

# We're Connecting Cheshire

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## Summer Switch-ons

Residents in the Nantwich (below left) and Aston (right) exchange areas rejoiced as they became the most recent areas to join the fibre fast lane thanks to Connecting Cheshire.



We were pleased to be joined by local Councillors and MPs Antoinette Sandbach and Edward Timpson as we celebrated reaching over 900 homes and businesses in Aston, and 700 in Nantwich that can now benefit from faster broadband.



## Now enjoying the fibre fast lane...

Aston plus additional coverage in Ellesmere Port, Nantwich, Padgate, Northwich and Widnes

## Racing ahead with Cheshire East's JROs

On 30<sup>th</sup> June we held the final of our Junior Recycling Officer school competition in association with Ansa. Our finalists, Woodcocks Well, Bollinbrook and Underwood Primary Schools had to produce a video that showed the benefits of superfast broadband and how it can help with recycling. The winners, Bollinbrook Primary, will receive tickets join us on 6th September at Tatton Park for the finish of the Tour of Britain Stage 3.



## Shows and Events

During June we attended the Cheshire Show, Northwich Pedal Power Festival and BikeChester events.



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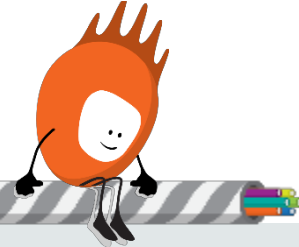


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# helping you do more



**“Superfast broadband has already made a massive difference to our business!” – Andy Porter Veracity Digital, Chester.**

Over 2,300 more Chester city centre premises now have access to high-speed fibre broadband; one of the first Chester businesses to benefit from the upgrade to cabinet 81 has been [Veracity Digital](#), specialists in video and TV production.

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Uploading large files was a slow, tedious process; frustrating for both Veracity and their clients. “Upgrading to fibre broadband has made a massive difference. We are now shooting more and more video in High Definition 4K, meaning that the media files are significantly larger, but thanks to fibre broadband this is no longer a problem. We can now download files 4 or 5 times faster than before and uploads are 10 times faster, this has been a real boost for our productivity, saving a huge amount of time and frustration.”

[Read more](#)

## Connect

Despite almost half (47%) of people surveyed across the UK feeling that community spirit is lacking, [research](#) shows that over 80% of people in the UK rely on the internet to take advantage of local services and businesses.

## Play

With 6 weeks of school holidays approaching, what will you do to keep the kids entertained this Summer? Try [Kids Guide](#) for Cheshire

## Safety

Standard words won't protect you from determined hackers, but you can make your accounts safer in just a few easy steps. See how to [create the perfect password](#) and keep your data safe online.

## Community Fibre Partnership Grant Scheme

BT has made £2m available via a grant for Community Fibre Partnerships that could benefit your local school. Communities in the final 5% of the UK not covered by fibre broadband rollout plans can apply for a grant of up to £20,000 towards the cost of their new fibre infrastructure, if it could also serve their local school. For example, if the cost for a gap-funded solution that serves a school has been quoted as £23,000, the community would pay £11,500 and £11,500 would be match-funded by the grant.

[Find out more](#)

**Come and see us at:**

### [The Nantwich Show](#)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
The Showground, CW5 8LD

### [Tour of Britain](#)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
At the start in Congleton or finish at Tatton Park

