

## **Gigaclear Network – Providing Full-Fibre Broadband**

Gigaclear has secured a contract for Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), the Government plan to provide superfast broadband coverage to close to 100% of households in the UK.

The Government have identified a list of premises where current broadband speeds are low.

Gigaclear have a contract to reach these properties.

Their work will provide full-fibre broadband direct to properties, rather than to a cabinet, as the further a property is from a cabinet, the lower the broadband speed.

Because this work is part of BDUK, Gigaclear will be providing an open-access service allowing other service providers to use the infrastructure they install.

The speeds provided are very high and this work will future-proof the system for those households. Faster speeds will be required in the future as more and more services are provided online.

The work of Gigaclear will involve digging trenches and laying ducting (in verges where possible) directly to the boundary of properties. A network will then be in place to be connected to a property once a service-provider is agreed. *They* will then install the final connection into the property.

Gigaclear have given the assurance that pathways/roads will be fully re-instated within six months and usually in a much shorter timescale.

**There is a rolling programme of work in this area.**

**Work is due to commence on Convent Lane/Cow Lane/Park Lane/St. Mary's Hill at the end of April, to be complete by the end of November. We have been told that there might be some slippage with these dates.**

**Affected residents will receive a letter two weeks in advance of work commencing.**

To check whether your property will be affected during this stage of work or in the future, there is a postcode checker on the website [www.gigaclear.com](http://www.gigaclear.com). If your property is not being considered for the scheme it is possible to register your interest via the website.

Gigaclear will provide regular updates to the Parish Council who will see that the information then reaches residents.