

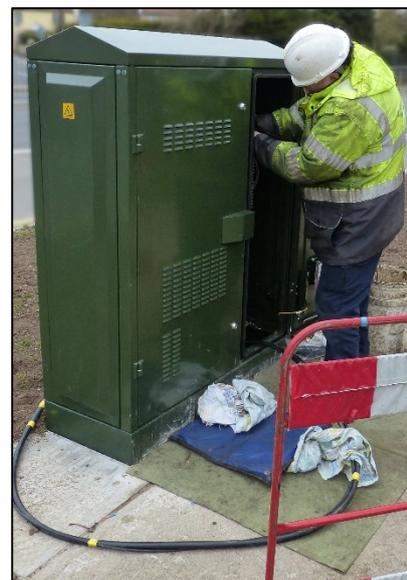
Superfast South Gloucestershire programme update

May 2014

This is the third quarterly update where you can find out information about the progress of our 'big build' to roll out fibre broadband across South Gloucestershire.

The council's Superfast Broadband Project continues to make excellent progress across South Gloucestershire. New fibre cabinets in our first communities, Wick and Pucklechurch, are now live and accepting orders, as well as cabinets in Badminton, Barrs Court, Tormarton and Warmley.

A number of cabinets in our second communities, including Bradley Stoke, have been fibre-enabled and are now live and ready for service - ahead of schedule and well in advance of our Summer 2014 target. Residents and businesses in Bradley Stoke have already ordered the new fibre services from an Internet Service Provider (ISP) of their choice, and can now enjoy the many benefits of a faster fibre connection, which is fantastic news.



Our target was to reach 5,000 premises by Summer 2014. We have now passed 5, 549 homes and businesses in South Gloucestershire – delivering early and exceeding our target.

Good progress is being made with the surveying in our third communities. Once the surveys are complete, work will begin to install the new fibre network, and fibre-enable the cabinets. The first homes and businesses in our third communities will be able to order the new service from an Internet Service Provider (ISP) of their choice from Summer 2014.

In April we announced that the next area to benefit from the rollout of fibre broadband in South Gloucestershire is Severn Beach. Residents and businesses in Severn Beach will be able to order the new and improved service in Autumn 2014.

All of the latest information about the project can be found on our web pages at www.southglos.gov.uk/broadband or you can follow us on Twitter: @sglosCouncil

Pre-planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is continuing to assess the existing copper network, in order to provide accurate information to BT's engineers • This work is ongoing as we progress through each area
Exchange preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is underway in some of the key exchanges that link South Gloucestershire to the national fibre network. This work involves upgrading the existing hardware in the telephone exchange and installing new equipment to provide more capacity.
Surveying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have completed 42 surveys across South Gloucestershire. • This total will continue to increase as the survey work progresses.
Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have passed 5, 549 premises with our new fibre network. • We have switched on 25 new fibre-enabled cabinets. • We have laid over 44, 951m of sub-duct and installed over 38, 714m of fibre spine.