

More superfast broadband areas announced

Thousands more households and businesses across Warwickshire will be able to access faster fibre broadband for the first time as Wave 2 of our rollout is announced. Blackwell, Deppers Bridge, Harborough Magna, Model Village, Monks Kirby, Shawbury, Shustoke, Sutton-under-Brailes and Water Orton will be among the communities to benefit.

At the same time, the high-speed technology will be rolled out to additional areas of Bidford-upon-Avon, Ettington, Marlcliff and Nether Whitacre, which already have some fibre broadband.

Engineers from Openreach (BT's local network business) have already begun work for Wave 1, and the first cabinets will start to go live soon. As with Contract 1, the CSW Broadband team are working to accelerate the programme and it is hoped that the first Wave 2 cabinets will go live this summer, although some could take up to 12 months to complete depending on local conditions.

To mark this latest announcement the project map has been refreshed and the area colours have been updated. To see the status of your area please visit www.cswbroadband.org.uk/broadbandchecker

Every day we are hearing how fibre broadband is touching people's lives in new and exciting ways. The feedback from businesses and households opting to upgrade is extremely positive, especially here in Warwickshire, where the take-up of fibre broadband is higher than average at around 30 per cent. A special thank-you must go to all of our Local Broadband Champions who do such a fantastic job of telling people in their local communities what is happening and when the new service becomes available. If you live in one of the areas mentioned above and would like to know more about becoming a Champion for your area go to <http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-community-champion>