

## Gigabit voucher scheme extended – now includes residential

Gigabit vouchers can be used by small and medium-sized businesses and the local communities surrounding them, to contribute to the installation cost of a gigabit capable connection. One gigabit is the same as 1,000 megabits – so it's a big leap forward in connection speeds that could benefit you and your business into the future.

Businesses can claim up to **£3,000** against the cost of connection either individually or as part of a group project. Residents can benefit from the scheme as part of a group project, which also includes businesses, and can claim for a voucher of up to a value of **£500**.

Vouchers can be aggregated so that if, for example, a village or wanted to upgrade its connectivity then as long as there are businesses involved the vouchers can be pooled together to form one project covering the entire area. This would ensure best value for all concerned and would reduce costs overall. To set up a local project it would be necessary to go through a supplier (as with single user vouchers). It is expected that the combined value of vouchers claimed by businesses in a scheme will be greater than the combined value of the residential vouchers.

For full details about whether you are eligible for a voucher and to connect you to a full fibre broadband supplier, go to: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk>

**Please note: CSW Broadband has no involvement in the administration of this scheme, and we are unable to respond to queries about it.**