

SIGNAL BOX

The London, Chatham & Dover Railway designed several signal boxes including this one at Bt & Ball Station. The image below shows the box which was situated at the Northern end of the 'down' platform. Alongside the signal box is a relay room which was used to house the cables and power source.

The signal box closed in November 1981 and only the brick relay room structure survives today.

Apparently when the Signal Box was going to be demolished it was offered for sale for £1. A resident of Shoreham village was interested in purchasing it but was too late as when he arrived at the station it had been demolished overnight and removed from the site!



Image 1. Bluebell Railway Museum Archive – ©Alan Postlethwaite Collection.

Note (Image 1) the Bat and Ball sign on the side of the signal box and a larger sign on the platform. The **smaller/larger** sign is now in the collection at [Sevenoaks Museum](#) and is on display for all to see.

Looking at the old images one can see the area which is now used as a car park (Image 2)) behind the platform and signal box was originally used for storage.

The houses seen in the distance in the older image are on Greatness Lane. The road which goes past the front of the station and the car park is Bat & Ball Road which was constructed in the 1980's and goes to the Tarmac site.



Image 2. The station car park with the brick relay room in the background

Today there are several industrial units opposite the car park just beyond the area which originally had goods sheds (Image 3)



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