

'We still have dialup – BT can't provide DSL. Last quarter my phone bill was £317.73 – 95% internet charges'

The cruise business is a very fast business - If I don't respond to agents quickly I can lose out on the offer of work.

It's embarrassing for me to have to explain to the offices I work through that I can't perform ANY of the procedures for international bureaucracy and I have to ask them all yet again to help me receive vital information.

As a musician I have to download and upload backing tracks and arrangements – this is impossible – I have to get in the car and drive to Henley.

When I moved to Pishill in 1989, nine miles from the telephone exchange we had no idea the internet would be important.

25 years on I am a successful self-employed international violinist – managing my work without broadband is an expensive nightmare. I work on cruise lines – the international paperwork is huge and deadlines short for bookings





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My business is at the forefront of modern agriculture – farming sensor systems, cameras, drones, microphones, virtual field maps, analytics and GPS-guided tractors. About 60% of British farmland is maintained this way now.

I train farmers across the world and maintain their services.

I work from home in Russell's Water where the broadband is awful – I estimate slow broadband has added £4,000 to my costs

I also provide customers with training videos to help them self learn and remind them how to carry out tasks on the computer for themselves. I create the videos, post them on to my website making them available for farmers anywhere in the world. The file size can be anything up to 100mb a time.

I have to go and search for a location where I can upload the videos as they can take many hours to upload with the upload speed we have. A faster upload speed would enable me to create more higher quality videos for my farmers and many more to meet customer demand.

