

## Over 65,000 premises now able to connect to the fibre network

Over 65,000 households and businesses are now able to get high-speed broadband across the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire sub-region thanks to the work of the CSW Broadband Project over the last four and a half years.

This is a real step-change and shows that this public investment is making massive improvements to our local infrastructure in areas that would not have been reached through commercial providers' broadband roll-out plans.

While CSW is pleased with this progress, we realise that there is still a great deal of work to do in the remainder of Contract 2 and Contract 3 as we take the fibre network even further.

Now that we are reaching out into more challenging areas and using technologies that are more complex, some delays to the advertised programme outlined on our [Rolling 12-month Plan](#) webpage are, unfortunately, inevitable.

Wherever possible, the **Contract 2 – Delayed Upgrades** table on our [Rolling 12-month Plan](#) aims to give residents an overview of the reasons for any delays along with the dates that Openreach expect the work to be completed by. We will obviously update this information should any further delays occur to try and keep you in the loop.

## Superfast Take-up funding secured

The CSW Broadband Project recently submitted a bid to DCMS – The Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport - for a slice of their Superfast Take-up Fund. The purpose of this funding is to help projects like ours 'spread the word' about the availability of superfast broadband so that residents are able to take full advantage of these services for both business and home use.

We have now received confirmation that we have been successful in our bid. We will be using this funding to target areas that already have superfast broadband but where take-up of these services has been lower and slower than expected.

Although our project is already performing well above the national average, we believe that these targeted activities will help to drive take-up of superfast broadband services even more, bringing more gainshare back into the project for re-investment, enabling us to extend the network in our area even further.