



Next Generation Community Broadband is coming to Lismore

The roll out of superfast fibre optic broadband being undertaken by BT, with government financial support, is aiming to make a high speed service available to 95% of all premises in Scotland by the end of 2017 and to around 84% of homes and businesses in the Highlands and Islands by the end of 2016.

Unfortunately 5% of Highlands and Islands consumers will not be provided with a substantially enhanced broadband service by the current BT project within a specified timescale. This is the situation for Lismore, to which fibre optic broadband will almost certainly not reach until 2020 at the earliest.

The Scottish Government has established a separate budget, administered by Highlands and Islands Enterprise, which is dedicated to supporting community-led projects to deliver equivalent high speed broadband access to areas not served by BT's fibre optics.

GigaPlus Argyll has been created as a Community Benefit Society with the object of using other, cost-effective, technical solutions which will make superfast broadband available to the isles of Lismore, Luing, Colonsay and Iona, the Craignish peninsula, as well as parts of Mull, Islay and Jura, none of which will be reached by the current BT scheme.

For more details of how GigaPlus Argyll intends to make superfast broadband available to internet users on Lismore, possibly as soon as June 2016, please see the leaflet "Next Generation Community Broadband Is Coming to Lismore" (click [here](#)).

All Lismore households and businesses who may wish to subscribe to this new superfast broadband service are encouraged to register their interest as potential customers by using this link - <http://gigaplusargyll.co.uk/contact>. Don't delay - why not register right now? You've nothing to lose.

Further information about the project can be obtained from the GigaPlus Argyll website at <http://gigaplusargyll.co.uk>. The project manager, Richard Thorne, can be contacted by email at rthorne@gigaplusargyll.co.uk or by telephone on 01680 812906. Alternatively you can speak to Julian Wormleighton, who is undertaking a liaison role between Lismore and the project team.