

Lancashire Connectivity and Rurality

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- Publically funded intervention since 2015 in about 22% of Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area premises, mainly rural but not exclusively.
- Majority of Lancashire premises addressed by commercial coverage (B4RN/Openreach/Virgin)
- Objective to provide Superfast Broadband (30mbps+) connectivity
- Current Superfast Broadband coverage across
 - Lancashire LEP Area 98.5%
 - Lancashire County 97.3%
 - Lancashire Authorities above 20% rural popn. 95.9%
- Current 100mbps+ coverage
 - Lancashire LEP Area 65.9%
 - Lancashire County 48.16%
 - Lancashire Authorities above 20% rural popn. 30.5%

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	Coverage 30mbps	% Coverage under 10mbps	% Coverage min 100mbps	% Full Fibre Coverage	% popn rural
England	96.26	2.4	60.11	7.55	21
<i>Lancashire</i>	97.3	1.39	48.16	4.83	26
Blackburn	98.9	0.41	72.61	0.71	5
Blackpool	99.3	0.08	77.04	2.49	0.5
Burnley	99	0.44	84.47	0.36	5
<i>Chorley</i>	96.6	1.55	54.39	3.53	31
Fylde	96.6	2.04	25.24	2.61	22
Hyndburn	98.9	0.43	74.17	0.52	10
Lancaster	98.4	0.96	44.6	14.33	30
<i>Pendle</i>	96.9	1.44	54.03	0.35	26
Preston	98.6	1.11	74.93	4.59	6
<i>Ribble Valley</i>	90.93	4.92	6.81	5.87	93
<i>Rossendale</i>	97.7	0.33	43.33	1.07	5
South Ribble	98.5	0.56	70.03	1.32	2
West Lancashire	94.3	2.72	20.88	10.53	33
<i>Wyre</i>	97.9	1.31	7.78	6.04	53

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- Lancashire Superfast Broadband project due to completed by December 2019.
- Leaves approx. 3% of premises (20,000 ?) without access to 30mbps+ speeds
- Take up in public intervention areas approx. 55%
- Commercial activity ongoing
- Universal Service Obligation 10 mbps
- Future Developments
 - Rural Gigabyte Vouchers - £3,500 per SME and £1,500 per domestic premise
 - Outside In - creation of 'hubs' to improve rural connectivity
 - Reuse of existing infrastructure
- What more is required ?