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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

16 August, 2005

BT Group plc  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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81 Newgate Street  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Enclosures: 1. Senior Executive change announcement made on 16 August, 2005

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ALISON RITCHIE TO LEAVE BT

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Alison Ritchie, BT chief broadband officer, has decided to leave BT at the end of September. Alison and her husband Steve plan to take a year off and to do some travelling around the world.

Appointed chief broadband officer in November 2002, Alison's role was to put broadband at the heart of BT and help the company achieve its ambitious targets for both broadband availability and take-up.

The UK now has the best ADSL broadband availability in the G8 with more than 99.6 per cent of UK homes and businesses connected to ADSL enabled exchanges. This figure was 66 per cent when Alison took on her role.

The UK has also seen an explosion in broadband adoption. There are more than five million ADSL customers in the UK - compared with 500,000 in late 2002 - and Alison's team helped BT achieve this milestone a full year ahead of schedule. They also helped improve the systems and processes for all broadband service providers thereby helping to stimulate the overall market.

Alison was previously chief executive of BT Openworld where she delivered the narrowband business into profit six months earlier than scheduled. She also led the teams that delivered BT's financial restructuring in 2001 - including the demerger of 02 and the GBP5.9bn rights issue - as restructuring project director. Alison said today: "It's been a privilege to have spent 24 years in BT, and it's been a fantastic journey. I've seen a number of significant changes from the privatisation of BT in 1984, through increasing globalisation, through dotcom boom and bust, to the recent explosive growth in broadband.

"My last role was all about championing broadband both within BT and outside the company and I'm proud that the broadband market is now so well established. This means that my specific role has now come to a natural end, and so I've decided it's time to do something different."

BT chief executive Ben Verwaayen said: "Alison has made an enormous contribution to the development of broadband in the UK. The market was in its infancy when Alison took on the role of chief broadband officer and it is now one of the fastest growing markets ever seen. I would like to thank Alison for all her hard work and wish her well for the future."

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### About BT

BT is one of the world's leading providers of communications solutions serving customers in Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific. Its principal activities include networked IT services, local, national and international telecommunications services, and higher-value broadband and internet products and services.

BT consists principally of three lines of business:

- \*BT Retail, providing a comprehensive range of communications and related services to more than 20m UK consumers and businesses.
- \*BT Wholesale, providing network services and solutions within the UK to more than 600 fixed and mobile operators and service providers including the provision of broadband and private circuits.
- \*BT Global Services, providing networked IT services to meet the needs of multi-site organisations globally. BT Global Services operates in more than 130 countries and also offers international carrier services.

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In the year ended 31 March 2005, BT Group's turnover was GBP18,623 million with profit before goodwill amortisation, exceptional items and taxation of GBP2,085 million.

BT Group plc is listed on stock exchanges in London and New York. British Telecommunications plc (BT) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BT Group and encompasses virtually all businesses and assets of the BT Group. For more information, visit [www.bt.com/aboutbt](http://www.bt.com/aboutbt)

### Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BT Group PLC  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Patricia Day

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Patricia Day, Assistant Secretary. Head of Shareholder Services

Date 16 August, 2005