

## Grade II Listed K1 Telephone Box Restoration



The telephone box was installed in the early 1920's and is believed to be the last surviving K1 box still in daily use. As a 'building of special historic or architectural interest', this K1 telephone box was listed on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1986 by Lord Elton, the Environment Minister of the day, giving it Grade II status.

This telephone box is the property of Bembridge Parish Council and the telephone equipment remains the property of BT.

Grant funding was obtained from the Eastwight Landscape Partnership for the restoration and after some delays due to Covid, works began in June 2020.



These works included repairing door & all window frames, new glass, clearing off all old paint and repainting with heritage paints, all carried out by local tradesmen.

Parish Lengthsmen and Village Partnership Group members were involved with cleaning the box, the surrounding area and publicising the restoration.

Works were completed in September 2020, and Bembridge residents and tourists will benefit from the restoration and continued service of the telephone box, whilst saving a small piece of history for the Village and Country.

Thank you to George Archer, Duncan Spite, Richard Buckley Decorators and the Village Partnership for preserving this iconic Bembridge landmark.

