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More than 2,300 Chester City centre premises now have access to fibre broadband

To date, 22 new roadside fibre cabinets have been installed in Chester by Connecting Cheshire, including the latest green fibre broadband cabinet in Hunter Street which has enabled more than 150 businesses and homes nearby to connect to the high-speed network. When combined with BT's commercial roll-out of the new technology, almost 20,000 homes and businesses in central Chester are now able to access faster broadband.

One Chester business already benefitting from the fast speeds is Legat Owen, commercial estate agent and chartered surveyors. Will Sadler, director of Legat Owen, said: "The additional coverage of superfast broadband in Chester is very welcome news; our potential clients' first question – even before asking about the rental costs – is often what is the broadband speed for this property? Being able to reassure occupiers that Chester is becoming truly connected is going to help sustain and safeguard the economic growth of the city and wider region."



Councillor Samantha Dixon, Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council and ward member for Chester city centre, said: "I am pleased more premises in the city centre are now able to benefit from faster broadband, from cafes offering free wifi to businesses using cloud based applications. I know how important fast and reliable broadband is to our local business community. This will help keep Chester vibrant and competitive."

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Welcome to the fibre fast lane...

Lower Withington, Marton Heath and Prestbury and additional coverage in Ellesmere Port, Runcorn and Widnes.

Find out if you are in a superfast area or progress on the cabinet fibre journey [here](#)

Some egg-cellent news!

Three communities celebrated an early Easter treat as Connecting Cheshire switched on another 3 fibre broadband cabinets. Over 1,500 premises in Prestbury, 125 in Lower Withington and 80 in Marton Heath can now benefit from fibre broadband.



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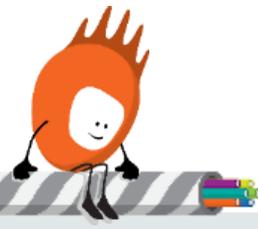


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“It’s like a whole new world, the buffering sign has disappeared!”

Martin Joseph, from Marton Heath is now enjoying life in the fibre fast lane following Connecting Cheshire's latest upgrade.



What was life and work like before fibre? “My broadband was very poor, particularly in the afternoons and evenings. The speed was so slow it made any streaming or downloading updates impossible, it would take hours. A film (even downloaded in SD) would typically take overnight! Also the bandwidth was very narrow so that when our family came to visit the speed dropped to 0.8Mbps.”

What’s it like now? “Our broadband speed is now 40Mbps and we can watch streamed movies and programmes with no delay. Downloads take seconds to become available and application updates are super-fast.”

Would you recommend upgrading to fibre broadband? “Absolutely, without hesitation, it’s like a whole new world. When upgrading, I would advise that you take some time to look at the different internet service providers’ offerings to see what suits your needs best.”

Play

Wondering what to do with the kids over the Easter holidays? Search online to find some of the activities that you can do at home or events in your local area this Easter.

<http://www.visitcheshire.com/favourite-days-out/events>

Watch

Check out these tips to get the most out of your online viewing experience and start “Streaming for joy”

Connect

From a kettle to a TV, a washing machine to a sound system, wi-fi brings you wireless control across a range of home gadgets.

[See ten of the best home gadgets](#) controlled using your wi-fi network and how you can save time and money.

Schools help us go superfast

As part of a project with primary schools, we were overwhelmed by the fantastic response to the Junior Recycling Officer’s superfast model competition, made using only recycled materials. Thanks also to our friends at Ansa for helping us to run the competition for a second year.



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Satellite Subsidy Scheme

Homes and businesses in some of the most remote areas of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington can now get a subsidised satellite broadband connection through the Connecting Cheshire programme if they are unable to obtain a broadband service of at least 2Mbps.

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