



As of 28 May 2014...
10,338
 homes and businesses
 have been fibre
 enabled thanks to
 Connecting Shropshire.

Bi-monthly Update

A roundup of what has been going on in the programme during April and May.

So, the challenges of extremely wet weather in the early part of 2014 are a distant memory, and the Connecting Shropshire programme continues to push forward.

Since the last update, we have surpassed ten thousand homes and businesses now fibre-enabled on, or ahead of schedule.

So which areas are done?? Here is a list of cabinets that are live and taking orders:

Exchange	Cabinets enabled	* Including communities of:
Albrighton	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9	Albrighton, Boningale and Cosford
Bridgnorth	18, 20, 21 and 22	Cross Lane Head, Quatford and Tasley
Halfway House	1, 2, 3 and 4	Alberbury, Halfway House, Wattlesborough and Westbury
Harlescott	1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14	Battlefield, Harlescott and Harlescott Grange
Little Brampton	1, 2 and E1	Aston on Clun, Clungunford and Little Brampton
Montford Bridge	1 and 2	Bicton, Montford and Montford Bridge
Pontesbury	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Minsterley, Pontesbury and Snailbeach
Shrewsbury	92	Telford Way
Upton Magna	1, 2 and 3	Upton Magna and Withington
Oswestry	6, 17 and 23	Oswestry: town centre, Maesbury Road and Oakhurst Road
Yockleton	1	Ford Heath, Nox and Yockleton

To check availability to your home or business, please [click here](#) to run a check based on your landline, post code or address.

* Areas listed are an indication only.

Not-so-clunky Clungunford



In May, we spoke to Steven Lewis who lives in Upper Gunnas Close in Clungunford, an area that now has access to fibre broadband.

Steven said that he'd upgraded to fibre based broadband the week before and is now enjoying download speeds of 77mbps, compared with only 2-3mbps previously. Steven upgraded with his existing internet service provider as he was mid-contract, but might shop around for a better deal when this contract expires. He commented that he found it very easy to upgrade by ordering online.

Steven's family use the internet for online shopping, streaming live TV, online gaming and the like. When we asked Steven if he'd recommend upgrading to fibre broadband to others he said,

"Faster fibre broadband makes using the internet a much more enjoyable experience, never having to wait for pages to load" adding "once you've got it you'll never look back!"

Meet the Engineers

One sunny/rainy day, we hitched a ride with some nice chaps from BT to go and meet some of the Openreach engineers who are working on the Connecting Shropshire project to bring fibre broadband to Salopians.





First up we met Sam and Andy, working like beavers at the roadside near Cross Houses. After the introductions and seeing the little hole where they have all the cables, we asked Sam what his main job was.

"I run the cabling from A to B." He said. "Its four little tubes, inside a tube. So you can see here the box, and in between these boxes you have the ducts, and it's through there we need to pull the tubing."

For the full conversation, please [click here](#).



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