

# Press Release

## OLYMPIC HOPEFULS GO WIRELESS WITH ARUBA AND CONVERGE NETWORKS



Converge Networks today announced that Sport England's National Sports Centre at Bisham Abbey has deployed an Aruba wireless network to deliver wireless connectivity to organisations based at Bisham Abbey. The network also provides a hotspot service available to members of the leisure centre, and top athletes who train at the centre. The wireless network is operated by Leisure Connection, and was installed by Aruba partner Converge Networks.



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“The Bisham Abbey site consists of a wide variety of buildings, including a manor house dating back to 1260, and we needed a solution that would be flexible and reliable no matter where it was installed,” said Jeremy Smith, IT Manager at Leisure Connection. “We act as a service provider to the different organisations on the campus, and consequently needed a solution that would be flexible enough to accommodate a wide variety of applications, reliable for the users, and most importantly, would work first time. Aruba’s solution does exactly that.”

Leisure Connection is the leading outsourced facility management company for local authorities in the UK, and operates The National Sports Centre at Bisham Abbey on behalf of Sport England. A number of national sports organisations are headquartered at the site and use the wireless network as part of the managed service. Athletes, visiting sports teams and members of the public also use the wireless network that extends across throughout the campus from the modern leisure facility to the manor house once widely visited by the kings and queens of England.

“It was clear to us that flexibility and reliability were paramount,” continued Smith. “A refurbishment and partial rebuild of the leisure centre allowed us to put in place a modern wired – wireless infrastructure. We don’t have that luxury in the manor house, but there we have deployed Aruba’s mesh wireless. It uses the same access points that we use elsewhere, is managed in exactly the same way, but does not require us to run cabling through a listed ancient monument. “

To deliver a best-in-class wireless experience, Aruba’s Adaptive Radio Management (ARM) software lowers deployment and maintenance costs by automating site surveys and using infrastructure-based controls to optimize the performance of Wi-Fi clients in real-time. Aruba’s secure enterprise Mesh technology acts as an extension to an existing network and is ideal for both indoor and outdoor environments that are tough to wire. Both indoor and outdoor deployments are supported through the same infrastructure, without requiring disparate solutions that are separately managed and secured for each area



“Modern wireless networks are simple to implement, very secure, and easy to manage,” said Bob Vickers, sales director of Aruba UK and Ireland. “Although installations can vary greatly, automatic management of the ever-changing RF environment and centralized management make set-up and operation easy. Leisure Connection’s use of Aruba in a modern leisure centre and a thirteenth century manor house on the same campus demonstrates how versatile an Aruba solution is.”

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## About Aruba Networks

People move. Networks must follow. Aruba securely delivers networks to users, wherever they work or roam. Our mobility and network virtualization solutions ensure that the enterprise network moves in lock-step with users:



- Adaptive 802.11n Wi-Fi networks optimize themselves to ensure that users are always within reach of mission-critical information;
- Identity-based security assigns access policies to users, enforcing those policies whenever and wherever a network is accessed;
- Remote networking solutions ensure uninterrupted access to enterprise resources without compromising security;
- Multi-vendor network management provides a single point of control while managing both legacy and new wireless networks from Aruba and its competitors.



## About Converge Networks

Converge Networks are Data, Wireless, Voice and Audio-Visual specialists and are a certified Aruba Silver Partner. Founded in 1982, Converge Networks offers and integrates all aspects of the IP Network Infrastructure whether it is the cabling infrastructure, Wireless Systems, Voice Solutions, LAN, and Network Security. <http://www.convergenetworks.co.uk>

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## About Sport England

Sport England invests National Lottery and Exchequer funding in organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport and create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

Sport England is committed to creating a world-leading community sport system, and has set specific and measurable targets to achieve by 2012/13:

- One million people doing more sport
- A 25% reduction in the number of 16- to 18-year-olds who drop out of at least five key sports
- Improved talent development systems in at least 25 sports
- A measurable increase in people's satisfaction with their experience of sport
- A major contribution to the delivery of the five hour sports offer for children and young people.

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