

Wick Village Update Telephone box

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Did you Know this is one of the oldest Telephone boxes in Bournemouth, as you can see its in need of some restoration and hasn't been working for some time.

The residents of Wick have applied to adopt the box to restore and repurpose it as a community book swap and notice board.

BT have stated that we meet the criteria to apply as a registered charity, supported by our local Councillors (SWAT) however, due to the poor signal area in Wick, this is not a phone box on the list for adoption.

We have reported the fact that it is not working and asked for a site visit by BT to assess the box. It is hoped that this will ensure that it is repaired, if BT are concerned about coverage. We have also asked that the box is restored as it is corroded and needs repainting, ideally before the winter. We have offered the services of Wick residents to help with this, and we are awaiting a response, we will keep you updated.

About the SWAT

We are all aware of the constraints and demands on local council funding, so, this is an ideal time to forge an active partnership between BCP, residents and SWAT members.

Our local councillors, Bernadette Nanovo and Judy Richardson, have set up Southbourne Wick and Tuckton actions groups (SWAT) to galvanise local communities and businesses to make a difference where they live.

Please get signed up to the SWAT mailing list <u>Bernadette.nanovo@bcpcouncil.gov.uk</u> to keep up to speed and share information with any local interested parties.

This initiative will be one of many to improve our shared and green spaces in our local area. So far we have cleaned Wick Pond (in collaboration with BCP and the amazing HH Volunteers), completed a street clean in Tuckton Parade and have a Action day planned for the 23/11/24 10:30-13:00 Wick Green Tidy up in preparation for Lights and Carols on the Green.

If you can spare some time to help in this community effort, we look forward to seeing you at 1030 on Saturday 23rd November at Wick Green.

Thank You- The Wick Warriors