



The Road Ahead

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5G Testbeds & Trials

A promising start on the 5G Journey.....

- ▶ Networks built getting broadband to hard to reach areas
- ▶ Apps, products and services developed for rural tourists
- ▶ Introduced new ways of working to farmers and tourism operators
- ▶ Interim final reports (up to end of March 19) on www.5grit.co.uk website
- ▶ Final reports will be available from end of October - register on the website to download

Still a long way to go....

- ▶ In late 2018 Ofcom's [Connected Nations](#) stated: “83% of urban homes and offices have complete 4G coverage, the figure for rural premises is less than half that (41%). In some remote parts of the country, there is no coverage at all.”
- ▶ Our 5GRIT applications could be further improved if there was better equipment and spectrum available.
- ▶ Reticence from some people about the benefits of 5G

But...

- ▶ Benefits of good 5G coverage will help rural communities and businesses evolve new solutions to their problems.

Your ideas....



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5GRIT is leading the way

- ▶ We need Government, communications companies, communities and businesses to play their part
- ▶ 5G Rural Connected Communities Programme
- ▶ The 5G Rural Integrated Testbed open for commercial trials
- ▶ Free bar for Networking and ideas generation!

Rural connectivity is more than a commercial or technology challenge.

Let's work together to exploit the potential of 5G to bring about a fairer, more connected society.