

WIVENHOE TOWNSCAPE FORUM: LOCAL LIST RECORDING SHEET AREA E

ADDRESS Post Office, 50 High Street, Wivenhoe (Post Boxes)

POST CODE CO7 9AZ

WARD

Cross

Quay

CONSERVATION AREA

YES

NO

MAP REFERENCE TM038216

PHOTOGRAPH

YES

NO

DATE OF ASSET Post 1952

TYPE OF ASSET Building Group Landscape Vista **Item** Other (please specify)

DESCRIPTION

Two Elizabeth II pillar post boxes, one fat and one thin. Standard Type B in two sizes probably manufactured by Carron Company of Carron near Falkirk.



HISTORY AND CONNECTIONS

Known locally as 'Laurel and Hardy', the boxes were moved from their original location outside the Old Post Office on the corner of the High Street and Queens Road (68 High Street) to their present location outside the Post Office on the High Street.

RESEARCH SOURCES

Farrugia, J. Y., *The Letter Box: A History of Post Office Pillar and Wall Boxes* (1969).

www.wivenhoe.gov.uk/history/laurel_and_hardy.htm

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CRITERIA: HIGHLIGHT IN BOLD AS APPROPRIATE

ARCHITECTURAL VALUE A++ (very high) A+ (good)

T-F (timber-framed i.e. C18th or earlier)

?T-F (timber-framed – needs investigation)

HISTORIC VALUE H++ H+

CONDITION C++ (complete with no inappropriate alterations/extensions)

C+ (largely complete)

C (good or restorable)

OTHER VALUES I = iconic value H = contribution to the historic area in which it stands

P = prominence Q = quiriness R = local rarity S = sustainability

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