



**Fibre Broadband
Phase 2 Rollout
in Deerhurst Parish
2018**



In June, Fastershire announced the first ten broadband areas in North Gloucestershire where Gigaclear will be building the new FTTP (fibre to the premise) broadband network. These included DEERHURST WALTON, one of the two broadband areas with properties in Deerhurst Parish; the other being APPERLEY.

Since they were awarded the contract in March, Gigaclear has been designing the new network. We have now been given start dates for the network build in these two areas:

Lot 3d (South West) Area	Planned Start Date	Completion Date
DEERHURST WALTON	February 2018	To be advised eight weeks before each start date
APPERLEY	May 2018	

The map on the next page shows the locations of properties in both areas. APPERLEY is properties with Apperley and Lower Apperley addresses. DEERHURST WALTON is properties in Deerhurst village, Walton Hill and Deerhurst Walton; along Hoo Lane and both sides of the A38; and neighbouring properties within Tewkesbury.

Deerhurst Parish Council will be meeting representatives of Gigaclear and their contractor, Complete Utilities, for the first time during the first week of December. This is eight working weeks before the first planned start date. One might say they will be explaining to us how they will be joining all the dots. Laying many miles of fibre-optic cable requires a lot of digging and we can expect disruption during the build.

The fibre broadband network will be enabled gradually between the start and finish dates. Each property will be notified but you must then contact your chosen ISP (Internet Service Provider) to be connected to the FTTP network.

Links to this and future progress reports, plus news of further meetings or events to introduce the new network and the benefits of faster (or ultrafast) broadband will appear on the Parish Council webpage:

<http://www.apperley-deerhurst.co.uk/parish-council.html>

Jim Pollard. 13 Sep 2017

