

BROADBAND INSTALLATION

Gigabit-capable broadband connections offer the fastest and most reliable speeds available, and the Government is committed to a vision of a digitally connected Britain.

Homes and businesses in rural areas of the UK may be eligible for funding towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband when part of a group scheme.

Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps can use vouchers worth **£1,500** per home and up to **£3,500** for each small to medium-sized business (SME) to support the cost of installing new fast and reliable connections.

Staffordshire County Council is pleased to announce it is adding funding to top up the funding available from the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, which grants an extra £2,000 per premises with broadband speeds of less than 30Mbps, taking the maximum support to **£3,500** per resident and **£5,500** per business.

This scheme will run until March 2021 or until the funding becomes fully allocated. We would be grateful if you could cascade this information to your constituents and contacts.

Please find attached FAQs on the scheme and a map of premises that are eligible for the top up in your district / borough.

If you require any further information please let us know at superfast@staffordshire.gov.uk or visit www.gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/Staffordshire

Kind Regards

The Superfast Staffordshire Project Team