

Candidate Information Pack

About Openreach

Openreach is the UK's digital network provider keeping the country connected and leading the roll-out of ultrafast, ultra-reliable fibreoptic broadband throughout the UK. We are committed to delivering ultrafast broadband to 25 million homes and businesses by 2026.

Openreach is a wholly owned subsidiary of BT Group, separating in 2017. Our customers are the 688 communications providers who sell phone, broadband and Ethernet services to homes and businesses, including household names like Sky, TalkTalk, BT and Zen.

- ✔ We are a team of **more than 32,000** people
- ✔ Building to **1,000,000** premises a quarter
- ✔ Supporting **680+** Communication Providers (CP) customers
- ✔ Aim for a fully electric van fleet by **2030**

What we can do for you during the election

As the only network provider who operates in every constituency, we are proud to help residents and businesses across all corners of the UK.

We look forward to supporting all newly elected representatives in their constituency work, as well as future site visits to see all the work that our engineers do.

During the election campaign, details of help and support Openreach can provide can be found here:

www.openreach.com/help-and-support

Here you can find answers to a range of issues from equipment to engineers to preparing for extreme weather, and more.

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Openreach across the UK

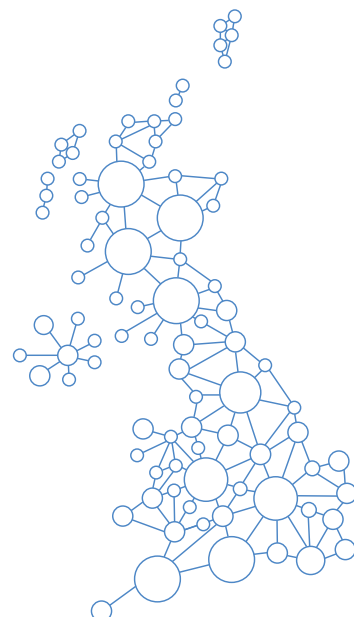
Openreach builds, maintains and manages the UK's digital network across all four nations of the UK:

England: We work with all levels of Government across England from Cornwall to Northumberland to Kent, helping support the delivery of our Full Fibre network to more than 10 million individuals and businesses so far.

Scotland: We have invested more than £300 million in Scotland so far, working closely with the Scottish and UK governments on the Reaching 100% (R100) programme and voucher schemes, to take fibre to Scotland's most rural areas and hardest-to-reach properties.

Wales: Working in partnership with the Welsh Government, over 50% of all properties in Wales can now access ultrafast, ultra-reliable broadband, representing more than £240 million investment.

Northern Ireland: Over 80% of Northern Ireland can now connect to ultrafast Full Fibre broadband, with 3,500 new homes and businesses being connected each week.



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Why the broadband network is important

Research from the Centre for Economic and Business Research has found that upgrading the copper broadband network to Full Fibre could add up to £72 billion to the UK economy by 2030 and help hundreds of thousands of people, such as those with caring responsibilities, into or back into work by enabling flexible working.

To date, Openreach has invested more than £15 billion in rolling out ultrafast broadband – which is the second biggest civil engineering project in the UK and almost entirely private sector funded. As part of our target to reach 25 million premises by the end of 2026, we're committed to ensuring all communities – including those in the hardest to reach parts of the country – can access the benefits of Full Fibre.

How to support the Full Fibre roll-out

To support the UK's roll-out of Full Fibre across the nation, Openreach believes there are revenue-neutral, growth boosting measures that a future government should support. These include, improving access to properties and changing permits for street works.

To find out more, as well as our other policy asks, visit our dedicated Policy Hub: www.openreach.com/about/policy-hub



**Stable
regulation**



**Increased
property access**



**Flexible permitting
for road/street
works**



**Supporting
sustainability**



**Supporting
affordable
broadband**

Learn more about us

To check the build in your area please visit:

www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/where-when-building-ultrafast-full-fibre-broadband

To see how we're performing against our targets:

www.openreach.com/about/our-company/our-key-performance-indicators

To read more about the work and successes of Openreach:

www.openreach.com/about/our-company/annual-review-and-reports

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