Dartmoor Forest Parish Council



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30 October 2014

Dear Sirs

VODAPHONE RURAL OPEN SURE SIGNAL APPLICATION – POSTBRIDGE AND BELLEVER

Postbridge and Bellever are two hamlets in Dartmoor Forest Parish about 1 mile apart, both sited in valleys around historically important bridges across the East Dart River. The combined electoral role for both hamlets is 111 but the area is a very popular tourist destination.

Postbridge has the advantage of being on one of the main routes across Dartmoor. The Dartmoor National Park Visitors Centre at Postbridge has recorded visitor numbers averaging 52,000 per year. It is estimated significantly more tourists visit the famous Postbridge Clapper Bridge without going into the Visitors Centre.

Bellever, which is on a side road, has a Youth Hostel and a large Forestry Commission car park in Bellever Forest next to Bellever Bridge and the now ruined Clapper Bridge. There are forest trails and a concentration of Neolithic and Bronze Age archaeological monuments. No records are kept but it is estimated visitor numbers are around 20,000-30,000 each year.

The properties in Bellever are reasonably clustered within about ¼mile. Postbridge straggles along about 1 mile of main road with additional properties along side roads and a scattering of farms. The area has numerous businesses centred on the tourist trade: two hotels, one inn, one Post Office Store, a Youth Hostel, B&Bs and small farm based campsites. Beyond this, the local economy is mainly livestock farming with a small number of self-employed businesses and commuters. There is a strong community spirit focussed around the Post Office Stores and Postbridge Village Hall, which is the venue for numerous events through the year including an annual pantomime.

Neither hamlet receives a mobile phone signal from any supplier, although some properties on higher ground can get an occasional, intermittent signal, but this is unreliable. Many businesses are dependent on broadband and feel disadvantaged by the lack of mobile signal. Some have already installed Vodaphone Sure Signal. Tourists similarly feel frustrated with the lack of mobile cover and the BT Telephone Kiosk in Postbridge is the most frequently used kiosk in the Parish.

Community support for this initiative is strong. The owners of 29 properties have volunteered to join the Vodaphone Rural Open Sure Signal programme and the Parish Council is confident of gathering more if these properties are not in the optimal position for providing a comprehensive 3G coverage.

Overall Dartmoor Forest Parish Council believes Postbridge and Bellever to be ideally suited to the Vodaphone Rural Open Sure Signal programme. These are picturesque hamlets, popular with tourists and would easily contribute to an excellent publicity campaign.

Yours sincerely

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Nigel Tigwell Parish Clerk

Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal programme Application form

Before completing this questionnaire, please make sure you've read all of the information included with this pack. Find out more at vodafone.co.uk/rural

Your community and county	Your vi	llage champi	ion	addres	mmunity emails and website (if applicable)	or	ocal MP, AM MSP, and stituency	MP support
POSTBRIDGE & BELLEVER DARTMOOR FOREST DEVON	igwell Clerk : 01822 890 lerk@dartmo		Website: www.darf	tmoorforestpc tmoorforestpc.		rey Cox MP	□ Yes	
What's the estimated popular community?	tion of your	⊠ <250 peo	ple 🗆	251 – 500 pe	eople □ 501	I-1000 people	e □>1000	people
What's the approximate num properties in your communit		☑ <50 house	es \square	51 – 200 hou	ıses □201	-500 houses	□ >500 h	ouses
What 'shape' is your commur houses clustered or disperse	ity? Are the	△ A number A few buil	r of smaller o ldings disper	lusters of buil sed over a sm	ingle location Idings spread ov all distance (wit ge area (more th	thin 1 mile)		
Do you get signal with any m If yes, on average, how many (found at the top of your pho	bars of signal	☐ Yes X☐ N	No					
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Are there any small business community? If yes, give a few		XI Yes If yes, what	are these:	No				
		Dartmoor	National Par		ntre; Forestry C rms; B&B Holid		Youth Hostel	
Does tourism impact the pop		⊠ Yes		No				
If yes, roughly in what number at what time of year?	ers, where, and	No. of touris	sts: 52,000	each year	Season/ months:	April - Octobe	er	
		Locations:	l		• •	•	tbridge Clappe estimate <52,0	•
Have you identified at least 5 in your community for the Opunits?*	oen Sure Signal	¥ Yes		No				
If yes, have you got permission property owners to use their site?		⊠ Yes		No				

^{*}Please give full site details on the 'site sheet' included in this pack. You'll also need to print out and attach a map with the site locations clearly marked. Please see our FAQs for more info on how to choose your sites.

Does your community have broadband? If yes, who's the Internet Service Provider (ISP), and tell us the speed for each of your sites on the 'site sheet'. (Check your broadband speed at speedtest.net)	⊠ Yes	□No	ISP:	BT; Post Office; and others
Is your community enthusiastic about the Open Sure Signal programme? If any residents are less keen, please give details why.	If no, why not? A very small n			spressed a concern that the Open Sure Signal speeds available to households.
Where did you hear about the Open Sure Signal programme? (Tick all that apply)	□ Local MP ☑ Parish Counc □ Vodafone dir □ Local rural gr □ vodafone.co. □ Social media □ Other, please	ectly roup uk		
If this application is successful, Vodafone may want to highlight your community with the media when Open Sure Signal is launched. Would your community be happy to take part?	☑ Yes	□ No, we're not happ Open Sure Signal	y for Vo	odafone to promote our community's use of

Declaration

I confirm that all information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and accept responsibilities of acting as Village Champion for my community. I have also read and accept the terms and conditions.

Signed:

Print name: Nigel Tigwell, Parish Clerk to Dartmoor Forest Parish Council

Date: 30 October 2014

Send your application to:

Rural Open Sure Signal programme, Media Relations, Vodafone House, The Connection, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 2FN.

What's next?

We'll assess your application for Open Sure Signal, and will announce the successful communities in October 2014.

Once communities have been told they are successful we'll start surveying, in preparation to install Open Sure Signal units.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Kind regards,

Fergal Kelly, CTO, Vodafone UK

Vodafone Rural Open Sure Signal programme Site sheet

Please give full site details in the form below. You'll also need to print out and attach a map with the site locations clearly marked.

Please see our FAQs included with this pack for more info on how to choose your sites.

NOTE: If one of your sites is a pub, and isn't a free house, you'll need permission in principle from the brewery which owns the property.

Are all landlords (or community as a whole) happy to cover the cost of powering Open Sure Signal units? (Approx. £30pa, per unit, see our FAQs for more detail.)	☑ Yes □ No			
Address of potential site	Property owner address and contact details	Permission granted?	Is it a listed building?	What's the broadband speed?
Dartmoor National Park Visitors Centre Postbridge PL20 6TH	Miss J Rumble Communities Officer Dartmoor National Park Authority Parke Bovey Tracy TQ13 9JQ 01626 831024 jrumble@dartmoor.gov.uk	☑ Yes □ No Signed: Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I / II):	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.1
Post Office Stores Postbridge PL20 6TR	Gerald and Annie Smerdon Post Office Stores Postbridge PL20 6TH 01822 880201	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed: Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☑ No If yes, Grade (I / II):	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.4

Address of potential site	Property owner address and contact details	Permission granted?	Is it a listed building?	What's the broadband speed?
Postbridge Village Hall Postbridge PL20 6SY	Postbridge Village Hall Committee Paul Hammett (Chair) 01822 880395 Carrie Jost (Secretary) 01822 880264	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) NK Not currently installed
Lydgate House Hotel Postbridge PL20 6TJ	Stephen and Karen Horn Lydgate House Hotel Postbridge PL20 6TJ 01822 880209 info@lydgatehouse.co.uk	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.4
Higher Lydgate Farm Postbridge PL20 6TJ	Julian and Val Greatrex 01822 880274 valgreatrex@btinternet.com	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.2
Beechwood Postbridge PL20 6SY	Adam and Lynette Lloyd 01822 880332 enquiries@beechwood-dartmoor.co.uk	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.5

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Middle Merripit Farm Postbridge PL20 6SZ	Ken and Wendy Watson 01822 880215 wendy@merribridge.plus.com	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Signed on original	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.4
Drury Head Cottage Postbridge PL20 6SY	Mr & Mrs R Bensa 01822 880368	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.2
Penlee Farm Postbrige PL20 6TJ	Dave Fisher 01822 880255	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.3
Vaglas Postbridge PL20 6SY	John and Ros Chilcott 01822 880330	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes☐ No☐ If yes, Grade (I/II)☐	Broadband speed (MBps) 4.5

Address of potential site	Property owner address and contact details	Permission granted?	Is it a listed building?	What's the broadband speed?
The Shack Postbridge PL20 6TL	Bob and Brenda Martin 01822 880276	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 4.0
Pencroft Postbridge PL20 6TL	Gerald and Loraine Owen 01822 880230	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes☐ No☐ If yes, Grade (I/II)☐	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.4
Lakehead Cottage Postbridge PL20 6TH	Les and Karen Parr 01822 880479	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Signed on original	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.5
Archerton Cottage Postbridge PL20 6TH	Kevin Quinn 01822 880211	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes☐ No☐ If yes, Grade (I/II)☐	Broadband speed (MBps) 5.8

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Bridge Cottage Postbridge PL20 6TH	Jay and Pat Audas 01822 880233	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.4
Broad Down Postbridge PL20 6TJ	Gavin and Harriet Wheaton 01822 880267	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.5
Fairholm Postbridge PL20 6SY	John and Michelle Brusey 01822 880235	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes☐ No☐ If yes, Grade (I/II)☐	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.3
Hartland House Postbridge PI20 6SZ	John Vale and Elizabeth Rabicano 01822 880434	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps)

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Kit Lodge Postbridge PL20 6TL	Judy Beattie 01822 880337	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 4.0
Lower Merripit Farm Postbridge PL20 6TJ	Leaf and Carolyn Hillyer 01822 880301	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 4.0
Smallwaters Postbridge PL20 6TJ	Peter and Demelza Riddell 01822 880364	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.5
The Brake Postbridge PL20 6SY	Peter and Brian Havill 01822 880218	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes☐ No☐ If yes, Grade (I/II)☐	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.5

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The Hermitage Postbridge PL20 6TJ	Sarah Kite 01822 880451	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.5
The Old Parsonage Postbridge PL20 6SY	Maureen Seabrook 01822 880233	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 6.5
1, Forestry Houses Bellever Postbridge PL20 6TW	Alex and Doreen Lambert 01822 880244	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes☐ No☐ If yes, Grade (I/II)☐	Broadband speed (MBps) 5.4
10, Forestry Houses Bellever Postbridge PL20 6TP	Carrie Jost 01822 880264 carrie@creativekinesciology.org	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 5.3

Address of potential site	Property owner address and contact details	Permission granted?	Is it a listed building?	What's the broadband speed?
Youth Hostel Bellever Postbridge PL20 6TU	Youth Hostel Association Maria Bailey (Manager) 01822 880227 dartmoor@yha.org.uk	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 5.3
Forest Cottage Bellever PL20 6TU	David and Sally Bowden 01822 880266	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 4.0
Clapper Cottage Bellever PL20 6TU	Sue Yeoman and Martin Jones 01822 880318	☐ Yes ☐ No Signed Agreement confirmed by telephone	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, Grade (I/II)	Broadband speed (MBps) 4.0