

Dear all,

Fibre to the premise (FTTP)

In certain areas of Derbyshire a fibre to the premise (FTTP) solution is being utilised, which is where the fibre optic cable runs all the way to the premise. This solution is agreed as part of the BT modelling, and is considered part of a value for money exercise.

We can advise that the Digital Derbyshire project has upgraded the majority of the broadband infrastructure in *Weston on Trent, notably: Weston Road, The Pastures, The Green, Old Plough Close, Main Street, Wilmot Ave, Kings Mill Lane, Old Gate Ave, Forrester Ave, The Avenue, Weston Court, Park Lane, Trent Lane and Rectory Farm Mews*. This means that residents can now order a fibre broadband download speed of up to 330Mbps from an internet service provider (ISP). Please be aware that not all ISPs offer FTTP services, this is the choice of the service provider. The final part of Weston will be upgraded shortly.

To experience the benefits of fibre broadband, residents will need to order fibre from an internet service provider of their choice. It isn't automatic and it is subscription based.

By way of an example, the BT wholesale checker for 1 Rectory Farm Mews highlights WBC FTTP of up to 330Mbps. This means that if that premise wanted to order a fibre package they could up to 330Mbps if they so wished.

More information regarding a FTTP service can be found on The Digital Derbyshire website - <http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/broadband-technologies/default.asp>

Checking speeds and contacting an internet service provider (ISP).

Residents can check if they can upgrade to fibre using the following websites:

- When can I get fibre? - <https://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/help-and-support/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx>
- What speeds can I get from ordering fibre? - https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/adsl.htm?s_cid=ws_furls_adslchecker (see the attachment as an example).

Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme:

The government has committed to giving access to a broadband service with at least a 2Mbps download speed to every premises in the UK. As part of this commitment, BDUK has initiated a voucher scheme (Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme), which can be redeemed (up to £350) with independent suppliers of wireless, 4G and satellite for eligible premises. More information is available via the following link - http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/better_broadband_subsidy_scheme/default.asp . This scheme has been extended until the end of 2018.

Funding programme for SME businesses:

On a separate note there is a funding programme for businesses. The D2N2 Digital Growth Programme will deliver 340 free workshops across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire between 2017 and 2019 to support local SME's with digital marketing and technology. Ongoing support from dedicated digital business advisers and grant-funding opportunities will also be available through the programme. The grant funding will focus on innovation vouchers to assist businesses to grow digitally and can be used towards IT hardware or software - <http://www.ebusinessclub.biz/Digital-Growth-Programme>

Best regards,

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