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### East Coastway Resignalling, East Sussex

#### Client

Network Rail

#### Location

Various Locations, East Sussex

#### Services Provided

Historic Buildings

#### Date of Completion

September 2011

#### Key issues

Heritage Advice and Advocacy

Assessment of Heritage Assets

Historic Research

Network Rail's recent national Signalling Review concluded that it is necessary to consolidate the signalling provided by 800 individual signal boxes into 14 regional signalling centres. As part of the first stage of assessment, CgMs provided an appraisal of the historic signal boxes that remain on the East Coastway Line, in Sussex, between Eastbourne and Bexhill. A review of the remaining boxes on the line identified five boxes as having the potential to be considered of architectural or historic significance, which were subsequently made subject to detailed analysis by CgMs's Historic Buildings team.

Detailed site assessments, informed by archival research, identified that the majority of these Boxes were examples of the standardised 'Type 5' box designed by the engineering company Saxby and Farmer, and dated to the late nineteenth century. The signal boxes were in various states of preservation (some had had their windows replaced, some retained some of the original equipment in working order, and so on), and using an understanding of the remaining signal box stock in the United Kingdom, CgMs were able to advise Network Rail on the level of significance that could be ascribed to each Signal Box when they were placed in a national context.



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