

This is the first of regular updates from our new project to those who signed up to be part of our network mailing list. We will be looking to increase awareness, knowledge and support of the increasing digital environment. Being part of this network will open up opportunities to training on specific topics and sharing experiences and expertise with other organisations as well as accessing other digital support. We will also be hosting a conference in March 2026 which you will be invited to attend.

Digital Hubs

PCVS are excited to be working in close partnership with the Connecting Cambridgeshire strategy to lead on a digital inclusion programme across Peterborough. The scope is to put in place 12 digital hubs where there is evidenced need of digital exclusion for specific areas and populations. At the time of writing 10 hubs are now confirmed on the scheme who will deliver a range of activities including, basic digital skills training, providing face-to-face support with online access and completion of forms, opportunity to attend a structured digital programme. There are also many opportunities for the community to get involved as volunteers, to become a digital 'champion'. If you have some IT skills you would like to share, please contact us. In return you will be able to attend a Train the Trainer course to support your own development.

For further information on the hubs, please contact: cheryl.mcguire@pcvs.co.uk or john.robinson@pcvs.co.uk

Training & Networking Resources

The project will be working with other stakeholders to arrange a number of online and face to training session between September 2025 and March 2026. We expect to be able to share details of these over the next few weeks.

As a pre cursor, PCVS are hosting an online session next week which may be of interest.

Learn about how AI can support fundraising - Our next Tuesday Training & Networking event takes place on Tuesday 1st July 10:30am - 12pm and will be delivered online via teams by Jess O'Neill from Plinth. [To register please click here](#). Details on accessing the online session will be sent prior to the event. See attached flyer for more details.

The next Cambridgeshire Digital Partnership Networking event will take place on 4th September, online 1pm - 2pm [to book your place click here](#).

The UK-wide "Digital Switchover" is underway and will affect numerous devices within businesses - from telephone lines to lifts, alarms and payment machines. Connecting Cambridgeshire in partnership with FarrPoint is hosting free informational events and webinars to help businesses adapt to the switchover.

You can find more details about these free online and face to face sessions [by clicking here](#), the in person event for Peterborough takes place on 9th September 2pm - 3pm at the Eco Innovation Centre, Peterscourt, City Rd, Peterborough PE1 1SA.

Other Resources

Social tariffs: Cheaper broadband and phone packages.

Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits. Some providers call them 'essential' or 'basic' broadband.

They're delivered in the same way as normal packages, just at a lower price. Amid rising living costs, Ofcom is encouraging companies to offer social tariffs to help customers on low incomes [follow this link](#) to find out more.

John & Cheryl