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9. Rural Economies

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Realising the Vision

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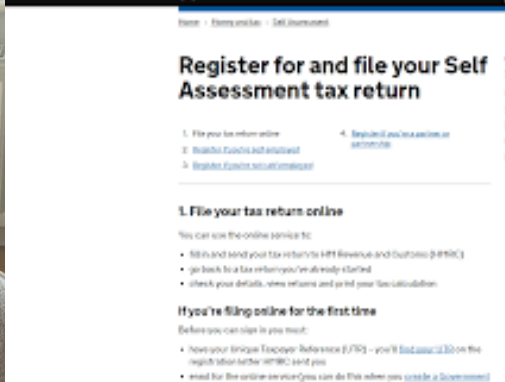
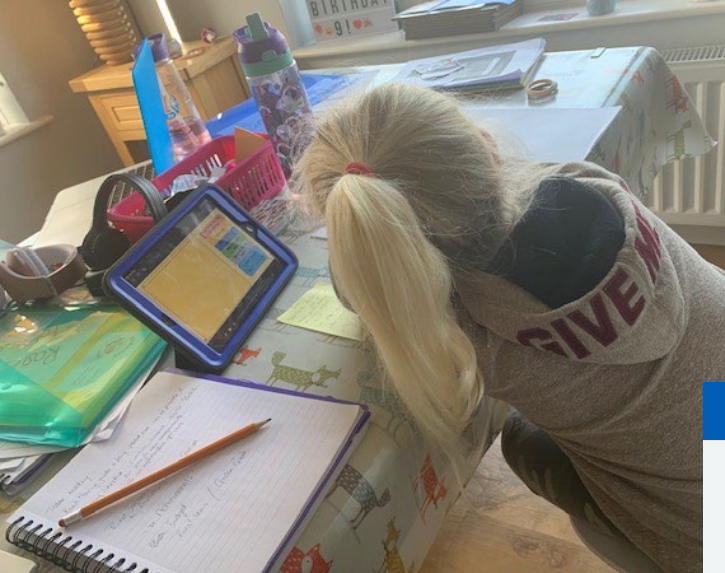


LEVELLING — UP —

Levelling Up the United Kingdom
Executive Summary

“Cities, towns and communities must be physically and digitally connected if they are to thrive.”

“We will enhance digital connectivity through Project Gigabit and the Shared Rural Network so that by 2030, the UK Government and private sector will deliver nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population”



Find your Recycling and Waste collection day

If you are unsure when your next collection day is then you can find it here.

We have resumed our Garden Waste Service with the first collections taking place the week commencing 28th March.

The service will run fortnightly on the opposite week to your refuse collection. If you are unsure when your collection will take place, please use the form below.

A reminder of what is accepted within your brown bin, useful FAQ's and details of how to order containers can be found here <https://southhams.gov.uk/brown-bin>

We thank you for your continued patience.

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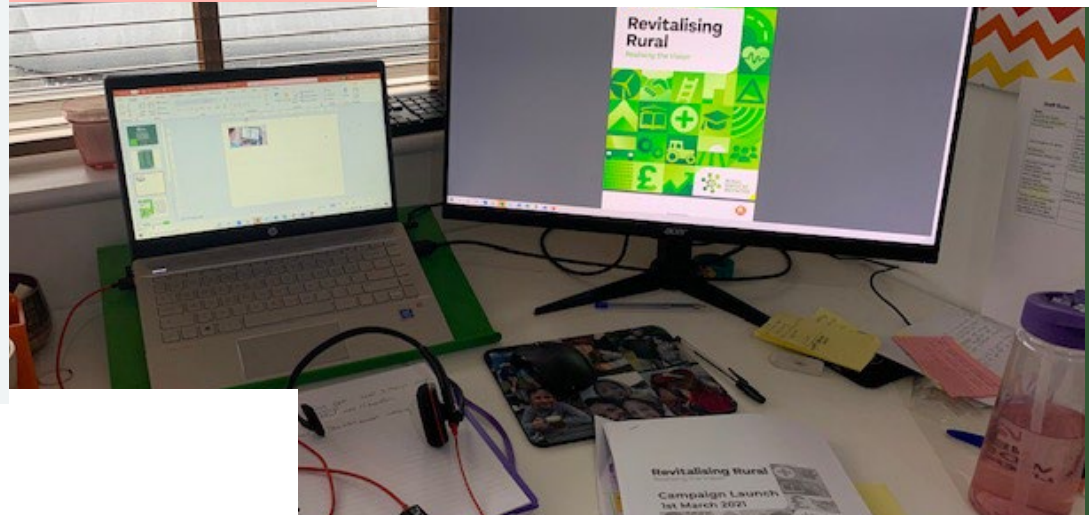
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111 online can tell you:

- where to get help for your symptoms, if you're not sure what to do
- how to find general health information and advice
- where to get an emergency supply of your prescribed medicine
- how to get a repeat prescription

111 callback times

111 callback service might be busy. [Get information about 111 waits](#).



Check the MOT status of a vehicle

Find out if a vehicle has an MOT certificate and when it runs out. You'll need the vehicle's registration number (number plate).

If your vehicle is new, you must [get an MOT test](#) by the third anniversary of its registration.

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Can I connect in rural areas?

Premises unable to receive decent broadband from a fixed line (Connected Nations Report 2021)

Total	Urban	Rural
2% (451,0000)	1% (217,000)	7% (234,000)

Figure 7: Business premises unable to receive decent broadband from a fixed line

Size of business premises	Total	Urban	Rural
Micro (1 – 9 employees on site)	3%	1%	12%
Small (10 – 49 employees on site)	4%	3%	12%
Medium (50 – 249 employees on site)	6%	4%	15%

Source: Ofcom analysis of provider and business data.

Figure 5: Business broadband coverage by nation Source: Ofcom analysis of provider and business data.

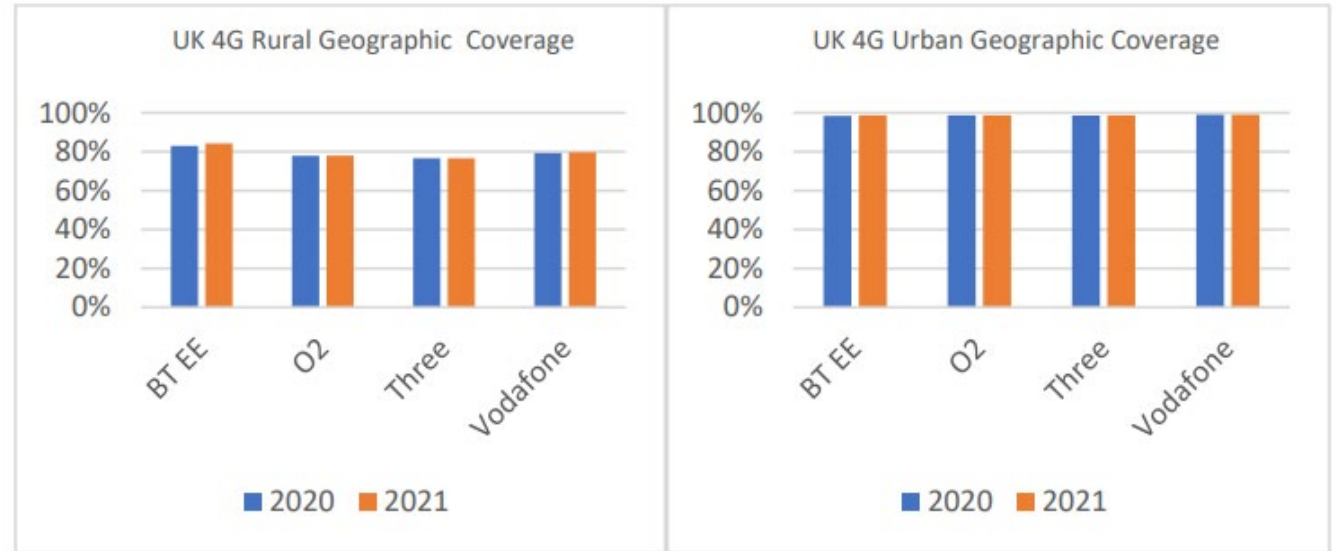
	Superfast broadband			Full fibre			Gigabit capable		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural
England	94%	95%	79%	25%	24%	26%	45%	48%	27%

Can I call in rural areas?

“The Shared Rural Network is transforming mobile coverage, countrywide. The project was developed by the UK’s four mobile network operators with support from Government.

It will make 4G mobile broadband available to 95% of the UK.

Each of the MNOs’ individual networks will cover 90% of the UK, enabling rural businesses and communities to thrive.”



Source: Ofcom analysis of MNO predictions, September 2020 and 2021.

Improving broadband for Very Hard to Reach Premises

- Government launched consultation March 2021-June 2021
- RSN hosted specific event with Senior Civil Servant to brief organisations on the consultation and the issues involved.
- Next steps...

In February the Government published its response to the 'Improving Broadband for Very Hard to Reach Premises' consultation.

In it they note that while the government is making significant progress in delivering improved connectivity to the country, they know that in some areas the cost of delivering gigabit-capable broadband coverage rises exponentially. Consideration of options to connect some premises, initially estimated to be less than 100,000 in total, which are deemed 'Very Hard to Reach', is needed.

The Government aims to set out policy proposals later in the year.

The Government must ensure that rural communities are not left behind in digital connectivity

- **Broadband USO** – The Government should direct the industry regulator Ofcom, to review and upgrade the broadband Universal Service Obligation, which (at 10Mbps) is out of date and inadequate
- **Mobile networks** – the Shared Rural Network is helpful, if not a total solution. Options should be explored to address any remaining mobile ‘not spots’ by 2025.
- Government should announce a fully funded **Digital inclusion** programme so no citizens (rural or otherwise) are left behind due to lack of online skills or their inability to pay for basic equipment and connection charges.

<https://www.rsnonline.org.uk/tag/rural-lens>

RURAL LENS REVIEW



People at the Heart of Care
Adult Social Care Reform White Paper

Published December 2021



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The Queen's Speech 2022

Published May 2022



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Integration and Innovation
Health White Paper

Published June 2021



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Net Zero Strategy
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Levelling Up White Paper

CRITIQUE: Overarching rural issues, plus actions proposed by the RSN

Published March 2022



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Build Back Better High Streets

Published August 2021



The Rural Services Network is fighting for a fair deal for rural communities, in all public sector funding



As services are moved online, what plans do you have for supporting residents who are unable or unwilling to access such services?

(Whilst not holding back those that prefer to access services online.)

Shropshire Council