

Superfast Cornwall Update August 2019



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Outstanding progress across rural Cornwall

Our 2017-2020 £17.6 million programme, funded by the EU, BDUK (Building Digital UK) and Cornwall Council, continues to push into extremely rural parts of Cornwall.

Working in partnership with Openreach's Chief Engineer's office, we are seeing the public funding stretch further and are confident in reaching (or even exceeding) the target of 7,500 premises, including at least 1,200 businesses. With over 5,000 premises now covered with a Full Fibre solution, where fibre runs all the way into the home or business, we are now more than halfway and expect to complete rollout in early 2020.

Postcodes where the rollout has been modelled and surveyed are published at www.superfastcornwall.org/current-programme. This information can be viewed on an online map available at <https://map.cornwall.gov.uk/website/ccmap/>.

Treyone Kitchens Case Study

One area that has gone live recently is around Horningtops in South East Cornwall, and bespoke kitchen builders Treyone Kitchens were amongst the first to connect. Director Marc Doyle describes the difference that superfast



broadband has made to the company as transformational. He says: "We can now subscribe to a comprehensive new cloud-based quoting system, interlinked across our three showrooms. This saves our designers a huge amount of time, standardises our pricing and enables better presentation and speedier responses to clients, which in turn helps give us a competitive edge."

Government strategy catches up with Cornwall

The UK Government broadband policy has re-focussed with an emphasis on 'Full Fibre' with a goal to ensure all premises have access by 2033. Coverage nationally is at 4% but in Cornwall, where we have understood the future-proofing benefits of Full Fibre since way back in 2008, we are definitely leading the way with around 33% coverage Cornwall - and this is growing weekly!

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Cornwall is also amongst the first to benefit from the Government's Rural Gigabit Connectivity scheme, which will fund Full Fibre connectivity to 20 of our rural primary schools.

Latest Independent Economic Analysis of Superfast Broadband

Our ongoing independent economic evaluations continue to show the huge impact superfast broadband has had on the economy of Cornwall. Our latest report shows that there are around 128,000 live connections, including around 24,700 business connections. This strong take up has resulted in over 4,000 jobs created and £432m of economic impact.

Flexible Working

Research shows that many of our businesses and residents are using superfast to work more efficiently and to reduce business and commuter travel. Take a look at our www.flexible-working.org website for help to get you started, and if you are a homemaker see [here](#) for tips when working from home.

Alternative Solutions and Grants

There are a number of alternatives that you could consider if your existing speeds are insufficient and you are not covered by our roll out plans. These could include satellite broadband, mobile 4G broadband, wireless or a privately funded community fibre scheme. Funding is available from a number of sources outlined at www.superfastcornwall.org/alternative-solutions including the Cornwall Council funded Superfast Cornwall Grants Scheme (up to £1700 for eligible premises) and the Government's Gigabit Voucher Scheme (up to £3500 to rural businesses and £1500 to homes). Businesses may also be eligible for the [Avanti Superfast Satellite scheme](#).

Future Opportunities

Cornwall Council has secured additional funding from DEFRA to further extend the roll out to rural areas and this will be completed in 2020. The Council is also applying for some final EU funding, which alongside investment from Cornwall Council will help push out more superfast broadband into our most rural deprived areas.

Staying Informed

The latest information, including an overview of the programme, the latest postcodes in build, a link to coverage maps on the Council's mapping portal and information about whether or not a property can connect is available on the Superfast Cornwall website at www.superfastcornwall.org. Any questions that are not answered by the information provided on the website can be sent to info@superfastcornwall.org or call 01872 324991.