

29/02/24 Email from a resident:

Hello

Our lovely red Phone Box in the centre of Melbourn is looking a little dishevelled with the broken glass - I wondered if it could be triggered with BT to have it repaired?

Then I thought further and wondered whether there would be any appetite to adopt it and convert to a book-sharing facility, like some of our neighbouring villages have done? My family and I would be happy to furnish it with some books to get it started, and pop some messages/articles in the Melbourn Parish magazine to test or generate some interest

Just an idea.

Clerk had already reported damage to phone box – received reply that BT would add this for engineer to attend as soon as possible. 07/03/24 – this is now fixed.

Clerk contacted BT and they have reported that 91 calls had been made from the phonebox in the last 12 months.

Notes:

<https://business.bt.com/public-sector/street-hubs/adopt-a-kiosk-scheme/>

Adopt a Kiosk

Turning old phone boxes into new community treasures.

A new lease of life

For just £1, more than 5,000 communities have turned our iconic red phone boxes into something that brings more value and enjoyment to local people - from libraries, to food banks, and defibrillators.

Who can adopt?

- Recognised local authority (e.g. District or Borough Council)
- Parish, Community or Town Council (or equivalent)
- Registered charity
- Private landowner with one of our phone boxes on their land