

Broadband Public Meeting

(Organised by Upottery Parish Council)

Friday, February 6, 2015, 6pm to 8pm

In Upottery Manor Rooms EX14 9PL

Neil Parish, MP for Honiton & Tiverton will chair the meeting.

Invited speakers include:

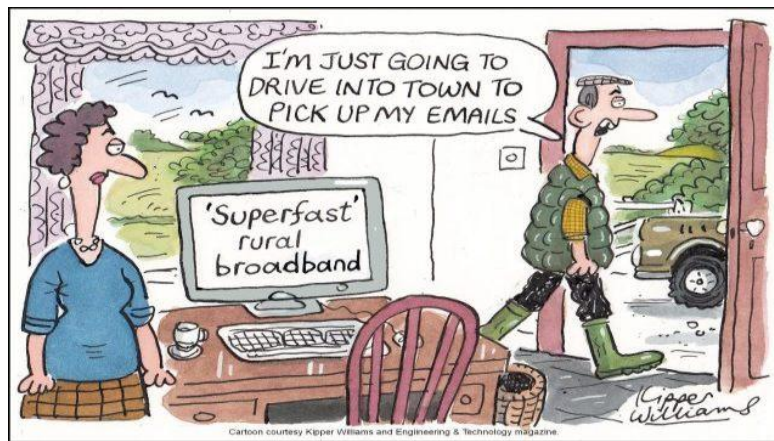
Phil Norrey, DCC Chief Executive & Chairman of the CDS Board
Cllr Andrew Leadbetter, DCC portfolio holder for CDS
Keri Denton, DCC Head Economy & Enterprise & Director of CDS
Cllr Paul Diviani, Leader, EDDC & DCC Councillor
Cllr Ross Henley, Somerset CC & Taunton Deane Councillor
Paul Coles, BT South West Regional Partnerships Director

Last February, Neil Parish MP said he would come back to Upottery one year later to see how broadband provision has improved. Since then Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) has designated 90% of the parish and large areas of the Blackdown Hills as “Out of Programme”.

Without fast broadband rural economies will fall behind those of nearby towns which are growing by £20 for every £1 invested in broadband.

In April, CDS will sign contracts with suppliers for a Phase 2, Superfast Extension Programme, but this will leave over 100,000 people in 45,000 properties without improvement in broadband for the rest of this decade.

Come along and let your views be known.



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