

Update from Connecting Shropshire for Alveley & Claverley ward - April 2018

Connecting Shropshire is a multi-million pound programme to bring superfast broadband to the parts of the Shropshire Council area where private companies are not going to provide it as part of their current commercial plans. To date, the programme has provided access to faster broadband for many homes and businesses across a range of exchange areas, from Albrighton to Chirbury, and Chirk to Tenbury Wells. More than 55,000 premises are now within reach of a superfast broadband connection from the new networks that we've built. The programme is due to complete in 2020.

To date, Connecting Shropshire has provided access to superfast broadband for around 1,200 premises in the ward. That is approximately 800 in and around Alveley and Quatt villages and a further 400 premises in Aston, Claverley, Long Common, Rudge Heath, Upper Aston and Upper Ludstone.



Cabinet 4 in the Quatt exchange area



Cabinet 601 in the Claverley exchange area

Once broadband is available in an area, people wanting to access the new network need to make the switch by upgrading to a superfast broadband package with their chosen internet service provider. Residents can visit our website: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/> to check the availability of faster broadband.

The map on the following page shows the planned/current Next Generation Access (NGA) coverage in the ward to 2020 (NGA infrastructure is capable of delivering 30mbps). This was the projected position after the last procurement (July 2017). Premises marked with a grey dot either already have access to superfast fibre broadband or are in plan to get it.

Connecting Shropshire has signed a contract with a company called Airband, which provides access to superfast broadband over a wireless network transmitting their signal to receivers on people's properties.



How Airband infrastructure delivers broadband

Premises marked with pink dots are projected to be covered by the Airband contract by 2020, with the first transmitter site due to go live at the end of May 2018. Residents can register their interest with Airband by entering their postcode on the following website: <https://home.airband.co.uk/coverage/>. Airband will then provide updates as soon as information becomes available.

Premises marked with yellow dots are not currently in plan to get access to superfast broadband. Having said that, the Connecting Shropshire programme runs till 2020 and additional funding is available. We will be seeking a solution to provide superfast broadband for unserved premises and still aspire to provide access to a superfast broadband connection for all Shropshire Council premises by 2020.

Queries

If local residents have specific queries, they should email connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk, with their question as well as providing their address and landline number.

Contact Details



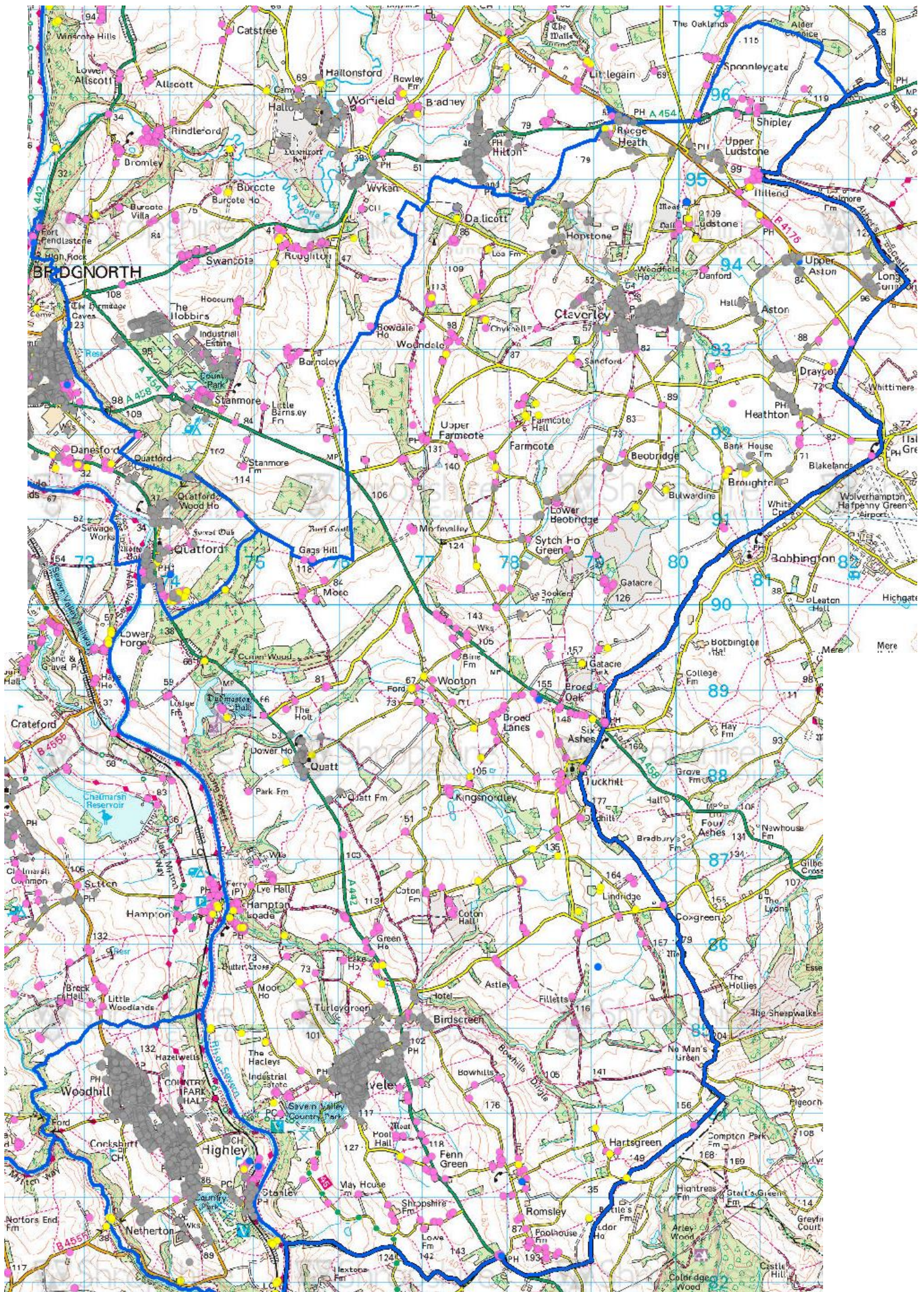
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Map of the Alveley and Claverley ward area