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Bletchley Park and the Telephone



Post Office telephone van outside Bletchley Park



Telephone exchange switchboards

After the War, a section of the Bletchley Park was still used by Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), and even after GCHQ moved to Cheltenham, it remained the Central Training School until 1987. The whole site was used for government work, mostly related in some way to communications, with the GPO having the largest area.

Bletchley Park became the local headquarters for the GPO, housing all the local engineers and providing administrative and material support. It was also the Eastern Region Training School and later part of BT's National Management Training College, relocated from Horwood House. In 1980, the telephone and postal divisions of the GPO were separated and when British Telecoms was privatised, becoming BT, part of Bletchley Park too was handed over.