

LETTER BOX BIBLIOGRAPHY: AN UPDATE...

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Since producing the Bibliography published in issue 131 of the Newsletter, I have stumbled across several additional publications in existing categories. I have also added a new category containing multi-media and some useful general street furniture books relating to the UK and Ireland to help put letter boxes in context with the many other items that they share the pavement with. In addition, there are now brief details of where to find letter box Patent Applications online.

The good news is that the PDF publications listed below are free to anyone with access to a computer, but, as with all internet websites, documents can be short-lived in their availability, so it is recommended that copies are downloaded as soon as convenient to avoid any subsequent disappointment.

If any member can add to this Bibliography, do please get in touch with our Editor because there are bound to be other publications that I have not yet come across, as the need for this update so soon after the initial listing proves.

BRITISH POSTBOXES

Royal Mail Letter Boxes: A Joint Policy Statement by Royal Mail and English Heritage

Paperback: 8 pages. Publisher: English Heritage, UK (2002). ISBN-10: None. ISBN-13: None.

Also now available as a PDF download by going to www.helm.org.uk and entering "letter boxes policy" in the search box at top right of screen and clicking on the relevant result.

BRITISH AND IRISH STREET FURNITURE

These books are not completely about letter boxes, but serve as a useful guide to all aspects of street furniture that can be seen in the UK and Eire, of which the letter box forms just a part of course. Many other publications exist of unknown/varying relevance, so look for "street furniture books" in your favourite search engine and decide whether you wish to purchase.

Cork City: A Field Guide to its Street Furniture by Tom Spalding (Author)

Paperback: 96 pages. Publisher: Finchfortune, Ireland (2009). ISBN-10: 0956194907. ISBN-13: 978-0956194909.

Hard Furnishings: Street Furniture (Everyman Pocket Guides) by Peter Ashley (Author)

Paperback: 80 pages. Publisher: Everyman's Library, UK (2002). ISBN-10: 1841590843. ISBN-13: 978-1841590844.

Pillar to Post: Street Furniture in Britain by Henry Aaron (Author)

Hardback: 192 pages. Publisher: Frederick Warne Publishers Ltd, UK (1982). ISBN-10: 0723227624. ISBN-13: 978-0723227625.

Street Furniture Selection Guide, 2007 by Unrecorded (Author)

Visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/upload/pdf/Street_Furniture_Selection_Guide.pdf to download a nine page document from English Heritage that contains a useful introduction to the overall subject, together with a Select Bibliography. Note: There are TWO underscores between the words Selection and Guide in the URL. Use just one and you will not open the document!

Street Furniture: Shire Album 47 by Henry Aaron (Author)

Paperback: 32 pages. Publisher: Shire Publications, UK (Second edition, 1987). ISBN-10: 0852638647. ISBN-13: 978-0852638644.

Vanishing Street Furniture by Geoffrey Warren (Author)

Paperback: 159 pages. Publisher: David & Charles, UK (1978). ISBN-10: 0715374826. ISBN-13: 978-0715374826.

'FOLK ART' POSTBOXES

Rural residents using unique postbox designs to help express their individuality.

Kia Ora: A Love Affair with Kiwi Letter Boxes by Chrissie Ward (Author)

Paperback: 80 pages. Publisher: New Holland Publishers (NZ) Ltd, New Zealand (2006). ISBN-10: 1869661400.
ISBN-13: 978-1869661403

FOREIGN POSTBOXES

Letter Boxes in Malta. Study Paper Number 12 by R E Martin (Editor)

Paperback: 17 pages. Language: English. Publisher: Malta Study Circle, UK (1992). ISBN-10: None. ISBN-13: None. Available as a PDF on the internet by visiting www.maltastudycircle.co.uk/studypapers.htm and choosing option 12. The file is encrypted and it is therefore not possible to copy or print directly from it, but it may be stored on your computer and viewed on screen. Hard copies are available for an undisclosed small fee from the MSC.

R.F.D. Country! Mailboxes and Post Offices of Rural America by B&S Thornbrook (Authors)

Paperback: 96 pages. Language: English. Publisher: Schiffer Publishing Ltd., USA (1989). ISBN-10: 088740121X.
ISBN-13: 978-0887401213.

LETTERBOXING

An outdoor hobby that combines elements of orienteering, art and puzzle solving.

It's a Treasure Hunt! Geocaching & Letterboxing by Unrecorded (Author)

Paperback: 128 pages. Publisher: Cq Products, UK (1999). ISBN-10: 1563832682. ISBN-13: 978-1563832680.

The Letter Boxer's Companion by Randy Hall (Author)

Hardback: 112 pages. Publisher: Globe Pequot Press, UK (2003). ISBN-10: 0762727942. ISBN-13: 978-762727940.

MULTI-MEDIA

CD-ROM: The Letter Box, version 2.2 by Royal Mail, Film, Video and Multimedia Unit

Origins: UK (1998). Synopsis: An interactive program about the design and history of the British letter box.

Film: Letterboxes - The Inside Story by Catherine South (Writer, Producer and Director)

Origins: Australia (1988). Duration: 18 minutes. Synopsis: Behind every letter box there lies a story. This informative and (apparently) hilarious documentary looks at the suburban phenomena of letter boxes (presumably in Australia?).

PATENT APPLICATIONS

There are Patent Application documents for Post Office or household letter box designs available on the internet, including many for sale at www.amazon.co.uk, but some are also available at other sites for free. It is suggested that you enter "Patent letter boxes", and the many variants (pillar box, mailbox, etc) into a search engine and analyse the results. □

Again your editor has cause to thank Glenn Morgan, on this occasion for his work in compiling this update to the NL131 letter box bibliography; your editor believes that the LBSG Newsletter should aspire to be a journal-of-record and contributions such as this are invaluable.

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Helen Crabtree is still needing photographs from our Meetings at Derby on the 2nd October 2004 and Maidstone on the 15th March 2008. If you can help her, please contact her at the address or email on page 47.