

MP's Rural Broadband Campaign

North East Herts MP Oliver Heald is pressing for superfast broadband to be extended to villages such as Ashwell, Puckeridge, Watton-at-Stone, as well as the town of Buntingford.

The villages do not have current plans for the superfast roll-out, although the Hertfordshire County Programme is aiming to ensure all areas can have 2 MB by April 2016. Oliver has held a high level meeting with Stuart Bannerman-Campbell who is leading the Hertfordshire roll-out on behalf of the County Council. Stuart was able to assure Oliver that he is looking to extend superfast Broadband as widely as possible and that there is a vital additional funding announcement being made on 9 October by Secretary of State, Maria Miller MP.

Commenting, Oliver Heald said, "For villages the position will be clearer after 9 October, but I am continuing to press for access to superfast broadband for village communities. As far as Buntingford and Puckeridge are concerned, I am told that there are technical issues, which should be clearer over the next two or three weeks. This is about joining the Buntingford and Puckeridge exchanges to the BT hard spine.

"I have immediately contacted Maria Miller MP, pressing the case for the North East Hertfordshire villages and for the town of Buntingford."

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