Connecting Shropshire - The story so far...

- Phase 1 and Phase 2 - contract with BT to build and maintain the fibre broadband network
  - Phase 1 - £26m (£8m BT/£10m Broadband Delivery UK/£8m Shropshire) capital only
  - Phase 2 - £4.7m Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK)
  - Phase 1 ends winter 2016
  - Phase 2 ends winter 2017
- Positive partnership with BT but more work to do with challenges to close down contract 1
- 66,000 premises expected to get access to fibre broadband by winter 2017
  - To date 295 structures live (Fibre to the Cabinet/Fibre to the Premises)
  - 54,000 premises with access to fibre broadband at September 2016
  - Take up to June 2016 – 29.2%
- Shropshire aspiration is to give all premises access to superfast broadband by 2020
- Phase 2b procurement to address remaining gaps (estimated 15,000 premises)
  - Balance of BDUK and Marches LEP funding will be used - £11.7m
  - Expected Timescales:
    - Open Market Review - COMPLETE
    - Formal market engagement - COMPLETE
    - State Aid Public Consultation - COMPLETE
    - Issue Invitation To Tender for open procurement – *October 2016*
    - Contract – *early 2017*
- Challenges
  - Sparsity of premises increases the cost of deployment
  - Communications and expectations - not every premises will benefit from 1 or 2

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- To date:
    - 107 cabinets in 26 exchange areas are now live providing over 20,000 homes and business with access to faster fibre broadband
    - Baschurch is covered by BT's Race to Infinity project and is not part of Connecting Shropshire
    - Another 10 cabinets are in plan to be delivered as part of phase 1
    - Additional coverage is projected for parts of north Shropshire in phase 2 during 2017
- We know that all properties have access to faster broadband and there is more work to be done in phases 2 and 2b (next procurement).
- If you visit our website: http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/ you can check which exchange area and cabinet serves your premises and to check the availability of fibre broadband.

Please note that broadband speeds won't increase automatically, you'll need to make the switch by upgrading to fibre broadband with your chosen internet service provider.

- What options are available for those still on slow broadband connections:
    - Contact your internet service provider and ask them to provide a better service. If they can't you should consider switching to another provider
    - Explore alternative broadband technologies, such as fixed wireless or 4G, see: http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/alternative-broadband-solutions/
    - Carry on as you are in the hope that your premises will benefit from further work carried out by Connecting Shropshire over the next 2/3 years.
      The programme runs till at least 2020 and we remain committed to providing superfast broadband to as many more premises as possible in areas without access to fibre broadband.
    - If your download speed is <2mbps, you can apply for a subsidised connection, for more details, see: http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/basic-broadband-subsidy-scheme/
    - Apply to BT's Community Fibre Partnership, for more details, see: http://www.communityfibre.bt.com/

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Exchange	Cabinets built	Left to do in phase 1	Exchange	Cabinets built	Left to do in phase 1
Baschurch	0	0	Lee Brockhurst	2	0
Bettisfield	2	0	Llansantffraid	0	1
Bomere Heath	5	2	Llanymynech	3	0
Calverhall	2	0	Market Drayton	6	0
Cheswardine	0	1	Oswestry	9	0
Childs Ercall	1	0	Pipegate	4	0
Chirk	10	0	Prees	4	0
Clive	4	0	Queens Head	3	0
Cockshutt	2	0	Sambrook	2	0
Dudleston Heath	1	2	Shawbury	6	0
Ellesmere	8	0	Tern Hill	3	0
Great Bolas	1	0	Wem	13	2
Hadnall	4	0	Whitchurch	1	0
Hodnet	4	0	Whixall	4	2
Knockin	3	0			

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