bickleigh.org.uk/news/internet-upgrade-response-from-openreach>

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