

# The K6 Telephone Kiosk

This Telephone Kiosk has been adopted on behalf of the community by:

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The nearest operational public phone is at:

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In case of damage please contact:

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Designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in 1935, the iconic K6 telephone kiosk was introduced in 1936 to celebrate the silver jubilee of King George V.

By the 1960s around 70,000 of the kiosks were in use around the UK.

The 1930s design has become iconic across the UK, and is a recognisable part of the street scene. To preserve this, many are Grade II listed, including around 37 in Shropshire.

The K-Series design was voted the greatest British design of all time in 2015. (Samsung Galaxy S6 Great British Design Study, 2015)

The K6 kiosk is made from cast iron, with a timber door.

The K6 kiosk is easily recognised for its currant red colour scheme, but has also appeared in grey, yellow, green and cream.

Production of the K6 began in 1936, and ran until the early 1980s. The design was little altered during this period. Earlier kiosks featured the 'Tudor Crown' (**below left**). Under the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, from 1952 onwards new kiosks featured the 'St Edwards Crown' (**below right**).

This kiosk has been adopted on behalf of the local community. With the declining use of public payphones, BT began a scheme of payphone removals. The 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme was introduced in 2008, allowing for kiosks to be adopted and retained by communities, and new alternative uses found.

K6 kiosks have been re-used in a number of innovative ways, including as art galleries, coffee shops, libraries and to store defibrillators for the community. Some of these uses and others can be seen around Shropshire.

