

Jo Ognjanovic

Planning Request.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2019 13:43
To: planning
Subject: BT Consultation Exercise on Removal of Telephone Call Boxes
Attachments: BT Telephone Consultation Document for Parishes.pdf

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Dear Colleague,

You may recall that in the past British Telecom have carried out consultation exercises to remove public payphones within Wealden District and I have been advised that another such exercise is being carried out.

Attached for your information, is the following information:

- Letter from British Telecom dated 14 June 2019
- Schedule of Telephone boxes which are at risk of being removed
- Example of a notice which is posted in the affected telephone boxes
- Letter from Ofcom
- Letter from BT dated 30 April 2019

Against the schedule of telephone boxes in the Comments/Reason box I have added the relevant Town/Parish which is affected. Should you find that a particular box is not within your Town/Parish, then please let me know as soon as possible so I can notify the correct Parish. What I need to know from you for those telephone boxes in your area is:

- If you agree to the telephone box being removed – in your response please state **Agree**
- If you object to the telephone box being removed – in your response please state **Disagree** and importantly, state **your reasons for objecting** as outlined in the Ofcom letter and BT's letter dated 30th April 2019 which are attached within the pdf.
- If you wish to adopt the telephone box - in your response please state **Adopt** and provide **your contact details** so that BT can contact you.

Please put these details in an email stating the telephone number, your decision and, where necessary, reasons or comments. Below is a table which you can copy and paste into you reply:

Telephone Number	Decision	Comments/Reasons
[REDACTED]		

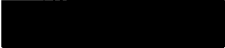
As I will need to send the response back to BT by 12 September 2019, please could I ask that I have your comments back by **Friday, 30th August 2019**.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me and I will try and help as best I can.

With regards



Administration & Technology Manager
Planning & Environmental Services, Wealden District Council



planning@wealden.gov.uk

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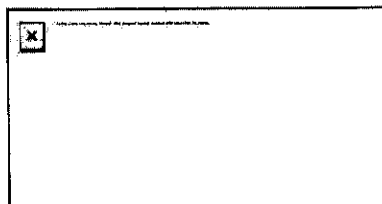
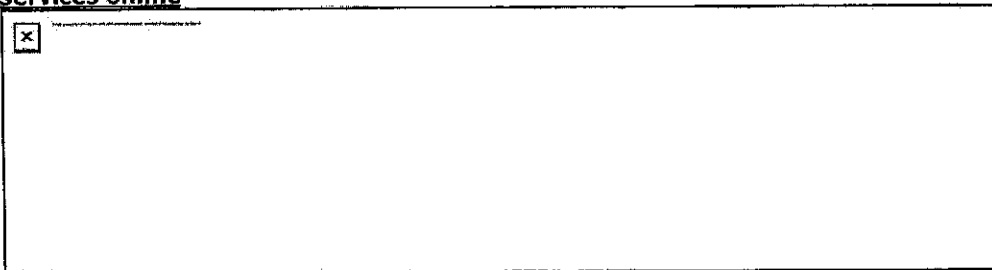
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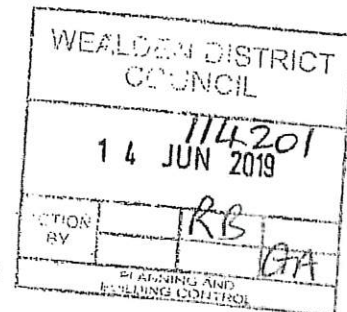
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Chief Planning Officer
Wealden District Council Council Offices
Vicarage Lane
Hailsham
BN27 2AX

14 June 2019

TIME SENSITIVE - 90 Day Consultation period end date: 12 September 2019



Dear Chief Planning Officer,

Further to our previous letter, we are writing to you as part of a formal consultation process regarding our current programme of intended public payphone removals. This letter formally starts our consultation with you and the local community.

There are currently 20 public payphones in your area which have been identified and proposed for removal by BT under the 90-day consultation process and details of these payphones are shown below.

To ensure that the local community are fully informed, we have placed consultation notices on the relevant payphones, and a sample notice is enclosed. We have also included the date we posted these notices on the payphones. The consultation period will close on 12 September 2019. Unless you contact us to agree otherwise, responses received after this date will not be accepted.

This consultation process gives your local communities the opportunity to adopt a traditional red 'heritage' phone box and make them an asset that local people can enjoy. It's really simple to do and it costs just £1 - <http://bt.com/adopt>

Overall use of payphones has declined by over 90 per cent in the last decade and the need to provide payphones for use in emergency situations is diminishing all the time, with at least 98 per cent of the UK having either 3G or 4G coverage. This is important because as long as there is network coverage, it's now possible to call the emergency services, even when there is no credit or no coverage from your own mobile provider.

You may also want to consider the recent Ofcom affordability report which found that most people do not view payphones as essential for most consumers in most circumstances -

http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/research/affordability/affordability_report.pdf

On the 14th March 2006 the Office of Communications (Ofcom) published a statement following their 2005 review of universal service in the Telecommunications market, which includes a requirement for payphone provision to meet reasonable needs. Part of that statement amended our obligations with regard to the

removal of payphone service

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0021/34266/statement.pdf

As stated in Ofcom's 2005 review, it is the responsibility of the local authority to initiate its own consultation process to canvas the views of the local community. They would normally expect these consultations to involve other public organisations such as the Parish or Community councils and work within the terms of the Communications Act 2003. This means that you must be able to objectively justify your decisions.

Full guidance on the removal process can be viewed at:

<http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removals.pdf>

and a summary is available at:

http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/uso/statement/removing_callboxes.pdf

The guidance also details the appeals process we must follow in case of unreasonable objections.

What you need to do next

Please complete and return the attached annex with your decision on each payphone.

If the decision is that the local community wish to 'adopt', please provide their contact details and we'll do the rest.

If you wish to 'object', you'll need to complete the last column with your reasons, having reviewed all of the factors set out in Annex 1 of Ofcom's guidance (see link above), and the information sent to you in our previous letter.

If the information is incomplete for any payphone in the list, then we'll assume you have no objection to its removal and also that you do not wish to adopt it.

The best way to respond to us is by email at bt.authorisation.team@bt.com. Please retain proof that the email was sent or apply a read receipt. If you would prefer to respond by post please use the following address and allow at least two days for postal delivery:

BT Payphones
pp 4th Floor Monument TE
11 – 13 Great Tower Street
London
EC3R 5AQ

You will need to obtain proof of postage from your local post office and be aware that we are unable to receive mail that requires a signature.

If you've got any questions then please get in touch with us by emailing bt.authorisation.team@bt.com.

Yours sincerely


Payphone Planning Officer

British Telecommunications plc
Registered office:
81 Newgate Street
London EC1A 7AJ
Registered in England No 1800000
www.bt.com

Please use this annex and return in this format to ensure that the telephone number of the kiosk is clearly shown.

A separate sheet can be used for further comments if required.

If you would like an electronic copy of this letter, please e mail bt.authorisation.team@bt.com

WEALDEN DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Wealden District

14 JUN 2019

	Telephone Number	Address	ACTION BY	Post Code	Number of calls in last 12 months	Posting Completed Date	Agreed Adopt/ Object	Comments/Reasons
1	01323423117	OPP EAST DEAN GARAGE ON A259 PC01 GILBERTS DRIVE EAST DEAN EASTBOURNE		BN20 0DL	7	12/06/2019		South Downs NPA
2	01323482118	OUTSIDE HAERE MAI PC01 DIITONS ROAD POLEGATE		BN26 6HU	6	12/06/2019		Polegate TC
3	01323482430	OUTSIDE OF NO. 28 PC01 BRIGHTLING ROAD POLEGATE		BN26 5AU	15	12/06/2019		Polegate TC
4	01323482591	O/S POLEGATE POST OFFICE PC01 HIGH STREET POLEGATE		BN26 6AA	12	12/06/2019		Polegate TC
5	01323766449	WESTHAM RAILWAY STATION PC01 MONTAGUE WAY WESTHAM PEVENSEY		BN24 5NB	0	12/06/2019		Westham PC
6	01323811247	OPP THE BARLEY MOW PUB PC01 LEWES ROAD SELMESTON POLEGATE		BN26 6UE	4	12/06/2019		Selmeston PC
7	01323832099	O/S TOILETS ICT GARDNER ST PC01 HAILSHAM ROAD HERSTMONCEUX HAILSHAM		BN27 4LJ	6	12/06/2019		Herstmonceux
8	01323843500	OPP FAIRLANDS COLDHARBOUR LA PC01 UPPER DICKER HAILSHAM		BN27 3QA	0	12/06/2019		Arlington PC
9	01323843575	ICT COLDHARBOUR LANE PC01 LOWER DICKER HAILSHAM		BN27 4AT	3	12/06/2019		Hellingly PC
10	01323843810	NEAR TO KINGS HEAD PUB PC01 LOWER HORSEBRIDGE HAILSHAM		BN27 4DL	0	12/06/2019		Hellingly PC

**WEALDEN DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

1 JUN 2019

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11 01342823460	NR WAR MEMORIAL PC01 LEWES ROAD FOREST ROW	RH18 5ES	1	12/06/2019		Forest Row PC
12 01424892490	O S UNITED FRIENDS NR P O PC01 HIGH STREET NINFIELD BATTLE	TN33 9JP	8	12/06/2019		Ninfield PC
13 01825740009	O/S VILLAGE HALL PC01 BEACONSFIELD ROAD CHELWOOD GATE HAYWARDS HEATH	RH17 7LF	0	12/06/2019		Danehill PC
14 01825762037	SHOPPING PAR/JCN BROWNS LA PC01 BROWNS CLOSE UCKFIELD	TN22 1UL	3	12/06/2019		Uckfield TC
15 01825765209	JCN WITH MANOR WAY PC01 CROWN CLOSE UCKFIELD	TN22 1DJ	5	12/06/2019		Uckfield TC
16 01825790311	O/S SUB POST OFFICE PC01 LEWES ROAD DANEHILL HAYWARDS HEATH	RH17 7HR	22	12/06/2019		Danehill PC
17 01825872995	OPP DRAPERS STORE & POST OFF PC01 CHIDDINGLY LEWES	BN8 6HE	0	12/06/2019		Chiddingly PC
18 01892750275	SLEECHES CROSS PC01 MAYFIELD ROAD FRANT TUNBRIDGE WELLS	TN3 9HS	10	12/06/2019		Frant PC
19 01892770270	OUTSIDE RECREATION GROUND PC01 HIGH STREET HARTFIELD	TN7 4AD	16	12/06/2019		Hartfield PC
20 01892770489	NR CENTRAL GARAGE PC01 CAT STREET UPPER HARTFIELD HARTFIELD	TN7 4DP	14	12/06/2019		Hartfield PC

Signature:

Area: Wealden District

British Telecommunications plc
Registered office
81 Newgate Street
London EC1A 7AJ
Registered in England No 1800000
www.bt.com

Notice date:

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CC

14 JUN 2019

ACTION
BY



PUBLIC NOTICE

Payphone kiosk removal

Hello.

Our information shows that this phone box has had very little use over a significant period of time.

We're therefore proposing to remove this phone box. There is a consultation period of 42 days from the above date.

Please contact your Local Authority if you have any comments.

If you'd like to know where the nearest alternative payphone is, or who your local authority is please contact us on:

0800 661 610 option 1

This number is only able to provide alternative payphone details and the name of your local authority.



Chief Planning Officer
Wealden District Council Council Offices
Vicarage Lane
Hailsham
BN27 2AX

30th April 2019

Advanced notice of payphone removal consultations

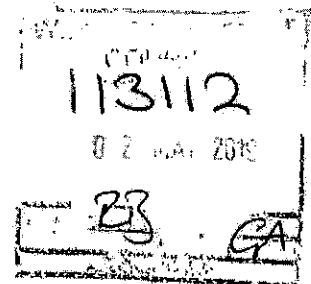
Dear Chief Planning Officer,

BT has been undertaking extensive research to identify public payphones that are no longer viable to keep. There are currently 20 public payphones in your planning area which have been identified and proposed for removal by BT under the 90-day consultation process, although this number may be subject to minor change as the removal notices are physically posted. Please be aware we will begin posting removal notices in the affected payphones during the next two weeks and aim to complete the activity within 15 working days from the start date. Once the notice posting activity is completed, we'll send you a further letter listing all of the payphones involved and notifying you of the beginning of the formal consultation process.

Overall use of payphones has declined by over 90 per cent in the last decade and the need to provide payphones for use in emergency situations is diminishing all the time with at least 98 per cent of UK premises having either 3G or 4G coverage. You will no doubt be aware, through planning applications submitted for site upgrades (and some new sites), that 4G coverage in particular is being significantly enhanced through EE's programme to deliver the new Emergency Services Network. This is important because as long as there is network coverage, it's now possible to call the emergency services, even when there is no credit or no coverage from your own mobile provider. Customers that are hearing or speech impaired can also use a text message to contact emergency services.

We propose to remove payphones identified as unnecessary whilst retaining public payphones that are used, as well as those we have categorised as providing a social need. In this way we believe we can fulfil our regulatory obligations, improve the quality of the payphone estate overall and continue to meet the needs of your community. As a result we're not consulting to remove any public payphones where there is a social need for retention. These have been identified as being located:

- in suicide hotspots
- in accident blackspots
- in an area without any mobile coverage
- within 400 metres of the coast





In addition to these payphones, we will not remove payphones where there's a reasonable need. For this assessment we have used the following criteria, retaining payphones for which all three apply:

- the only payphone within 800 metres
- had at least 12 calls of any type within a 12 month period
- the local population is not fewer than 500 households within 1 kilometre of the payphone

Through our Adopt a Kiosk scheme; communities will also have the opportunity to adopt any phone box for just £1. The traditional, red phone boxes are part of our heritage and by opening them up for adoption; your community can keep these iconic landmarks and put them to great use. Uses made of phone boxes already adopted include a grocery shop, a wildlife information centre and the Community Heartbeat Trust charity has even installed defibrillators in some boxes. You can find out more about our Adopt a Kiosk scheme at www.bt.com/adopt

What you need to do next

There's no need for you to do anything until we contact you again to notify the beginning of the 90-day removal consultation period. But, if you would like to speak to us about adopting a payphone within your local area, or if you feel the need to request an extension to the consultation timeframe (e.g. to allow parish council meetings or similar to take place), please get in touch with us by emailing bt.authorisation.team@bt.com or by post to BT Payphones, pp 4th Floor Monument TE, 11 – 13 Great Tower Street, London, EC3R 5AQ.

Yours sincerely

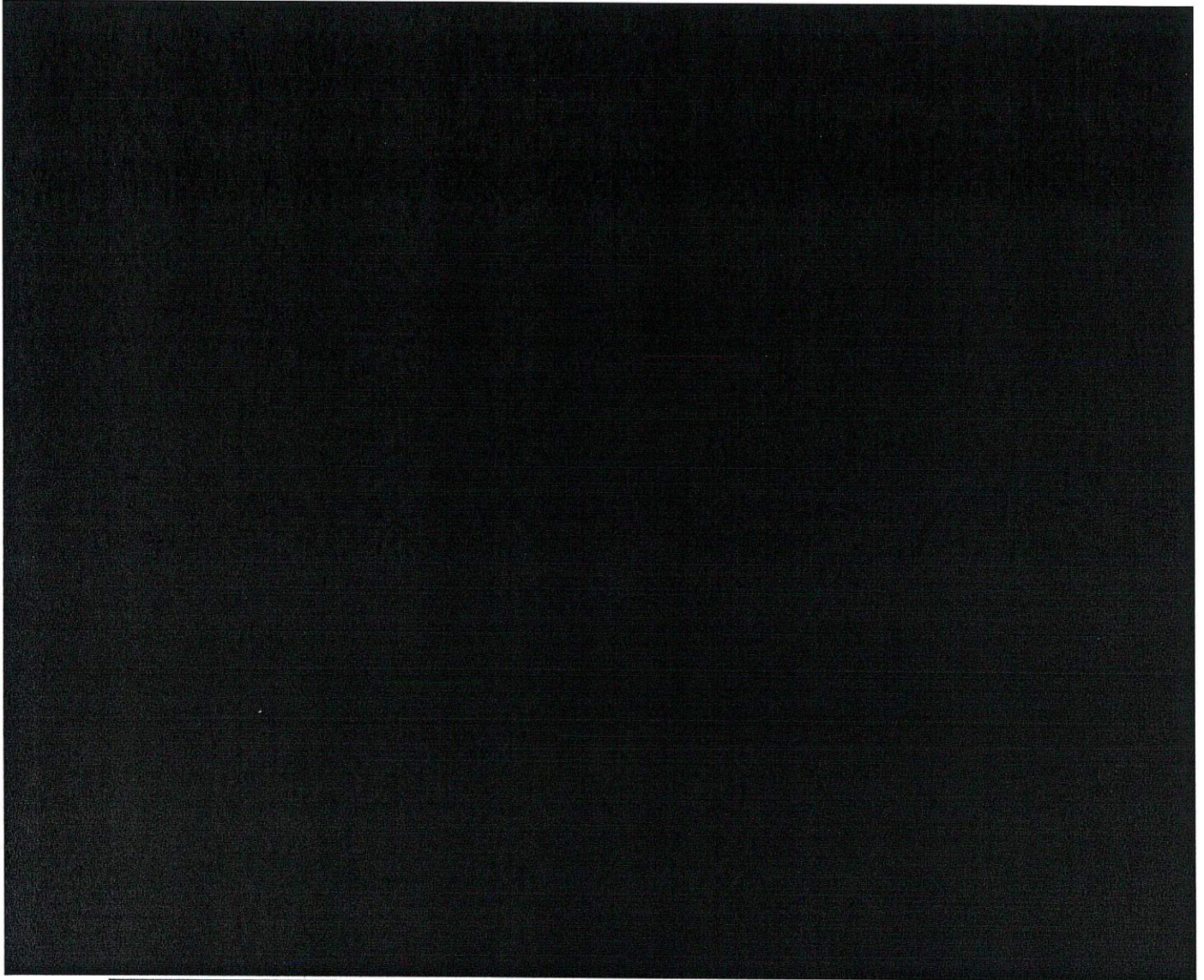


Payphone Planning Officer

PLEASE NOTE BLACK REDACTED AREAS CONTAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION
AND HAVE THEREFORE BEEN REMOVED.

DEFIBS CORRESPONDENCE.

ITEM 12B



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 20 June 2019 15:10



Subject: Re: Red telephone boxes

Hi [REDACTED]

The Dittons Rd box seems to be unscathed (at the moment). We would consider sign writing down the length of the box therefore alternative panelling might be a better option - we appreciate the responsibility to Polegate Defibs.

With regards to the red phone box - there are some companies who supply all the necessary parts, and specific red paint, for adopted phone boxes.

We would not be put off from adopting the boxes just because of a risk of vandalism - we have spoken to Polegate Neighbourhood Watch about keeping an extra eye on them.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

On Thu, 20 Jun 2019 at 15:03, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hi [REDACTED] I thought you may be interested in the red box one because of its location. You are right the new letter doesn't allow the group, it would need to be via the town council and something that councillors would need to support. I am going to see if I can find out more information on the cost of the supply for any of my colleagues who may have gone down this route. The only negative about the one in Dittons road is the fact that its glass. I don't know how often (or if) it is vandalised, but that could swiftly become a liability to you. The small glass panels of the red ones are probably easier.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: 20 June 2019 14:57

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Red telephone boxes

Dear [REDACTED]

Polegate Defibs had an application turned down by BT last year as they no longer allow community groups to apply to the Adopt-Phone-Box scheme. They will only deal with District Councils, Town Councils and Parish councils regarding applications.

We have had various conversations with [REDACTED] regarding this and are keen to adopt the boxes in Brightling Road, and Dittons Rd if they are available and if PTC are willing to apply for them on our behalf. The phone box outside Kontours is in a poor position so we would not wish to apply for this one - we would prefer to have a visible defib on the wall. We appreciate that there may be repairs required to the boxes and Polegate Defibs would raise funds for this. We understand that BT will continue to supply electricity free of charge for a period of seven years, the supply would then need to be taken over by the adoptee/community group - I'm sure this would not be a problem.

Therefore, anything that PTC can do to secure the Brightling Rd box and the Dittons Rd box will be beneficial to us.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Polegate Defibs

On Thu, 20 Jun 2019 at 14:25, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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[REDACTED] We will in time also get a consultation from Wealden as it was sent to their planning officer (as it did last time), but early notice gives you a chance to let me know if you do or don't want the boxes to house the defibs.

<https://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/convert-phone-box>

I've also added a link above as it may give you some ideas on what others have done.

<https://home.bt.com/news/bt-life/3000th-adopted-red-phone-box-fitted-with-defibrillator-to-help-save-lives-11364058686157>

I look forward to hearing from you. The consultation ends Sept.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Town Clerk

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2019 08:34
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Red telephone boxes

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Hello Both

[REDACTED]

Polegate Defibs would be happy to send a formal letter requesting PTC to adopt the box and we would be agreeing to the maintenance of the box, however, we would be applying for a grant or funding to carry out initial repairs and maintenance to the box (e.g. stripping out, cleaning, paint, replacement of any 'glass' panels, defib signage, etc) - volunteers would be sought wherever possible to carry out the work. I think it would be best if we could draw up an agreement for this to be signed by Polegate Defibs.

[REDACTED] - I agree that the Adopt-a-phone box scheme does not appear to include the modern phone box but I'm sure that BT will have a similar scheme for these.

We do not have any plans to insure phone boxes but can look into this.

Polegate Defibs are not yet a registered charity but we are looking towards this when we have reached the income threshold.

Polegate Defibs are happy to work alongside PTC in anyway regarding this project and will fundraise accordingly.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Chairman
Polegate Defibs

On Mon, 8 Jul 2019 at 18:55, [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks [REDACTED]

I think if we can get the old red box saved would be great as that really is the main one of historical and particular interest locally.

It is also an ideal position for a Defib and it would mean another one in that part of town.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

> On 8 Jul 2019, at 16:20, [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Dear [REDACTED],

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> I am planning to put it this on the end July meeting. I need to know a few things such as whether the defib group have formally agreed to do the maintenance and whether you would be prepared to send a formal letter requesting PTC to adopt the box. I am not sure you will be allowed to adopt the glass one from the paperwork. Did you look into this? I need to know as I must advise council on what liability they are formally undertaking even if your group informally maintain the boxes etc it would be councils liability from what I can see?

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> Do you plan to insure them or anything? Are you now a registered charity?

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> Kind regards [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

> Sent: 21 June 2019 08:47

> To: [REDACTED]

> Cc: [REDACTED]

> Subject: RE: Red telephone boxes

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> Ok, I will speak to [REDACTED] about putting a motion in as I suspect that BT wont allow them to remain as phone boxes now.

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> Kind regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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 - > I look forward to hearing from you. The consultation ends Sept.
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- [REDACTED]

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- > <Adopt_a_Kiosk_Brochure.pdf>

SOLICITORS

~~16-07-2019~~

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 July 2019 17:20
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: red telephone box

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your message. I see that the draft agreement is not for a parish council but rather for a parish meeting so will need some amendment – it is also somewhat out of date – it looks as if it was drafted about 15 years ago!

I would draft a short agreement with the ultimate organisation incorporating all the relevant terms from this agreement (say) two hours' work £500 plus VAT.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Partner

w: www.surreyhillssolicitors.co.uk

296 High Street Dorking Surrey RH4 1QT

Surrey Hills
Solicitors

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 July 2019 16:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: red telephone box

A SIMILAR ONE WOULD BE DRAFTED
BETWEEN PTC + P/G DEFIB GROUP.

This agreement is made this _____ day of _____ 20____

The Buyer wishes to buy the Goods from the Seller and the Seller has agreed to sell the Goods to the Buyer upon the terms and conditions set out in this agreement.

In this agreement, unless the context requires otherwise:

'the Purpose' means []

'Buyer' means [

'Conditions' means the terms and conditions of sale set out in this agreement.

'Decommissioning' means (i) the disconnection of the Goods from the Seller's telecommunications network and (ii) the removal of the payphone, ancillary equipment and wiring from within the kiosk. 'Decommission', 'Decommissioning' and 'Decommissioned' shall be construed accordingly.

'Goods' means the telephone kiosk or kiosks as more fully described in the schedule to this agreement, which the Buyer agrees to buy from the Seller but excluding any telephony and ancillary apparatus.

“IP Rights” means all intellectual property rights in any part of the world, including but not limited to patents, copyright, design rights, trade marks, database rights, registered design rights and community design rights and shall include pending applications for any intellectual property rights.

'Notice to Complete' means a notice in writing by the Seller to the Buyer stating that in the Seller's reasonable opinion the Goods have been satisfactorily Decommissioned and are ready for delivery to the Buyer.

"Ofcom"	means the regulatory body whose duties are set out in the Communications Act 2003 and includes any replacement body or entity under equivalent or replacement legislation.
"Planning Acts"	means any relevant planning legislation in force at the date of this agreement, including the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (England) 2015 (and similar regulations in other regions), and any statutory replacement or modification of any of them.
'Price'	means the price for the Goods excluding any carriage, packing and insurance.
'Seller'	means British Telecommunications plc (company registration number 1800000 whose registered office is at 81 Newgate Street, London EC1A 7AJ).
'Universal Service Obligation'	means the obligations imposed upon BT by Ofcom in accordance with the EU Universal Services Directive.

2 Conditions applicable

- 2.1 These Conditions shall apply to this agreement to the exclusion of all other terms and conditions.
- 2.2 Any order for Goods shall be deemed to be an offer by the Buyer to purchase Goods pursuant to these Conditions.
- 2.3 Any variation to these Conditions (including any special terms and conditions agreed between the parties) shall be inapplicable unless agreed in writing by the Seller.
- 2.4 Where appropriate this agreement is entered into following written confirmation from the Buyer that an application for planning consent has been submitted for the Purpose.

3 Agreement, price and payment

- 3.1 The Seller shall sell to the Buyer the Goods and the Buyer shall purchase the Goods.
- 3.2 The Price shall be ONE POUND (£1.00) inclusive of VAT which shall be payable on the date of this agreement.
- 3.3 The Seller agrees that following the date of this agreement it shall Decommission the Goods.
- 3.4 The Seller shall be under no obligation to the Buyer to re-site, re-position, restore or repair the Goods. The Buyer acknowledges that it purchases the Goods in no better condition than they are at today's date, or than described in the schedule hereto.

- 3.5 For the avoidance of doubt the Seller is not selling the land beneath the Kiosk or any interest in it, nor shall the Buyer acquire that land or any interest in it under this agreement.

4. Decommissioning, delivery and acceptance

- 4.1 The Seller shall serve the Notice to Complete on the Buyer on or before the completion of the Decommissioning works in respect of the Goods
- 4.2 Delivery of the Goods shall be deemed to have taken place five working days after the day upon which the Seller sends the Notice to Complete to the Buyer. No further intimation is required.
- 4.3 The Buyer shall make all necessary arrangements to take delivery of the Goods following receipt of the Notice to Complete.
- 4.4 The Buyer shall be deemed to have accepted the Goods upon delivery.
- 4.5 After acceptance the Buyer shall not be entitled to reject the Goods due to their physical condition or due to any financial or statutory obligations (whether foreseen or not) imposed upon the Buyer as a result of this agreement or otherwise related to the Goods.
- 4.6 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer for late delivery of the Goods.

5 Post acceptance obligations

- 5.1 The Buyer shall own the Goods following acceptance and shall be responsible for all maintenance and repair of the Goods, which it shall do in accordance with:
- 5.1.1 Any industry or statutory guidelines and regulations relevant to the Goods in circulation or in force from time to time.
- 5.1.2 Any requirements, directions, rules or recommendations of Ofcom.
- 5.1.3 The Planning Acts.
- 5.1.4 Any planning consents relating to the Goods so far as they remain applicable.
- 5.1.5 Where the Buyer is a Registered Charity or Charitable Organisation, the Seller retains the right to re-claim ownership of the Goods if the Buyer loses its charitable status.
- 5.1.6 If planning for the Purpose is not granted within 12 months of the date of this agreement, the Buyer and Seller shall agree an extension of time of no more than 12 months to enable the Buyer to prepare and submit an appeal to the Department of Environment. In the event that the planning approval is not granted following submission of an appeal, or the expiry of time allowed to make an appeal without an appeal being made, then the Buyer shall at its own cost and expense:

(i) In the case of listed Goods:

- a. Clean, lock and maintain the goods in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph 5; or
- b. Apply to de-list the Goods

- (ii) In the case of non-listed Goods arrange for permanent removal of them at their own cost

5.2 The Buyer acknowledges that the Goods may have been painted with paint containing lead and accepts the health and safety risks which may be associated with its removal or maintenance. The Buyer also acknowledges that leaden paint may require specific maintenance procedures.

5.3 (a) Without affecting clause 6.3, the Buyer acknowledges that the kiosk may have a Class I light fitting and fuse spur(s) which do not meet current IP (ingress protection) rating requirements of BS7671 regulations for exterior electrical fittings. The Buyer accepts any health and safety risk with their ongoing use. The Buyer waives any claim against the Seller in respect of such matters. The Buyer also acknowledges that an upgrade to the light fitting and fuse spur(s) may be required which will be the sole responsibility of the Buyer. The Buyer may want to obtain an assessment from a qualified electrician.

(b) The Buyer agrees that the Goods are not intended to be used in any way by any person in the course of or in relation to their work. However, it agrees that, should a person at work do anything in relation to the Goods, it will take steps sufficient to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the Goods will be safe and without risks to health at all such times when it is being set, used, cleaned or maintained or otherwise interacted with by a person at work. In particular, the Buyer will ensure:

- (i) that the light is upgraded to a luminaire meeting Class 2 with IP rating of IP54 (or better).
- (ii) that the electrical supply housing is upgraded by replacing the spur units with IP66 type (or better).

The Buyer will employ an NICEIC registered electrician to review the installation, for the use it intends for the adopted kiosk, and carry out any required works in accordance with the then applicable regulations and standards.

The Buyer shall employ an NICEIC registered electrician to review the Goods for the use the Buyer intends, and for any required works. In addition, the Buyer will employ an NICEIC registered electrician for regular inspection and testing.

5.4 The Buyer shall indemnify the Seller in respect of any loss or damage it suffers in respect of any act or omission on the part of the Buyer or persons or entities authorised by it under or in relation to the

matters referred to in sub-paragraphs 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 or in respect of any claim by a third party in respect of such matters.

- 5.5(i) The Seller shall be under no obligation to the Buyer to maintain, repaint, repair or manage the Goods nor shall it be under any obligation to the Buyer to maintain or provide Call Box Services (as defined in the Universal Service Obligations) or telephony services from the Goods SAVE that where the Buyer has requested the Seller, and the Seller has agreed, to supply electricity, then the Seller shall supply that electricity (at the Seller's cost) to the REC (regional electricity company) fusebox sufficient for the operation of an 8 watt lightbulb or similar. The Seller may discontinue to provide that supply (and payment) of electricity at any time by giving the Buyer notice in writing.
- 5.5(ii) The Buyer is not permitted to connect any equipment to the power supply provided by the Seller without first obtaining the Seller's written agreement.
- 5.5(iii) If written permission is given by the Seller to the Buyer, in accordance with paragraph 5.5(ii) to connect defibrillator equipment to the electricity supply, the equipment must meet all appropriate safety standards as amended from time to time including, but not limited to, the requirements as set out at paragraph (a)-(d) below.

The Defibrillator Cabinet must be:

- (a) Class 2 IP rating 54;
- (b) Compliant to BS7671-416/417 in its construction;
- (c) Manufactured by a ISO 9001/2 certified manufacturer;
- (d) Protected by an RCD

- 5.5(iv) The Seller does not actively monitor the electricity supply to the Goods. Responsibility for ensuring a continuous electricity supply required to power any equipment installed within the Goods remains with the Buyer at all times.
- 5.5(v) The Buyer shall remain, at all times, responsible for the monitoring, maintenance and repair of any equipment installed within the Goods.
- 5.5(vi) The Buyer indemnifies the Seller in respect of all damages or losses which the Seller may incur, or any third party claims received by the Seller as a result of any breach by the Buyer of its obligations as set out in this paragraph 5.

5.6 From acceptance of the Goods the Buyer shall:

- 5.6.1 At all times display a sign in or on the Goods (clearly visible to anyone viewing or inspecting the Goods) that the Goods are the responsibility of the Buyer, do not contain a Seller payphone and are not connected to the Seller's electronic communications network.
 - 5.6.2 Take reasonable steps to inform the local public in the region or city in which the goods are situated that the payphone, ancillary equipment and wiring has been removed and that the Goods are the responsibility of the Buyer.
 - 5.6.3 Apply to the relevant authority or authorities for all necessary consents, licences, waivers, restrictions or determinations (if any) required for the Goods (including but not limited to consents granted under the Planning Acts and consents and licences under the Communications Act 2003 and any statutory replacement or modification thereof) and shall fully and without delay comply with any conditions or recommendations imposed by them made in respect of the Goods.
 - 5.6.4 Not sell, lease or license the Goods to a competitor to the Seller nor permit a competitor to install electronic communications apparatus (as defined in the Electronic Communications Code, in Schedule 3A of the Communications Act 2003 as amended from time to time) within the Goods and itself (as the Buyer) shall not install, provide or operate any form of electronic communications apparatus within the Goods.
 - 5.6.5 Release the Seller, insofar as it can do, from any obligation under the Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development) Order 1995 in respect of the Goods.
 - 5.6.6 Notify the emergency services that the Goods are no longer owned or maintained by the Seller and are now the property and responsibility of the Buyer.
 - 5.6.7 Indemnify the Seller in respect of any damages or losses which the Seller may incur as a result of any breach of the Buyer's obligations in this sub-paragraph 5.6 and in respect of any obligations imposed upon the Buyer under the Highways Act 1980 and the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 in respect of the Goods.
- 5.7 The Buyer waives any rights it may have against the Seller in respect of the Goods under the Communications Act 2003.
- 5.8 The Seller reserves the right and the Buyer grants such right, at any time from the date of acceptance of the Goods by the Buyer, to enter into or onto the Goods and any neighbouring land of the Buyer (but only to the extent necessary) to undertake works or to procure the undertaking of works to disconnect or cap-off the electricity supply to the Goods described above in paragraph 5.54, at the cost of the Seller and making good any damage caused to the Goods and the Buyer's neighbouring land as aforesaid to the reasonable satisfaction of the Buyer.

- 5.9 Not connect any equipment to the electricity supply referred to in Clause 5.54 without the express written agreement of the Seller.

6 Warranties and liability

- 6.1 All warranties, conditions or terms relating to fitness for purpose, quality or condition of the Goods, whether express or implied by statute or common law or otherwise are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 6.2 The Buyer acknowledges that the Seller is not in the business of selling the Goods and the Buyer will assume full responsibility to ensure compliance with any English Heritage requirements from the date of transfer of the goods.
- 6.3 The Seller makes no representations to the Buyer as to the Goods' quality, state of repair, safety, performance and fitness for purpose nor as to any apparent or latent defects. The Buyer shall take the Goods subject to any such defects and dilapidations (if any).
- 6.4 The Buyer agrees to the Decommissioning and, insofar as it is able, relieves the Seller of its obligations under Ofcom's Universal Services Obligations in respect of the Goods. The Buyer agrees not to object to Ofcom or any tier of local government to the Decommissioning of the Goods.
- 6.5 The Seller may supply the Buyer with a kiosk maintenance manual or other documents. Any recommendations or guidance therein shall not form warranties nor obligations of any nature upon the Seller.

7 Title and risk

- 7.1 Title shall pass on delivery of the Goods.
- 7.2 Risk shall pass on delivery of the Goods.

8 Limitation of Liability

- 8.1 When the Buyer accepts the Goods then the Seller shall have no liability whatsoever to the Buyer in respect of those Goods.
- 8.2 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer for late delivery of the Goods.
- 8.3 Except in respect of death any personal injury resulting from a negligent act or omission on the part of the Seller or anyone authorised by it, the Seller's liability to the Buyer for tortious and contractual damages shall not exceed the Price. The Buyer shall at all times use its best endeavours to minimise and mitigate its losses.
- 8.4 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer for any economic loss suffered by the Buyer as a result of it entering into this agreement.

- 8.5 The Buyer acknowledges that it has taken or has considered taking legal advice from a solicitor or counsel before entering into this agreement.

9 Intellectual property

No assignment or licensing of any IP Right is granted or made under this agreement.

10 General

- 10.1 This contract is subject to the law of England and Wales and the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.
- 10.2 The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision in this agreement, for whatever reason, shall not prejudice or affect the validity or enforceability of its other provisions.
- 10.3 The headings of this agreement are for reference only. No delay, neglect, forbearance by either party in enforcing any provision in this agreement shall be deemed to be a waiver or compromise of any right or rights unless made in writing.
- 10.4 In relation to the Goods, this agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.
- 10.5 A person who is not a party to this agreement may not enforce any of its terms under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
- 10.6 The Buyer shall not, disclose the existence of the Agreement in any journal magazine or publication or any other publicly available media or otherwise use the Seller's name or logos (including any trade marks) in any of its advertising or publicity material without the seller's prior written consent, which may be withheld or given in the Seller's absolute discretion.

SCHEDULE

THE GOODS – Specification and Description

Signed by [] for and on behalf of **BRITISH**
TELECOMMUNICATIONS plc

Signature

.....
Position (director/company
secretary/manager/attor-
ney/agent).

*If signing as agent or under a power
of attorney, please attach a copy of
the document giving authority.*

Signed by
as Chairman of **Parish Meeting** and Signature of Chairman
as trustee of the said **Parish Meeting**.

Signed by [] in his or her capacity as officer
of **Parish Meeting**

Signed by [] in his or her capacity as officer
of **Parish Meeting** Signature of Officer

Press release/website/social media – removal of payphone boxes

British Telecom have notified the District Council of its intention to remove telephone boxes at

- Ditton's road, Polegate
- Brightling Road, Polegate
- High Street, Polegate (near Kontour cycles)

The Town Council is required to make comments on whether it has objections to the removal or whether it wishes to adopt the box.

The Polegate defib group has requested that Polegate Town Council adopt two of the boxes on behalf of the group in order that they may provide two new defibrillators in the town at Ditton's Road, Polegate and Brightling Road, Polegate.

This will however leave only one public payphone within the town and that has also been marked for removal.

The council is due to make its decision for submission to Wealden District Council on Monday 29th July at the full council meeting, to be held in the council chambers from 7.30pm. Full details of the background papers will be available 3 days before the meeting.

Should you have any comments on whether a payphone is required at one of the locations, we request that you submit this in writing to the council in order that this may be circulated to councillors to assist in the decision making process. Alternatively, you may submit an email to admin@polegatetowncouncil.gov.uk to be circulated to councillors.

It is essential that these are submitted in writing to the town council, online/social media comments cannot be passed to council.



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- Recognised local authority (e.g. District/Borough Council)
- Parish/Community/Town Council or equivalent
- Registered charity



The Adopt a Kiosk scheme has been successful in transforming unused payphone kiosks and preserves the heritage of the red kiosk, particularly in rural locations. We allow red kiosks to be adopted, subject to certain criteria such as low use and those not required for our own future plans.

Kiosks are “adopted as seen” and we won’t make improvements to them ahead of adoption. We also won’t be able to move kiosks to another location. We occasionally allow modern kiosks to be adopted in rural areas if required for specific purposes (for example to house a defibrillator) where there are no red ones available. Should your request relate to a kiosk in an urban area, we will normally carry out an individual assessment to see if adoption is possible. Just let the Adopt a Kiosk team have details of the kiosk in question and they will be able to confirm availability.

We can’t allow private individuals (unless they own the land where the kiosk is on) to adopt kiosks but our supplier X2 Connect do sell them to interested parties. For further information and kiosk spares please visit <http://www.x2connect.com/>

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The growth of the mobile phone industry has inevitably meant phone box usage has dropped dramatically, and nearly half of the phone boxes in the UK have been removed, but there are still around 5000 red phone boxes which can be adopted.

“ But what does it mean, adopting a phone box? ”



We're giving communities the opportunity to get back in touch with their local phone box, to make them once again an asset that local people can enjoy. And that doesn't mean you have to make phone calls from them...

Thousands of people have already come up with a fantastic array of ideas to re-use their local phone box.

For instance, the Community Heartbeat Trust has installed defibrillators in disused phone boxes across the country.

'With something as serious as a cardiac arrest, time is of the essence. Unfortunately, ambulance services often can't reach country villages in time', Trust secretary Martin Fagan explained. 'To install defibrillators in disused phone boxes is ideal, as they're often in the centre of the village. And it means the iconic red kiosk can remain a lifeline for the community'.

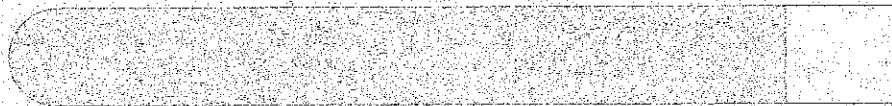
in Sharncliffe, 10 red phone boxes have been transformed into miniature art galleries, showcasing the work of local artists.

Take a look at the details of our Adopt a Kiosk scheme [here](#).

Download our Adopt a kiosk brochure.

It only costs £1 to adopt a phone box. Kick-off the process by filling out the form below.

So what would you do with your local phone box?



If the above criteria means you are eligible to apply and adopt one of our kiosks, please complete the registration details below.

Please ensure that each box on the form is fully completed as we will not be able to process or respond to any incomplete applications.

Your details

Adopting Body:

Please select an option

Adopting Body name e.g. Hispar Parish Council

Contact Name

Position held with adopting body e.g. Parish Clerk

Address

Email

Contact telephone number

Kiosk telephone number

Kiosk address

Charity number (optional)

If you are a Charity please enter your registration no.

Please add any comments (optional)







Adopt a Kiosk: how it works

Since we launched our Adopt a Kiosk scheme, more than 5000 communities across the UK have seized the opportunity to do something wonderful with local phone boxes that had little or no usage.

Here's how you can join them –

Apply to adopt

1. If you are interested in adopting a kiosk please complete your contact details below.

2. For information, here are the relevant contract agreement we will send you:

[Agreement for the sale and purchase of telephone kiosk\(s\) to a local authority in England or Wales](#)

[Agreement for the sale and purchase of telephone kiosk\(s\) to a local authority \(parish meetings\) in England or Wales](#)

[Agreement for the sale and purchase of telephone kiosk\(s\) to a local authority in Scotland](#)

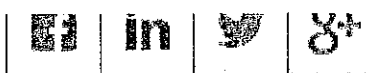
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[Agreement for the sale and purchase of telephone kiosk\(s\) to a local authority in Northern Ireland](#)

3. Buy the phone box from us for the nominal sum of £1.

If you're successful



4. We'll disconnect the phone in the box and take it away.

5. If there's a power connection to the box, you can keep that going for free or take it over yourself.

The legal stuff

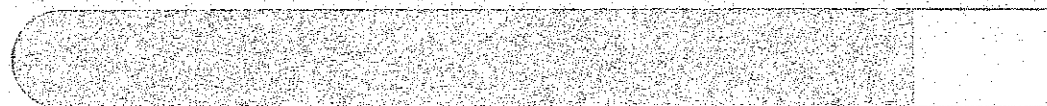
6. You'll buy the phone box as seen, with any and all physical defects. BT neither gives nor assumes any representations, warranties or conditions concerning the quality of the kiosk or its fitness for purpose.

7. The adopting community will be responsible for all support and maintenance of the kiosk and for any liability resulting from the kiosk or its use following completion of the transfer.

8. Once you've adopted the kiosk it's your responsibility to let the public know that we've removed the phone. To help you do this, download the relevant sign:

- [Sign in English](#)
- [Sign in Welsh](#)

Adopt a kiosk
Payphones services and kiosk spares



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Please select an option

Adopting Body name e.g. Hispar Parish Council

Contact Name

Position held with adopting body e.g. Parish Clerk

Address

Email

Contact telephone number

Kiosk telephone number

Kiosk address

Charity number (optional)

If you are a Charity please enter your registration no.

Please add any comments (optional)



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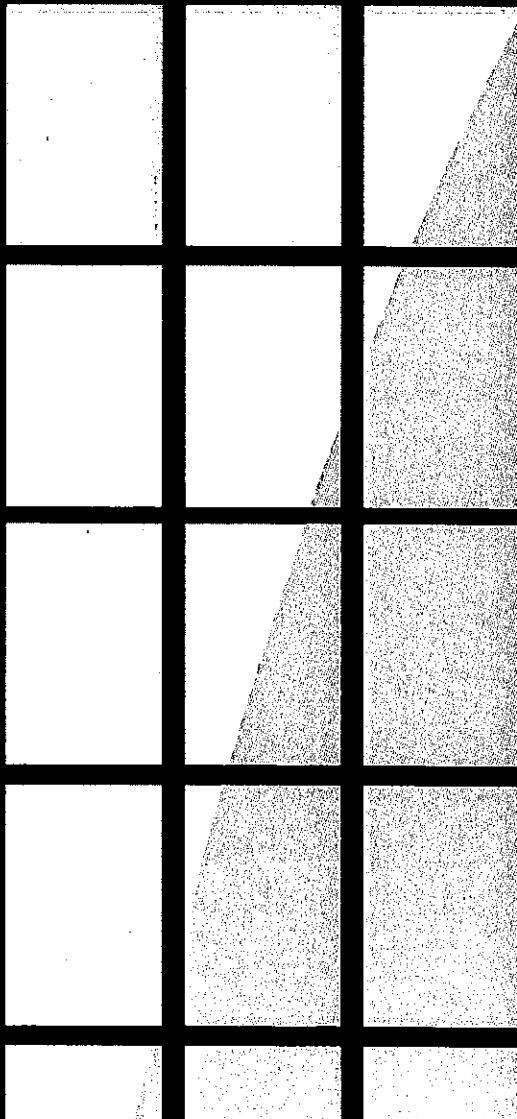
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- **Parish/Community/Town Council or equivalent**
- **Registered charity**
- **Private land owner. (Anyone who has one of our telephone boxes on their land)**

The scheme is not available to other individuals, community groups such as residents associations or commercial organisations.

The Adopt a Kiosk programme

Since the Adopt a Kiosk programme was launched, more than 5,000 communities across the UK have seized the opportunity to do something wonderful with local phone boxes that had little or no usage.

Often, BT phone boxes have stood for years as part of a town or village, and many members of the community are keen to avoid simply having the phone box removed, leaving an empty space where it once stood.

The growth of the mobile phone industry has inevitably meant phone box usage has dropped dramatically, and nearly half of the phone boxes in the UK have been removed, but there are still around 5000 red phone boxes which can be adopted.

So BT is delighted to give communities the opportunity to get back in touch with the remaining phone boxes – and make them once again an asset that local people can enjoy.

Thousands of communities already have come up with a fantastic array of ideas to re-use their beloved local phone box.

Phone boxes already adopted include a grocery shop, a wildlife information centre and the Community Heartbeat Trust charity has even installed defibrillators in some local phone boxes.

This pack is designed to inspire you as to what you could do with your local phone box, and give you some more information about how to get involved in adopting.

Whether it's something that would bring heritage and culture, a practical solution or just joy and inspiration to your community, BT would love you to consider adopting!

Saving lives with phone boxes at the heart of communities

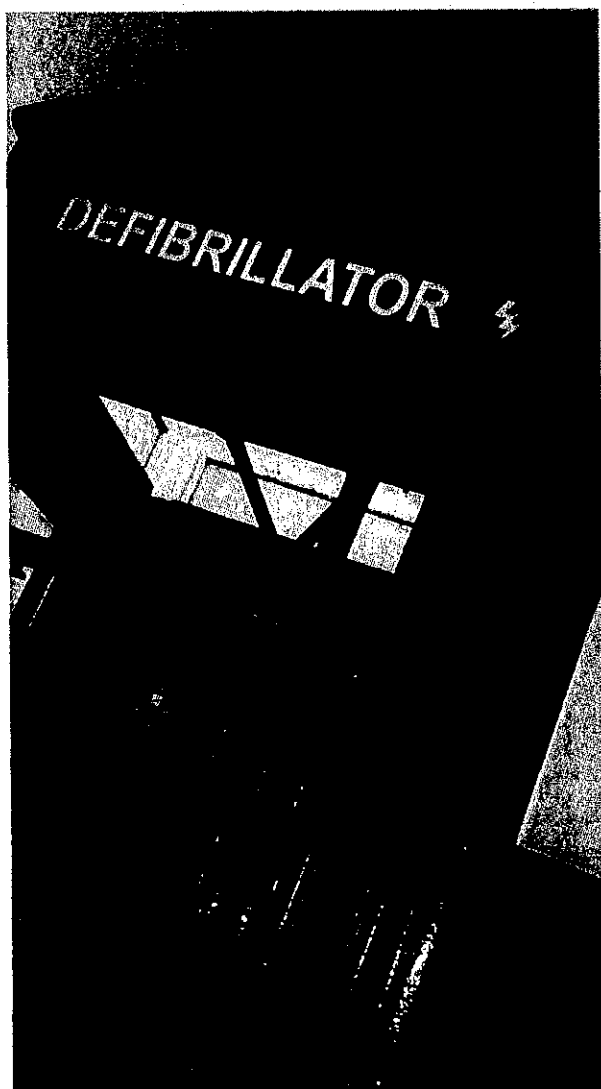
Up and down the country, the Community Heartbeat Trust is campaigning for redundant phone boxes to be turned into vital medical centres for local communities, including the installation of lifesaving defibrillators in the phone boxes.

From Aberdeen to Plymouth, working with BT, the charity has already installed defibrillators into a number of phone boxes, and is now inundated with inquiries from parish councils.

Trust secretary Martin Fagan said: "With something as serious as a cardiac arrest, time is of the essence, and unfortunately ambulance services often can't reach country villages in time."

"To install defibrillators in disused phone boxes is ideal, as they are often in the centre of the village and it means the iconic red phone box can remain a lifeline and focus the community."

"The take-up has been fantastic, and we hope many more people will adopt and choose our help to save lives in rural communities."



“To install defibrillators in disused phone boxes is ideal, as they are often in the centre of the village and it means the iconic red phone box can remain a lifeline and focus the community”

And here's how it can work...

When crowds gathered to watch the Tour de France stream through the little Essex village of Finchingfield, an adopted BT phone box played a major role in saving a man's life.

Parish clerk Kate Fox said: "A man suffered a heart attack while visiting Finchingfield to join the 8,000-strong crowd thronging the village that day.

"Fortunately, one of the ladies from the post office was on hand and her prompt action in using the phone box defibrillator to stimulate his heart before an ambulance arrived was certainly instrumental in saving his life.

"The ambulance crew worked on the patient for nearly hour to stabilise him before he was transferred to Basildon hospital by air ambulance."

The council is now planning to put another defibrillator in another BT phone box in the neighbouring parish of Great Bardfield.

"Anyone would be able to use the defibrillator in the event of an emergency," said Kate. "The devices are very intuitive with audio directions so, although training is beneficial, it's not essential."



Promenade of art as Cheltenham boxes clever

Ten red phone boxes in the centre of Cheltenham are being transformed into miniature art galleries.

The phone boxes have been a familiar sight in a pedestrianised section of the Promenade in the Gloucestershire town since the 1960s.

The go-ahead for their novel new use was approved at a meeting of the borough council's planning committee. Councillors

voted unanimously in favour of the idea and said they were pleased the phone boxes would remain a permanent feature in the town.

The phone boxes were removed to undergo renovations before being returned to the site where they now provide a showcase for the work of local artists.



Village phone box looks blooming lovely, thanks to littl'uns

Green-fingered tots have given a new lease of life to the Red phone box in the village of Minety, Wiltshire.

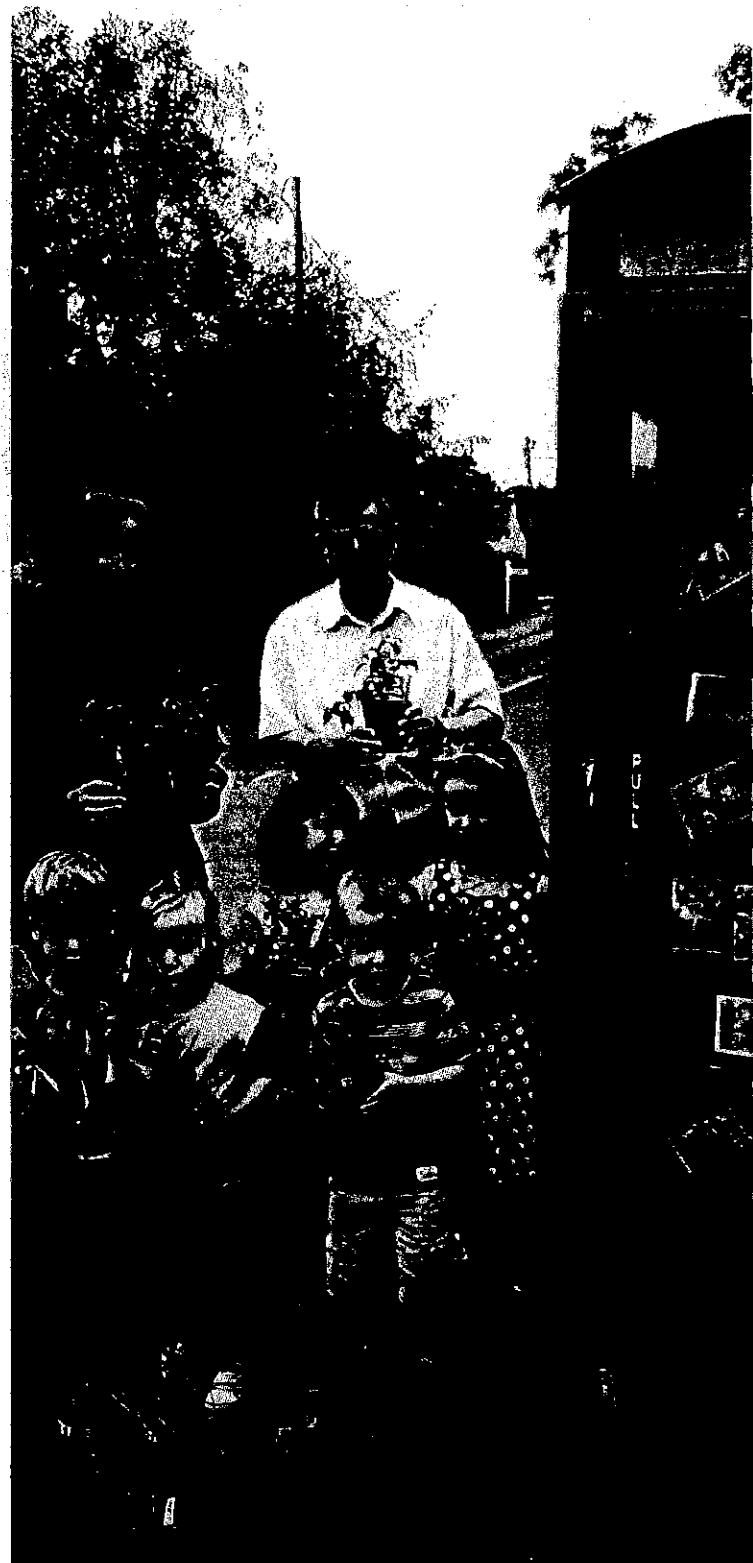
Adopted by the community, the phone box has blossomed as a pop-up plant shop where local pre-school children sell flowers and vegetables they have grown themselves.

The plant-growing initiative started as a fundraiser to earn £65 to buy red paint to smarten up the phone box but thanks to a request from Rob Hilliar of BT, who happens to be the deputy chair of the local parish council, BT volunteered to provide the correct shade of red paint.

Rob said: "The whole thing has been so successful, and such fun for the kids, that they are continuing their little enterprise.

"As plants sell, the shop is restocked and the children are also growing produce such as lettuce and tomatoes at customers' request.

"They've already raised more than £150 so far towards the pre-school funds."



Superstar Brian May opens exhibition in the world's smallest art gallery

Brian May had many great opportunities while he was part of legendary rock band Queen – but one of his most unusual involvements centres on a red BT phone box in North Yorkshire.

The phone box, which has been part of the market town of Settle for over 50 years, has been turned into a fantastic mini art gallery, and Brian was one of the big names behind the project due to his passion for photography and huge desire to bring some Bohemian Rhapsody to village and community life.

The community of Settle bought the phone box for £1 as part of Adopt a Kiosk box and turned it into one of the quirkiest art galleries in the country.

Curator Roger Taylor (no connection to Queen!) and Brian exhibited some of his beloved stereoscopic photographs, and the booth has also shown postcards, poetry, paintings and even fabric pictures.



Roger said: "The project has given the people of Settle a real sense of community and joy, and also helped to put our town of 4,000 people on the map."

"We were bursting with pride when Brian came to open the exhibition, and his lecture packed out our small village theatre."

"The effect on the local economy has been significant, with local holiday rentals and B&Bs even referencing the gallery on their websites as one of Settle's latest attractions."

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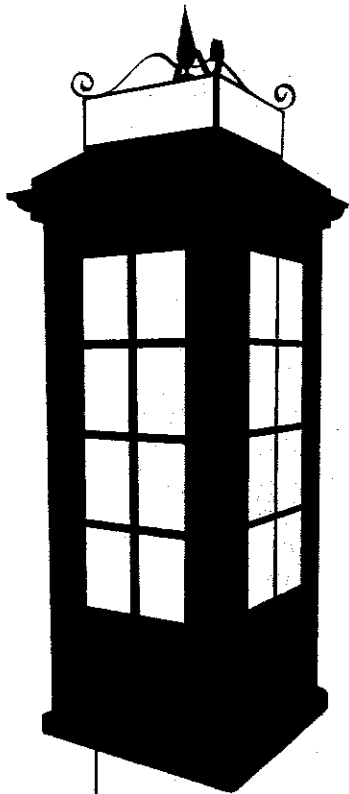




Adopt a Kiosk

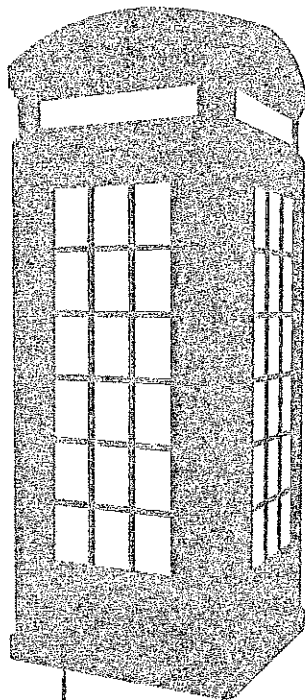
Great ideas brought together by communities just like yours, from across the UK

Phone box design timeline



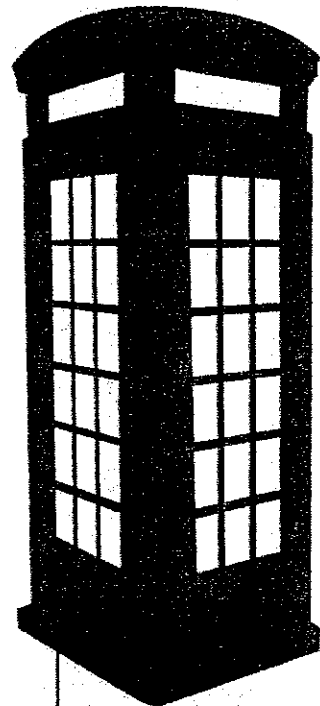
K1

Designed by
Somerville & Company
1920



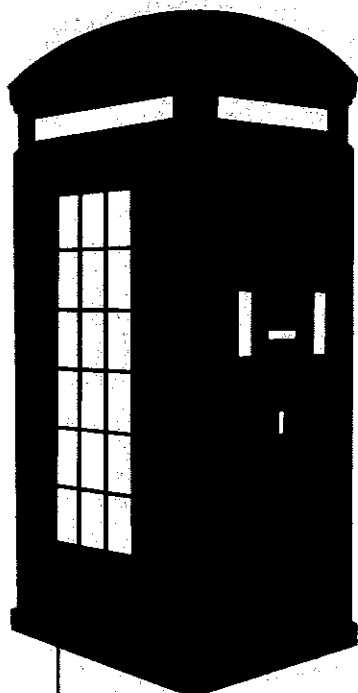
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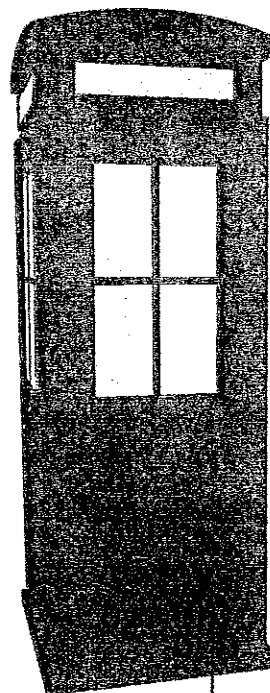
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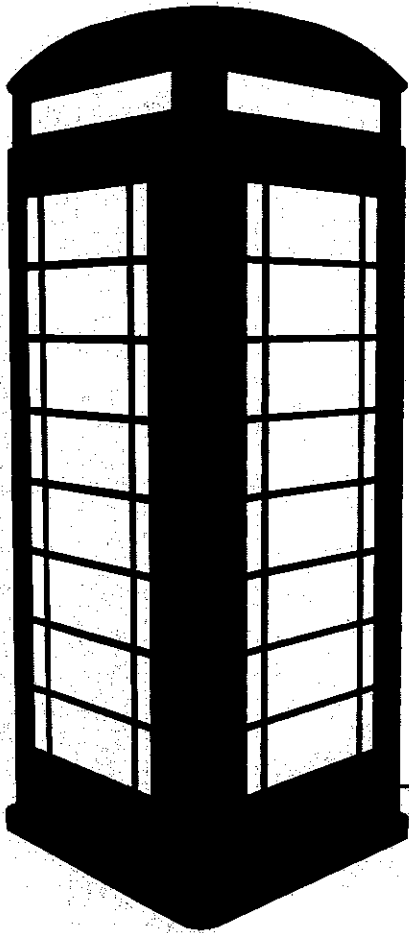
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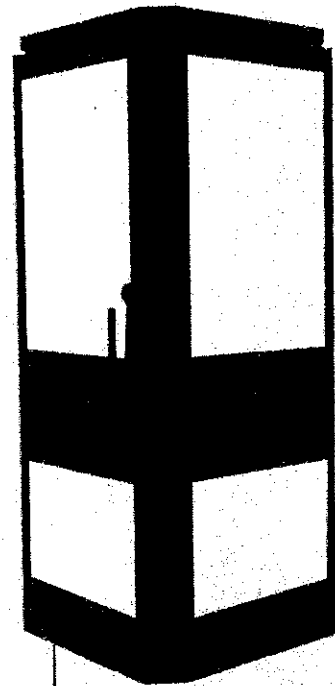
K5

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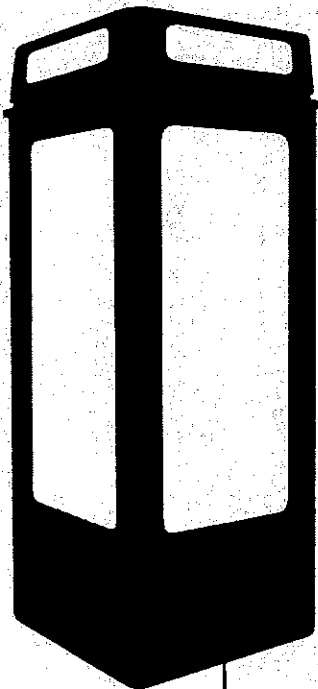
K6

Designed by
Giles Gilbert Scott
1935



K7

Designed by
Neville Conder
1959



K8

Designed by
Bruce Martin
1968



What will yours be?

Designed by your community

All you need to know about adopting

We would love you to adopt your phone box, and below are some of the key questions to help you make the decision for your community.

WHO can apply?

Any recognised local authority, parish/ community/town council, Registered Charity or any Community Interest Company throughout the UK or Scotland can apply to adopt their local phone box.

HOW much does it cost?

To comply with legal requirements, authorities will be required to purchase the phone box from BT for a £1. Where there is power present at the kiosk the Parish / Community / Town council has the option to take ownership of the power supply, or for BT to continue to supply the power free of charge on your behalf.

WHICH planning regulations which need to be complied with?

Any group who adopts a phone box must apply to the relevant authorities for all of the necessary consents to retain a phone box.

WHAT happens to the power connection?

Option1: BT Payphones will continue to be responsible for the electrical supply and any payments to the electricity companies for that supply. BT reserves the right to disconnect the electricity supply at some point in the future, however BT will contact the kiosk owner should this become necessary. Electrical equipment cannot be connected to the electrical supply unless agreed with BT.

At the point of adoption BT will ensure that the light will be working but from then on BT will only be responsible for the supply in to the kiosk to the point of the fusebox. Any future faults beyond this point will be the responsibility of the phone box owner.

Option 2: The customer can choose to take over the responsibility for the electricity supply. Customers choosing this option will have to apply for an MPAN number from their electricity company. Please contact us should you wish to choose this option.

WHAT is an MPAN number?

A Meter Point Administration Number or MPAN number is a 21 digit reference number, used across the UK to determine electricity supply points. Where the customer chooses to own the power connection for themselves BT will require the customer's un-metered MPAN number. The number is required to transfer the billing for a phone boxes power supply. Local power companies will be able to supply this. Please contact us if you require more information on how to apply for an un-metered MPAN number.

WHAT if the power supply has already been disconnected?

Where a power disconnection has already taken place BT will not refund any payments made or reconnect the supply.

WHAT is the annual electricity cost for a phone box?

If the customer chooses to transfer the electricity supply over to themselves BT has no control over what electricity companies will charge for providing an un-metered supply for the lighting. This will vary depending on the electricity company chosen.

CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER

The following provides an overview of the key requirements for any potential transfer. Please ensure that you also review the contract agreements.

Next steps

WHO TO CONTACT NEXT?

Please visit www.bt.com/adopt for more information

1. The adopting community must apply to the relevant authorities for any of the necessary consents to retain a phone box. This may involve planning consent depending on the Local Authority.
2. The phone box will be disconnected from the telecommunications network and the payphone equipment removed by BT.
3. Where a phone box is powered, the adopting community will have the option for BT to continue to supply the power free of charge or to take ownership of the supply for themselves. Please contact us should you wish to own the power connection for yourselves.
4. To comply with legal requirements, the adopting community will be required to purchase the phone box from BT for £1.
5. The phone box will be purchased with any and all physical defects. No representations, warranties or conditions concerning the quality or fitness for purpose are given or assumed by BT.
6. The adopting community will be responsible for all support and maintenance of the phone box and for any liability resulting from the phone box or its use following completion of the transfer.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU APPLY?

Once an application has been submitted, BT will handle the rest. It is that simple!

1. It is imperative that all the legal conditions contained within the "agreement for the sale and purchase of telephone kiosk(s)" are met. Only submit an online application when the contract can be signed and returned to BT.
2. Upon receipt of both the online application and a signed contract, BT will review the application.
3. BT will sign and return a copy of the contract for all approved applications, upon which the transfer process will commence automatically.
4. Upon completing the removal of the payphone equipment from the phone box, BT will forward a Notice to Complete to the adopting community. Ownership of the phone box will be automatically transferred within 5 days.
5. The phone box(es) will then be the property of the adopting community!
6. Some applications will require the permission of the Local Authority. BT will apply for permission in these cases, but this can take up to 90 days and acceptance cannot be guaranteed. In the event an application isn't approved BT will contact the adopting community directly.

Did you know...

- Any recognised local authority, parish/community/town council, parish meeting or Registered Charity throughout the UK or Scotland can apply to adopt their local phone box
- Since the Adopt a Kiosk scheme was launched in 2008, 4,000 phone boxes have been adopted
- Boxes have been turned into defibrillator kiosks, art galleries, book exchanges, exhibitions and information centres and even a pub!
- Every village that fits a defibrillator supplied by the Community Heartbeat Trust in their adopted phone box can receive a free paint kit from the British Coatings Federation to spruce up the box
- Villagers in Ambridge – in BBC Radio 4's long-running drama The Archers – have adopted their own phone box
- You can check easily online to find out if your local phone box is available for adoption, but even if it isn't then you can contact us to see what we can do for you.

If you would like to find out more about adopting a phone box,
Please visit www.bt.com/adopt for more information



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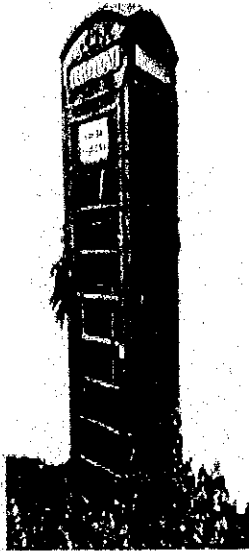


CONVERT A PHONE BOX

**SAVE A BRITISH ICON
& SAVE LIVES**



The famous Gilbert Scott designed K6 or Jubilee kiosk was launched in 1936 to celebrate King George V's silver jubilee. By the 1960's almost 70,000 kiosks could be found across the countryside, and whilst the public payphone service has undergone enormous changes since then, the traditional red kiosk had already forged itself as an iconic symbol of British life.



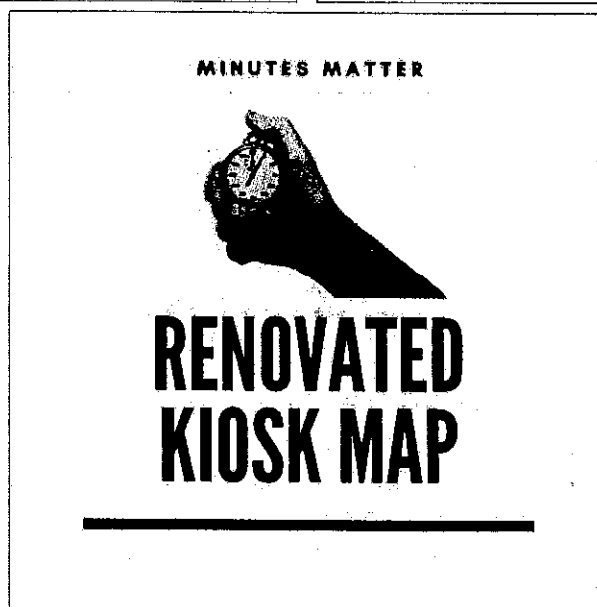
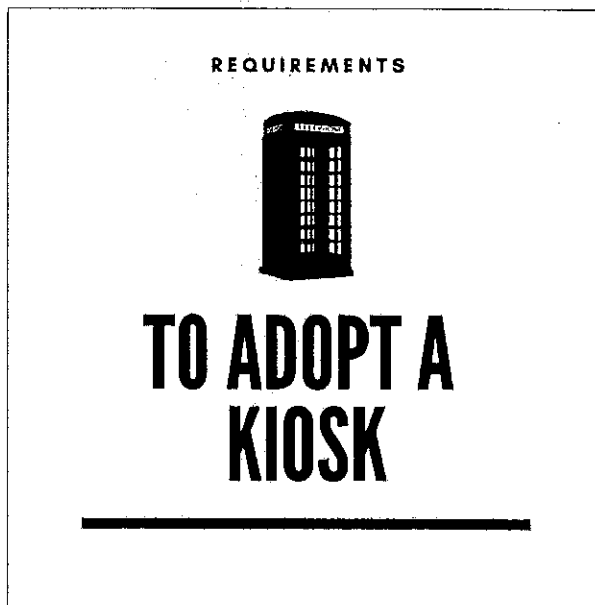
People use the public payphone service less and less these days. In order to maintain a social service where it is needed most, it has, in recent years, been necessary to reduce the overall number of public payphones on our high streets. Understanding that the red telephone box plays a significant part in our national heritage and in many cases forms a focal point for communities across the country BT is able to offer communities the opportunity to keep these kiosks.

BT and The Community Heartbeat Trust, are working together to help communities turn their adopted telephone boxes into local medical

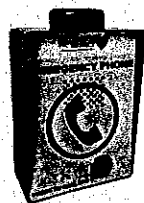
centres, by using them as homes for Public Access Defibrillators, storing the defibrillator in a well recognised, safe, weather-protected location. Adoption of the telephone box is £1 from BT. Documentation to adopt a kiosk is available from CHT via the adopt a kiosk button below or as a hard copy on request or from the BT website.

BT will provide free electricity for the first 7 years of the project for all CHT

projects. There is no automatic right to use the unmetered supply in a kiosk, only the 8 Watts in the adoption agreement for the internal light. Permission to connect to the electricity is required for adopted kiosks, either from CHT or from BT directly.



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system as a condition of CHT support. It is your responsibility to maintain the equipment in working order and to make sure the local ambulance service is aware of this. WebNoS makes this possible and also acts as an audit trail for management of the equipment. Sites provided by CHT and not using WebNoS may be disengaged from the ambulance service CAD systems. Any web site showing defibrillator locations is for information only, and should not be used in preference to dialling 999. CHT works in close cooperation with the UK ambulance services. Always dial 999 in an emergency

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For clarification
re Red box + Glass boxes...
ITEM 12B

Jo Ognjanovic

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 July 2019 09:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE Adopting the newer glass telephone boxes FAO Rick Thompson - payphone planning officer

Dear Jo,

The adoption scheme is primarily aimed at the red boxes. However, we will allow a modern style kiosk to be adopted if it is needed to house a defibrillator, but not for anything else unless it is in an extremely rural location, which they rarely are.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
BT Payphones

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[REDACTED] ass telephone boxes FAO Rick Thompson - payphone planning officer

Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

The town council has been requested to comment on three boxes in the Polegate area. A local defibrillator group has contacted us with a view to adopting a RED one and one of the glass ones (Ditton's Road). Before I finalise my report to full council, please could you let me know if they would be able to do this, as some of the correspondence we have gives conflicting advice 9some say only the red ones and some say any box.

Please can you let me know ASAP as if its only the red one I will need to inform not only the defib group but also council.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Town Clerk

[REDACTED]
Website: www.polegatetowncouncil.gov.uk



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Press release/website/social media – removal of payphone boxes

British Telecom have notified the District Council of its intention to remove telephone boxes at

- Ditton's road, Polegate
- Brightling Road, Polegate
- High Street, Polegate (near Kontour cycles)

The Town Council is required to make comments on whether it has objections to the removal or whether it wishes to adopt one or more of the payphone boxes.

The Polegate defib group has requested that Polegate Town Council adopt two of the boxes on behalf of the group in order that they may provide two new defibrillators in the town at Ditton's Road, Polegate and Brightling Road, Polegate.

This will however leave only one public payphone within the town which has also been marked for removal.

The council is due to make its decision for submission to Wealden District Council on Monday 29th July at the full council meeting, to be held in the council chambers from 7.30pm. Full details of the background papers will be available 3 days before the meeting.

Should you have any comments on whether a payphone is required at one of the locations, we request that you submit this in writing to the council in order that this may be circulated to councillors to assist in the decision making process. Alternatively, you may submit an email to admin@polegatetowncouncil.gov.uk to be circulated to councillors.

It is essential that these are submitted in writing to the town council, online/social media comments cannot be passed to council.

Press release sent out social media/website + boards for public to write in + comment.

BT no longer owns this kiosk.

The telephone equipment has been removed and the kiosk is owned and maintained by the local authorities.

The traditional red kiosk, or K6, plays a significant part in our national heritage.

The local community have chosen to retain this kiosk, thereby ensuring it can be enjoyed by generations to come.

The kiosk is the property of the local community who are now responsible for the upkeep and maintenance. In the event of a problem please contact your local council directly.

