

19<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Refurbishment of GB3OV Proposal

Dear Committee Members and Members of the Huntingdon Amateur Radio Society,

Some of you may or may not be aware that Alan M0FDA and Julie G1JUL have relinquished their positions as Repeater Keeper and Repeater Engineer for GB3OV.

Richard M0OFF and myself Andy G6OHM. Have taken over these roles and are looking after the licencing and the upkeep of the repeater.

Alan and Julie have done sterling service over the years keeping GB3OV going however GB3OV repeater is over 30 years old and has seen a lot of service over the years and Alan has modified OV to keep it going.

Since taking over GB3OV we have found various problems on site with things like Security, the state of electrics and most important GB3OV itself. As has been stated many times GB3OV, runs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in all-weather full filling the needs of the many within the club and radio amateurs in general passing through its coverage area.

Richard and myself and the committee feel it is now time to update the security electrics and most importantly GB3OV ITSELF.

It is planned to purchase 2x Yaesu DR-2XE - VHF/UHF Repeaters, these will **NOT BE FUSION ENABLED** at this time and without prior approval of the membership moving forward. **GB3OV will continue as an ANALOGUE REPEATER for the foreseeable future!!**

GB3OV will be configured as follows:

Repeater One: Main Operation as existing.

Repeater Two: For Standby in case of Failure.

The cost of the Repeater upgrade will be in the figure of £2500

The Chairman and Committee have informed us that as the cost of the repeater replacement is over £500 it has to be voted for by the members of the club.

We are therefore asking the membership to vote: ***Yes or No.*** to this proposal – This Proposal will be an item at the AGM on 10 March 2022

### **Please Note:**

If any Club Member fails register their vote by the closing date: we will assume they are in favour of a new repeater, and this will be counted as a **YES**.

Kind Regards

Richard M0OFF - GB3OV Technical support.

Andy G6OHM. - Licensee Holder of GB3OV.