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## INTRODUCTION OF KING EDWARD VIII PILLAR BOX

In celebration of World Post Day on Friday 9 October 2015, the Royal Gibraltar Post Office (RGPO) announces the introduction of its latest pillar box, a King Edward VIII, to be located outside the Heritage Building at the John Mackintosh Square.

The Edward VIII pillar box, known affectionaltely as "TEDDY", completes Gibraltar's heritage pillar box collection. The RGPO now owns at least one example from each of the reigning Monarchs since letter boxes were established during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Teddy was "rescued" in the UK last year under auspices of the Royal Marine Commandos and paraded in Gibraltar along Main Street during their 350<sup>th</sup> celebration weekend last October. There are no other Edvard VIII pillar boxes deployed outside the United Kingdom and only some 75 remain operational there.