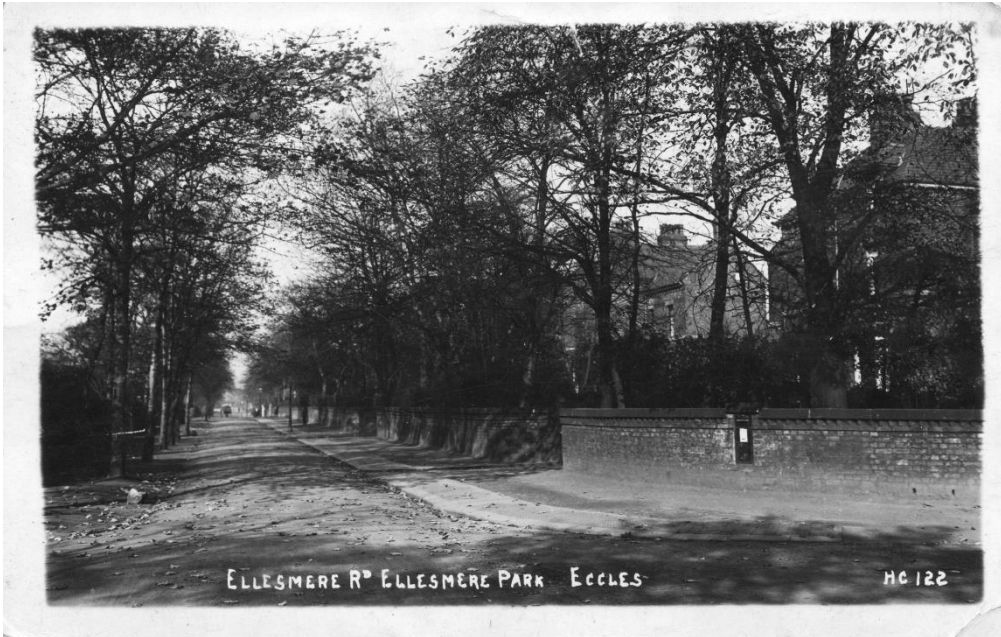


# The Ellesmere Road Post Box

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The photograph on the left, Ellesmere Road - c1910, is a photograph of the Ellesmere Road / Westminster Road junction looking towards Quaker Bridge. This photograph is important as it does show that we once had a Victorian wall mounted post box at this location.

**Ellesmere Road - c1910**

I cannot remember the precise year, but I think it was the early 1990s, we woke up one morning to find the Victorian post box had been stolen. There was a gaping hole in the wall, but no post box. A new 'ER' post box was soon installed and that one is still there today.

The question is, what did our original Victorian post box look like? I can recall it was not an ornate box, rather plain, with VR at the top. Fortunately the 1910 photograph shows it in enough detail to identify the style of the post box.



Searching the Internet I think I have located a picture of the same style of post box which once adorned the boundary wall of Melrose (16 Ellesmere Road). I had no idea there were so many styles of Victorian post boxes but the photograph, Victorian Post Box - compared, looks a fairly good match.

**Victorian Post Box - compared**