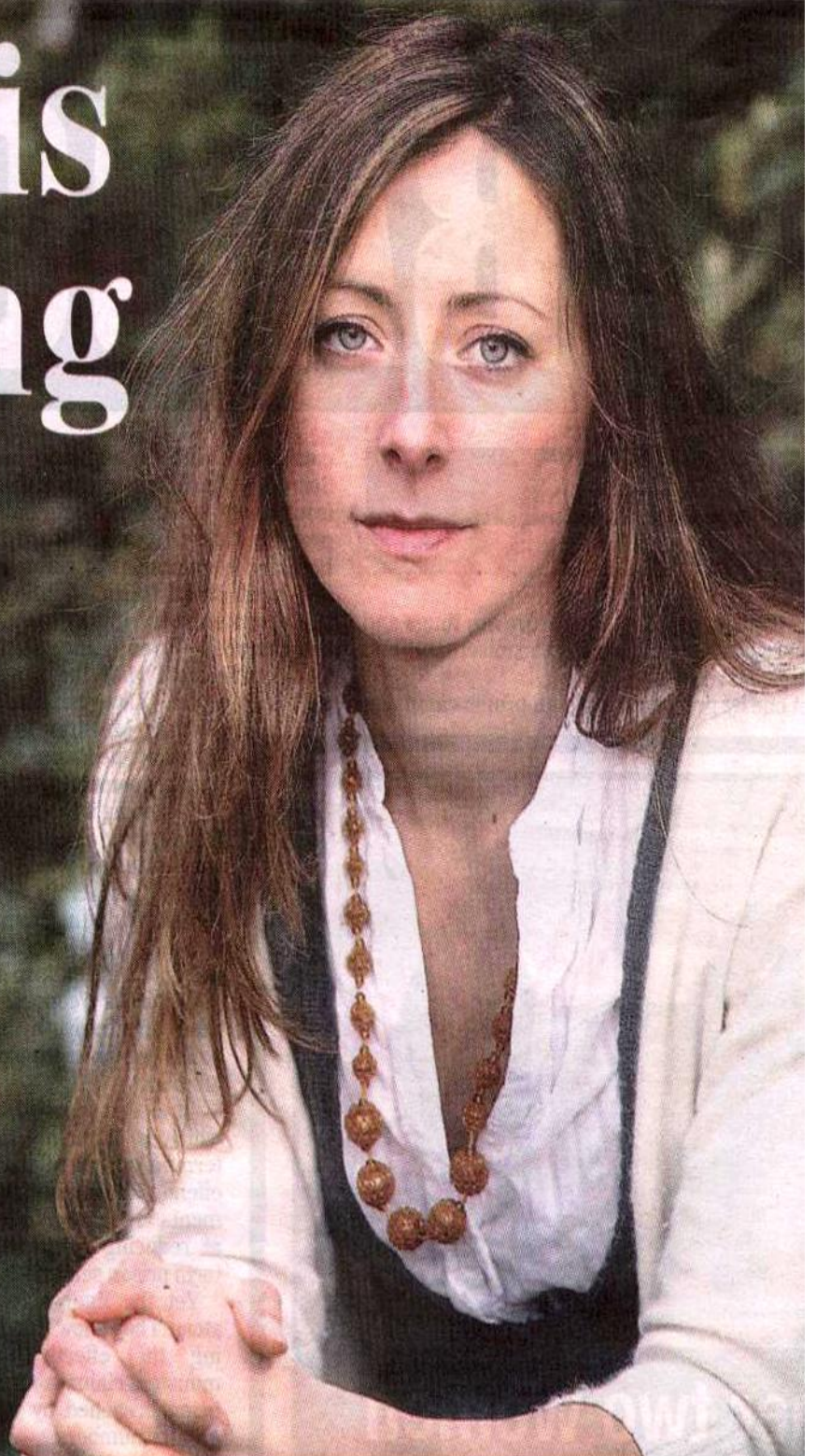


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**'Wi-fi is  
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**FEARFUL** : Natalie Fee has moved out of Glastonbury's town centre. She claims a lot of parents are concerned over the Wi-Fi zone.

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A TOWN'S residents claim they are suffering panic attacks, skin rashes, headaches and dizziness since the streets there became one of Britain's first wireless internet zones.

Campaigners claim the electronic smog from six antennae installed around Glastonbury, Somerset, which have been pumping out microwave radiation for the last seven months, has harmed the health of 40 per cent of the town's 10,000 population.

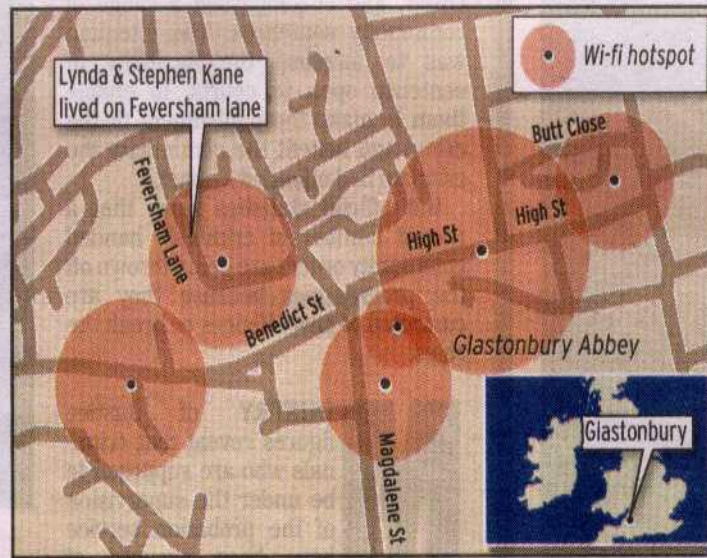
Council leaders spent £30,000 putting in the town-wide Wi-fi system thinking it would help local businesses and tourism.

But some locals say they have been so badly affected by symptoms – that also include attacks of nausea, sudden sweating or extreme fatigue – they can no longer walk in the town. Others have even chosen to move away.

Psychologist Lynda Kane, 58, and her husband Stephen, 52, have set up home 6,000 miles away in San Francisco because they felt so ill after the Wi-fi system was installed by Somerset County Council.

"I thought my menopause was coming back," said Lynda.

"I was very fuzzy headed and fatigued and someone told me about the mast that had been put up about 20 yards from our front door. Before we left we were staying in B&Bs over the hill where



the signal wasn't so strong. We noticed an immediate change."

Natalie Fee, 30, is another Glastonbury resident to quit the town centre. She now lives in a new home out of the wi-fi area because of fears for the health of her five-year-old son Elliot.

"I don't want my son exposed to risk 24 hours a day, including at his primary school which is in the Wi-fi zone," said Natalie.

"There are a lot of parents who are concerned that their children are being experimented with and they don't have a choice in the matter. Nobody said 'your school is going to be in the wi-fi zone' especially with the children living in the Wi-fi zone there really wasn't enough consultation.

"I would like to see the masts removed. Perhaps one day that will happen and hopefully it won't

be too late." Somerset County Council will review whether to keep the Glastonbury system at a meeting later this month.

A council spokesman said: "We will always take safety concerns seriously, but are completely confident that the Wi-fi project poses no health risk to anyone in Glastonbury."

Town and city-wide Wi-fi systems are being planned all over the UK.

Norwich became the first to install one in 2006, another is currently operating along Brighton beach – despite opposition from the local Friends of the Earth group in the south-coast resort.

Plans to install a £60,000 system in Leyland, Lancashire, were delayed by South Ribble Council last month so that further research into the health

risks can be done after a one-woman campaign by resident Margaret White.

"If it is introduced into the town it is going to be going into everybody's homes. Some people are absolutely fine with that, but some people have problems," said Mrs White.

She says a number of European health reports have recommended councils lower the levels of radiation from Wi-fi masts.

South Ribble Council will now make a final decision on whether to give Leyland's Wi-fi scheme the go-ahead later this year.

Member Cliff Hughes said: "In community use there are more than 10,000 Wi-fi systems in the UK in public places such as restaurants, hotels, cafes and airports.

"The debate on how wi-fi impacts on people's health has been studied for many years. The World Health Organisation says that there are no adverse health effects from low-level, long-term exposure. The Government also says there is no risk."

But a spokesman for Mast Sanity, a group which campaigns for safe mobile communications systems, said: "We think the Wi-fi in Glastonbury should be removed instantly. In the long term, there's evidence that the frequency used can lead to DNA damage and cancer."

Last June, four libraries in Paris unplugged their Wi-fi systems after health complaints from staff.

We wish to see this man, M. Repacholi, formerly in charge of the WHO study programme on electromagnetic fields [\[File-WHO\]](#) and also ex. President-Founder of ICNIRP brought to justice, because he is a corrupt official who has betrayed the obligations of his position. We consider that the general management of the WHO is equally responsible in that it did not take the necessary steps to deal with M. Repacholi's actions while carrying out his official duties, actions that were obviously contrary to the elementary rules of ethics as defined by the statutes of the World Health Organisation.

The legal representatives of the countries (those supplying the funding) on the governing bodies of the WHO also have a share of responsibility in that they did not denounce M. Repacholi's actions. Today we are paying the consequences of giving free rein to M. Repacholi, the industry's puppet, who in the name of the WHO travelled far and wide to convince national institutions to adopt unrealistic limits for artificial EMFs, limits that do not protect the public, as has now been scientifically proven.

Now more than ever we must act for the sake of public health by tackling the essentials, that's to say bringing actions before the courts in order to have the statutory limits denounced and changed (for example with an expert opinion on the permitted radiation level for UMTS of 61 V/m!), limits which are the result of the WHO recommendations.

To do this Next-up Organisation [needs helps](#) in financing these court cases. Thank you.

