



PRESS RELEASE

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Mendip transmitter group - Arqiva completes Digital Switch Over

Arqiva confirms that the Digital Switch Over process for the Mendip transmitter group in the west of England has been completed successfully.

The three public-service multiplexes are now being transmitted at high power from Mendip and 59 relay stations in Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire: Avening, Blackwell, Bath, Blakeney, Box, Bristol Barton House, Bristol Ilchester Crescent, Bristol Kings Weston, Bristol Montpelier, Bristol Warmley, Bruton, Burrington, Calne, Carhampton, Cerne Abbas, Chalford, Chalford Vale, Chilfrome, Chiseldon, Chitterne, Cirencester, Clearwell, Coleford, Corsham HP/VP, Countisbury, Crewkerne, Crockerton, Dursley, Easter Compton, Exford, Frome, Hutton, Kewstoke, Kilve, Lydbrook, Marlborough, Monksilver, Nailsworth, Ogbourne St George, Parkend, Pillowell HP/VP, Porlock, Portbury, Portishead, Redbrook, Redcliff Bay, Roadwater, Seagry Court, Siston, Slad, Stroud, Tintern, Ubley, Upavon, Washford, West Lavington, Westwood, Woodcombe and Wootton Courtenay.

Following switch-off of the BBC Two analogue signal on 24 March 2010, the remaining analogue signals for BBC One, ITV1, Channel 4 and Five were switched off by 00:05 on Wednesday 7 April. The new digital signals for the D3&4 and BBC B multiplexes entered official service at Mendip, Bristol Ilchester Crescent and Bristol Kings Weston at 06:00, with the last of the relays completed by 15:30. The commercial multiplexes at Mendip remain in their pre-DSO state until a later date, while at Bristol IC and Bristol KW they have adopted final parameters.

Arqiva is the transmission provider for all terrestrial TV and most radio services in the UK.

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About Arqiva

Arqiva operates at the heart of the broadcast and mobile communications industry and is at the forefront of network solutions and services in an increasingly digital world. The company provides much of the infrastructure behind television, radio and wireless communications in the UK and has a significant presence in Ireland, mainland Europe and the USA. There are three business units:

Terrestrial Broadcast provides transmission for all UK terrestrial TV broadcasters, including the new networks being built for the Digital Switch Over. Transmission is also provided for BBC Radio and most commercial radio stations, both analogue and DAB. The company owns and operates two of the six UK digital terrestrial TV multiplexes, enabling major media companies to bring their TV and radio services to Freeview.

Satellite & Media provides global communication platforms to enterprise, government and broadcast customers around the world. It owns and operates teleports at key locations including Los Angeles, Washington, London and Paris, as well as comprehensive satellite capacity, an international terrestrial fibre network and extensive media facilities. These enable Arqiva to provide world leading organisations with a comprehensive range of services to deliver their data, broadcasts and media across the globe.

Wireless Access provides cellular, wireless broadband, voice and data solutions for the mobile communications, public safety, local government, and commercial markets. Arqiva is the largest independent provider of radio sites in the UK and Ireland. With its own spectrum, the company can provide complete mobile communications networks including backhaul links.

Arqiva has its headquarters near Winchester and other major UK offices in London, Warwick, Buckinghamshire and Yorkshire. Customers include major broadcasters such as the BBC, ITV, BSkyB and the independent radio groups, major telco providers including the UK's five mobile network operators, and the emergency services.

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