Bentham Hyperfast

A grass roots campaign by residents of Low and High Bentham to enable access to the B4RN Hyperfast 1,000Mbps community owned fibre broadband.

Will soon be near Big Stone and Oysterber Farm at Low Bentham

- Broadband for Rural North (B4RN) is a non profit **community benefit enterprise** run by and for the community, for the benefit of the community. It cannot be sold privately. As the profits have to return to the community this will keep prices low and stable into the future
- B4RN members, farmers and residents dig fibre optic cable cheaply and easily through field and gardens. Farmers give "way leave" to dig through their land and use drainage mole ploughs and trench diggers.
- Community shares and loans are quickly paid back by income from houses connected.
- B4RN is 1000 compared to BT Superfast 26 compared to 6 ordinary (Mbps)
- Tv, Film and online services are increasingly common and this trend likely to continue. B4RN is "future proof" it is easily upgradable at the flick of a switch whatever the future may bring

So far B4RN have connected:

Arkholme, Abbeystead, Aughton, Borwick, Capernwray, Dolphinholme, Gressingham, Newton, Docker, Littledale, Quernmore, Roeburndale, Wray, Wennington, Tatham, and is now approaching Melling, Priest Hutton, Whittington and Wrayton. With plans to extend to Clapham, Keasden and Newby across Bentham Moor via Mewith.

- B4RN costs £30 per month and a one off £150 connection fee to cover hardware
- Phone calls can be made over the fibre connection no need for a landline saving £16.99 line rental. Vonage do an all in calls for £7 per month.
- Increases market value of properties connected
- Future proof easily upgradable for whatever the future may bring.
- ALL houses on route are able to connect at a later date if not now. B4RN build the capacity in regardless.
- Community owned and run

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