

Transcript

We've been moving the nation forwards for 180 years.
Engineering and pioneering the extraordinary.

1846

We can trace our origins to the founding of the Electric Telegraph Company.

1877

Britain says hello to the telephone, leading to the opening of the first telephone exchange.

1917

British Admiralty uncover the 'Zimmerman Telegram' via cables in Cornwall.

1924

A national icon is born: the red telephone box is designed.
With the first installed on our streets two years later.

1932

The Monarch's first radio Christmas broadcast by the BBC used our communications network.

1937

The world's first direct-dial emergency call service launches in London, 999.
BT still provides this service today.

1942

Tommy Flowers, a telephone switching expert, is recruited at Bletchley Park to design the world's first large-scale electronic computer.

1953

We provide the network for the broadcast of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation.

1958

We introduced the technology to dial direct, anywhere in the country.

1962

We transmit the first live, colour TV pictures via the Telstar satellite,
from our earth station at Goonhilly in Cornwall.

1966

Our research engineers begin work to perfect glass fibre technology. Laying the foundation for the world's first optical network technology.

1968

We opened the world's first digital telephone exchange, the Empress exchange in London.

1985

We launched our first commercial mobile service, Cellnet, as part of a joint venture.

1994

Saw the introduction of BTnet for our business customers, quickly followed by BT internet for residential customers and small businesses in 1996.

2012

EE pioneered launching 4G in the UK in October 2012.

2015

We enhanced our network for the emergency services to improve their connectivity across the UK.

2019

We launched the UK's first 5G network, reaching over 1000 cities, towns and villages by 2023.

2023

We were the first to unveil a new technology: Multicast Assisted Unicast Delivery (MAUD).

2025

BT invests more into UK infrastructure than any other FTSE100 company.

The £15bn full fibre network now reaches more than 18m homes and businesses.

And we will continue to develop new technologies into the future.

To become the UK's most trusted connector.