



Connecting Cumbria

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Overview and Background

- Digital infrastructure is critical to the economy of Cumbria.
- The Cumbria-wide Digital Infrastructure Strategy 2020-2025 is in place for broadband and mobile infrastructure.
- The strategy is delivered across the county by Connecting Cumbria which was established in 2012 to deliver the superfast broadband programme.
- Connecting Cumbria leads the Digital Borderlands programme including the Innovation Regions project.
- The strategy aims to ensure that no one and no place is left behind.



Digital Infrastructure Strategy

- Helping communities to receive gigabit connectivity through voucher funded projects
- Cumbria is a regional pilot for Project Gigabit to deliver gigabit capable broadband where there is no commercial provision or community voucher projects planned
 - Building Digital UK, a part of the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology holds a £108m contract with Fibrus to provide full fibre to 59,000 properties.
- Work with the Shared Rural Network and Home Office 4G mobile programme to maximise investment in Cumbria.
- Lead the Borderlands 5G Innovation Regions programme
 - Windermere 5G Ferry

http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/New/digital_infrastructure_strategy.



Broadband Coverage

Source: thinkbroadband.com September

	Gigabit	Above 30Mbps	Less than 10M
Cumbria	58.2%	95.3%	
Cumberland	55.0%	95.2%	
Westmorland and Furness	61.9%	95.5%	

Outdoor Geographic 4G Coverage

Source: Ofcom Connected Nations Report 2024

	At least 1 MNO	All 4 MNOs	
Cumbria	90.82%	64.76%	
Cumberland	87.56%	66.58%	
Westmorland and Furness	93.44%	63.29%	