

NET ADDICTS

PlusNet (www.plus.net)

Broadband packages start at £20.99 a month (plus activation fee from £58.75)

★★★★ Bargain high-speed services for online gamers and web junkies

Serious surfers need a high-speed broadband connection – and they are well catered for by PlusNet, a Sheffield-based firm that has built quite a reputation for offering top-quality services at bargain prices. A very reasonable £21 a month secures a high-speed, always-on connection that is ideal for online gaming and downloading music or video files in no time at all. There are also generous facilities for those wanting to build their own site, including bucketloads of web space and a free .co.uk address.

Others to consider: If you are in a cable area, NTL (www.ntl.co.uk) and Telewest (www.telewest.co.uk) offer good-value high-speed services.

