



Listed Buildings/ Monuments

In

Compton Chamberlayne



K6 Telephone Kiosk/Box

Location - High St, Compton Chamberlayne (outside old Post Office)

Grade II - Listed 9th September, 1987

The red telephone box located on High St, near to Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery is a K6. The K6 was the sixth British Telephone box design, superseding its predecessors – K1, K2, K3, K4 & K5 (although the K5 never went into production).

In 1935 the K6 or “Jubilee” was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, to commemorate the silver jubilee of King George V. The K6 was the first red telephone box to be extensively used outside of London & many thousands were deployed in virtually every town and city, replacing most of the existing kiosks and establishing thousands of new sites. Around 60-70,000 “Jubilee” – K6 telephone boxes were installed around the UK, between 1936 to 1968, when the K6 ended production.

The K6 was constructed of cast iron with a teak door, 8ft high & 3ft wide, with a domed roof. Three sides of the kiosk were glazed, with eight rows of three panes of glass – the central pane of glass being wide with two outer panes being narrow.

Some 2,500 examples of K6 have been granted “Grade II listings”.

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