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Last update: 6 March 2018

- Clearwell was rescheduled due to extreme weather.

Trade and Industry Information

700MHz Clearance Events

West Region

Following a decision by Ofcom, spectrum in the 700MHz UHF band currently used for digital terrestrial television (DTT) is being reallocated for the development of future mobile services. Some DTT multiplexes will be moving to new broadcast frequencies as a result of this change.

Engineering work for the 700MHz Clearance Programme will take place at transmitters across the UK between 2017 - 2020. Freeview viewers (and those with other services that use Freeview channels, such as YouView) will need to retune their TV equipment when changes take place in their area. This document lists the currently announced clearance events for the West region and will be updated as new information is released. Details of the changes to transmitters will also be reflected on our coverage checker at digitaluk.co.uk/coveragechecker.

Note: Where multiplexes are moving we have included the current and future aerial group required to receive Freeview services. Digital UK recommends installers fitting new aerials use a wideband model where possible to accommodate future changes to broadcast frequencies.

Q1 2018

7 February 2018

Mendip – some relay stations only

27 February 2018

Mendip – main station and some relay stations

1 March 2018

Mendip – some relay stations only

Q2 2018

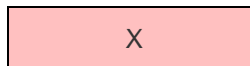
18 April 2018

Mendip – some relay stations only

2 May 2018

Mendip – some relay stations only

Changes denoted by
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7 February 2018

The MENDIP transmitter group, serving Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire

Cirencester

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
A	A	Current	23	29	26
		07.02.18	23	30	26

Power change: None

27 February 2018

The MENDIP transmitter group, serving Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire

Mendip – further changes to occur in Q2 2019

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
CD	T	Current	49	54	58	48	56	52
		27.02.18	49	54	58	48	33	52

	RF Channel		
	COM7 (NUK7)	COM8 (NUK8)	LOC1
Current	33	35	51
27.02.18	36	35	51

Power change: None

Wroughton

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
n/a	B	Current	-	-	-	-	-	-
		27.02.18 Service Launch	39	42	45	40	43	46

Power change: the multiplexes will launch at an ERP of 50W.

Seagry Court

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel					
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)	COM4 (SDN)	COM5 (ARQA)	COM6 (ARQB)
B	B	Current	41	47	44	-	-	-
		27.02.18	39	42	45	40	43	46

Power change: the ERP will change from 20W to 200W for all PSBs. The COM multiplexes will launch at an ERP of 200W.

5 March 2018 (previously scheduled 1 March)

The MENDIP transmitter group, serving Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire

Clearwell – further changes to occur in Q2 2019

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
CD	A	Current	59	50	55
		01.03.18	59	50	30

Power change: None

18 April 2018

The MENDIP transmitter group, serving Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire

Crockerton

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
B	A	Current	43	46	40
		18.04.18	30	31	37

Power change: None

2 May 2018

The MENDIP transmitter group, serving Bristol, parts of Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire

Upavon

Current Aerial Group	Future Aerial Group		RF Channel		
			PSB1 (BBCA)	PSB2 (D3&4)	PSB3 (BBCB)
A	A	Current	23	29	26
		02.05.18	23	30	26

Power change: the ERP will change from 28W to 56W for all multiplexes