



B4RN can access government grant funding to upgrade your residential property to a gigabit full-fibre internet connection.

B4RN are pleased to announce that we are a registered supplier on the Rural Gigabit Connectivity voucher scheme which is provided by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). This scheme helps to upgrade your Internet to 1000 Mbps (1 Gbps).

The scheme helps to cover some of the costs of getting B4RN to your door. The funding is to assist with the costs of installing the service but cannot be used towards the monthly service charges.

This funding helps both your Community and your property get connected to B4RN

Eligibility

All properties wishing to take part in the scheme must sign up for 12 months service.

How to apply

Just go to the B4RN website and click on 'Get B4RN', enter your postcode and the Service Request form will appear for you to complete and submit.

Once this has been completed your details are now in our system.

Dig grant worth £150 available for residents to install ducting to their property from their boundary.

You must select a preferred £150 dig grant option:

1. You decide to dig the duct in and install the fibre boxes yourself. The dig grant will be paid to you directly by B4RN.
2. You book and pay for a B4RN approved contractor to carry out the works on your behalf. The dig grant will be paid to you directly by B4RN, it is your responsibility to pay the contractor and any additional costs above the dig grant value.
3. It may be possible that your local volunteer group are able to carry out the works for you. If this is arranged, then B4RN will pay the dig grant directly to the local volunteer group.

Please note: To qualify for payment of your Dig Grant you must have paid your connection fee and 1 months service and confirmed your live connection to the DCMS.

What happens next

- We will request the voucher through the DCMS Portal prior to your connection being installed.
- You will get an email from DCMS asking for you to confirm that you are happy to go ahead, this must be validated within 28 days or the voucher will be automatically cancelled.
- The work within your property boundary is either completed by yourself, a local contractor, or your local group.
- We work to get you live and connected to B4RN.
- Once your service is live DCMS will email you again for you to confirm that you have live service.
- Please ensure you confirm to DCMS that you have live service by clicking their email link, otherwise B4RN will not receive the funding to cover the costs of connecting you. B4RN will temporarily disconnect you if you do not click the link within 7 days of receiving the email from DCMS.
- Once confirmed, DCMS pay the voucher value to B4RN.
- B4RN pays you the £150 dig grant if you (or a contractor on your behalf) did the duct installation on your own property.

A connection fee of £150 applies for all residential connections.