

Leaffield Red Telephone Box Project

Project consultation for usage and location of Leaffield's Red Telephone Box

You have, hopefully, over the past two years, seen publicity regarding the Leaffield Red Telephone Box Project in the Forest Edge News, Leaffield What's On, and the Village Website. Purchase and refurbishment costs have been met entirely by three fundraising events and donations; if necessary, further fundraising will be undertaken to build up a future maintenance fund.

The Leaffield Parish Council would now like the views of residents regarding the use and location of Leaffield's Red Telephone Box. Please answer the two questions below and provide any comments.

Due to Covid-19, an intended public consultation in the Village Hall will not be possible, so if you have any questions and comments that you feel you cannot express on this form, please call the Parish Clerk on 07756 333703 or email clerk@leaffieldparishcouncil.org to request a call back from a member of the Parish Council.



Did you know?

Sir George Gilbert Scott designed (with amendments by G.E Street) Leaffield's St Michael and All Angels Church as well as the Vicarage. His grandson, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, designed the K6 red telephone box. There were once more than 70,000 red telephone boxes in the UK, but now only about 9,400 remain, and Leaffield has one of them!

(Note, from the photo, that renovations for the telephone box have begun!)

1. How should the telephone box be used?

While many enthusiastic ideas for the use of the telephone box have already been collected during the past 18 months (at the 2019 Village Fete, the 2019 Village Garage Sale, the Music, Tea and Cake event in July 2019 and ongoing adverts in The Forest Edge News, Leaffield What's On and The Village Website), we are looking for more ideas and want ensure that all residents can have their say, as the telephone box will be with us for many years. Keep in mind that uses for the telephone box can change over time, based on what works and what doesn't, so please think outside of the box!

Ideas so far include:

- An enclosed village noticeboard to advertise events, things to sell, village businesses, etc. (on the solid side of the box where there are no windows)
- A swap / barter pin-up board
- Local history displays
- Leaflet with local walks
- A nature sightings board
- Storage for a badminton set and other games (to be played on The Greens)
- Space for artwork by local children and adults
- 'Take over the box month', an opportunity for local groups to promote their group for a month by displaying information or using it to fundraise.
- A small library
- Toy library
- A map of the village showing the names of houses

Note: Telephone boxes are often used to house defibrillators; however, we are fortunate to already have defibrillators at the village hall and outside The Fox pub, so we do not intend to use the telephone box for this purpose, and there is no electricity connection, which would be required. We have also had concerns expressed about vandalism and people using the box as a toilet. Speaking

with residents in other villages which have telephone boxes, has reassured us that this is not likely to be a problem these days, but if it became a problem, a lock could be put on the door.

Write your ideas and comments here (attach sheet of paper if more space is needed):

2. Where should the telephone box be located?

There are three proposed locations for the telephone box, all on the Greens:

- Location A: Next to the bench opposite Butchers Cottage.
- Location B: Next to the bench by The School entrance.
- Location C: Opposite the red post box at former bus stop.

Note: Leafield once had a red telephone box on the verge of the dirt track which leads to the Tump, just across the road from the primary school. There are some overgrown shrubs that mark this site. We have deemed this site neither practical, safe or easily accessible, so it is not an option.

At each location is a sign. On each sign is a picture of what it would look like if the telephone box were located there. These same pictures are on the village web site.

Please circle the letter of the location of your choice. One choice only, please:

A	B	C
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The location receiving the most votes will be chosen (subject to Parish Council confirmation and planning permission).

Write any comments here (attach sheet of paper if more space is needed):

Please complete the details below and return this questionnaire by **Monday 5th October 2020** using boxes in the **Village Shop** and **The Pearl Restaurant**, or call Deborah on 878035 to collect it.

Name		
Address		
Signature		Date

I agree to Leafield Parish Council retaining my details for the purposes of this public consultation and have the right to request modification or withdraw my consent at any time. Please tick ✓

To contact the Parish Council, email the Clerk on clerk@leafieldparishcouncil.org or ring 07756 333703.

Thank you for your support and involvement!