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# GIGABIT BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME

## Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme in Worcestershire

You may already know that in March 2018 the Government announced a £67 million **Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme** to support the cost of installing faster and more reliable full fibre broadband connections for small to medium-sized businesses and the local communities around them.

With increasing use of cloud-based services (data storage and payroll for example), streamed services, voice and video conferencing, and cyber security measures, gigabit capable connections will allow users to increase download and upload speeds according to their needs well into the future.

Small to medium-sized businesses can now claim up to **£3,000** against the cost of connection either individually or as part of a group project. Residents can also claim a voucher worth **£500** as part of a group project.

One gigabit is the same as 1,000 megabits – so it's a big leap forward in connection speeds that could benefit you and your business into the future.

Please note, the vouchers can be pulled together to fully pay for the new connection. Some communities have already done this in Worcestershire and some are currently going through the process and soon, they too will benefit from a full fibre connection.

The **Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme** is a significant opportunity to expand the full fibre network in your area, especially if your community is not currently included in the Superfast Worcestershire roll out.

But please act fast! **£5 million of the £67 million pot has already been allocated, which proves how popular the scheme is.**

**Our new postcode checker** may also prove helpful and help you identify premises without access to superfast speeds in your area: <http://www.superfastworcestershire.com/#where-when>.

For full details about whether you are eligible for a voucher and to connect you to a full fibre broadband supplier, visit: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk>

Please share this email with your contacts and networks and thank you for your continued support.

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