

The telephone box

Transforming the telephone box to a library just before lockdown in 2020 couldn't have come at a better time.

For many people it has been a blessing and I am amazed how much it has been used. I think on average 10 to 15 people visit it every day. The range of books donated have been phenomenal from several bibles to 9 copies of Fifty shades of Grey. Each week the telephone box is sorted, cleaned and sanitised.

Some weeks it has been overfilled and I fear at times it has become a dumping ground as people have been sorting their house contents out during lockdown.

If any of the books are considered to be unsuitable, I remove them. We have had tatty colouring books half used, and torn books. Some are so old and out of date so they too have been removed.

It is worth noting that the bin men will take books during recycling week in the smaller green bin. Alternatively, there is a book section at the tip. I spoke to someone who was collecting the books from there. It is pleasing to hear that the books are sorted and any worth selling go to charities and the rest are pulped to make new paper so at least they are not wasted

I suspect that the telephone box will continue to be regularly used.

It has become a real asset for the village.

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