

Benefits of High-Speed Broadband

High-Speed Broadband includes the next generation of telecommunications – internet, telephone, television, home entertainment, and a whole host of mobile technologies. Most of our future services will be designed for it.

With High-Speed Broadband it will be more realistic to work from home; set up web-based businesses; stay where you were brought up; attract businesses into the area.

Children's homework is increasingly dependant on this service.

A fibre optic cable connection will mean you will not need to pay for a separate telephone line.

Video-conferencing services, such as Skype, can be conducted in high definition.

You will be able to raise the limits on e-mail attachments and send high definition photographs and video.

Farmers are being encouraged to submit VAT and single payments online. The cattle passports are changing from the cheque book style and the recording of births/deaths/movements will be encouraged to be done online. High-Speed Broadband will provide much better access to the DEFRA website to keep abreast of changing legislation.

Any newly VAT registered business must submit its VAT online.

You can make use of web-based backup services where all your data can be stored remotely, in case of computer breakdown.

You can update your software online and therefore make considerable savings.

Remote medical examination and diagnostic services are becoming much more common and will be a very real possibility from rural areas. The NHS and Social Services will begin to make much more use of broadband as coverage increases.

BBC iPlayer and similar services can be played on demand. More and more televisions are making use of broadband.

Interactive gaming will be greatly enhanced with faster broadband.

Mobile phone reception can be greatly improved with fibre connections.

High Speed Broadband is not just about computers. It opens the field for a whole host of mobile devices.

The full potential of High-Speed Broadband is impossible to envisage at present because most of what it will enable us to do has not yet been invented. As broadband coverage increases in capability and coverage, so services will be designed to make use of it.

Estate agents are already reporting a significant increase in requests from house buyers for high-speed broadband. It will certainly begin to have an affect on house prices ... particularly in rural areas.