

Levelling Up Broadband future proofing rural communities

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Introductions



- Passionate about rural broadband since 2009
- Fixed wireless heartland in West Midlands, Devon & Somerset, Shropshire and Wales
- Now going deeper in to these areas and further afield (e.g. Cheshire, Oxfordshire) with FTTP networks and 4G solutions
- Further opportunities to come soon with VOIP
- Work closely with regional councils and BDUK to deliver the infrastructure where it's needed most
- Growing customer base (70% FWA / 25% Fibre / 5% 4G)



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Our philosophy



Transforming connectivity for people and communities who deserve better



We innovate and develop expertise that transforms connectivity for all our customers



We listen, are flexible when needed, and deliver what we promise



We treat everyone as we wish to be treated



We champion the cause of communities, delivering solutions that work for everyone

Customer focus



- What rural connectivity means to Airband...
- In our wireless footprint:
 - 25% of homes have access to less than 20 Mbps
 - 11% of homes have access to less than 5 Mbps
- In our fibre footprint:
 - 21% of homes have access to less than 20 Mbps
 - 5% of homes have access to less than 5 Mbps
- Bridging the digital divide for thousands of homes and businesses in otherwise underserved rural communities



Community focus





"It is great to have Airband on board, who have taken community to the heart of what they do. We look forward to working with them in the future, and to raising more awareness of the way that they are investing in their local community."

Faye Williams, Business Development Manager











Rural Challenges ahead



• BT 2025 Switch off

 Rural "Brain Drain" – talent drawn towards cities

 Elderly – digital skills / increased isolation (transport links and meeting points)

Second home boom – ghost villages







Thank you