## **Rural Broadband**

Poor Broadband services affect many rural areas in Swale.

The Chairman of the Swale Rural Forum has experienced this in Iwade and has received the following response from BT Openreach:

- Distance from the telephone exchange and old copper wire, designed for telephony, not Broadband was blamed for lack of service.
- Responses included the need for a local telephone exchange or upgrading the wires to fibre optic fibres - this is a large capital investment