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Press Release

It is announced that a Wakes Colne Parish Initiative to reopen a redundant Telephone Kiosk is shortly coming to fruition. The traditional red Telephone Box as designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in 1935 has lain empty for a number of years having been purchased by the local Parish Council from BT for a pound.

Wakes Colne Councillor Stephen Scrase who is keen to retain what he describes as 'an iconic statement of public architecture believes that the kiosk has served the community well over the years but we now need to take it a stage further and after a little research proposed that the kiosk be offered to the local residents of Wakes Colne and Chappel as a Book Exchange. He added that if successful it will add another dimension to Village activity and is of the opinion that even in this age of hi-Tec people still wish to collect and read books'.

Having now completed some conversion work The Telephone Book Exchange will be officially opened by Elisabeth Borg Chairwomen of the very successful annual NSPCC Book Fair on Friday 21st November at 11.00am, all are welcome to attend.

The Book Exchange is a facility for both Wakes Colne and Chappel residents, and others, of all ages to obtain books free of any monetary charge by exchanging a book or books from your own collection. The Old Telephone box is being fitted out with book shelves featuring in time of around three hundred editions.

Councillor Scrase continued 'It is a simple scheme built on trust combined with the ability of Parishioners to act responsibly by supplying clean modern books of general interest. We are especially keen to introduce books to children and help start them on a lifetime of reading in an effort to expand their horizons beyond their normal daily offering of television and TV games. If we can achieve that then I believe it will be a wholly worthwhile exercise'.

Further information from Stephen Scrase 01787 222145.