



Airband January 2022 Newsletter – In and Around the Community

Community Partnership Launches Romansleigh Night Landing Site



A unique rural partnership has successfully established a night landing site for Devon Air Ambulance on farmland in Romansleigh, a village in North Devon.

On Friday 24th September 2021, representatives from Devon Air Ambulance, Airband (the rural broadband provider) and Romansleigh Parish Council gathered to celebrate the launch of the night landing site (Devon Air Ambulance's 180th Landing Site!) with the Webber family of Romansleigh Barton, near South Molton.



Toby Russell, from Devon Air Ambulance, explained "These floodlit surveyed sites are used by our crews to fly into the 'heart of communities' when it is dark. By using surveyed sites, our pilots and crew can appreciate the features of a landing area before they arrive on scene."



The Challenges of Laying Fibre – Using the Latest Technology

When Airband was awarded the Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) fibre to the premises (FTTP) contract in 2019/20, it inevitably came face to face with many challenges from the start and throughout the project.

From wayleaves to accessing private land, weather conditions to road closures that have to be approved by Highways, we try to minimise disruption to the residents so far as is reasonably practical.

Some challenges present an exceptional amount of planning and design. This was the case when the fibre was to be routed across a river in North Devon. A drone was considered and used to pick up the fibre from one side and then fly it across the river. Using the latest technology and equipment, this was the best solution and ensured we did not have to re-route the fibre network staying on track for the delivery of fibre for that area.

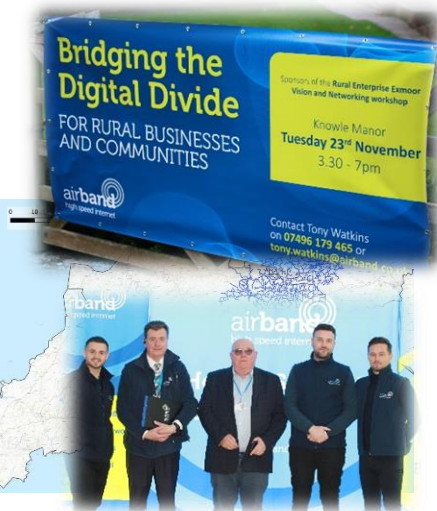
Fancy an Apprenticeship with Airband?

Airband were pleased to attend the Future Opportunities Evening at Great Torrington School Careers Fair this month. It was a great careers event for young people to find out about our industry and how to get into it.

At Airband, we offer a variation of roles from office-based staff to engineers out on the road and we have apprenticeships for all ages. We would be more than happy to attend your school or college to talk about our internal opportunities and also the industry with the exciting and interesting roles available.

Please contact us for more details and to arrange a visit:
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Rural Enterprise Exmoor Vision and Networking Workshop

Airband was delighted to attend and sponsor this one-off event aimed at ALL Exmoor businesses and organisations with an interest in Exmoor's future economy.

There were opportunities to discuss ideas for building a sustainable economy and community wealth and the chance to hear from, and meet with, representatives of various business support organisations and policy makers.



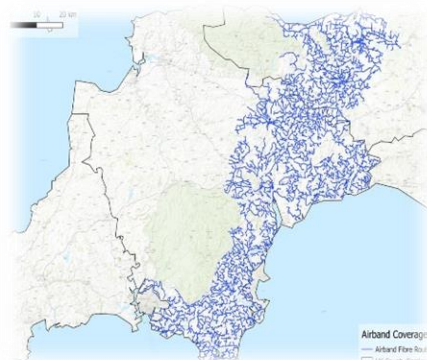
Airband was also pleased to present a cheque to Paula Garrett for £1000 from Tony Watkins (Airband Business Development Executive). Tony cycled 104 miles to raise money for the Children's Hospice Southwest who aims to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of children and young people who have a terminal illness.

Sarah Beverley – Airband Community Liaison Executive

We would like to formally introduce and welcome Sarah Beverley to our Airband Devon & Somerset Community Engagement Team.

Sarah will be covering C, E & F of the Airband Fibre Rollout and will be contacting Parish Councils over the coming weeks to introduce herself and also to liaise and discuss the fibre roll out for your area.

If you would like Sarah to attend a Parish Council or bespoke meeting to give a presentation of the Airband Fibre Rollout, please email: Sarah.Beverley@airband.co.uk



Airband Fibre Coverage – Lots C, E & F

