



Adopt a phone box for £1!

Communities are being invited to adopt one of BT's famous red telephone boxes. Due to increased mobile phone use, the telephone boxes are no longer being used to make calls. Across England, over 3,000 phone boxes are up for grabs as part of the Adopt A Kiosk scheme and hundreds more are available in Wales and Scotland.

So far, the old phone boxes have been given a new lease of life by being converted into mini-libraries, tiny art museums, information centres and cake shops. One in Devon is a very small nightclub and they are also being used to house defibrillators (a machine that starts the heart beating normally again after a heart attack).

Katherine Bradley, who works for BT said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for communities to own a piece of history. The opportunities are endless, and we've already seen some amazing transformations."

Have you seen any converted phone boxes? Let us know!



Pictured: A typical red telephone box that is now used as a book exchange.

Antidote found to Box Jellyfish sting



Pictured: A typical Box Jellyfish taken from the University of Sydney's Twitter page.

Researchers at the University of Sydney have discovered an antidote to the sting delivered by the most venomous creature on earth: the Australian Box Jellyfish. They uncovered a medicine that blocks the symptoms of the jellyfish sting if administered to the skin within 15 minutes after contact.

The most dangerous jellyfish in the world is called 'Box' because of the cube-like shape of their bell.

The light blue jellyfish has about 60 tentacles that can grow up to three metres long. Each tentacle has millions of microscopic hooks filled with venom. The Box Jellyfish has 24 eyes!



Transplant kidney delivered by drone



Pictured: The drone safely landing at the medical centre taken from AirXOS's Twitter page.

A donor kidney has been delivered to surgeons at the University of Maryland Medical Centre via drone, in the first flight of its kind.

The three-mile journey required a lot of new technology: a custom-made drone capable of carrying the extra weight of an organ, the ability to maintain and monitor the kidney, on-board cameras, communications and safety systems. It also had a parachute recovery system in case the aircraft failed.

"This whole thing is amazing," the unnamed patient said. "Years ago, this was not something that you would think about."

It is hoped that this success will lead to longer flights so patients can receive their new organs safely and quickly.

Beavers given protected status in Scotland!

Wildlife organisations have welcomed new laws making beavers a protected species in Scotland. It is now illegal to kill beavers or destroy established dams and lodges without a licence. There are currently about 450 beavers in Scotland, they were reintroduced to Scotland's waterways a decade ago.

Scottish Wildlife Trust chief executive, Jo Pike, said beavers were "unrivalled as ecosystem engineers." She also said, "Granting beavers protected status is an important milestone for the return of the species to Scotland's lochs and rivers. It follows decades of work by countless organisations and individuals to demonstrate the positive impacts that beavers can have."



Pictured: A typical beaver.

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