



The Demise of POTS...

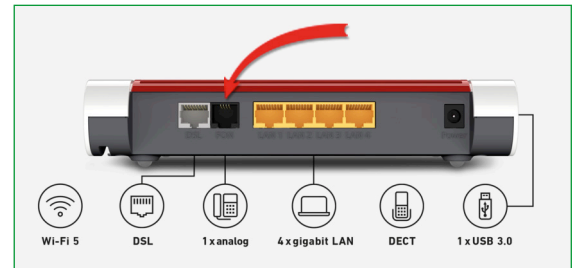
In 2025, the copper telephone network will be switched off completely. It's also known as the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) or Plain Old Telephone System (POTS) and is the socket on the wall that landline phones and/or your internet router plugs into.

From 2023, you will no longer be able to purchase any copper-based services. Because Chorltonville has historically not had fibre connections, broadband was provided initially via copper throughout and more recently via Fibre Through To Cabinet (FTTC) and then copper from there to individual houses.

Fibre cable is currently being installed throughout the 'Ville via the existing BT underground distribution. Very soon, residents should be able to purchase FTTP (Fibre Through To Premises, aka Full Fibre) broadband connections. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) should be able to offer this as soon as the availability is released.

By 2025, anyone wishing to use a 'landline' type telephone (non-mobile) will need to upgrade their account with their provider to a VoIP system.

VoIP is Voice over Internet Protocol. A standard handset can be used for this facility, but it would plug directly into the router and not into the wall socket. Older routers may not have this connection, so a router upgrade may be necessary. Moving to a FTTP connection would necessitate your provider supplying a new router anyway.



Typical router with VoIP capability. Arrow indicates the telephone socket.

So - big question: Do residents have to upgrade to FTTP?

At the moment that is a difficult one to answer and may depend on your provider. There is no plan to strip out the copper wire as far as we know, but telephone signals won't be pushed down it after 2025. Local maintenance and repair may also become non-existent. However, as the copper will still be there from cabinet to houses, some providers may still maintain a broadband service via this route. At least for a short time after 2025.

What is clear, however, is that if you wish to continue using a landline-style telephone, you will need to change to a VoIP based system before the end of 2025. Your current landline provider should inform you of this.

CHORLTONVILLE SCARECROW GARDENS

Given the success of the Christmas advent windows, some of our residents are thinking of something for the summer - **scarecrows in the front gardens.**



The initial idea is for some time in the Summer term - current proposal is Thursday 29 June dawn to Sunday 2 July nightfall - so children can see them walking to and from school, adults can see them at any time.

If anyone is interested, please contact us and we will pass on your details to the organisers. Use the email address scarecrows@chorltonville.org

In the meantime, get thinking of designs and watch out for more details.

Boundary Hedges

Now the growing season is in full swing, it's time to check your trees, hedges, bushes or shrubs to make sure they are not overhanging the public pathway and to trim them back accordingly.



Chorltonville Committee Members Needed

The Committee is always looking to find residents who are able to assist in the management of Chorltonville. The Committee is responsible for all aspects of governance for the estate management, and no individual member is expected to carry sole responsibility for a portfolio.

If you would be interested please contact
info@chorltonville.org
and we will get in touch.

Football Club Parking Update

As the popularity of West Didsbury & Chorlton Football Club increases, residents have been seeing more and more cars parking, sometimes badly, on match days. The club has been communicating with the Committee to look at ways to alleviate the problem.

Official football parking is at Hardy Farm and the club agrees that the estate should not be used for parking by football visitors. However, enforcing this has been a perennial problem.

The club has come up with some measures to help get the message across. Watch out for more information on this soon. One such measure is more redesigned 'A' boards for problem areas. If any one in West Meade and the west end of Claude Road would be willing to give a home to an 'A' board and put it out on match days, please get in touch (info@chorltonville.org).

We are hopeful they will be in place before the next season.

The last match of the season was on Saturday 22 April.

Spot the Difference...



One of the Chorltonville Committee's tasks is to oversee the management of trees in the public spaces of the 'Ville. This task is complicated by the fact that trees grow as can be seen in our "before and after" pictures above. We are unsure of the date of the first picture (second is 2023). Some trees have been removed but some have grown significantly. While trees contribute to the charm of Chorltonville, their management poses a problem. Due to the Conservation Area protection, we can only remove or prune trees that are considered diseased or dangerous and then, only after Council approval.

While the committee has no remit regarding trees in private gardens, we would like to remind residents that their own garden trees are covered by the same Conservation Area protection. For any work on or removal of garden trees, residents must give Manchester City Council at least six weeks' notice.

See [Manchester City Council website](https://www.manchester.gov.uk) for details.

Levy Reminder

We have already had a good percentage of levy payments in. For those who haven't paid yet, here's a gentle reminder that payment is due by 30th April. Thanks! Any queries, please get in touch with us at finance@chorltonville.org

Email Collection

We are still short of email addresses for residents. If you know of any residents who are not receiving communications from us, please ask them to contact us.