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BOOSTY SPEED BOOSTER

www.boosty.com, £69 + £39 per following year

BOOSTY, WE ARE told, is the answer to a question that shouldn't need raising, but does. For most of us, even in big cities, our broadband connection is too slow. Not all the time, but for those crucial moments such as trying to bag those Glastonbury tickets, or win an end of level challenge in an online game.

Boosty solves all that by using the untapped potential of the other internet connection we have at home: our mobile data. The Boosty box connects to your router and communicates with an app on your phone when you're connected to the same Wi-Fi connection. Then, and only when absolutely necessary, it will syphon off your mobile data either to speed up your connection, boost your bandwidth or fend off a blackout.

If you have more than one mobile device, Boosty will poll for the one with the best reception at that moment, but more importantly, if it can avoid using your data plan, it will, or you can cap it in the settings.

It's not a one-size-fits all plan, and if you've got a 76Mbit/s fibre connection you're not going to notice much difference. But if you've got a bottleneck of 2Mbit/s then it can make things such as streaming a video significantly smoother.

Read our full Boosty review in *Shopper 342*, on sale 16th June.

