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Connecting Cheshire's 500th cabinet milestone



We have just installed our landmark 500th fibre broadband cabinet. It is the seventh to be installed in Sandbach and means that more than 690 homes and businesses in the market town can now access the high-speed network. To date the programme has brought fibre broadband within reach of 85,000 homes and businesses in Cheshire and, when combined with BT's commercial roll-out of the new technology, more than 96 per cent of homes and businesses are now able to access fibre broadband.

Demand for fibre broadband across Cheshire has been really strong, with around 30,000 homes and businesses taking up the service so far, with more orders being placed every day. This means Cheshire has one of the highest take up rates in the UK. Councillor Peter Groves, Cheshire East Council Cabinet member for finance and assets, said: "Reaching this milestone of 500 cabinets has been a tremendous achievement for the Connecting Cheshire project. Coupled with the strong take-up by consumers, it demonstrates that many more homes and businesses are now benefiting from faster broadband across every aspect of their lives"

[Read more](#)

Now enjoying the fibre fast lane...

Sound and Mobberley, plus additional coverage in Ellesmere Port, Nantwich, Runcorn East and Sandbach

Tour of Britain Update

Connecting Cheshire is racing ahead with preparations for Britain's biggest cycling event – Tour of Britain. On Tuesday 6th September cyclists will be travelling 120km across Cheshire East from Congleton to Tatton Park via the epic Cat & Fiddle climb, and our Fibre Guys will be joining in the fun and sponsoring the event with our "Broadband without brakes" campaign. See the stage [route](#) and our latest Fibre Guys cycling [video and how to win £100 an iTunes card](#), plus the build-up events we are attending overleaf.

If you would like to volunteer and help play a part in the UK's largest free to spectate event you can register on the Council's Tour of Britain website [here](#).

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“Superfast broadband really is the icing on the cake!”

After quitting her day job as a teaching assistant in 2014, Debbie Fenton pursued her dream and set up her own business Lois's Little Cake Co. from her home in Sandbach and has been baking up a storm ever since.

Following her success in creating cakes for all sorts of special occasions, Debbie decided to open a high-street shop and on 7th May 2016 the doors to her new boutique cakery opened to the public and she didn't want slow broadband to be the show stopper.

“Having superfast broadband at my new shop in Sandbach has made a big difference. I can now manage our website and social media much more easily and offer customers free wi-fi too, so faster broadband really is the icing on the cake!” [Read more](#)



Safety

Around 40 million UK adults – 78% of us go online every day or almost every day. The data trail we leave on our online journey says much about our habits and our tastes. This information is, of course, much in demand. The benefits to businesses of analysing personal data are becoming clear but should we try to [cover our footsteps?](#)

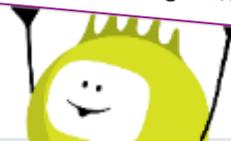


Learn

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Connect

According to a [recent study](#) we spend a whopping 21 hours online each week with over six of those solely using social networking site Facebook. Experts say it's due to a fear of “missing out” on what friends and colleagues are getting up to.



Broadband plans included in Queen's Speech

Presenting the Government's programme for the next Parliament at the state opening of Parliament, The Queen said that the proposed [Digital Economy Bill](#) will “make the UK a world leader in digital provision”, in which the country would be “ceaselessly” transformed by technology. The government has promised that “measures will be brought forward” to “create the right” for every household in the UK to have access to high-speed broadband, with “automatic” compensation for those who do not.

[Read the full speech](#)



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Marbury Park

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[Royal Cheshire County Show](#)

22nd -23rd June, Tabley
Showground, nr. Knutsford

