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RURAL BROADBAND - July 2015

Better broadband - and the lack of it - is the focus of this newsletter from the Rural Vulnerability Service, brought to you by the Rural Services Network in association with Calor.

The Rural Vulnerability Service disseminates information about key rural issues.

Rural businesses and communities continue to face challenges in terms of broadband, with some villages taking matters into their own hands in a bid to get adequate connections.

The topic has rarely been bigger or more pressing.

Latest updates:

[Contract rules could speed up rural broadband](#)

13 July 2015

Measures allowing rural customers to cancel their broadband contract due to slow speeds are a welcome step, the Countryside Alliance has said. (Frome Standard)

[Fast rural broadband possible via 4G, says farmer](#)

24 June 2015

Rural dwellers could get faster broadband by making use of 4G hotspots, believes a tech savvy Wiltshire farmer. (Farmers Weekly)

[MPs to hold 'feet to the fire' on rural broadband](#)

19 June 2015

Frustrated MPs have announced their intention to



About Us

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Calor was set up 75 years ago with the intention of bringing clean, efficient and modern energy to rural Britain.

This focus continues today with 75 per cent of Calor's business in the British countryside. Calor supports efforts to tackle climate change and fuel poverty.

As an energy provider, it wants rural property owners to have a strong voice in the energy efficiency debate – and the same opportunity to reduce their carbon emissions and fuel costs as exists in urban on-grid areas.



For UK National Statistics on rural broadband, click [here](#).



hold officials' "feet to the fire" as they launch a new committee to investigate the roll-out of superfast broadband. (Western Morning News)

BT pledges action on rural broadband

6 July 2015

The chief executive of BT Business has promised to examine the issue of slow or non-existent rural broadband access. (The Courier)

Government plan 'falls short on broadband'

13 July 2015

Rural businesses say the government's Productivity Plan falls short on issues such as broadband speed. (Chronicle Live)

Suffolk MP calls for answers on rural broadband

14 July 2015

A Suffolk MP has called for more scrutiny of BT's rollout of superfast broadband. (Cable.co.uk)

Faster broadband for West Berkshire

14 July 2015

FAMILIES and businesses in rural West Berkshire are set to benefit from extended Superfast Broadband coverage. (Newbury Today)

Campaign launched to connect rural areas

14 July 2015

The Scottish Rural Parliament has announced that its first campaign will focus on a key issue for rural communities, digital connectivity. (Ellon Times)

Superfast broadband to be brought to rural Exmoor

2 July 2015

THOUSANDS more homes on rural Exmoor will soon have access to superfast broadband. (North Devon Journal)

For reports & publications on rural broadband, click [here](#).



RSN Broadband News

- > [Broadband could decide rural vote](#)
- > [Rural broadband still left behind](#)
- > [Business grants for rural broadband](#)
- > [Project brings broadband to rural Dorset](#)
- > [MP's vent frustration over rural broadband](#)
- > [Rural broadband inquiry launched by MPs](#)
- > [Faster broadband for communities in rural Dorset](#)

Rural Broadband Analysis

- > [A growing digital divide](#)
- > [Mobile rural broadband is set to increase](#)
- > [Inside the digital divide](#)
- > [Totally wired: rural broadband](#)

Government announcements

- > [Broadband rollout now fastest in the world](#)
- > [Applications under rural community broadband fund](#)
- > [Rural broadband delivery fund output indicator](#)
- > [Rural Broadband Programme](#)

Latest reports and statistics

- > [Broadband speed analysis](#)
- > [Rural broadband seminar](#)
- > [Britain's slowest broadband](#)



Links to useful organisations:

- > [Broadband for the Rural North \(B4RN\)](#)
- > [Broadband Delivery UK](#)
- > [Rural Broadband Partnership](#)
- > [Rural Community Broadband Fund](#)
- > [Department for Culture, Media and Sport](#)
- > [Independent Networks Cooperative Association \(INCA\)](#)



Toolkit

The BDUK fund toolkit aims to help bring superfast broadband to your community.

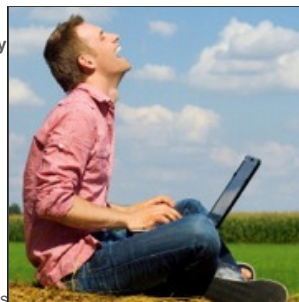


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Find out how you can help rural communities thrive by making villages more enterprising.



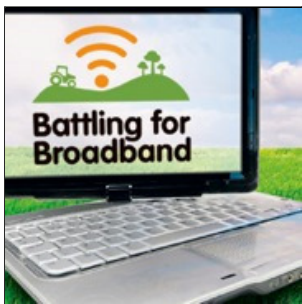
in the Community Calor has a long history of supporting the local areas in which it works, and the rural communities it serves.



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Options

Next steps to take if you're struggling to get things done online - or if you can't even get online at all.



Battling

for it

The Battling for Broadband campaign from *Farmers Weekly* includes research on broadband speeds.



Broadband

Archive

Achived documents relating to rural broadband from the former Commission for Rural Communities.

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