

Fibre-to-the-premises

As of today, we have received requests from 212 households including 15 small and medium enterprises (SMEs). This means that, provided the Government and Hampshire County Council hold to their offers, we now have access to £643,500 of grant funding for our group.

If we succeed in our application to the Government's "rural gigabit broadband voucher scheme", the process, insofar as I understand it, is as follows.

OpenReach will install a fibre-optic cable to a small grey box on the side of your house. This is called the "Customer Splice Point" (CSP). Then, possibly on a different day, they will drill a hole through the wall behind the CSP and take another fibre-optic cable inside where it will be plugged into a modem, which converts the optical signal into computer data. This box can also be called an Optical Network Unit (ONT – the jargon is eye-watering). The modem (or ONT) has two output sockets – data and telephone. However, for reasons that nobody seems able to explain, the telephone socket is disabled and your telephone service continues to arrive on the copper wires.

The data socket is connected to your router, which, just as before, will give you wi-fi and the ethernet connections that you're accustomed to.

As soon as there is more news or an explanation for the telephone socket issue, I'll update this page on the website.

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