



Superfast Broadband

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In The Loop



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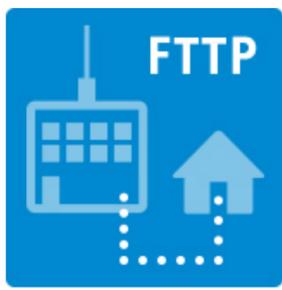
The past few months have seen the DSSB programme reach a number of milestones. **Over 940,000** homes and businesses can now receive fibre broadband thanks to the programme and **over 5000** cabinets across Scotland are now in place, connecting more rural towns and villages to the fibre network. DSSB has exceeded its aim of extending access to fibre infrastructure to 95% of premises in Scotland.

We know that some of you who read this newsletter are currently unable to receive a superfast speed (+24Mbps), are on an Exchange Only (EO) line, or are not part of the DSSB programme rollout. However, no one is forgotten in the superfast journey:

In October, the Scottish Government gave a progress update on the R100 programme which will bring superfast speeds to all premises in Scotland. [You can find out more here](#). The UK Government has also confirmed that universal high speed broadband will be delivered by a regulatory Universal Service Obligation (USO), giving everyone in the UK access to speeds of at least 10 Mbps by 2020. [You can find out more here](#).

And in the meantime, if you're currently experiencing poor broadband speeds, or if an affordable high-speed service isn't available yet, there are different options which could help increase your broadband speed. Read about the alternative solutions that are [available to you here](#).

More FTTP (fibre to the premises) being deployed across the country



As we reach the final stages of the DSSB programme, we are reaching more rural areas and remote locations, than originally planned.

Deployment will now continue into 2020, and the vast majority of it will be 'Fibre To The Premises' (FTTP) technology. FTTP is a pure fibre broadband connection that runs all the way from your local exchange right to your home or business. Where available, the local network is able to support download speeds of up to 1Gb and 50Mbps upload. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will offer different packages, with different speeds at competitive prices - so remember to shop around and [find the best deal which is right for you](#).

Find out more about FTTP technology [here](#).

Remember to check and order

This week, we announced that more premises across Scotland are able to connect to faster broadband across Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dumfries and Galloway, East Dunbartonshire, the Lothians, Falkirk, Scottish Borders and South Lanarkshire.

Thanks to the programme, faster broadband has arrived in Cornhill and Lumphanan in Aberdeenshire for the first time. Other areas to receive deployment for the first time include Borthwickbrae and Smailholm in the Scottish Borders.

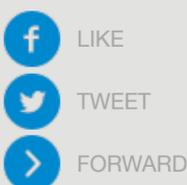
It is important to remember that you need to sign up for the new, faster services with an internet service provider, as upgrades are not automatic. You can check our [interactive map here](#).



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