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BETTER BROADBAND FOR OXFORDSHIRE

Connecting homes and businesses

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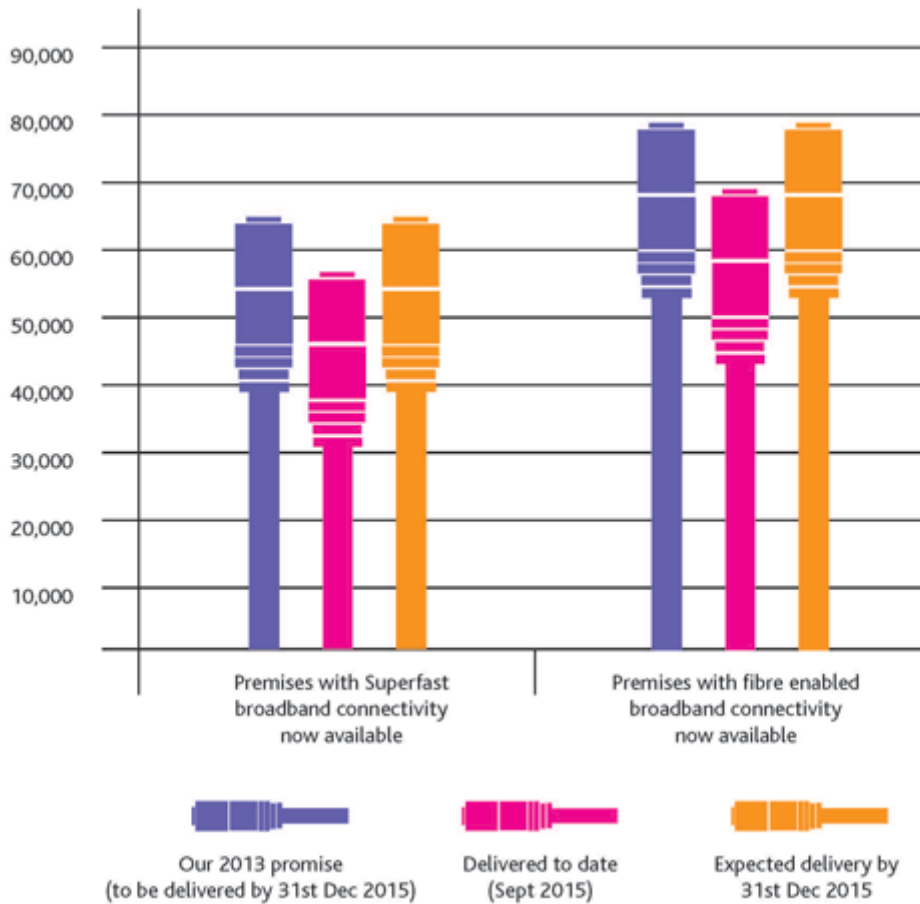
Welcome to the new Better Broadband for Oxfordshire bulletin; bringing you up to date with the County Council's progress delivering broadband to Oxfordshire's communities that commercial providers had failed to serve.

We are proud to announce that we are on track to achieve our original goal, set for us back in 2013, of connecting 64,500 homes and businesses with superfast broadband across Oxfordshire by the end of 2015, and this has been achieved within our original budget also agreed in 2013.

But, we are not stopping there. With additional funding provided by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport, the District/City Councils and the Local Enterprise Zones, an additional £8.3m has been made available allowing us to bring superfast broadband to even more homes and businesses across Oxfordshire by the end of 2017. This will mean that by the end of 2017, 95% of premises will have access to superfast broadband services in Oxfordshire. **Councillor Nick Carter, Cabinet Member for Business and Customer Services**

Measuring progress - have we delivered?

Broadband delivery across Oxfordshire



(superfast = >24Mbps)

Getting connected

[Check online](#) to see if you can now access superfast broadband in your home or business. A full list of deals and contact details for your chosen service provider can be found by checking your postcode or telephone number on the [availability checker box on website](#).

Availability Checker

Your postcode

Phone number

Please note that this is a link to an external website. We are not responsible for the content of external websites. There may be other external websites offering similar or related services.

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Hot topics this month

1. [Digital skills boost for women in Oxfordshire](#)

Women across Oxfordshire will soon be able to take advantage of a new training programme and set of tailor-made workshops designed to develop their digital know-how. The aim of the programme is to promote digital skills and build confidence among women wishing to start and grow their own business, including

those based at home. Oxfordshire County Council's 'Better Broadband for Oxfordshire' project was awarded this Government money specifically to fund workshops in towns throughout the county. [Book today...](#)

2. Virgin Media's ultrafast broadband expansion

Virgin Media has announced that it is extending its network of ultrafast fibre optic broadband to another four million homes and businesses across the UK.

The rollout of this new broadband investment is being prioritised according to demand from consumers and businesses who register at www.virginmedia.com/cablemystreet alongside the support and cooperation of local councils. The more people who sign up in an area, the greater chance there is that Virgin will come to your street. [Read more ...](#)

Common questions

We were promised broadband by now - why has it still not arrived?

The majority of delayed cabinets have been due to elements out of our control such as traffic works to get the fibre to the cabinets; awaiting wayleaves to cross or use private land and getting power to the cabinet in order for the technology to work. [More information...](#)

When will I get superfast broadband?

If superfast broadband is not currently available for your home or business ([check online](#)), then [register your details](#) and we'll let you know when it becomes available.

Why am I not covered in your plans?

In areas where fibre broadband is not an option, Better Broadband for Oxfordshire will make use of other broadband technologies such as wireless, satellite and advanced copper. We're working to make sure at least 2MB/s is available to 100% of the county to order.

[More frequently asked questions are on our website](#)

Have you seen this sticker?

This Better Broadband for Oxfordshire sticker is placed onto a cabinet that has been delivered by the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme funding, when it has been fibre enabled. This means that the cabinet has gone live and is now ready to take orders for fibre broadband with your chosen **[Internet Service Provider \(ISP\)](#)**.



For more information on the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme visit **<http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk>**.

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