Taking Dundry into the 21st century

Let's face it, using the Internet has become very much part of everyday life. Apart from sending e-mails to far away family and friends, there is so much more you can do online: doing your shopping, making doctor's appointments, managing your bank accounts, submitting utility meter readings, watching catchup TV – not to mention those of us who need to be connected for a living.

With this in mind, the infrastructure that is serving Dundry is woefully out-of-date and cannot provide the speeds and data volumes needed. After all, copper wires were meant for telephone conversations and nothing else! Although Dundry is so close to Bristol, we are in the unfortunate position that our location is already too far away to take advantage of the modern installations that happen in the city.

Both BT Openreach and the government initiative “Connecting Devon and Somerset” have indicated that they will not update our connection any time soon. This is why a group of local residents and Dundry Parish Council have joined forces to take matters in our own hands. We are currently looking into several alternative technical solutions, details of which will be published in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, they will all incur considerable costs and are only achievable if as many residents as possible are prepared to take a share of the upfront installation costs as well as ongoing usage fees and maintenance costs. The positive outcome will be that this is going to make your computer lightning fast. And, believe it or not, it is also a good investment as it will increase the value of your home.

As a first step, we would like to find out how the people of Dundry use the Internet, what problems they encounter and whether they will support our initiative.

We would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes and complete an online questionnaire at


You can also find this link and further information on our community Web site www.dundry.org.uk

Many thanks,

The Dundry Broadband Initiative