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KENT IN LONDON

In anticipation of the September 15th meeting under this title, we are issuing a special edition of
Notebook

in the hope it will encourage more members to come along.

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NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS*

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Please remember, persons writing letters in the 17th to 19th centuries had a wider views of what constitutes
"Kent in London"

Abstract from the 1839 Pigot & co. Directory

LIST OF PLACES IN THE COUNTRY DELIVERY, &c.

* * Four times daily signifies *Morning, Noon, Afternoon* and *Night*. The Morning deliveries consist of Letters put into the Office the preceding night. Those places having no time stated, have no Receiving Houses.

NAMES OF PLACES	Deliveries at each place, DAILY	Time before which letters should be put into the Office at all places having Receiving Houses			
		MORNING	NOON	AFTERNOON	NIGHT
Beckenham	Three times	quarter bef.9	.....	quarter bef.4	.....
Bexley	Three times	...half-past 8	.....	...half-past 3	.....
Bexley Heath	Three times	.....8	.....	.....3	.....
Blackheath	Four times	quatr past 9	.....1	quatr past 4	.....8
Blendon	Three times	.....half past 8	.....	...half-past 3	.....
Bridging	Three times	.....half past 8	.....	...half past 3	.....
Bromley	Four times	.....half past 8	quarter bef.1	...half-past 3	.....
Charlton	Three times	.....9	.....	.....4	.....
Charlton New	Four times	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chislehurst	Noon & morning	.....	.....	quarter bef.3	.....
Crayford	Three times	quarter bef.8	.....	quarter bef.3	.....
Deptford Broadway	Four times	...half-past 9	.....1	...half-past 4	.....8
Eltham	Three times	.....9	.....	.....4	.....
Erith	Noon	.....	.....	...half-past 2	.....
Foot's Cray	Noon & morning	.....	.....	quarter bef.3	.....
Greenwich	Four times	.....9	.....1	.....4	.....8
Hayes	Noon & morning	.....	.....	quarter bef.3	.....
Hurst	Three times	...half-past 8	.....	...half-past 3	.....
Keston	Noon & morning	.....	.....	uarter bef.3	.....
Lee	Four times	...half-past 8	.....	...half-past 3	.....
Lewisham	Four times	.....9	.....1	.....4	quarter bef.8
Locks Bottom	Noon & morning	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Cross	Four times	20 min.bef.10	.....1	20 min.bef.5	.....8
North Cray	Noon & morning	.....	.....	quarter bef.3	.....
Plaistow	Four times	...half-past 8	quarter bef.1	...half-past 3	.....
Plumstead	Noon & morning	.....	.....	...half-past 3	.....
Shooter's Hill	Three times	.....8	.....	.....3	.....8
Sidcup	Noon & morning	.....	.....	quarter bef.3	.....
Southborough	Noon & morning	...half-past 8	quarter bef.1	...half-past 3	.....
South End, Eltham	Noon & morning	.....9	.....	.....4	.....
South End, Lewisham	Noon & evening	quarter bef.9	.....	quarter bef.4	.....
St.Mary's Cray	Noon & morning	.....	.....	quarter past 2	.....
St.Paul's Cray	Noon & morning	.....	.....	quarter past 2	.....
Sydenham	Three times	.....9	.....	.....4	.....
Upton	Three times	...half-past 8	.....	...half-past 3	.....
Welling	Three times	.....8	.....	.....3	.....
Wickham (East)	Noon & morning	.....8	.....	.....3	.....
Wickham (West)	Noon & morning	.....	.....	quarter past 2	.....
Widmore	Noon & morning	...half-past 8	quarter bef.1	...half-past 3	.....
Woolwich	Three times	.....9	quarter bef.1	.....4	.....7

In consequence of the extension of the General Post Delivery to a circle of three miles from the General Post Office, general post letters are delivered, in all parts within such limits, without being charged with the two-penny post rate. By command of her Majesty's Postmaster-General, the two-penny post deliveries are extended to a circle of twelve miles from the General Post Office.

UNPAID LETTERS for the following places, *previously sent by the General Post* for the evening delivery, are transferred entirely to the Twopenny Post department, and the postage is 3d. per letter. The places (in Kent) are -

Bexley, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Erith, Foot's Cray, Hayes, Lock's Bottom, North Cray, Sidcup, St. Mary's Cray, and St. Paul's Cray

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KENT - 1

BECKENHAM

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

A Country Sorting Office on the Bromley Ride with Dulwich 24, Sydenham 25, **Beckenham 26** and Bromley 144.

26.A

Issued in May 1844.

Not seen used on cover whilst in the London District Post.

Cover: rarity H*.

Stamps: rarity E, price on imperf £40, on perf £20.



BECKENHAM

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1867

On the new c.1860 Bromley Ride with Peckham 18B, Sydenham 25, Penge 19B, **Beckenham 26** and Bromley 144.

1857 – 1867 A Suburban District Office,

26.A still in use.

Used on 21st Oct 1861.

Cover: rarity H, price £250.

Stamps: rarity E, price on perf £20.



BECKENHAM

PROVINCIAL AREA. 1867 +

1867 + A Head Post Office.

Number **D13** was issued in Sep. 1867

D13 was allocated to **Beckenham** in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924.

99 was allocated to **Beckenham** in the Provincial Lists from 1925 to 1962.

26A still in use, one cover recorded, used whilst Beckenham was in the Provincial Area, it is dated 8th Aug. 1867. Rarity H. Price £250 on cover.

D13 4VOS

Issued 26th Sep 1867.

Used 30th Jan 1868 to 13th May 1873.

Rarity H.

Price £30.



D13 4VODA

Round topped three.

Issued 19th Aug 1868.

Used 29th May 1869 to 10th Oct 1876.

Rarity A.

Price £3.



D13 4VODB.

Flat topped three.

Issued 14th Jul 1874.

Used 28th Jul 1874 to 9th May 1878.

Rarity D.

Price £4.



D13 3VODA.

Dot between D and 13.

Issued 1st Jul 1878.

Time in code:

Used 23rd Jul 1878 to 3rd Feb 1894.

Rarity C.

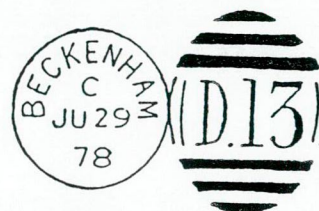
Price £4.

Time in full:

Used 15th Dec 1895 to 29th Nov 1899.

Rarity H.

Price £5.



KENT - 2

Beckenham Continued:

D13 3VODB No dot.

Issued in 12th Dec 1879.

Time in code:

Used 27th Dec 1879 to 11th Jul 1895.

Rarity A. Price £2.

Time in full:

Used 29th Aug 1895 to 11th Jul 1917.

Rarity A. Price pre 1900 £2,
post 1900 £1.



BELVEDERE

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1871 – 1879

1871 A Pillar Box in Lessness Heath Suburban District.

1872 – 1874 A Suburban Receiving House in Lessness Heath Suburban District.

1875 – 1879 A Suburban Receiving House in Lessness Heath Suburban District, with the additional comment that "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" ie in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

1879 Became part of the Woolwich District.

404 3VOS.

Sent to Belvedere.

Issued 30th Apr 1875.

Used 1st Feb 1876 to 13th May 1878.

Rarity G. Price £30.



1879 Transferred to the Kent Provincial Area with the transfer of the Woolwich District

BELVEDERE

PROVINCIAL AREA. 1880 - 1883

1880 – 1883 In The Provincial Area under Lessness Heath, an Independent Sub Office.

1880 A 3VOD with number **404** was issued and sent to Belvedere on 20th Mar 1880, was only used in the post 1883 Belvedere SO. see below:

1883 Belvedere(404) changed its name to Picardy(412) and Lessness Heath(412) changed its name to Belvedere SO(404).

BELVEDERE S.O(EX.LESSNESS HEATH) PROVINCIAL AREA 1883 – 1907.

1883 Lessness Heath(412) changed its name to **Belvedere SO(404)**.

1883 – 1901 Belvedere SO was an Independent Sub Office.

404 3VOD is now used in the new Belvedere SO, it was issued to the old "Belvedere" on the 20th Mar 1880. Only used in the new "Belvedere SO" from the 21st Oct 1884 to 15th Aug 1891.
Rarity G.
Price £40.



1901 – 1907 A Receiving House of Belvedere Station.

1907 Belvedere SO was renamed Bexley Road. Belvedere Station was renamed **Belvedere SO** and this occurs in the 1924 to 1962 Lists with the number **201**.

KENT - 3

BEXLEY

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

On the Woolwich Ride with New Cross, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, Woolwich 21, Eltham 22 and **Bexley 23**.

A Country Sorting Office. The Receivers salary was £21, which shows a large active office.

23.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used 1848 to 20th Nov 1855.

Cover: rarity G, price £250.

Stamps: rarity D, price on imperf £35, on perf £15.



BEXLEY

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

In the c.1860 Ride with Rotherhithe 21B, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, Charlton 12B, Woolwich 21, Plumstead 20B, Welling 22B, **Bexley 23**, Lessness Heath 16B and Erith 14B.

1857 – 1874 A Suburban District with Receiving Houses at Bexley Heath and Crayford.

23.B

Issued in Jan 1858.

Used in 1858 incl. 12th Apr 1858.

Cover: rarity G, price £200.

Stamps: rarity G, price on perf £40.



1875 – 1876 A Suburban District Office with the comment that "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" ie in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

1877 – 1879 A Suburban District as above, but now in the Woolwich District

1875 Number **389 3VOS** in Provincial style was issued, it was used first whilst Bexley was in the South Eastern District and then when in the Kent Provincial Area.

389 3VOS.

Issued 30th Apr 1875.

Used 1st Nov 1878 to 10th Mar 1880.

Thus used whilst Bexley was in the South Eastern District, and later in the Kent Provincial Area.

Rarity G.

Price £30.



1879 Woolwich District moved into the Kent Provincial Area

BEXLEY

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 +

1879 – 1886 A Receiving House under Bexley Heath SO.

1880 - Still used the 3VOS number **389**.

1886 – 1904 An Independent Sub Office

1904 – 1905 A Railway Sub Office.

1905 – An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

Number **389** was allocated to Bexley in the 1882 to 1962 Provincial Lists.

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BEXLEY HEATH

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

A small office, the income of the Receiver was only £8.

BEXLEY HEATH

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

1857 – 1879 A Receiving House under Bexley

1875 – 1876 As above, in the Post Office Guide is the comment that “*District initials should be omitted from the address*” ie in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

388 3VOS

Issued 30th Apr 1875.

Used 5th Apr 1879 to 1st Jan 1880.

Rarity G.

Price £30.



1877 – 1879 Part of the Woolwich District

1879. Woolwich District moved into the Kent Provincial Area.

BEXLEY HEATH

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 +

1879 – 1904 An Independent Sub Office.

1904 – 1905 A Railway Sub Office.

1905 + An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

Number 388 was allocated to Bexley Heath in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1962.

388 3VOD

Issued 7th Nov 1879.

Time in code:

Used 17th Jul 1889 to 24th Jul 1894.

Rarity G. Price £20.

Time in asterisk code:

Used 1st Feb 1895 to 30th Nov 1896.

Rarity E. Price £15.

Time in full:

Used 16th Jun 1898 to 19th Jan 1900.

Rarity G. Price £15.



BICKLEY STATION

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1863 – 1865

1863 – 1865 A Wall Post Box in the Bromley Suburban District. (A rather tenuous link to London!).

BICKLEY STATION

PROVINCIAL AREA 1867 – 1897

1867 – 1873 Receiving House under Bromley

1873 – 1886 An Independent Sub Office.

1886 – 1897 Railway Sub Office.

1897 Renamed Bickley RSO.

B12 was allocated to Bickley Station in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1902.

B12 3VOS

Issued 2nd Aug 1879.

Used in 9th Mar 1884.

Rarity H.

Price £50.



B12 3VOD

Issued 11th Jan 1886.

Used 23rd May 1886 to 31st Dec 1897.

Rarity E.

Price £35.



BROMLEY

LONDON DISTRICT POST / GENERAL POST 1844 – 1857

At the end of the Bromley Ride with Dulwich 24, Sydenham 25, Beckenham 26 and **Bromley 144**.
A Country Sorting Office in the London District Post, with the receiver having an income of £25, which indicates a busy office. In the General Post as well as the London District Post and thus given a provincial numeral.

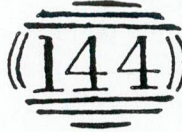
144 1844

Issued Apr1844.

Used 2nd Nov1844 to 21st May1856.

Rarity G.

Price £20.



BROMLEY

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1865

On the new circa 1860 Bromley Ride with Peckham 18B, Sydenham 25, Penge 19B, Beckenham 26 and **Bromley 144**.

1857 – 1865 A Suburban District.

1865 Moved into the Kent Provincial Area in 1865 taking the following Receiving Houses with it:
Chelsfield H97, Farnborough J16, Orpington G93, West Wickham 796 and Bickley Station B12.

144 3HOS

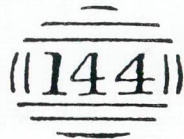
Used whilst in the
South Eastern District.

Issued 27th Jun1856.

Used 28th Apr1857 to 22nd Jan1865.

Rarity F.

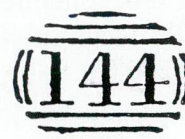
Price £10.



27th Jun1856



25th Apr1859



4th Dec1861



9th Jan1862

Several different 3HOS's were issued whilst Bromley was in the South Eastern District.

BROMLEY

PROVINCIAL AREA 1865 +

1865 – A Head Post Office

Number **144** allocated to Bromley in the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

144 3HOS

Issued 8th Oct1866.

Not seen used.

Rarity GPO.



144 4VOS

Issued 24th Apr1866.

Not seen used.

Rarity GPO.



144 3VOS

Issued 11th Oct1876 with dot.

Issued 5th Jan1878 without dot.

Used 23rd Aug1921 to 26th Aug1924.

Rarity G

Price £35 pre 1900,

£10 post 1900.



144 4VOD

Issued 14th Sep1866.

Time in code:

Used 11th May1867 to 17th May1890.

Rarity A

Price £2.

Time in full:

Used 2nd Jan1897 to 24th Dec1897.

Rarity F.

Price £4.



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Bromley Continued:

144 3VOD

Issued 6th Dec 1879.

Time in code:

Used 22nd May 1880 to 2nd Oct 1895.

Rarity A. Price £2.

Time in full:

Used 3rd Apr 1896 to 9th Feb 1909.

Rarity A. Price £2 on cover, on ppc. £1.



CHARLTON

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

Receivers salary was £10 rising to £12, a small but active office.

CHARLTON

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1880

In the c.1860 Ride with Rotherhithe 21B, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, **Charlton 12B**, Woolwich 21, Plumstead 20B, Welling 22B, Bexley 23, Lessness Heath 16B and Erith 14B. Offices that were Suburban Sorting Offices at this time that did not have numbers, were given them. Charlton was allocated **12B**.

1857 – 1858 The Suburban District of Charlton had just one Receiving House called Old Charlton

1859 – 1868 Charlton Suburban District had its main Receiving House at New Charlton.

12B.A

Issued 15th May 1861.

Not seen used on cover.

Cover: rarity H*.

Stamps: rarity G, price on perf £30.



1869 – 1874 Charlton Suburban District had its main Receiving House at Old Charlton.

1875 – 1876 As above; but with the comment "*District Initials should no longer be used in the address*". This signifies that Charlton was now in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

379 3VOS.

Sent to Old Charlton.

Two were issued on 24th Apr 1875.

Used 10th Nov 1875 to 12th Sep 1879.

Rarity F.

Price £30.

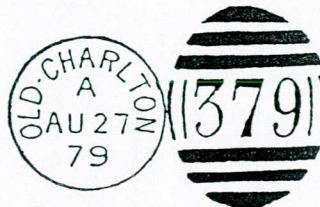


1877-1879 As above; but now in the Woolwich District.

1879 Number **379 3VOD** Issued in Mar 1879 with Charlton in the cds, as there was no such office, it was rarely used. In Aug 1879 one was issued with Old Charlton in the cds, both were used later whilst Charlton was solely in the Kent Provincial Area



Charlton in error – rarely used.



Correct name Old Charlton issued five months later

1879 Woolwich District moved to the Kent Provincial Area taking with it; Plumstead, Bexley, **Charlton**, Erith, Lessness Heath, Shooters Hill and Welling.

CHARLTON

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 - 1913

An office just called Charlton did not exist during the period 1876 to 1902 when provincial style cancellations were used. Charlton was the name solely used for a Suburban District, that comprised several Receiving Houses including Old Charlton and New Charlton. In 1902 (the last year barred numerals were used) the Church Lane, Old Charlton Office was renamed Charlton BO. This Office was allocated the number **21** in the 1924 to 1962 Lists of London Numbers.

1879 – 1902 Old Charlton was an Independent Sub Office with subordinate offices at New Charlton, Lower Road and Woolwich Road.

1902 – 1913 A Town Receiving House of the new Charlton Branch Office which was previously the Church Lane Old Charlton Office.

1913 – Transferred back to London. **21** allocated in the London Lists from 1924 to 1962.

379 3VODA

Issued 10th Mar 1879.

Used 15th Jan 1880 to 5th Nov 1892.

Rarity H.

Price £40.



379 3VODB

Issued 28th Aug 1879.

Time In code:

Used 21st Sep 1881 to 25th Jan 1902.

Rarity D.

Price £10.

Time in full:

Used May 1896.

Rarity H.

Price £12.



OLD CHARLTON SUBORDINATE OFFICES

PROVINCIAL AREA

CHURCH LANE

1881 – 1902 Receiving House under Old Charlton

1882 Number **379 3VOD** issued with **Church Lane Charlton Kent** in the cds. Charlton is the Suburban District.

1891 Number **J85** issued with **Church Lane Old Charlton Kent** in the cds. Old Charlton is the primary Receiving House in the Charlton Suburban District.

1902 Office renamed Charlton Branch Office.

1913 Transferred back to London from the Kent Provincial Area.

379 3VODC

Issued 10th Jan 1882.

Used 18th Jun 1888 to 10th Nov 1894.

Rarity F.

Price £25.



J85 3VOS

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Not seen on cover.

Rarity H*.

Cover price if found: £40.



J85 3VOD

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Time in code:

Used 6th Jul 1891 to 28th Jun 1898.

Rarity D.

Price £15.

Time in full:

Used 2nd Nov 1898 to 14th Apr 1900.

Rarity E.

Price £15.



KENT - 8

LOWER ROAD

1882 – 1892 Receiving House under Old Charlton

1882 379 3VOD issued.

1892 Replaced by Woolwich Road, Old Charlton.

379 3VOD

Issued 13th May 1882.

Used 10th Aug 1882 to 21st Nov 1890.

Rarity F.

Price £25.



WOOLWICH ROAD

1892 Replacement of Lower Road, Old Charlton Office.

1892 J86 3VOD issued.

1913 Transferred back to London from the Kent Provincial Area.

J86 3VOD

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used 26th Sep 1892 to 26th May 1898.

Rarity G.

Price £40.



CHELSEFIELD

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1846 – 1857

1846 – 1857 Receiving House under Bromley

CHELSEFIELD

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1865

1857 – 1865 Receiving House under Bromley.

CHELSEFIELD

PROVINCIAL AREA 1865 – 1990

1865 – 1867 A Receiving House under Bromley

1867 – 1885 A Receiving House under Chislehurst.

1885 – 1887 A Receiving House under Orpington

1887 - 1908 An Independent Sub Office.

1887 H97 3VOD issued, when it became an Independent Sub Office.

1908 – 1920 A Receiving House under Orpington

1920 – 1960 A Receiving House under Farnborough

1960 - 1990 A Town Receiving House of Orpington.

H97 was allocated to Chelsfield in the Provincial Lists from 1887 to 1906.

H97 3VOD

Issued 1st Jun 1887.

Time in code;

Used 1st Jul 1892 to 2nd Sep 1892.

Rarity G

Price £12.

Time in full:

Used 14th Sep 1900 to 20th Sep 1920.

Rarity A.

Price £4.



CHISLEHURST

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

It remains a puzzle as to why the provincial number **201** was allocated to an office that was not a Country Sorting Office and was just a Receiving House under Bromley, with the Receiver's salary of just £5, which shows that it was a small office.

1844 – 1857 Receiving House under Bromley

201 1844

Provincial type.

Issued in Apr 1844.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.

Not seen, thus cannot be illustrated.

Assumed to have issued.

CHISLEHURST

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1867

1857 – 1858 Receiving House under Bromley.

1859 – 1867 Suburban District with just one Receiving House at Chislehurst Common.

13B.A

Issued 15th May 1861.

Not seen used.

Rarity G.P.O.



CHISLEHURST

PROVINCIAL AREA 1867+

1867 – Head Post Office.

1867 D05 numeral first issued.

Number **D05** remained allocated to Chislehurst until the 1924 List.

005 was allocated to Chislehurst in the Provincial Lists from 1928 to 1962.

D05 4VOD

Issued 9th Jul 1867.

Used 2nd Aug 1867 to 28th May 1880.

Rarity A.

Price £3.



3VODA

Issued 6th Aug 1884.

Time in code:

Used 12th Aug 1885 to 25th Feb 1901.

Rarity E. Price £12.

Time in full:

Used 19th Jun 1903 to 4th Jul 1907.

Rarity F. Price on cover £12

on ppc £6.



3VODB

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Time in code:

Used 12th Jan 1891 to 21st Apr 1893.

Rarity E.

Price £5.

Time in full:

Used 17th May 1897 to 16th Feb 1911.

Rarity A.

Price on cover £3 on ppc. £1.



3VODC

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Time in code:

Used 16th Jun 1893 to

24th Dec 1896.

Rarity F. Price £15.

Time in full:

Used 25th May 1901 to

11th Jan 1909

Rarity F.

Price on cover £15

on ppc. £12.



KENT - 10

CRAYFORD

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

A small office, the income of the Receiver was only £7.

CRAYFORD

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

1857 – 1874 Receiving House under Bexley

1875 – 1876 As above but in the Post Office Guide is the comment that "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" ie in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

397 3VOS

Issued 30th Apr 1875.

Used 9th Jun 1875 to 22nd Nov 1875.

Rarity H.

Price £40.



1877 – 1879 Became part of the Woolwich District

1879 Woolwich District moved into the Kent Provincial Area.

CRAYFORD

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 +

1879 379 3VOD Issued Dec 1879.

1879 – 1892 Receiving House under Bexley Heath Independent Sub Office.

1892 – 1915 Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

1915 + Town Receiving House of Dartford.

397 3VOD

Issued 5th Dec 1879.

Time in code:

Used 4th Feb 1880 to 14th Jul 1892.

Rarity F. Price £8.

Time in full:

Used 21st Sep 1898 to 30th May 1906.

Rarity B. Price £2.



CROOK LOG

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT. 1878 – 1879

1878 – 1879 A Receiving House under Bexley with the comment that "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" ie in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

913 3VOS

Issued 6th Apr 1878

Used 9th Mar 1881 to 21st Jul 1890.

Rarity H.

Price £40.



CROOK LOG

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 +

1879 The entire Woolwich District moved into the Kent Provincial Area taking Crook Log with it.

1879 – 1894 A Receiving House under Bexley Heath Independent Sub Office.

913 3VOS issued when in the South Eastern District was first used in 1881 when in the Kent Provincial Area.

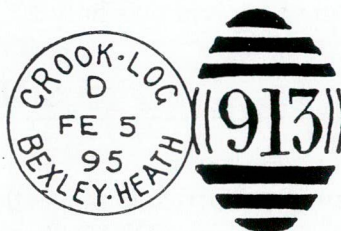
1894 A Town Receiving House of Bexley Heath.

913 was allocated to Crook Log in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1902.

Crook Log Continued:

913 3VOD

Not entered in the Proof Books
Used 20th Jul 1888 to 28th Dec 1911.
Rarity A.
Price on cover £10, on ppc £4.



ELTHAM

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

A branch of the Woolwich Ride with New Cross, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, Woolwich 21, with a branch to **Eltham 22** and Bexley 23.

A medium size Office with the Receivers Salary at £15. It was a Country Sorting Office.

Number **22** was allocated to **Eltham** in the 1844 to 1857 Lists.

22.A

Issued in May 1844.
Not seen used on cover before 1857, see below:
Cover: rarity H*.
Stamps: rarity E, price on imperf £40, price on perf £20.



ELTHAM

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

1857 – 1874 A Suburban District with Receiving Houses at Eltham and Halfway Street.

1873 Number **G22** in the Provincial style issued in Aug 1873. This is very early, whilst Eltham was securely within the South Eastern District.

1874 – 1876 A Suburban District with the same Receiving Houses. In addition with the comment that "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" ie in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

1877 – 1879 A Head Post Office of its own District, an equivalent status to Woolwich, although Eltham had only one Sub District beneath it, whereas Woolwich had seven. Continued with the comment that the "*District initials should be omitted from the address*".

1877 two more provincial style cancellations sent with the number **G22**.

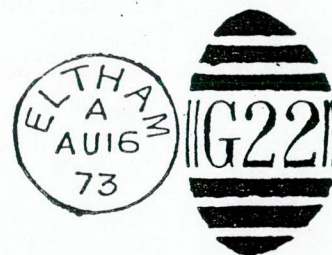
22.A

Issued in May 1844.
Only seen used on cover when in the S.E. District.
Jul 1857 to 23rd Feb 1876.
Cover: rarity G, price £250.
Stamps: rarity E, price on perf £20.



G22 3VOD

Issued 18th Aug 1873.
Used 20th Dec 1873 to 7th Dec 1900.
Rarity A.
Price £4.



G22 3VOS

Issued 17th Mar 1877.
Not seen used on cover.
Rarity H*.
Cover price if found: £40.



G22 4VOD

Issued 20th Sep 1877.
Used 25th Nov 1879 to 18th Sep 1885.
Rarity F.
Price £12.



ELTHAM**PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 - 1913**

Continued to use the **G22** obliterations.

1879 – 1913 Head Post Office

1913 Transferred back to London, with the district number SE9.

Number **37** was allocated to **Eltham** in the London Lists from 1924 to 1962.

HALFWAY STREET ELTHAM**SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1863 – 1879**

1863 – 1871 A Post Box in Eltham Suburban District.

1872 – 1879 A Receiving House under Eltham. The 1874-9 history is the same as Eltham.

19.A

Issued 11th May 1875.

Not seen used on cover.

Rarity H*.

Cover price if found: £50.



Finsbury Park:



A very similar cancellation was sent to Finsbury Park in Feb 1879.

HALFWAY STREET ELTHAM**PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 +**

1879 – 1892 A Receiving House under Eltham.

1892 – 1913 A Receiving House under Sidcup Railway Sub Office.

1913 Transferred back to London, from Kent Provincial Area.

ERITH**LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857**

Receivers salary £5 rising to £8, a small office.

ERITH**SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 - 1879**

In the c.1860 Ride with Rotherhithe 21B, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, Charlton 12B, Woolwich 21, Plumstead 20B, Welling 22B, Bexley 23, Lessness Heath 16B and **Erith 14B**. Offices that were Suburban Sorting Offices at this time, that did not have numbers, were given them. Thus Erith was allocated **14B**.

1857 – 1858 A Receiving House under Bexley

1859 – 1874 A Suburban District.

14B.A

Issued 15th May 1861.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



1875 – 1876 A Suburban District, with the comment that "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" is in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

1875 Provincial style numeral number **403** was issued.

1877 – 1879 As 1875 – 1876, but became part of the Woolwich District.

403 3VOSA

Issued 30th Apr 1875.

Used 16th Aug 1875 to 26th Aug 1879

Rarity E.

Price £15.

**403 3VOSB**

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used on 5th Jan 1878.

Rarity H.

Price £30.



ERITH**PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 +**

1879 – 1949+ An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

403 allocated to Erith in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1962.

403 3VOD

Issued 1st Nov 1879.

Time in code:

Used 2nd Feb 1880 to 24th Oct 1898.

Rarity D. Price £4.

Time in full:

Used 29th Apr 1899 to 13th Oct 1907.

Rarity A... Price £2.

**FARNBOROUGH****SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1860 – 1865**

1860 – 1865 A Receiving House under Bromley

FARNBOROUGH**PROVINCIAL AREA 1865**

1865 – 1869 A Receiving House under Bromley

1869 – 1882 A Receiving House under Beckenham

1882 – 1886 An Independent Sub Office.

1886 – 1907 A Railway Sub Office.

J16 3VOD

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used 22nd Jan 1888 to 28th Nov 1921.

Rarity A.

Price £8 on cover, on ppc. £3.



1907 – 1920 A Receiving House under Orpington.

1920 – 1960 A Post Town.

1960 – Town Receiving House of Orpington

J16 allocated to **Farnborough** in the Provincial Lists from 1892 – 1906.

514 allocated to **Farnborough** in the Provincial List in 1950

496 allocated to **Farnborough** in the Provincial Lists from 1950 – 1959.

LESSNESS HEATH**SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879**

In the c.1860 Ride with Rotherhithe 21B, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, Charlton 12B, Woolwich 21, Plumstead 20B, Welling 22B, Bexley 23, **Lessness Heath 16B** and Erith 14B. Offices that were Suburban Sorting Offices at this time, that did not have numbers, were given them. Thus Lessness Heath was allocated **16B**.

1857 – 1858 A Receiving House in the Bexley Suburban District.

1859 – 1874 A Suburban District, with Receiving Houses including Belvedere(404) and pillar boxes at Abbey Wood(49) and Picardy(412).

16B HOS

Issued 15th May 1861.

Not seen used on cover.

Cover: rarity H*.

Stamps: rarity H, price on perf £40.



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Lessness Heath Continued:

1875 – 1876 Suburban District Office with the comment that “*District initials should be omitted from the address*” ie in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

412 3VOS

Issued 1st May 1875.

Used 5th Oct 1875 to 25th Jan 1878

Rarity H.

Price £40.



1877 – 1879 Became part of the Woolwich District.

1879 Transferred to the Kent Provincial Area with the transfer of the Woolwich District

LESSNESS HEATH

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 – 1883

1879 – 1883 An Independent Sub Office in the Kent Provincial Area.

412 3VOD

Issued in 11th Oct 1879.

Seen used on 15th Sep 1881.

Rarity H.

Price £50.



1883 Changed its name to Belvedere SO – see page 2 above.

NEW CHARLTON

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

1857 – 1859 A Receiving House in the Woolwich Suburban District.

1859 – 1869 Charlton Suburban District had its main Receiving House at New Charlton.

1869 – 1874 New Charlton now a subordinate Receiving House in the Charlton Suburban District.

1875 – 1876 As above; but with the comment “*District Initials should no longer be used in the address*”.

This signifies that New Charlton was now in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

423 3VOS Sent to New Charlton.

Issued 10th May 1875.

Used 19th Jun 1878 to 24th Apr 1888.

Rarity H.

Price £40.



This is the Proof Book entry – both recorded examples have single side arcs.

1877-1879 As above; but now in the Woolwich District.

1879 Woolwich District moved to the Kent Provincial Area taking with it; Plumstead, Bexley, Charlton, Erith, Lessness Heath, Shooters Hill and Welling.

NEW CHARLTON

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 – 1913

1879 – 1894 A Receiving House under Old Charlton.

1895 – 1902 A Town Receiving House of Old Charlton

1902 – 1913 A Town Receiving House of Charlton

1913 Transferred back to London, from the Kent Provincial Area. Closed about a year later.

423 was in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to c.1900.

KENT - 15

New Charlton Continued:

423 3VOD

Not in the Proof Books.
Used 7th Feb 1893 to 9th Dec 1902.
Rarity F.
Price £25.



ORPINGTON

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT. 1860 – 1865

1860 – 1865 A Receiving House in the Bromley Suburban District. Prior to 1860 Orpington was under Bromley but outside the London District Post.

ORPINGTON

PROVINCIAL AREA 1865 +

1865 – 1867 A Receiving House under Bromley

1867 A Receiving House under St. Mary Cray.

1867 – 1882 A Receiving House under Chislehurst.

1882 – 1886 An Independent Sub Office.

G93 3VOD

Issued 6th Dec 1883.
Used 22nd Nov 1893 to 16th Feb 1909.
Rarity D.
Price £10 on cover, £3 on ppc.



1886 – 1905 A Railway Sub Office.

1905 – 1949+ An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

G93 allocated to **Orpington** in the Provincial Lists from 1887 to 1906.

586 allocated to **Orpington** in the Provincial Lists from 1924 to 1962.

PICARDY

PROVINCIAL AREA 1883 – 1901

In 1883 Belvedere became **Picardy** and Lessness Heath became Belvedere SO.

1883 – 1894 A Receiving House under the new Belvedere SO.

1883 Number **412** issued with "Picardy Belvedere" in the cds. It is very rare to have both the subordinate office and the office that it reported to, in the cds. The probable reason was that prior to the name change in 1883 number 412 had been used at Lessness Heath.

1894 – 1901 Picardy became a Town Receiving House of Belvedere SO.

1901 Office closed. Replaced by the office at Belvedere Station

412 3VOS

Issued 30th May 1883.
Not seen used.
Rarity G.P.O.



412 3VOD

Issued 30th May 1883.
Time in code:
Used 22nd Aug 1886 to 21st Apr 1898.
Rarity F. Price £25.
Time in full:
Used 7th Jun 1899 to 6th Jul 1901.
Rarity F. Price £25.



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PLUMSTEAD

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

Receivers salary was £7, ie a small office. Under Woolwich.

PLUMSTEAD

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

In the c.1860 Ride with Rotherhithe 21B, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, Charlton 12B, Woolwich 21, **Plumstead 20B**, Welling 22B, Bexley 23, Lessness Heath 16B and Erith 14B. Offices that were Suburban Sorting Offices at this time, that did not have numbers, were given them. **Plumstead** was allocated **20B**.

1857 – 1874 A Suburban District.

20B.A

Issued 15th May 1861.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



1875 A Suburban District with the comment "*District Initials should no longer be used in the address*". This signifies that Plumstead was now in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

1876 A Receiving House under Woolwich, with the comment as above.

1877 – 1879 As above but now in the new Woolwich District, still with the comment as above.

1879 Moved into the Kent Provincial Area with the Woolwich District, no Provincial number was allocated.

ST.MARY CRAY

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

1844 – 1857 A Receiving House under Bromley.

ST.MARY CRAY

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1867

1857 – 1858 A Receiving House under Bexley.

1859 – 1867 A Receiving House under Foots Cray.

ST.MARY CRAY

PROVINCIAL AREA 1867 +

1867 – 1881 A Receiving House under Chislehurst.

1881 – 1886 An Independent Sub Office.

1886 – 1905 A Railway Sub Office.

1905 – 1906+ An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

G09 allocated to St.Mary Cray in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1906.

G09 3VOD.

Issued 13th Sep 1882.

Time in code:

Used 22nd May 1891 to 29th May 1892.

Rarity G. Price £10.

Time in full:

Used 27th Mar 1896 to 5th Sep 1905.

Rarity A.

Price £4 on cover, £2 on ppc.



KENT - 17

SIDCUP

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1862 - 1867

1862 – 1867 A wall mounted pillar box in the Footh Cray Suburban District.

SIDCUP

PROVINCIAL AREA 1868+

1868 – 1872 Not listed, probably still a pillar box, as above.

1873 – 1881 Under Chislehurst.

1881 – 1886 An Independent Sub Office.

1886 – 1905 Railway Sub Office

1905 + Independent Sub Office then Post Town.

H50 3VOD

Issued 30th Jun 1885.

Time in letter code:

Used 16th Jul 1886 to 9th Jun 1894.

Rarity C. Price £5.

Time in asterisk code:

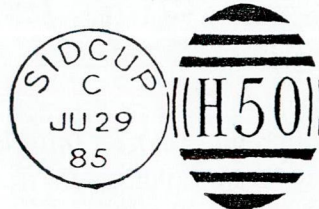
Used 11th Oct 1894 to 28th Feb 1897.

Rarity F. Price £8.

Time in full:

Used 18th Jul 1897 to 7th Oct 1898.

Rarity E. Price £5.



SHOOTERS HILL

LONDON DISTRICT POST / GENERAL POST 1844 – 1857

In 1836 Shooters Hill ceased being part of the Twopenny Post and became part of the General Post. The reason being the amount of work involving the Cross post and Bye post associated with the Dover Road. It is assumed that the provincial style 771 was issued in Apr 1844. . It has not been seen in use.

SHOOTERS HILL

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

1857 – 1870 A Receiving House under Woolwich.

1871 – 1874 A Suburban District.

1872 A suburban style 73 issued.

1875 – 1876 A Suburban District with the comment "*District Initials should no longer be used in the address*". This signifies that Shooters Hill was now in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

1877 – 1879 As 1875 – 1876 but now in the new Woolwich District.

73 was allocated to Shooters Hill in the London List for 1874.

73.A

Issued 5th Apr 1872.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



SHOOTERS HILL

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 – 1913

1879 – 1896 An independent Sub Office. In the Kent Provincial Area.

1896 – 1913 A Town Receiving House of Woolwich.

1913 Returned to London under Blackheath S.E.3.

385 was allocated to Shooters Hill in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1887.

KENT - 18

Shooters Hill Continued:

385 3VOS

Issued 24th Apr 1875.
Used 28th Apr 1875 to 30th Dec 1895.
Rarity G.
Price £30.



WELLING

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

Receivers salary £7 ie a small Office. Under Bexley.

WELLING

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

In the c.1860 Ride with Rotherhithe 21B, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, Woolwich 21, Plumstead 20B, **Welling 22B**, Bexley 23, Lessness Heath 16B and Erith 14B. at this time Welling did not have a number so was given **22B**.

1857 – 1861 A Receiving House under Bexley.

1862 – 1874 A Suburban District.

1875 – 1876 A Suburban District Office with the comment that "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" ie in the London District but used Provincial style cancellations.

1877 – 1879 A Suburban Office as above, but now in the Woolwich District

1879 – Woolwich moves into the Kent Provincial Area.

386 allocated to Welling in the Provincial lists from 1882 to 1906.

22B.A

Issued 15th May 1861.
Not seen used on cover.
Cover: rarity H*.
Stamps: rarity H, price on perf £40.



386 3VOS.

Issued 24th Apr 1876.
Used 23rd Dec 1876.
Rarity H.
Price £40.



WELLING

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 +

1879 – 1906+ An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

386 3VOD.

Not entered in the Proof Books.
Used 26th Dec 1888 to 21st Nov 1896.
Rarity B.
Price £12 on cover, £1 on ppc.



WEST WICKHAM

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1865

1857 – 1865 A Receiving House under Bromley.

WEST WICKHAM

PROVINCIAL AREA 1865 +

1865 – 1869 A Receiving House under Bromley.

1869 – 1901 A Receiving House under Beckenham.

1901 - An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

KENT - 19

West Wickham Continued:

796 was allocated to **West Wickham** in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1906.

856 was allocated to **West Wickham** in the Provincial Lists from 1933 to 1962.

796 3VOS.

Issued 23rd Mar 1877.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



WOOLWICH

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

In the Ride with Deptford 18, Greenwich 20 and **Woolwich 21**.

Three Receivers in Woolwich, with an aggregate salary of £96, a very large active set of offices.

21.A

Issued May 1844.

Used 11th Jun 1844 to after 1857, see below:

Cover: rarity C, price £100.

Stamps: rarity B, price on imperf £25, price on perf £10.



WOOLWICH

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1879

In the c.1860 Ride with Rotherhithe 21B, Deptford 18, Greenwich 20, **Woolwich 21**, Plumstead 20B, Welling 22B, Bexley 23, Lessness Heath 16B and Erith 14B.

Woolwich Continued:

1857 – 1874 A Suburban District.

1875, A Suburban District, with the comment that from Apr 1875 the "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" ie in the South Eastern District and the Provincial Area at the same time.

1876 A Head Office with the same comment.

1877 – 1879 Head Office of the Woolwich District, again with the same comment

1879 – Moved on 1st Sep 1879, from the South Eastern District into the Kent Provincial Area, taking with it: Charlton, Belvedere, Erith, Bexley Heath, Bexley, Crayford, Welling and Shooter's Hill.

21.A

Issued May 1844.

Used from before 1857 see above to 17th Apr 1874.

Cover: rarity C, with perf £50..

Stamps: rarity B, price on perf £10.



264 4VOD

Issued 24th Dec 1874.

In S.E District from:

14th Apr 1875 to after 1879.

Rarity C.

Price £4.



WOOLWICH

PROVINCIAL AREA 1879 +

1879 - A Head Post Office.

1913 Returned to London.

264 was allocated to Woolwich in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1906.

16 was allocated to Woolwich in the London Lists from 1924 to 1962.

KENT - 20

Woolwich Continued:

264 4VOD

Issued 24thDec1874.
Used in the Kent Provincial Area
From before 1879 to 4thMay1894.
Rarity A. Price £2.



264 3VOS.

Issued 28thDec1874.
Only used whilst in the
Kent Provincial Area.
Used 9thOct1883 to 20thSep1887.
Rarity H. Price £25.



264 3VOD

Issued 11thSep1879.
Used 1stOct1879 to
29thSep1894.
Rarity A. Price £2.



264 3VOD

With 3 cut in basal bars:
Not entered in Proof Books.
Time in asterisk code:
Used 30thNov1894 to 19thAug1895.
Rarity H. Price £8.
Time in full:
With a larger figure 3.
Used 21stMay1898 to 10thNov1899.
Rarity F. Price £4.

264 4VOD

With 4 cut in basal bars:
Not entered in Proof Books.
Time in asterisk code:
Used 18thSep1895 to 1stSep1896.
Rarity H. Price £8.
Time in full:
Used 7thJul1898 to 5thDec1899.
Rarity C. Price £2

264 3VOD

With 5 cut in basal bars:
Not entered in Proof Books.
Time in letter code:
Used 1stNov1894.
Rarity H. Price £8.
Time in asterisk code:
Used 14thNov1894 to 14thJan1896.
Rarity H. Price £8.
Time in full:
Used 31stMar1897 to 10thAug1904.
Rarity D. Price £3.

264 3VOD

With 7 cut in basal bars:
Not entered in Proof Books.
Time in full:
Used 11thJun1897 to 5thSep1899.
Rarity H. Price £8.

264 3VOD

With 8 cut in basal bars:
Not entered in Proof Books.
Early 8's are 2.5mm high,
later ones are 3.5mm high.
Used 10thDec1896 to 31stDec1904.
Rarity C.
Price £3 on cover, £1 on ppc.

264 3VOD

With 9 cut in basal bars:
Not entered in Proof Books.
Used 24thSep1895 to 7thDec1903.
Rarity F.
Price £5.

264 4VOD

With 10 cut in basal bars:
Not entered in Proof Books.
Time in full:
Used 13thJul1898 to 30thOct1904.
Rarity A.
Price on cover £4, on ppc £1.

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