

## Barnby in the Willows welcomes Superfast speeds



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Thanks to the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme, residents and businesses of Barnby-in-the-Willows can upgrade their broadband to the faster, more resilient connection that fibre-optic offers.

Barnby-in-the-Willows is a village and civil parish in the Newark and Sherwood district of Nottinghamshire, just east of Newark-on-Trent. Just south of the village is the River Witham, which interestingly forms the border with Lincolnshire. The village comprises of around 110 houses, the Parish Church of All Saints, a beautiful village pub, a village hall, and a small playing field which is owned by Barnby Manor Estates.

Barnby-in-the-Willows has been upgraded in the first phase of the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme (Contract 1) and by the end of March 2016 access to fibre was circa 80%. The village is also set to benefit further in Contract 2 which will see additional homes being able to access a fibre network for the first time.

The independent broadband site [www.thinkbroadband.com](http://www.thinkbroadband.com) has also recently published its latest statistics showing that 95.4% of Nottinghamshire residents can now access speeds in excess of 24Mbps and by Spring 2018, The Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire Programme along with BT's Commercial Roll out which have extended the reach of a fibre network across the County to almost 98% of properties.

Local resident of 25 years Paul Barratt explained: "We use broadband for Email, ordering goods and services online, Skyping and watching TV. Whilst we've not yet progressed to downloading films, now we have fibre it's something I plan on doing. Fibre broadband is crucial to get the speed and reliability when using the internet".

"We transferred to fibre optic broadband in February 2016 and only considered one provider to the sports TV. We only had mobile broadband which was very basic, slow and expensive to use especially if you wanted to do a lot"

"Everything is so different to the previous service. It's like comparing oranges with apples. Fibre optic broadband is definitely much quicker than anything we've experienced"

Barnby-in-the-Willows has its own village website also <http://barnbyinthewillows.com/> which also features further information on the roll out within the village.