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Best cheap broadband internet and TV deals

I'm looking around for the [best broadband deals](#) for daily internet access in London and I'm seriously considering [SKY TV](#). Now SKY may not be the first company you would think of as an Internet Service Provider but I figured once they decide to add a service to their core satellite TV business they are going to make sure it becomes totally reliable and fast enough for dependable use. That's how they've maintained their dominant position in the subscription TV business for decades. The trouble with smaller companies is that they can get bought out by larger ones and then you can end up stuck with a legacy service that is expensive and of poorer quality. That's happened to me twice already, which is why I'm looking at [SKY TV with broadband](#) as a possibility, in particular the SKY MID product which should give speeds of up to 8Mb with a 40Gb monthly bandwidth cap for only £5 a month. For the amount of YouTube, TED and BBC iPlayer content I watch online that should be plenty, I spend most of the day working with text and graphics (email, web and RSS tools) which hardly use any bandwidth at all by today's criteria.

In fact I could probably get away with the free [SKY BASE broadband](#), which is definitely the best broadband deal you can get, but for professional purposes a little bit of overkill is not a waste of money.

SKY plus

I'm going to order the SKY+ (Sky plus) box for a one-off charge of £99 so that I can play with the linked series recording, and take advantage of pause and rewind of live TV, which is something I used to enjoy in the old Homechoice days. I won't bother with the HD though, because my old TV and eyesight aren't up to it. You'd need one of those new widescreen plasma TVs to get the full advantage, and five point one speakers surrounding the living room for the dolby digital lol.

No, I'm turning the offer round and regarding the [SKY TV service](#) as coming free with the [fast reliable broadband](#), rather than the other way around as advertised, but they amount to the same thing really, probably the best broadband deals for the UK currently.

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Over the Easter Holidays I've been looking into the **best broadband deals** for the UK and I think I've narrowed it down to three major suppliers. The main thing is to decide on what are my priorities for broadband use. Is it download speed, download and upload speed, reliability, traffic quota, availability of support, quality of support, price, value, or attractive bundles with phone line, satellite TV, fibre optic cable, free calls, mobile phone contract or anything else I haven't thought of. Fast broadband is clearly relative, so one of the first things to do is to check the speed of my existing connection.

I've heard of speedtest.net so I started with that site to test the upload and download speed of my current broadband. It's supposed to be up to 4 Mb so let's see:

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Best broadband deals as Free Sky TV or cheap broadband

[Best broadband deals as Free Sky TV or cheap broadband](#): I think this is the same guy, but goes into it a bit deeper.

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broadband in the UK

Over sixty percent of UK households had internet access in 2007, with as many as 40% using fast broadband internet connections. People have been quick to take advantage of the **best broadband deals** including internet, TV and phone with a major advantage being the release of the land line for ordinary phone calls instead of letting all their friends and relatives hear the engaged tone whenever any member of the family is tying up the phone line with dial-up internet access.

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Looking for the [best broadband deals](#) I remember when I used to use the old dial-up modem system on my old PC computer. The way I managed to get free internet access then was to use a telephone system that gave me the first ten minutes free for any call to a geographical UK number, in other words not a premium or 0845 number. In those days there were a whole host of free dial-up internet access providers some of whom provided a London local number, for some reason or other so I could use them for nothing. Being online seems silly in these days of always on cheap broadband deals but in those days it was a big step from paying per minute for both internet access and the telephone call it was provided over! So then along came Homechoice, which was an amazing system. Not only did it give me a fast internet service, always on for a flat rate per month (about £20 I think it was) but also a TV service which was quite incredible. The programmes were delivered over the ordinary copper wire telephone line exactly as when you wanted to watch them. Yes that's right, ON-DEMAND TV in 2003 or whenever it was. The only thing which comes near that now is to get a special SKY PLUS box which has two tuners and a hard disk inside in order to store TV programmes. Well, there's also a SKY anywhere service which is internet based, but there's not much content on that yet. So the [best broadband deals](#) currently on offer seem to centre around having a conventional satellite TV subscription tied to a phone line with cheap broadband access thrown in. Tags: [best broadband deals](#), [cheap broadband](#), [free sky tv](#)

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It's been going on too long, I'm just going to have to change my broadband internet provider and that means looking around for the [best broadband deals](#) in my area. The problem with the present lot has not been that the service is too bad, in fact it's pretty reliable and usually quite speedy, it's just that the package deal hasn't kept up with the competition at all. I mean, there's no big deal about 2Mb these days is there? You can get that kind of broadband connection for free with a basic SKY TV subscription. But I'm paying nearly £40 a month for it on a legacy system. The word legacy is used informatively. My old broadband got taken over by another company twice, but they don't transfer you to the parent company system. No, they just leave you on the legacy contract with a high price and diminishing service. It's just like the gas, electricity, water and bank deals. Unless you keep moving around to where the offers for new customers are then you get left behind. It's madness really.

So I started doing some research and the SKY TV package looks the best so far. The best broadband deal is the one called SKY Base which is basically free when you order the basic SKY TV service, which starts at £16 a month. £16 a month is less than half what I'm paying for the broadband alone!

It's not as if I wouldn't ever use the SKY TV. I'm a discerning viewer so I like to pick and choose from out of what's on offer, currently that's mostly on BBC 3 or UK Gold. With all the free-to-air channels available through the SKY satellite system, I'd be able to catch up on Turkish belly dance music and the latest Bollywood hits, dabble in craft making instructional videos and maybe even subscribe to another bundle of channels for another £1 a month.

One thing that I don't have to worry about is the speed of the broadband because if the free SKY base 2Mb option ever turns out not to be enough then I can upgrade to the SKY MID package for £5 or superfast broadband for £10. That's got to be one of the [best broadband deals](#) currently available for the UK.

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Best broadband deals - cheap broadband or Free Sky TV?

Working from home on the internet, one thing you absolutely have to depend upon is a reliable and fast broadband connection. It's a serious matter to consider changing Internet Service Provider(ISP) and start looking around for the **best broadband deals**.

For example it's no use being a cheapskate and putting up with an average or poor service when it comes to having an efficient tool for the trade. On the other hand, whilst the cheap broadband options are sure to be compromised at some point, the most expensive broadband isn't always the best broadband.

I mentioned on [twitter](#) that I'm looking for the best broadband deals and was then recommended Tiscali. I found out that [my current ISP](#) has actually been taken over by a company which has been subsequently bought up by Tiscali, so I'm already a customer of theirs by default, yet their website tells me my phone line is ineligible?!

Shifting Marketplace for cheap broadband

This is a constant change scenario. A few years back I was lucky enough to live in an area where the revolutionary Homechoice were piloting a new service. This included fast 1Mb broadband internet at a time when everywhere else was limited to 256 or 512K, bundled in with an on demand TV via copper wire (almost IPTV) which was superb in functionality.

As a broadband service provider this was easily the best deal available but they never managed to raise the cash to buy enough content to take off. That was before the unbundling of the local loop for telecomms, so BT were able to hold things back for them. Unfortunately Homechoice pulled out of my area when they moved on to the next generation of the IPTV service, and have since been acquired by O2. So I would not recommend using any of the smaller companies because you never know who you are going to end up with.

Free SKY TV

This history means that I am amenable to the idea of fast broadband internet being bundled in with a TV service, which is why I'm looking at SKY digital TV and broadband. The interesting broadband deal on offer currently is the basic SKY TV and broadband package for £16. You can look at that as either a **free SKY TV** service, bundled in with what you would normally pay for cheap broadband only, or as a **free broadband offer** for people who have always wanted the huge number of extra TV channels. If you have internet access out at work and mainly only use the home connection for browsing in the evenings and weekends then the best broadband deal is probably the SKY broadband Base package, whereas a home business worker or gamer would probably need to upgrade to the even faster speeds with totally unlimited bandwidth for an extra £5 or £10 a month.

SKY + and SKY HD

I'm not that bothered about the additional entertainment channels on offer at £1 a bundle, nor the premium films or live football but I must admit I've always been interested in the huge number of niche channels which become available free to air, upon becoming a SKY subscriber. Turkish TV, Punjab, Arabic and NTV for a start, and then the enormous back catalogue of nature documentaries and comedy which are not always available anywhere on freeview for example. And the geek in me is dying to have a play with the extra technology that can be added as a one-off. The SKY PLUS (SKY+) box which gives TIVO like functionality (pause and replay live TV, record one or two channels while watching something else) and clever software to record linked series. The **Sky Multiroom** client server network could be fun or the High Definition TV **Sky HD** box. There's not much point in getting the HDTV though without getting a new TV set to do it justice, but if a new TV is on the cards then it might be worth making sure the best wiring and connections are installed ready for it as part of the setup deal.

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Back to the broadband though, which could be the real justification for subscribing to SKY. I've noticed that the free basic broadband package is at 2Megabits per second, which is actually twice as fast as my old Homechoice connection used to be. The one that everybody envied. So that might well suffice given that a lot of what I do is text and graphic based interaction and browsing. It's probably only if a lot of large downloads or streaming video are required that the upgrades would be required, but that's completely flexible on a month by month basis anyway, so for the advantage of getting all those extra TV channels, functionality and gadgets the free broadband 'base' has to be one of the **best broadband deals** around. That's without even mentioning the free weekend and evening telephone calls, cheaper than BT Together for calls to mobiles and international numbers, nor the "SKY Anywhere via TV" on-demand service which is included with any SKY+ box.

Reservations

My only reservations are that satellite TV is perhaps not the future. In the longer run, some people think that TV channels wont exist in the present format at all. It will all be "on demand" so nobody is ever watching the same programme at the same time. But the availability of on-demand music hasn't killed radio has it? I have a theory that channels will be with us for a long time to come, alongside all of the personalised browsing, on-demand, skip and fast forward stuff. Besides it's still the **best broadband deal** that is the main consideration for business, with the free Sky TV as a nice bonus for myself.

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