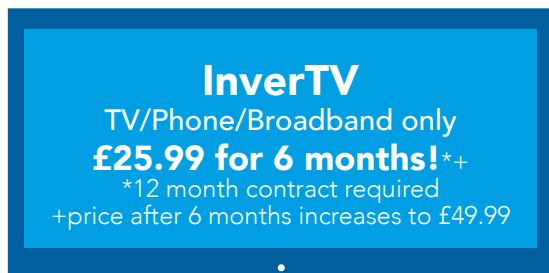


# BROADBAND, TV & PHONE

**AN ESTIMATED 10 MILLION CUSTOMERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY  
ARE OVERPAYING FOR BROADBAND, TV AND PHONE**

## BUNDLES

- Price comparison sites can show you what deals are on offer from lots of providers - some deals are exclusive to these sites so always check first.
- Some bundle offers may expire after 6 months so be careful if you sign into a 12 month contract – work out the total cost for the full contract. For example look at this offer from “InverTV”:



£25.99 sounds like a great deal but you will then pay **£49.99** for the remaining 6 months. This works out at **£37.99**.

## MOBILE PHONE

- Check the package on offer – do you need 5000 texts or do you use internet-based messengers instead? Check the small print - sometimes there are additional charges for things like listening to voicemails or sending pictures.
- If you're not sure how much you use, ask your current provider. They can give you a breakdown of how much you are using just now and give you a guide for your future package.
- Do you need the latest handset? Quite often the previous version will be discounted and there is rarely much difference in features. If you are only using your phone for social media and texting why have a handset worth £1000?

## BROADBAND

- Figure out what you need. Do you use the internet only for surfing the web and checking emails or do you stream movies and download content? You may not need the highest speed or data limits that some providers will offer you.
- This leads onto your budget – what is more important, fast speeds or an affordable price? If you don't need fast speeds then don't be tricked into paying for them!
- Whatever you choose, ask about data limits. Don't be caught out by using over your allowance.
- Use a postcode checker to check what broadband is available in your area. The following providers operate in Inverclyde:



## TV

- Many people now are paying for various TV subscriptions, Sky/Virgin, Netflix, NOW TV, Amazon Prime... But do you need them all?
- Check what you are paying for and ditch what you don't need.
- Haggle! TV providers are great at giving discounts for an agreed period – always worth a shot.

