

Mobile Communications

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A Monthly Newsletter from Wearside Communications

Vodafone do partial U turn

Last month, Vodafone limited the amount of upgrades that dealers can perform on their customers, also reducing commissions and disallowing upgrades completely on some tariffs.

Following criticism by the dealers and the failure of the other networks to follow, they have partially relented and raised the caps.

This situation may be short lived, however, and we believe the upgrade policy in general is in jeopardy. We recommend any customer who are a year or over into their contract to contact us.

Mobile phone users can generally change their phone for a new one annually, usually free of charge. Call Lee if you think you qualify for your new phone.

Offer on Wearnet

To promote Wearnet, our trunked radio system, Wearside are offering free trials and reduced prices.

Wearnet gives two-way radio coverage throughout the North East between Alnwick, Consett and Wetherby. Call access is instant with no call charges and is ideal for fleets of vehicles with high volume calls between office and vehicles or between vehicles.

Conversations can be private, one to one, or 'open', with all vehicles in the fleet listening/joining in. Call-in-absence ID indicator is included.

Charges for companies subscribing before the end of October are from £14.95 per month.

Call Charges (No monthly limit).....FOC.

Radiocommunications licence fees.....Included.

*Installation and antenna costs also apply.

Call Sean or Lee for no obligation trial or demo or for further details.

RA warns of illegal carkits

The Radiocommunications Agency has issued a statement condemning the sale and use of certain hands free car kits. These cheap items, such as the 'Car Baby', retransmit the mobile phone's reception and the car radio picks it up and redirects it to the car audio speakers. These transmissions are so strong that they drown out the car radio's audio and pass through the mobile's. They can also interfere with emergency radios.

Users and sellers of these products are liable to confiscation and prosecution. Hard wired car kits or Bluetooth models are not affected.

*****Great North Run*****

Our man Lee Bromham is running in the October race. Lee is doing the 13 miles with the Cleveland Cops in aid of Crimestoppers. He's been training every blue moon to get fit, so please give him a call if you can sponsor him or just to give him encouragement.



SGH-T100
Samsung shows its true colours with its latest phone, the curvaceous SGH-T100.

Stylishly created the T100 offers a fresh futuristic look that's topped with an impressive 4,096 colour TFT colour display, the first of its kind in the UK market! The T100 allows you to customise the screen with a background picture transferred from a PC.

Features:

- Weight 97g
- TFT colour screen
- Polyphonic ringtones
- Downloadable ringtones & screen images
- External display
- GPRS

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**The Samsung T100
from £129.99**

Going Abroad?

- 1 Ensure your phone will work—dual band phones are usually required, tri band in the US. Check coverage with us.
- 2 Call us to ensure any bars are lifted.
- 3 Keep phone switched off on the plane.
- 4 Phone should access best signal automatically. If not, your manual will tell you how to log on manually. Call us for help.
- 5 Use + instead of '00' before country code.

Latest on Mobile Phones and Drivers

It looks as though the government intend to ban the use of all handheld communication devices by drivers—mobile phones and radio microphones alike. Research has shown that using a mobile phone at the wheel can distract the driver and increases the likelihood of being involved in an accident (hardly rocket science) - and the DoT says there has been considerable pressure from safety organisations and the public to ban the use of phones whilst driving. (How many times have you seen someone driving erratically or not paying proper attention while talking on their phone?)

Under the proposed change in law, even the briefest of use of a handheld phone will be illegal, but it is not intended to ban the use of properly fitted handsfree phones and radios in cars, even though the research also shows this to be distracting. Because handsfree phones will be allowed, no exemptions are expected for the Police or other emergency services. Closing date for consultation is 25th November.

Call Lee for more information or to order a carkit. Prices from £30 to £250.

Orange aid

Network operator Orange, are helping dealers and customers alike to understand their tariffs, by having only one range of call prices—10p per minute for landline calls and other Orange mobiles and 35p to other networks. These are flat rate costs, with no peak/off peak differences, probably starting with new contracts in October.

Monthly charges will include bundled minutes and will vary from £15 (30 mins) to £210 (2,000 mins)

My guess is that the others will follow and it's about time too. You need to be an Einstein to work out the tariffs at present.

You can have a free analysis of your company's bills, accurately showing best tariffs and savings, taking all call types into account—contact Lee or Alan.

That'll be the Daewoo calling

Korean car manufacturer Daewoo are about to enter the UK mobile phone market. They intend only to sell through one distributor, yet to be appointed, and launch date is expected to be October this year.

The first phone released is expected to be a dual display flip, similar to the popular Samsung A300. Called to DW600, it will be dual band with WAP.

A GPRS phone is expected before Christmas and a colour display phone in Q1 2003.

Top-selling Handsets

1	Nokia 3410	WAP
2	Nokia 5210	Shock resistant
3	Nokia 8310	Small and funky
4	Nokia 6510	Bluetooth
5	Sony Ericsson T68i	Colour screen
6	Motorola v60	Works across the pond
7	Nokia 3310	Reliable workhorse
8	Samsung A300	Dual display

Looks like Nokia have it sussed!

Finally—Adam was hanging around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely not having anyone to talk to. God took pity on him and told Adam that he was going to make him a companion, and that it would be a woman.

"This pretty lady will gather food for you. She will cook for you, and when you discover clothing she will wash it for you" God continued "She will always agree with you and will always be the first to admit that she is wrong when you've had a disagreement. She won't nag you, instead she will praise you continuously. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to take care of them.

"Finally," he continued, "she will never have a headache and will freely give you love when you so desire"

"How much will this woman cost?" asked Adam.

"An arm and a leg" was the response.

Adam asked: "What can I get for a rib?"...

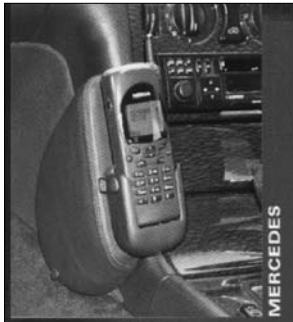
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Some examples of fitted carkits