

B4RN is Coming!

Don't miss out on gigabit (1,000Mbps) broadband for Kirkby Ireleth and the surrounding parish

A Hyperfast Introduction To B4RN

- B4RN delivers gigabit (1,000Mbps) full fibre broadband to rural homes, businesses and schools.
- B4RN build their network to pass *every* property in a parish so nobody misses out.
- Operating since 2011, B4RN is a professional state-of-the-art telecoms network.
- B4RN is also **not-for-profit**.

By the community, for the community

- B4RN is owned by its members, most of whom are customers!
- Local volunteers play a key part in things like planning the network and getting wayleaves.
- Landowners provide access across their land for free, greatly reducing the cost of builds.
- B4RN provides a free service to primary schools and places of worship.

Update

- B4RN's hyperfast 1Gbps broadband network is expanding into Furness.
- Witherslack are well underway planning their B4RN project.
- B4RN is already live elsewhere in the South Lakes.
- **Kirkby Ireleth could be next!** We need you to register your interest! (Details below)

B4RN will only happen here if enough people sign up.

Acting now means we won't be left behind as B4RN expands through Cumbria.

Now is the Time

- Early B4RN projects were entirely funded by local investment.
- Now, government voucher funding for rural areas is available to projects.
- Every business or home which signs up to B4RN will raise thousands of pounds for Kirkby Ireleth's project.
- Each application helps you and your community get connected.

Register your interest in getting B4RN:

<u>b4rn.org.uk/ki</u>

B4RN 1Gbps Broadband

Domestic Service: £30/month + £150 one-off connection fee

Business and other special rates available at <u>b4rn.org.uk</u>



Volunteers Needed for Kirkby Ireleth

As part of Kirkby Ireleth project we are setting up a group of local volunteers to help make this a success. The volunteers will:

- help arrange wayleaves agreements with local landowners;
- communicate project progress (in person and via social media) to the Parish;
- carry out leaflet drops;
- if you wish, you can be trained to do garden digs and house kit installs.

Find out more about B4RN at b4rn.org.uk

Your local B4RN volunteer coordinator(s) can also answer questions:

e: tel:

B4RN - Future-proofing our Homes & Community

- Be ready for 4k and 8k TV streaming, as well as virtual reality.
- Upload speeds that match download. Great for cloud storage of photos, video and other documents.
- Work from home? Video calling is no problem.
 Take advantage of VoIP technology.
- Do streaming, run smart heating and lighting, security cameras, smart speakers, and fitness trackers all at once.

At a glance: Investing in B4RN

- You each have the opportunity to invest in order to help fund your local B4RN project.
- The core of every community's investment is made up of shares.
- Important: You do not have to invest to get a B4RN connection.
- Shares must be held for a minimum 3 years (after which they can be sold back to B4RN on a first-come, first-served basis) and have an **attractive return (currently 5% p.a.)**.
- Invest £1,500 and your connection fee (worth £150) is waived.
- You can invest more. For every £1,500, another person can be connected for free (up to a maximum of four free connections per investor).
- Investment makes you a member. All members are entitled to one vote at general meetings *regardless* of the number of shares they own.
- You can add to your shareholding at any time.
- This is a much abridged version of our full share prospectus which can be found at: b4rn.org.uk/b4rn-shares-prospectus
- Apply for shares: Download and print out the form at: <u>b4rn.org.uk/b4rn-shares-apply</u> **or** email: <u>info@b4rn.org.uk</u> to request an application pack.

Remember: There are risks associated with buying these shares. **You may feel it appropriate to take professional advice before investing.**