

# elephonic youth

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project is telling the untold history of young people's telephone cultures as phone technologies revolutionised over the 1980s and 1990s.

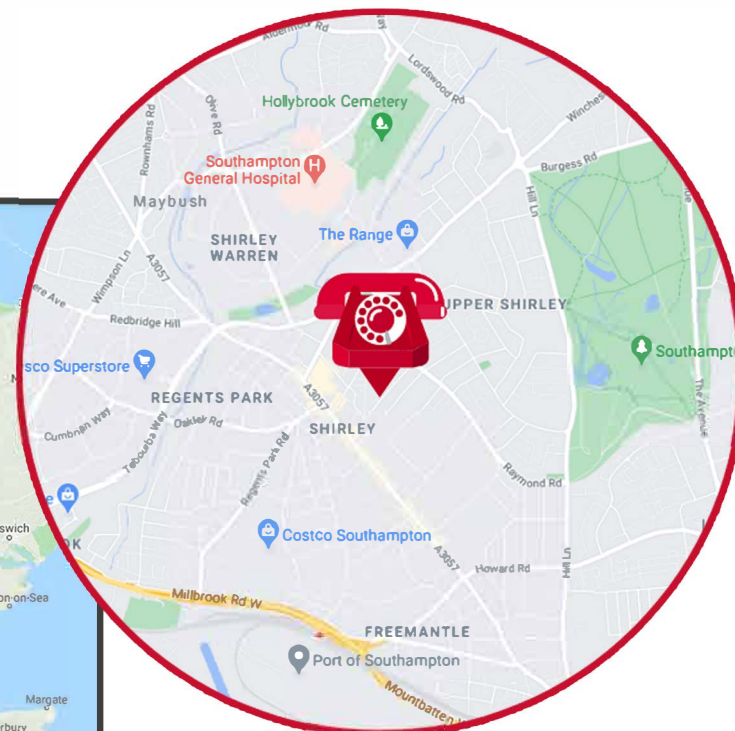
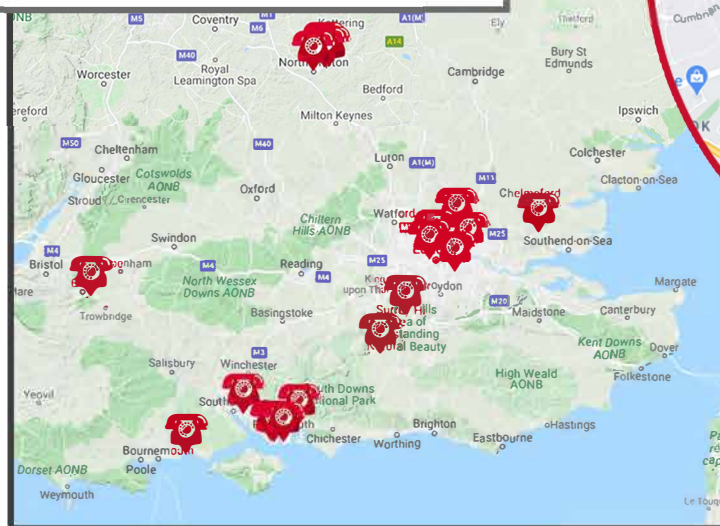
One part of the project is collecting memories from people about using phones growing up in the UK, and mapping them on a new digital map.

Dr Eve Colpus at the University of Southampton is partnering with John Hansard Gallery and BT Heritage & Archives on this project (University of Southampton ERGO: 56966 and 67005). The research is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

### STEP ONE:

Visit the Telephonic Youth website  
<https://telephonicyouth.co.uk>

**CLICK ON:** Digital mapping



### STEP TWO:

Click on the telephone pins on the map. What's your favourite story?

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## KEY WORDS

**Rotary dial phone** - a telephone where users dial a telephone number by turning numbers on a wheel.

**Party line** - a system where more than one telephone customers are connected to the same phone line.

**Phone box / phone kiosk** - a rectangular structure (often with a door) which houses a phone that individuals can pay to use.

**Payphone** - a public telephone which a person pays to use, using coins, a credit card or a prepaid card.

**Landline phone** - a telephone that is connected to the phone system by wires, rather than a mobile phone connection.

**Telephone exchange** - a set of equipment where telephone operators manually connected calls to their destinations.

**Handset** - the part of a telephone that is held up to speak into and listen to.

**Pager** - a small electronic device that is carried, which gives a number or a message when someone is trying to contact you.

## STEP THREE:

Can you describe what the theme of the story is?

## STEP FOUR:

What in the story is different to how you use phones today?

Is anything in the story the same as it is today?

