

# B4NTR

Broadband for North Tyne and Redesdale

## About B4NTR

B4NTR is a community group aiming to deliver 1,000Mbps full fibre broadband to parishes in North Tyne and Redesdale.

More than a thousand properties are likely to be included in the project initially, with nobody in a parish missing out.

We're working with B4RN - they're a not for profit, community benefit society, who've already connected around 6,000 properties in the north of England and elsewhere.

Communities need to raise some of the funds to pay for installing the network, with government voucher schemes covering the rest. The work is done by contractors and volunteers.

Individual households will have to get ducting for the fibre from their property boundary to the wall of their house.

## Government Voucher Funding Apply Now - Search "Get B4RN"

Get B4RN



Can I get B4RN?

Enter your postcode to check B4RN availability in your area:

Postcode

Check

**What's going on?** - The government has set up some funds to help deliver locally led full fibre broadband projects

**What's it worth to me?** - **£150** for residents

**Is my property eligible?** - Head to the "Get B4RN" section at [b4rn.org.uk](http://b4rn.org.uk) and enter your postcode

**What happens then?** - If eligible...

- B4RN request the voucher through a DCMS Portal (that's the Department for Culture, Media and Sport)

- You will get an email from DCMS asking for you to confirm that you are happy to go ahead

- We work to get you connected to B4RN with your local dedicated coordination group

- Once your service is live we then claim the voucher

- DCMS will email you again for you to confirm that you have live service

- DCMS pay the voucher value directly to B4RN and B4RN pays you £150 installation grant

All residents wishing to take part in the schemes must sign up for 12 months service, but B4RN don't apply any early exit fees if you change your mind

## Investing in B4RN

- You each have the opportunity to invest in order to help fund the scheme if you want
- The core of every community's investment is made up of shares
- B4RN investments are kept for three years and have an attractive return of 5% per annum
- If you invest £1,500, your connection fee (£150) is waived
- You can invest more. For every £1,500, further connection fees in the community can be waived too

Full details available at [b4rn.org.uk/community/investors](http://b4rn.org.uk/community/investors)



Bringing 1,000Mbps Full Fibre Broadband  
to North Tyne and Redesdale



## By the community, for the community

The community is essential to making this happen.

You will need to work with your neighbours and think about the best route for the network to take.

Then wayleaves need to be agreed so full fibre can be put in the ground across people's gardens.

There may even be some digging to do!

It is only through community engagement that the B4RN network can be installed so cheaply.



## Future-proofing our community

Making B4RN happen will mean our homes are ready for whatever the future holds in terms of entertainment, communications and cloud-based working.

- Be ready for 4k and 8k streaming, as well as virtual reality.
- Upload speeds that match download. Great for cloud storage or broadcasting video.
- Work from home? Video calling isn't a problem and take advantage of VoIP technology.
- Smart speakers, fitness trackers, security cameras, smart heating and lighting can all share the bandwidth.



## Find out more

Web: [B4NTR.com](http://B4NTR.com)

Follow our Facebook Page:

Search "B4NTR" on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/B4NTR)

B4RN's website: [b4rn.org.uk](http://b4rn.org.uk)

## B4RN Full Fibre Internet Service

£150 one-off connection then £30/month

**Hyperfast** - B4RN's full fibre service is hundreds of times faster than most other providers - 1 gigabit per second guaranteed

**Unlimited** - great for streaming TV and films. Other providers often impose a limit and charge extra if you use too much bandwidth

**Affordable** - slower 'superfast' broadband providers struggle to match our prices, because they still require you to pay line rental. Once you have B4RN installed, you can dispense with your landline and use your B4RN connection for an internet based telephone service (third party call charges apply)

**Reliable** - unlike some other providers, B4RN don't use any overhead copper landlines - all the ducts are buried. The fibre is protected from water ingress and high winds

**Supportive** - our network is brand new and purpose-built but if there is a fault our local repair teams respond quickly



## A hyperfast history of B4RN

Broadband for the Rural North has been connecting people to guaranteed gigabit full fibre broadband since 2011.

B4RN aims to future-proof communities which have been digitally disadvantaged for years.

B4RN is a non-profit Community Benefit Society which is owned by its thousands of shareholder members; any operating surplus is reinvested in expanding the network.

B4RN provide a free service for small rural primary schools (under 100 pupils, fewer than 10 staff) and places of worship.

Village Halls which volunteer to host one of B4RN's cabinets also receive free service.

