

Historic Post Office Vehicles



19th Century Post Office “Penny-four-farthings”



Royal Mail “Quad-cart”

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A Post Office Tricycle (circa 1920)



A Morris Minor van at Rickmansworth (1934)

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A Morris 'C' type with streamlined body to publicise the Air Mail service



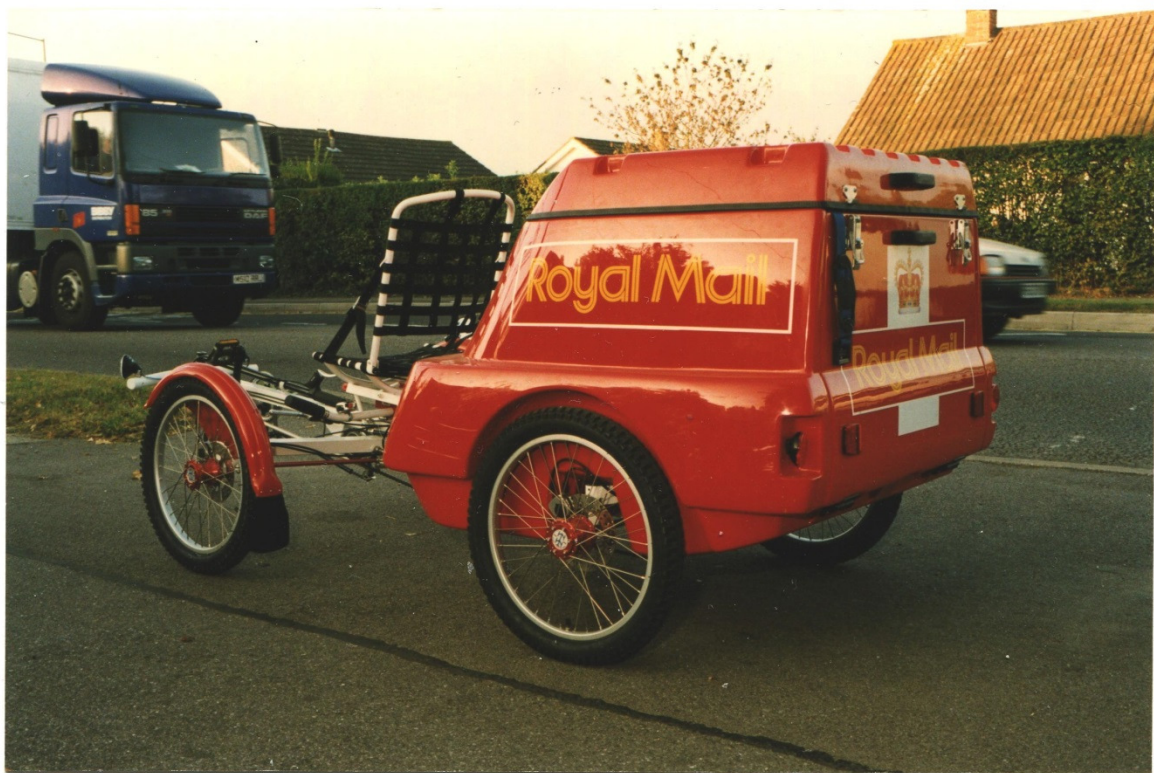
A Morris 'J2' 7-seater Postbus near Honiton in 1967

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In 1997 in the Ferndown area the Royal Mail trialled a new type of delivery vehicle – called the 'BROX'.

The four-wheeled vehicle was capable of carrying up to a quarter of a ton of mail. It had seven gears, hydraulic disc brakes and independent suspension. It was designed to go up hills and steps with ease. It was pedalled like a bicycle but it could also be converted to a trolley in pedestrianised areas.

It was the only vehicle of its kind in use by Royal Mail. It was trialled for only a very short period and the concept rejected.



The 'BROX' at Ferndown (Oct. 1997)

1967 – The Royal Mail Postbus

In the UK, postbus services operated by Royal Mail began in 1967 to replace rapidly declining local bus and rail services in rural areas and provide a community service.

In 2006, more than 200 services were operated by Royal Mail, often only once or twice a day but in some areas they were the only available form of public transport.

In April 2009, the Royal Mail ended its postbus services in much of the Scottish Highlands and Islands region. From April 2016, the only postbus remaining in operation is Route 134 in the Highlands region.



Royal Mail Postcard of a Post Bus – 1995 era

Mobile Post Offices

During the last 10 years, over 3000 post offices have closed. This has left many rural areas without any service. However, this shortfall is being filled in some rural areas through the introduction of 'mobile post offices'. On-line transactions are made via a cable that connects to a telegraph pole. 14 such vehicles are planned for the 2nd half of 2016.



Mobile Post Office Timetable

Below is the timetable for the Evesham Mobile Post Office service which started in 2014.

<div><div>POST OFFICE</div><div>SWYDDFAR POST</div><div>OUTREACH SERVICES</div></div>		
EVESHAM MOBILE OUTREACH SERVICE		
MONDAY	Wilmcote Claverdon Bretforton	09:30 – 11:30 12:15 – 14:15 15:00 – 16:30
TUESDAY	Elmey Castle Forthampton Ashton U Hill Wilmcote	09:00 – 10:00 10:30 – 11:30 12:30 – 13:30 14:00 – 16:00
WEDNESDAY	Wilmcote Claverdon Bretforton	09:30 – 11:30 12:15 – 14:15 15:00 – 16:30
THURSDAY	Elmey Castle Forthampton Ashton U Hill Wilmcote	09:00 – 10:00 10:30 – 11:30 12:30 – 13:30 14:00 – 16:00
FRIDAY	Wilmcote Willersey Bretforton	09:30 – 11:30 12:45 – 14:45 15:00 – 16:30

Mobile Post Office – Philatelic Items

Below is a certificate of posting from the Evesham Mobile Post Office. Horizon labels with branch codes ending in '444' identify these offices.

Certificate of Posting

This is a receipt for 1st and 2nd Class inland letters and ordinary overseas items sent by Air or Surface mail.

Keep it safe – if you need to make a compensation claim you will need to produce this certificate.

1st or 2nd Class post should not be used for sending money or valuable items – use Special Delivery™.

If sending money or valuables overseas, please ask at your local Post Office® branch for advice on the best service to use.

Please write the name, address and postcode for each item you're sending in the box below (in ink).

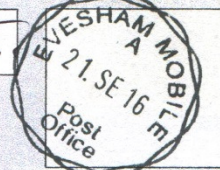
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