

New role for old telephone box

MP praises initiative

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CRAFTHOLE'S new tourist information centre may well be the smallest in the country – but it is packed with details that visitors to the area might need.

When the chance came to purchase the former telephone box from British Telecom for just £1, Sheviocck Parish Council took the opportunity to retain the red kiosk for use by the village.

Resident Margaret Bass came up with the idea of using the box to house information for the many tourists that visit each year – and the work of converting it was completed by Robin Mathias.

Mrs Bass performed the official opening ceremony at the telephone box on Saturday, watched by residents and South East Cornwall MP Sheryll Murray.

Mrs Murray congratulated the village on giving a 'British icon' a new lease of life.

She said: 'I would like to thank the parish council chairman, Councillor Chris Kennedy, for the invitation to see for myself this innovative use for what is a very iconic piece of British street furniture.'

'I am glad that the old phone box has not been lost to the village and I hope this will help local businesses to get trade from visitors.'

'It is a very useful 24-hour source of information for people coming into the area.'



MARGARET Bass and Robin Mathias are pictured at the former telephone kiosk