

British postal system to launch parcel postboxes
英国将推出可收包裹的红色邮筒

英国皇家邮政宣布，将推出可接受包裹的邮筒。只要提前通过皇家邮政官网的贴标签服务支付了邮资，顾客们就可以像寄信一样邮寄包裹。

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英国首批公共信箱出现于 1850 年代初，推出大约 20 年后才被改成亮红色的。

That design has remained almost **unchanged**, until now.

当初的设计一直被延续至今，几乎未作改变。

After a **pilot** last year, the Post Office has decided to **roll out** new **wide-mouth** boxes which can take parcels.

经过去年的试点，英国邮政局决定推出可收包裹的新型宽口邮筒。

1,400 of the new boxes will be **installed** at 30 locations across the UK, including in Aberdeen and Cardiff, Belfast and Truro.

1400 个新邮筒将被安装在英国上下 30 个地点，包括阿伯丁，卡迪夫，贝尔法斯特和特鲁罗。

1. 词汇表

letterboxes	投信口, 邮筒
unchanged	没有变化的
pilot	试行计划
roll out	推行、推出
wide-mouth	宽口的, 广口的
installed	被安装、被放置

2. 阅读理解: 请在读完上文后, 回答下列问题。(答案见下页)

1. What did the Post Office do before they decided to roll out the new postboxes?
2. What happened approximately 20 years after the first letterboxes were introduced in the UK?
3. Why are these new postboxes different from the original ones?
4. How many places across the UK are these new parcel postboxes being installed?

3. 答案

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2. What happened approximately 20 years after the first letterboxes were introduced in the UK?

The UK's first public letterboxes began appearing in the early 1850s but it was only 20 years later that they were produced in bright red.

3. Why are these new postboxes different from the original ones?

These new postboxes have wider mouths so that parcels can fit in them.

4. How many places across the UK are these new parcel postboxes being installed?

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