

Many premises in the parish of Elford now have access to superfast broadband thanks to the Superfast Staffordshire project.

The new fibre technology was supplied to a new green cabinet and then uses the existing copper lines to reach peoples homes. The important thing to remember is that the upgrade to premises is not automatic and that you will need to purchase a package suitable for you from an internet service provider.

There are many benefits to this technology to both residents and businesses including steaming TV and videos without buffering, playing online games, working form home, communicating with friends and relatives abroad and many more. More and more services are becoming digital by default and with many households owning multiple devices a superfast broadband connection can certainly make life easier.

There are a few premises in the village, mainly towards the north west end, that are not live yet but do form part of the Superfast Staffordshire project and will be completed before the end of June next year. Unfortunately there are also a few remote areas of the parish that will not get access to fibre broadband by the end of the current phase on the Superfast Staffordshire project. Staffordshire County Council are however trying to find additional sources of funding to extend the project beyond 2016 to premises that will receive less than 15Mbps by the end of the current programme.

For more information about the Superfast Staffordshire project, please see their website: www.superfaststaffordshire.co.uk

To view the interactive map and find out if your area has access to superfast broadband please see: <http://www.superfaststaffordshire.co.uk/where-and-when/where-and-when/>

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