

Tiree Community Broadband

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History

- Network created in 2004 by team of volunteers responding to the slow roll out of ADSL
- Equipment largely recovered from redundant mainland systems previous operated BY HIE broadband initiative HiWide and supplemented from a number of other sources including eBay
- Initially intended to serve 20 subscribers network currently serves almost a quarter of island homes and businesses most of them remaining outside ADSL reach

Challenges

- Building the network
- Keeping it operational
- Growing and seemingly insatiable demand
- Management of band width
- Investment !

Impact

- Closing the remoteness gap
- economic development
- community development

The Future

- Improving network management
- Delivering of bandwidth to subscribers as it becomes available from any source
- Endeavoring to meet our subscribers' expectations