

## THE FEATURES LIST 2021

Welcome to the *Networking+* magazine 2021 features list, which this year also includes an outline of online contributions we're seeking in the year ahead.

One-year-on from the launch of the re-designed magazine, you'll have noticed we've strengthened our focus on the user marketplace with dedicated content. We are targeting every type of user as they consider core LAN and WAN infrastructure, how to optimise and monitor, the security of their network and what's best for their organisation from a WAN connectivity perspective. The list is endless.

In addition, we've established popular columns with comment and opinion from industry experts. We've also maintained in-depth features to expand on a subject, technology or strategy. What's more, roundtables have created lively debate and so we are keen to have more this year. See more on these sections below.

Now in 2021, we will continue this comment, opinion and feature-led approach, which means we welcome contributors to our staple opinion pieces, features and focused columns – below is what we're including in this year's issues. All that's left for me to say is that we look forward to working with you again this year and hope that 2021 is a significant improvement on 2020 for all of us.

Best wishes,  
Robert Shepherd  
Editor

### ON THE NETWORK

A technology-focused piece written by a communications, network, IT, or DC 'geek'. They can examine anything affecting our industry.

### VIEW FROM THE TOP

A C-level personality chooses a hot topic and gives their view on it. This can be based on any major issue, problem or piece of news. Note, it must be penned by a company boss.

### WORD ON THE WEB

Pick a problem harming the industry, explain how it can be fixed. We will publish it on the website and plug it in the magazine.

### SECURITY INSIGHT

We are looking for regular contributors to a column on protecting enterprises. If you think you have, or you know someone with the requisite nous, we'd like to hear from you.

### ROUND TABLE

A place for industry luminaries to debate a hot topic. It can be one of a whole raft of subjects relevant to our readership.

### CASE STUDIES

Please send through any examples that showcase your solutions in action.

### IoT

Send us examples of IoT in application across different sectors and/or opinion pieces on the subject.

Please contact the editor for word counts in advance. Although they will generally remain the same whenever possible, there will be occasions when they vary.

If you are pitching an opinion piece for the website, then there is no word limit. However, unless the scribe sports acid wit or is a wonderful raconteur, we recommend no more than 600 words. Anything longer can be soporific.

Remember, our readership is made up of Communications, Network, IT and Data Centre managers, directors and engineers throughout UK public and private sector enterprise – they understand this marketplace, the technology and see *Networking+* as an essential part of their monthly read!

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## JANUARY

### FEATURE I

Skills and training. A close look at where the skills gaps are, how companies recruit and the positions hardest to fill/most in demand

### FEATURE II

Here we go again: remote working and learning. Are we better prepared this time?

### PRODUCTS

Test & measurement

### ROUND TABLE

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

TBC

## FEBRUARY

### FEATURE I

Fibre broadband – with talk that it may become obsolete by 2030, where are we and what does the future hold?

### FEATURE II

Data protection post Brexit. What does “getting Brexit done” mean for businesses and large corporates?

### PRODUCTS

Unified Comms

### ROUND TABLE

5G – How enterprise teams will use it

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

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## MARCH

### FEATURE I

Under pressure: safely managing the increased demand on emergency services

### FEATURE II

Border control post Brexit – what new technology will be needed?

### PRODUCTS

Disaster recovery and business continuity

### ROUND TABLE

What is the hybrid working legacy from 2020?

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

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## APRIL

### FEATURE I

Network monitoring: the growth of its importance during the 'new normal'

### FEATURE II

Focus on a UK smart city

### PRODUCTS

DC cooling – green and efficient

### ROUND TABLE

How does the UK compare to the rest of the world re security?

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

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## MAY

### FEATURE I

Cable management in data centres: a look at how the failure to properly manage this critical part of data centre infrastructure can cause serious issues, from increased operating costs to more expensive outages

### FEATURE II

The biggest motivators and barriers for SD-WAN to a specific user group (TBC)

### PRODUCTS

Micro DCs

### ROUND TABLE

Is there a 'best' critical comms solution or is it always a combination?

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

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## JUNE

### FEATURE I

Covid update – how did enterprises adapt/cope?

### FEATURE II

National government: is online voting a reality or security nightmare?

### PRODUCTS

Storage

### ROUND TABLE

Edge Computing – what is the most important technical consideration when adopting an edge computing approach?

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## JULY

### FEATURE I

Wireless network security issues

### FEATURE II

Automation: better, safer and cheaper than humans in manufacturing

### PRODUCTS

Racks/enclosures

### ROUND TABLE

The state of cloud-computing: is the adoption rate increasing, reaching new industries?

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

TBC

## AUGUST

### FEATURE I

What does a network manager need to consider when looking for the best results from a 5G investment

### FEATURE II

Back up and disaster recovery as a service within healthcare

### PRODUCTS

Security; anti-virus

### ROUND TABLE

Is data centre modernisation critical to business success/the decline of the private data centre – will we go back to the big four?

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

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## SEPTEMBER

### FEATURE I

VPNs: why enterprises need them

### FEATURE II

Should the banking and finance sector fear the dark net?

### PRODUCTS

SD-Wan

### ROUND TABLE

The future of cloud computing: will edge computing replace it as predicted?

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

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## OCTOBER

### FEATURE I

Mapping out of the UK's political network: how parties store, manage and secure our data

### FEATURE II

Retail sector: security in the build-up to Christmas

### PRODUCTS

DCIM

### ROUND TABLE

Automation: which IT roles are most under threat?

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

TBC

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## NOVEMBER

### FEATURE I

Up in the clouds – what you need to know when choosing a supplier

### FEATURE II

How it's used in agriculture

### PRODUCTS

Wi-Fi boosters/Routers/Hubs

### ROUND TABLE

Is a rapid increase in the number of security tools used by enterprises limiting RoI while also increasing the risk of cyber threats?

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

TBC

## DECEMBER

### FEATURE I

Components of a LAN: what you need to know about infrastructure

### FEATURE II

Is this the best voice solution for a call centre?

### PRODUCTS

Cables and cable accessories

### ROUND TABLE

Predictions for 2022

### EVENT DISTRIBUTION

TBC

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That just leaves me to say many thanks for all your contributions to our publication in 2020 - indeed over the years previous - and I look forward to working with you again in 2021. Here's to a great year!

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