

## Progress update: Connecting Devon and Somerset

The Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) programme is still on track to deliver 90% (incl. private sector plans) high speed fibre by the end of 2016. We have passed over 16,000 premises to date and expect this to grow to 70,000 by the end of July. As further survey work is being completed the programme has announced further communities across Devon and Somerset to benefit from high speed fibre broadband.

As was mentioned during the previous Parish Liaison meeting (October 2013) surveying is still planned to start in B&NES in spring 2014 with first services live by the end of 2014.

**Maps:** CDS has recently added the [Current Infrastructure Deployment](#) map to complement the previously published final and interactive maps

<http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/current-infrastructure-deployment/>

This map will be updated once surveying for a particular phase has been completed and the programme is able to identify at postcode level where fibre will be rolled out to. Currently this map shows the areas to benefit from the programme up to spring 2014.

**F10:** There have been recent Government announcements of additional funding in support of the final 10%.

- the £10m to be used in support of piloting alternative technologies
- the £250m, which we are expecting to receive confirmation from Government imminently on how it will be shared across all BDUK rural programmes.

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