

1994 – 2004

BBC News became a tri-media provider of news in November 1997 with the launch of BBC News Online.

The service has gone on to become the most popular news site outside of America, winning every major award available including a prestigious Webby award for Best News site.

Just one week after the launch of BBC News Online, BBC News 24 began as the Corporation's first digital channel on November 9th, 1997. At 6pm, the launch presenter Gavin Esler opened with the words: "Hello, and welcome for the first time to BBC News 24".

Audiences to News 24 coverage reached an all-time high during the War in Iraq. With simulcasting on BBC One and BBC Two, the service was watched by 23 million people on one day alone.

Another tumultuous change took place on October 16th, 2000. After 30 years in the nine pm slot, BBC One's main late evening bulletin moved to Ten O'Clock.

The BBC Ten O'Clock bulletin is now presented by Huw Edwards and Fiona Bruce and, like its early evening counterpart, regularly attracts more than five million viewers a day.

1995 Panorama attracted 22.8m viewers for Martin Bashir's interview with Princess Diana on November 20

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2000 Main news moves from 9 to 10pm