

The new fibre cabinet serving Churchtown went live on 5th July 2018, and 60 – 80Mbps is the sort of download speed people can expect to receive if they live near to the cabinet. Those living a little further away should see some improvement but may not achieve the full benefits. Anyone who has expressed an interest in signing-up on the Connecting Cumbria (CC) website to use this service will be automatically informed, and anyone else interested should contact their provider. BT have been asked to ensure that a large 'superfast is here' sticker is placed on the cabinet.

There has been a national disagreement between BT and BDUK regarding the further funding profile for fibre to the cabinet solutions under the National Broadband Scheme. CC is currently working with BT to revise its contract modelling & cost efficiencies in a way which they hope BDUK will find more acceptable, and which will allow progress in providing improved broadband in Welton village & surrounding areas. Rory Stewart MP has been in contact with all parties in trying to resolve this matter and supporting the position of local people, and it is hoped to be able to report more on any progress achieved before the end of the year.