

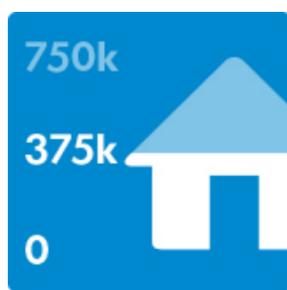


Scotland is buzzing about fibre broadband



We have had the most amazing time around Scotland recently, with a huge number of community events as fibre broadband was launched in new areas. Our new fibre showcase (where you discover the technical magic behind fibre broadband) has made an appearance at a primary school in Macduff and the St. Andrews' Highland Games, as well as town centres in Portsoy, Hatton, Stirling, Callander, Largs and Coldstream. There is a real buzz around fibre broadband now and it's exciting to hear great feedback at these community events and also through your comments on Facebook. [Take a peek at some of what has been happening](#) and some of your Facebook comments.

We are half way there!



As a result of our Superfast Broadband programme, more than 375,000 homes and businesses in Scotland are now able to connect to fibre. By the end of 2017, it will be more than 750,000 premises – so we are half way towards our goal! Hundreds of communities across Scotland have now been enabled for fibre broadband, which means most people living and working in these communities can make the switch. There are too many to list in full here, but [check out this selection](#) which will give you an idea of the impact being made.

Hats off to Auchterarder school children!

Somhairle Fraser, a third year pupil at the Community School of Auchterarder, is winner of our postcard design competition. Pupils in the S3 Computer Design and Technology class were asked to come up with an eye catching design to tell people that fibre broadband is in their local area. All the designs were brilliant but the judges were knocked out by Somhairle's attractive design, which will be arriving on doorsteps in the Auchterarder area. [Read more here.](#)



Spotlight on our Community Project Officers



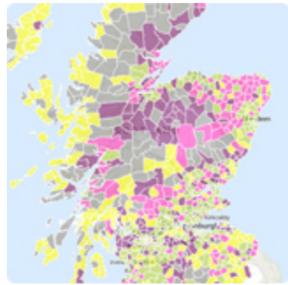
Our four Community Project Officers are the unsung heroes working hard to spread the word about fibre broadband in local communities across Scotland and accelerate take up. Find out more about what they do every day [in your area](#), and hear first hand from Brenda Conway in our [60 second interview](#).

Well, nobody said it was going to be easy!

Rolling out fibre broadband across Scotland is certainly challenging and our engineers have encountered some amusing, difficult and downright hairy moments as they have overcome all kinds of obstacles to install fibre broadband. One day that was certainly out of the ordinary was when the team laid fibre cable across the Erskine Bridge, 148 feet up in the air over the River Clyde. The team had to get special permission to take their vehicles and equipment up on the bridge and we hear they were on a high after they achieved their result! [Discover more](#) about what is involved in the roll out of fibre broadband.



Can you get fibre broadband yet?



Find out if you can get fibre broadband yet and see at a glance the latest situation regarding the roll out by [visiting our interactive map](#).



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