

B4RN 4 MELLING

Broadband for the Rural North Ltd

Melling needs more investors



DIG **DEEP** MELLING

DIGGERS COST **MONEY**

The end is in sight but Melling needs more investors
The digging is almost done but unlike other villages,
Melling has **NOT** raised enough investment to finish the job

Invest from as little as £100

Investors of £1500 or more get a **FREE** connection worth £150!
Or buy £1500 of special '*digging shares*' through Mary and get
FREE connection and 1 year's **FREE** service worth £360!

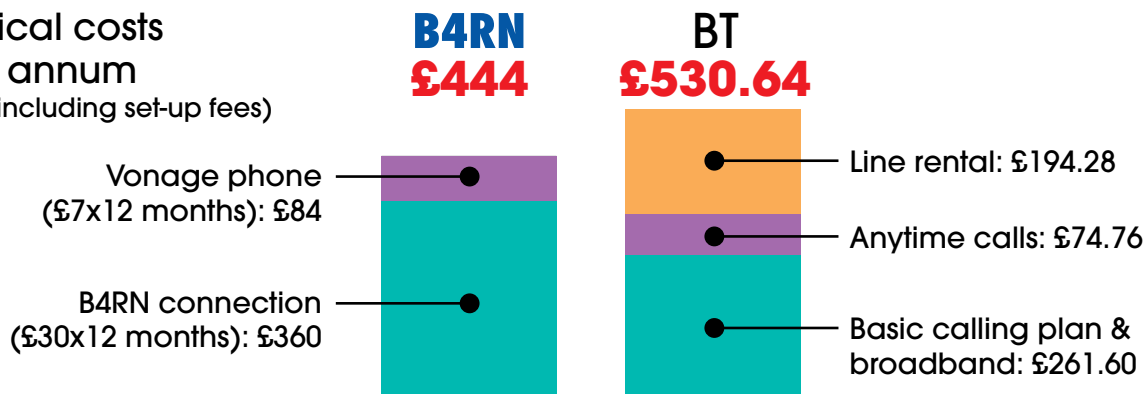
Shares are eligible for EIS personal tax relief at 30%, and B4RN pay 5% interest (after holding 3 years)

We as a village **NEED** to pay our way as all other villages have

B4RN is cheaper than BT

when you include **Broadband** and **Phone** (depending on your current package)

Typical costs
per annum
(not including set-up fees)



Calls to mobile phones etc extra. Vonage mobile connection only 8p/min

Also, it's so much faster!

BT speeds typically in Melling **3.5 Mbps**, usually a lot less

B4RN speeds up to **1000 Mbps** (depending on your equipment)

Other fascinating facts:

£1.25m In shares already issued
5000 Miles of digging already completed
1500 connected 300 ready to go now
65% Of all properties offered service take it
80% Uptake in some villages

MELLING B4RN UPDATE

Following on from the excellent news last month about the Lune Crossing I can confirm further developments on the B4RN network in Melling.

The cabinet which has been in the Melling Institute for some time is now commissioned and installed and last week the electrician completed this process with the necessary electrical work to serve the cabinet and meter electrical usage. Thanks to the Quilter ladies for their tolerance – they were there at the time!

The two new access chambers behind the Melling Institute are installed and the fibre is through the Lune crossing from Arkholme. As soon as the duct is into the Melling Institute this fibre and our cabinet can go live; this is a major step towards live connections to properties.

Even more excitement this week as (at last!) the road crossing is underway. A day working behind the Institute has resulted in all the trench work for the ducting into the Institute with the road crossing dug the following day. This will bring ducting from the cabinet across the road allowing fibre to be blown to properties towards Lodge Lane and onwards towards Moorside. The road crossing by the school is being done by the same contractors who have assured me that this is scheduled within the next few days. This will allow fibre to be blown to the school, up towards Galley Hill Farm and beyond, and down the far side of Lodge Lane to Gillison Close.

YOUR TASK ...

... is now to ensure that the ducting from your boundary to your house is dug in. Please contact Mary or Paul if you need help or advice. Back boxes and other necessary equipment for house installations are available from Mary and there are people to help install these. We also have support from a member of the Wennington team who installed many of the back boxes there; he has kindly agreed to support our volunteers. Contact Mary or David Nott if you need help or advice. As soon as we have a batch of houses ready the B4RN team can blow the fibre we can have our first live connections in Melling!!



ARE YOU TRYING TO **SELL** YOUR HOUSE?

- Properties in Arkholme are advertising that they have **B4RN HIGH SPEED BROADBAND** to help sell their houses
- Get your house **'FUTURE PROOFED'** even if you don't need the connection
- Potential buyers may want to work from home, especially in rural areas
- Broadband is a big consideration when searching for a house

Melling Primary School and **Station Yard** have been up and running on **B4RN** wifi (fed from Wrayton) for some time, but wifi can't serve a whole village and as in other villages **B4RN** dearly want to help get us connected... but they need our support

Surrounding villages already on **B4RN**

41 Parishes involved including Quernmore - Dolphingholme - Abbeystead - Arkholme - Whittington - Newton - Aughton - Biggin/High Biggin - Arnsdale - Silverdale - Yealand Redmayne/Conyers - Gressingham - Wennington - Hornby - Tunstall - Wray - Tunstall - Tatham and Tewitfield - Hornby - Cloughton and Caton fast catching up....



Digging up the road



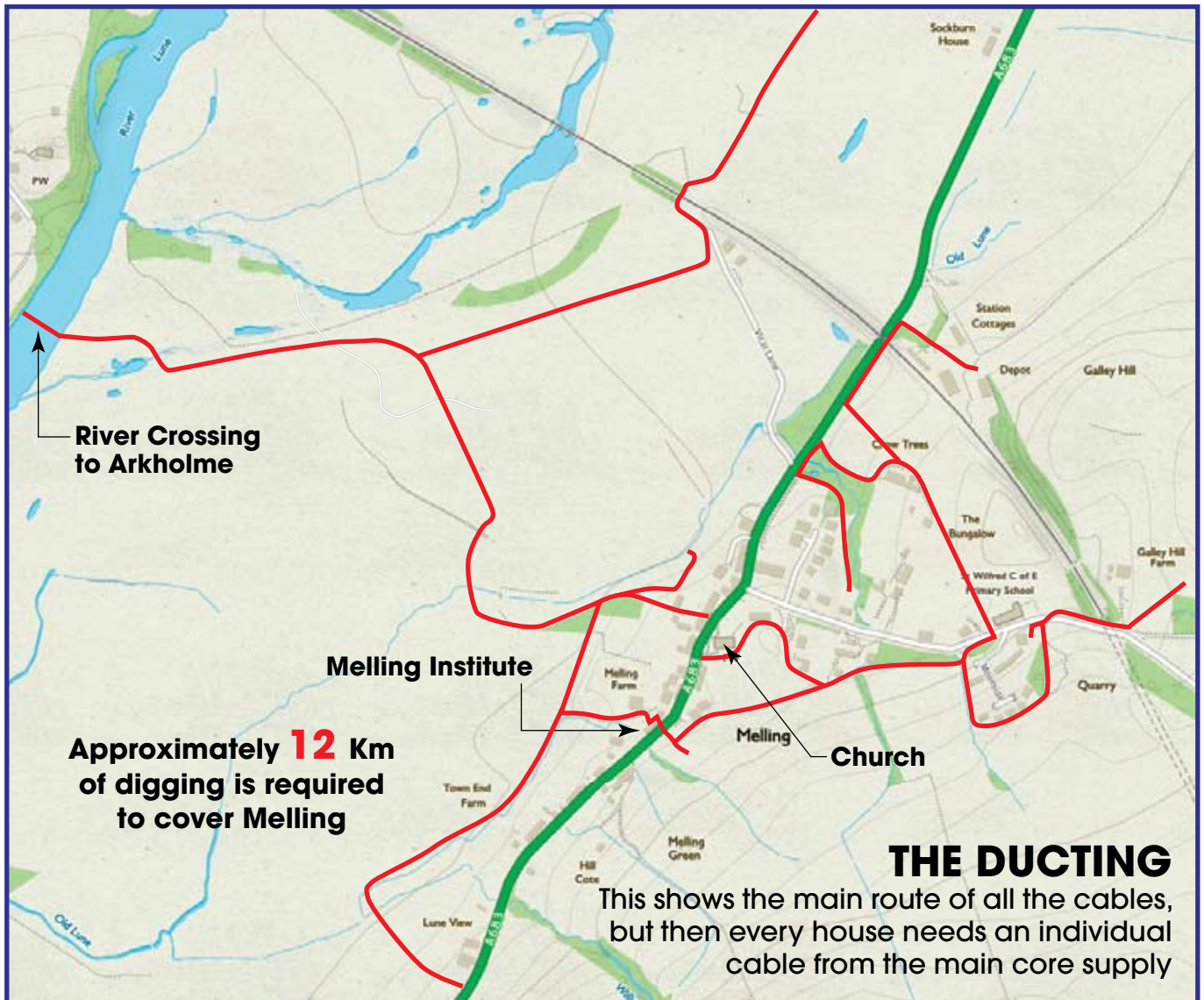
Our 'high tech' Institute



Connecting to the Institute



All done!



Melling, lets not get left behind. B4RN needs your investment now

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