

The Charltons Parish Council

By Email:

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Dear Sirs,

**Project Gigabit Dorset and South Somerset – Exciting news for Charlton Adam & Surrounds**

In April 2024, Wessex Internet was awarded a new contract under the UK government's Project Gigabit programme, to enable rural hard-to-reach communities to access gigabit-capable broadband. This contract will put around 21,400 properties in South and West Dorset and South Somerset in the digital fast lane.

Thanks to this Project Gigabit funding, a number of properties in Charlton Adam and surrounds will be given access to full fibre broadband direct to their home or business premises and be eligible for a free installation from Wessex Internet.

The Project Gigabit contract is a five-year contract. In the coming months our teams will be liaising with local landowners and carrying out surveys.

In case you're not aware of who we are, Wessex Internet is a local internet service provider based here in North Dorset. We're passionate about connecting our local communities to fast and reliable broadband. We're rolling out full fibre networks across Dorset, Wiltshire, South Somerset and parts of Hampshire.

We are more than happy to come and meet you and your colleagues on the Parish Council in the next few months to explain our approach and what this will mean for residents and businesses in your community.

In addition, we are in regular contact with Dorset & Somerset Councils and will continue to work with the council to share updates as our network roll out progresses. Could you please let me know available dates for the next parish council meeting? We usually speak for 5 - 10 minutes just to introduce Wessex Internet to you, or am happy to meet during the week.

We very much look forward to meeting you and helping to bring full fibre connectivity to the area.

Kind regards,

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