

Hello – can you hear me?

I am a K6 Mk1 telephone box. I was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert-Scott, a renowned architect. Being a K6 I am a 'Jubilee Kiosk', commissioned to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of George V in 1935. I can't remember the exact date I came to Ullenhall, it would have been 1936 or 1937. I managed to get myself on a photograph of the village celebrations of the Coronation of George VI in 1937. I proudly display the Tudor Crown, changed on later models to King Edward's Crown when Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne.

When I came to Ullenhall I replaced an earlier model, the K1 mk236.

I haven't always stood on this spot. My predecessor was located outside the Post Office, just down the road from here, and I was placed there.

For many years I stood there. I have heard scores of conversations from villagers – appointments booked, family news, joy and sadness.

When the Post Office closed in 1978 a new home had to be found for me, so I was moved to my present place.

In my heyday I was very busy because few people had telephones at home. Although more people acquired home phones I was still of value to passing motorists, and teenagers wanting a private conversation! I couldn't compete with the mobile phone though and I had fewer and fewer visitors. I was decommissioned around 2010 and my telephone removed. However I was saved for the village, and here I stand - a classic British icon. Stand back and take time to admire for I am proud to be a K6 telephone box.

The pips are going
..... Bye!



Me in 1967

Key Features – the geeky bit!

This is an example of a Jubilee Kiosk – provided to every town & village with a Post Office. Introduced in 1936, it was to be Britain's standard kiosk for over 30 years. Around 60,000 were erected.

Tudor Crown – the royal crown motif from the Post Office crest. Later models (from 1953) have a different crown - St Edward's Crown.

The whole kiosk weighs about $\frac{3}{4}$ ton.



The door was repositioned when the telephone box was moved from outside the Post Office. The door is actually made of teak – the metal glazing bars & slow closing mechanism help to give the impression of weight.

Responsibility for the telephone kiosk was transferred from BT to the Parish Council in 2010 under BT's 'Adopt a Kiosk' initiative.

K6 Mk1 – symmetrical holes at the back near the bottom distinguish it from a K6 Mk2. The K6 Mk1 dates from 1936. In 1939 a Mk2 design was introduced as the Mk1 had problems with vandalism.



The Post Office introduced the K1 Mk236 in 1927 and it is likely that Ullenhall received its kiosk around that time. It was painted cream with red glazing bars and a red door.

