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# Project Gigabit Stakeholder Update

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## Internet Service Providers (ISPs)

Freedom Fibre has partnered with a range of leading Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bring lightning-fast, full-fibre broadband residents in North Shropshire. Freedom Fibre is the network builder, and ISPs are responsible for delivering connectivity to customers. It's a little bit like the railways: Freedom Fibre maintain the tracks, and the ISPs get you to where you want to go to. For more information about ISPs that Freedom Fibre is partnering with, please visit <https://www.freedomfibre.com/news>.

## Progress report

Our build is now under way with a number of our green Active Cabinets being installed along with the initial phases of our 'backbone'. The backbone is just that, with it being the main network structure to support the fibre as it extends from the BT exchanges in to rural communities across North Shropshire. This work has begun in Hadnall, Ellesmere, Gobowen, and Shrewsbury. Further survey works are also taking place around Hadnall, Rodington, and Crudgington, ready for our 'distribution' build which is where we build the infrastructure towards homes we are looking to connect. We will soon share plans with councillors as to where we'll be heading next by Summer 2024. Stay tuned for more news!



## The journey...

### Stage One

Stage One is our design and survey phase and has now been completed. During this period, you may have seen our surveyors out and about checking existing infrastructure.

### Stage Two

Stage Two is all about build, build, build! From Spring 2024, we'll be working our way across North Shropshire to connect homes and businesses to the full-fibre network.

### Stage Three

Stage Three is when we will be ready to connect customers to our lightning-fast, full-fibre network. We'll let you know when we're ready to connect you and your neighbours.



## Freedom Fund

Freedom Fibre's Freedom Fund is now open! Up to £25,000 worth of grants is available for non-profit community groups located in North Shropshire to apply for. The grants can contribute to good and green environmental projects such as solar panels, bird boxes, or wildflower seeds. If you are a member of a community group, or know a group who may be interested, please visit [www.freedomfibre.com/fund](http://www.freedomfibre.com/fund) to find out more and to apply. Previous winners of the Freedom Fund include St. Alkmund's Parish Church in Whitchurch (left), who used their grant to contribute towards a new bicycle stand to encourage visitors to cycle.



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