

Over the past 5 years, Nottinghamshire County Council has been leading a programme to deliver fibre broadband across Nottinghamshire. Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire is a £31m partnership between the County Council and a range of funding partners including Central Government, Openreach and the area's district, borough and City councils. The programme builds on the commercial rollout of fibre based broadband which alone has provided superfast access to 86% of properties in Nottinghamshire. As a result of the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme, 98% of Nottinghamshire premises will be able to access a network, capable of delivering superfast broadband by March 2019 and we continue to move towards 100% coverage. Thanks to our programme, superfast broadband coverage in Nottinghamshire is amongst the best in the country, ahead of both the UK (95.5%) and East Midlands (97.4%) averages.

Broadband is a connection to the internet that is always on. The better the quality of broadband the better the internet experience is. Fibre based broadband is the new generation of broadband – much faster, more reliable and utilises a different technology. Whilst traditional broadband is delivered entirely via copper telephone lines, fibre based broadband incorporates fibre optic cable in order to provide the service. Fibre optic cable has less interference, keeps the signal strength over much greater distances and operates at a higher frequency. This higher frequency means greater bandwidth and greater bandwidth equals faster connection speeds.

Thanks to the programme many residents of Lound now have access to superfast broadband, however, it is important to note that these upgrades do not happen automatically and in order to benefit, residents must take action before they could see an improvement. Most internet service providers will be able to provide a fibre service or upgrade you from your current deal and in many cases a fibre broadband package will not cost any more than non-fibre options. When looking for the best deal we recommend you take some time to explore your options and choose the right deal for you. Utilise a comparison website and look out for things like: speed, usage, contract, calls and offers.

To see what fibre broadband services are available to you please visit:

<https://www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibre-broadband/when-can-i-get-fibre>

If you have any questions regarding fibre broadband in your area please contact us via emailing:

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