

## SWITCHOVER IS COMING AND HELP IS AT HAND

Digital switchover is coming to our village soon, and if you don't convert your TV to digital by the time of the switchover, you won't be able to watch any TV programmes.

The BBC-run Switchover Help Scheme can convert one TV to digital for you. You are eligible for the Help Scheme if you are:

- aged 75 or over, or
- live in a care home (for six months or more), or
- receive (or could get):
  - o Disability Living Allowance (DLA), or
  - o Attendance or Constant Attendance Allowance, or
  - o Mobility Supplement, or
- registered blind or partially sighted

If you are eligible then the Help Scheme will write to you directly. All you need to do is respond to the letter by sending back a completed reply form or telephone for free on 0800 40 85 900. If you receive a letter, please respond even if you don't need any help.

The scheme can provide and install easy to use equipment to switch one TV. It includes an approved installer, aerial upgrade if needed and a 12 month aftercare service, with free helpline. Most people will be asked to pay £40 towards the service but it can be free for those who receive certain income-related benefits.

Do you know someone who needs a helping hand switching to digital TV? Please talk to them and make sure they get the help they are entitled to by telling them about the Switchover Help Scheme.

If you need any further information, or know someone who may need help, then please contact your designated support person for our area, **Jo Metson on: 07540 7206609/email [jo.metson@vaessex.org.uk](mailto:jo.metson@vaessex.org.uk)** or Janet Patch on 07760 240 550/email [Janet.Patch@vaessex.org.uk](mailto:Janet.Patch@vaessex.org.uk)

For further information on the Switchover Help Scheme visit [helpscheme.co.uk](http://helpscheme.co.uk) or call 0800 40 85 900. Textphone users can call 0800 40 85 936.