

Is Your Broadband Up to the Job?

With increased home-working more common since the beginning of the pandemic, many in Thornhill will have become more reliant on home broadband connections. The Thornhill Futures Group has identified that improvements to broadband speed and reliability would be a benefit to our community, particularly to those living on the fringes of the village.

What is currently available?

Openreach Fibre Broadband (<https://www.openreach.com>) – Domestic broadband delivered via providers such as BT and Sky. This should be available to everyone living within the village envelope and can provide download speeds of around 60Mb/s to those living on Main Street and speeds of over 40Mb/s closer to the village edges.

Briskona Broadband (<https://www.briskona.com>) – Line of sight broadband, which connects from a fibre enabled area to remote locations using line of sight wifi links. This ought to be able to match Openreach speeds and should be helpful for residents living on the rural edges.

Remember to check with providers that your broadband package is up to date and offering the best speeds possible. If the wifi signal within your house is poor, as is often the case in traditionally built houses with thick stone walls, options such as *wifi range extenders* and *mesh wifi* can help improve your connectivity.

What support is out there?

Vouchers to support superfast broadband connectivity may be available via the Scottish Government's Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme (<https://scotlandsuperfast.com>) and this may be of particular benefit to those more rural properties and businesses that struggle with current broadband speeds.

Would you like Thornhill Futures to investigate further?

We realise people living and working on the fringes of the village will most likely experience broadband speed and reliability issues. If you would like Thornhill Futures to investigate further and explore any other options available, please get in touch with futures@thornhillstirling.com. When doing so, please let us know your broadband provider and download and upload speeds by carrying out a quick online test (this can be done simply by visiting a speed test website such as <https://www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk> while connected to your home wifi).