

February, 2025

Project: Phone Box Painting

St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council purchased the St Nicholas phone box in 2019 for £1. In 2020 it was utilised as a collection hub for toiletries and essential items for people trapped in hospitals without supplied. It has subsequently been used as a library with people using it from Cardiff, Llancadle, and our own community.

As the phone box is listed, car must be taken when work is carried out to maintain it. It has been a struggle to find a contractor willing to undertake the work.

Work required

- A schedule of works must be agreed with the Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Officer and contractor.
- The library must be temporarily removed. Volunteers?
- All glass must be removed and all paint must be stripped.
- An undercoat and two further coats of the appropriate paint must be applied.
- Glass must be replaced with new putty, any damaged or broken panes, bolts, etc. replaced.
- The library will be returned to the former phone box.

Work done

A contractor has been contacted and quoted, with work pencilled in for spring 2025.

Quotes

One contractor has recently quoted with a view to do the work in 2025. The contractor painted the grade ii listed phone box in Llancarfan in 2024. The quote is significantly less than an obsolete quote from 2020. There are no plans to obtain further quotes for the specialist work.

Time of works

The contractor is available in spring 2025.