

# Openreach hits 10m full-fibre broadband milestone

Openreach said it hopes to provide 25 million premises with full-fibre broadband by 2026 after announcing it was now available to 10 million homes, businesses and public services.

The communications giant said its 10 millionth location had been reached in the village of Ketton in Rutland, where more than 900 homes and businesses in this rural location can now access an ultrafast full-fibre connection.

It is investing £15 billion project on hooking up 25 million homes and businesses across the country, and improving the quality of UK public services. It has already made full-fibre available to more than 9,000 medical facilities including GP surgeries, hospitals and research labs across the country.

Chief executive Clive Selley said: "Today marks a significant milestone in our transformation of the UK's broadband.

"Not only will access to full-fibre technology improve the speed and reliability of the internet connections used by people, businesses and public services, it also provides us with the infrastructure we need to meet the demands of an increasingly digital world.

"With this upgrade, we can improve the lives of people in the UK, offering economic opportunities, alleviating social challenges and creating the foundation for life-changing technology.

"Now we're focused on the next phase of our build.

"Our engineers are building rapidly across the country and we already have plans in place that will see full-fibre broadband reach over 25 million premises."

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