

Report for Clifton upon Teme Parish Council meeting – Thursday 1st July 2021

Dear all,

I include a short report for the meeting.

Broadband rollout update: Openreach has announced the next stage of its Fibre to the Premises rollout. Of the 19 exchanges being upgraded, five are in our area.

Hanley Swan, Leigh Sinton, Powick, **Tenbury Wells**, Upton Upon Severn.

Community projects using airband are also being explored in Welland, Upton, Ryall, Earl's Croome, Severn Stoke & **Clifton**.

Airband provides wireless superfast broadband to rural and hard to reach areas.

For more information on any of the above please contact Robert Stepniewski, Senior Project Manager, Broadband and Connectivity Team, Worcestershire County Council on 01905 846432 or email rstepniewski@worcestershire.gov.uk.

Stay Connected Pledge – Tackling Loneliness in Worcestershire: Tackling loneliness has always been a priority in Worcestershire and now more than ever, we recognise there are people of all ages who are feeling lonely. That is why Malvern Hills District Council has signed the 'Stay Connected' pledge. This initiative by Worcestershire County Council Public Health shows residents that as an organisation we are committed to tackling loneliness and supporting people to stay connected.

By signing up to the pledge, we want to ensure our activities are inclusive, welcoming and provide an opportunity for people to connect with others. As well as this, we will encourage other organisations to do the same. See the attached for more information on the pledge and how to encourage other organisations to get involved.

Thank you.

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