

More progress for Community Trust Broadband Scheme

Work is still continuing to spread the wireless broadband network. New uptakes are still coming in every week in the Whitebridge area and along with connecting them, the team at Cromarty Firth Wireless Networks is moving the scheme onto other areas. The Whitebridge Hotel is now connected and will be a bouncing station to several properties around it. Work and discussions are continuing with householders in the Errogie area to finalise where the signal will be bounced to there before we can start to connect the properties there that have signed up.

We are also continuing to find solutions to get into Torness and Inverfarigaig plus all the other dotted about interest that we have. Many thanks go to those that have been giving local info to help as it really makes a difference in each area, especially those areas that are proving harder to get to!! Just to clarify, there are no areas that we have said that we will not go to. Thank you all for your patience if we have not made it to you yet but we will be at some point. If anyone would like any further information on the scheme or want to register an interest, contact Sharon.

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We have an interactive map with everyone in the whole area that has registered an interest and it helps planning if we have as many people on here that may be interested. By registering an interest, there is no obligation to sign up.

-- What's in a name? --



Stream (Allt)



Goat (Gobhar)

Ault-na-goire

Stratherrick set for improved mobile phone coverage



A New Mobile Phone Mast is now being installed near Whitebridge for telecoms firm EE. The lattice mast will have three legs and be 30 metres in height. It is located on Garrogie Estate ground close to the B862 about 190 metres above sea level. Mark Shaw of contractors SPH from Ardgay who are installing the foundation pad for the mast said 'This mast will bring 4G signal to a very wide area and not just Whitebridge and Lochgarthside.' Dell Lodge is visible in the photo above.



Stronelairg Wind Farm Construction Phase



Main construction works started in April 2017 and is now well underway. Following a winter break construction work has now recommenced on site, with the focus being the pouring the remaining turbine bases and the associated cabling works. Following successful delivery and erection of its first seven turbines last year the site will receive blades, turbine tower sections and components from February 2018 over a 20 week period. The deliveries will be moved under police escort who will ensure that they take place safely and with as little disruption to other road users as possible.

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