

MIKE

HERE'S A NEW BOWL FOR THE BETA 8. SORRY ABOUT THAT BEING BROKEN - I ONLY REALISED AS I WAS PUTTING IT ON YOUR DOORSTEP! IT WAS WRAPPED IN A PLASTIC BAG AND SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKED AFTER FOR ME!

ALSO AN UN-USED WALL BOX I THOUGHT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO USE WITH A GEAR-LESS LANTERN. I USED TO CARRY SEVERAL OF THESE ON THE VAN WHEN I WORKED FOR BC HARPERS (1988 TO 1990) - WE DID ALL SORTS OF WORK FOR THE COUNCIL INCLUDING STREET LIGHTING DEPT. I'VE HAD A COUPLE OF THESE EVER SINCE AND AM UNLIKELY TO USE THEM (I'VE KEPT ONE IN CASE). YOU'LL NEED TO DRILL OUT THE TOP & BOTTOM PLATES WITH A 20mm HOLE CUTTER TO TAKE A CABLE GLAND (OR JUST A GROMMET IF USED INDOORS).

ONE OF THESE WALL-BOX JOBS (I DID IN 1989) STILL REMAINS ON SPONDONS WILLOWCROFT RD UNDER THE A52 BY-PASS BRIDGE. WHEN YOU CAN I'D LIKE YOU TO PHOTOGRAPH THIS AS I SUSPECT IT MAY DISAPPEAR IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE!

THE BOX CARRIES THE CONTROL GEAR AND A LITTLE D.P. CUTOUT UNIT. THE LANTERN IS MOUNTED ON A WALL BRACKET. ALL THE WIRING IS IN HI-TOF CABLE. THE PHOTOCELL IS ON A WALL-BRACKET KIT AND IS STILL THE ORIGINAL P5. THE SERVICE CUTOUT IS HOUSED IN ONE OF THOSE LITTLE AC FORD BOXES BELOW THE PHOTOCELL. THIS IS A 4mm² COPPER-CONCENTRIC CABLE HOUSED IN A 20mm PLASTIC CONDUIT. VANDALS HAD SINCE PULLED THE CONDUIT AWAY FROM THE WALL AND THE E.M.E.B. HAD INSTALLED THEIR OWN CAPPING OVER THIS.

I DID ALL THAT WORK OFF LADDERS AND MY LATE GRAN WHO LIVED NOT FAR AWAY IN CAMBRIDGE ST

USED TO BRING ME HUGE JUGS OF TEA READY-MADE WITH MILK & SUGAR AND COVERED WITH A TEA TOWEL! IT TOOK ME 3 OR 4 DAYS TO FINISH THE JOB ON ACCOUNT OF DIFFICULTY DRILLING THE OLD BRICK!

ALSO, WHEN YOU GET THE CHANCE HAVE A LOOK
DOWN

IN CHADDESDEN. DOWN THE SECOND 'SERVICE' DRIVE OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL. IN A BACK GARDEN OVER THE FENCE IS A NICE, VERY OLD, ESLA WITH A SMALL PEARL BULB IN IT. JANE AND THE KIDS SPOTTED THIS WHILE CYCLING ALONG THE PATH (AT THE BOTTOM) ONE WEEKEND.

IT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS THE ORIGINAL 'FIRST' TYPE OF SMALL ESLA AND IT IS AN UNUSUAL NARROW-ANGLE ONE - WORTH A PHOTO I THINK!

I TRIED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH WHOEVER LIVES THERE BUT NO ONE WAS IN. I THOUGHT I MIGHT OFFER THEM SOME "PROPER" BULBS & SEE IF THEY KNEW MUCH ABOUT IT / WHERE IT CAME FROM.

SEE YOU SOON

JEREMY