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**BERKSHIRE**



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It incorporates the following:

- 1/ Status of the Offices that used barred numeral cancellations.
- 2/ A list of the Sub Offices of major Offices that used barred numeral cancels.
- 3/ The later numeral allocations that were made after barred numerals ceased to be issued.

Dates, codes and times in red are new to the published volumes.

Dates of a change in status are derived largely from the Post Office Guide for January of each year, if a change occurs in say the 1865 edition, it actually took place sometime in 1864.

## Status of the Offices

**Head Post Offices / Post Town** collected, sorted, cancelled and distributed mail from and to a series of Subordinate Offices.

The address of mail sent to a place with a Head Office would end just with the name of the town i.e. Bedford.

**Independent Sub Offices** evolved in the second half of the 19th Century having an address that was independent of the nearest Head Office, most of their mail could come straight to them.

Mail sent to these addresses ended with S.O. and the county name.

i.e. Shefford S.O. Beds. (from 1873 to 1886)

## Railway Sub Offices (R.S.O.)

These were offices that received and sent their mail to a travelling railway post office rather than a conventional head office.

i.e. Shefford R.S.O. Beds. (from 1886 to 1905)

When the term "Railway Sub Office" was abolished in 1905, these became Independent Sub Offices; in 1909 they became Post Towns. Although the term R.S.O. was abolished in 1905 it remained in use in many cds's for several years afterwards.

**Subordinate Offices** The address of mail sent there had to include the name of the Head Office:-

i.e. Potton, Biggleswade. (1844 to 1854)

i.e. Potton, St Neots. (1854 to 1872)

i.e. Potton, Sandy. (1872 to present)

These normally received and sent most of their mail direct to a Head Office.

In the text the dates given are for the length of time that they were sub offices not the period of use of barred numerals.

A Sub Office in an urban environment, before 1892 was called a Town Receiving Office.

**LETTER BOXES.**

Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes, did not normally have their own cancellation, exception were Late Fee Letter Boxes at Railway Stations. The cancellation was applied either in the Travelling Post Office, eg. Euston Square Station with its provincial style 964 cancellation, or in transit the Manchester/Liverpool/Leeds/Bradford Late Box cancellations which were cancelled in London.

**THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CANCELLATIONS:**

1844 type for the single obliterators issued to all the offices in the lists to 1850.



1844

**3HOS** is a 3 Bar Horizontal Oval Single obliterator

The 3HOS replaced the 1844 type in the 1850's. They can sometimes be very similar in that the 1844's can have three bars at the top and base. The key characteristic to separate these from a subsequently issued 3HOS is the length of the uppermost and lowermost bars. These are long in the 1844 type and short and often convex in the 3HOS. The figure 4 almost always has a serif on the horizontal bar in 1844s and is always sans serif in the 3HOSs.



3HOS



3TH.HOS

**4VOS** is a 4 Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

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Obliterators that were first issued as a 4VOS can through wear and local recutting become a 3VOS or indeed rarely a 2VOS. As these always derive from the original 4VOS they are placed in that category. The evidence is that the size of the figures and letters stay the same despite the reduction in the number of bars. True 3VOS's are separately proofed as such and frequently replace a 4VOS.



4VOS



3VOS



3CD

3 bar Circular oval Duplex



4VOD



3VOD

**Spoon** and **sideways duplex** are pre-existing categories that have been used

4 bar Vertical Oval Duplex    3 bar Vertical Oval Duplex

**3VODX** A distinctive pattern of 3VOD was sent to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. In use the cds and obliterator were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued. They are often described as a 3VOS in the literature. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in an experimental new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to not to have been successful.

## ILLUSTRATIONS

The majority of the illustrations are face different Proof Book entries. These have been photocopied from photocopies held in the Post Office archive.

There are very few examples of the 1844 type in the Proof Books, most examples in the catalogue have been traced from actual examples.

If there are two identical copies of a cancel entered at the same in the Proof Books this can often be shown to be the issue of two different cancels. The official stamping the entry found it easier to make two impressions of the same cancel rather than one of each.

## DATE OF ISSUE

The date attached to each illustration is the first date of entry in the Proof Books. Just the month and year are quoted because of the ambiguities in the various possible dates: -

1/ The date a cancellation was sent to a Head Office, this was not always the final destination.

2/ The date in the cds of the cancellation, this is not always the same as the date sent. It can indeed be almost a year out. Volume 15 of the Proof Books consists of cut outs of cancellations, these are often duplicate entries of cancels that are in other Proof Books - however the cds date in volume 15 can often be much earlier in the year than the date in the other Proof Books. The earlier date is certainly the correct one.

3/ The date a cancel was proofed – this is in a column marked “sent” in the Proof Books.

In the literature any of these three sources could have been used for the “date of issue”.

## RARITY & PRICE

The rarity index ranges from A = abundant to H = very few recorded. H\* has been used for proofed cancels that have only been recorded on loose stamp.

GPO means that the cancel has only been seen in the Proof Books.

Prices for coloured cancels have not been quoted, there is too much variation.

Prices have not been updated from those quoted in the six volume set issued 2011 to 2013 - i.e. they are at least 10 years old.

## POST OFFICE LISTS

The list of numeral allocations comes from a combination of several sources:-

1/ The Official Lists held in various forms in the Post Office Archives and several that are privately held.

2/ Individual changes in allocation listed in the Post Office Circular, which was a set of weekly instructions to Postmasters.

**The Official Lists** that have been used:-

1844 – contained in Dendy Marshall’s book. Thus seen by Brumell.

1845 - 1847 - 1855 - 1856 - 1857 contained in the relevant Post Office Directory.

1874 - 1882 - 1887 - 1892 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in their file Post 55. The 1882 list is new, it was not seen or mentioned by Brumell.

1899 - Brumell mentions a list that he had not seen that was quoted by Whitworth (Southport 1905) as the “1899” list. Post Office Archives have an 1887 list with manuscript additions up to about 1900. This is certainly Whitworth’s “1899” list.

1902 - seen and listed by Brumell, but there is no longer a copy in the Post Office Archives.

1906 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55. This was the last list used by Brumell.

1924, 1929 and 1949 - these have recently become available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55, called Post Office Form 1013. They were not available to Mackay.

1954, 1959 - listed by George Pearson in his 1959 publication. The lists are not in the Post Office Archives.

1962 - an original list seen and quoted by Mackay. Given by him in 1990 to the Post Office Archives, but no longer available. A privately held copy has been downloaded from the GBPS website.

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George Brumell, *British Post Office Numbers 1844 – 1906*. R.C.Alcock Cheltenham 1946 and 1971. The collectors "bible", the first edition had a section on postmarks, which was unfortunately left out of the later 1971 edition. It also contained a good description of earlier books published on Post Office numbers.

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James A. Mackay, *British Post Office Numbers 1924 to 1969*. Published by the author 1981.

A good summary of what information was available at that time.

Marshall, Dendy *The British Post Office from its beginnings to the end of 1925*. Oxford University Press 1926. An interesting collection of information on the history of stamp issues and an index of people, places and items associated with British Postal history. Contains a good annotated bibliography.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

This has been a cooperative effort, with over two hundred and fifty correspondents over the last forty years. Their input varies from a making a few additions to complete editing of whole chapters.

Particular help has been provided over many years by Grahame Blackman and David Tolfrey.

Post Office Archives: Many thanks for all their help in the past, although under the current regime research is becoming increasingly difficult. This follows a general tendency amongst archivists to make preservation the all-pervading priority and making access secondary.

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ASCOT G75 & 975

BEENHAM J80

BRACKNELL 105

BUCKLAND G03

CHOLSEY K77

COOKHAM G44

CROWTHORNE 093 & 189

DIDCOT E76 & 248

DRAYTON 095

FARINGDON 293

HARWELL 093

HUNGERFORD 390

LAMBOURN 392 & 22

LONGCOT B37

MAIDENHEAD 492

MORTIMER E80

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PANGBOURNE 901

READING 635

SHRIVENHAM B35

STEVENTON 094

SUNNINGHILL 088

THATCHAM J76

TWYFORD 097 & D79 & 819

WALLINGFORD 832

WANTAGE 4

WELLINGTON COLLEGE STATION J09

WINDSOR 890

WOKINGHAM 904

WOOLHAMPTON J81

Abingdon, Buckland, Didcot, Drayton, Faringdon, Longcot and Wallingford moved from Berkshire to Oxfordshire in 1974.

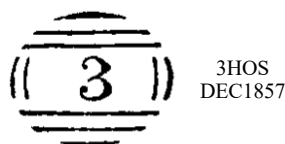
**3 ABINGDON**

Head Post Office 1844 to Present.

Moved from Berks to Oxon in 1974.

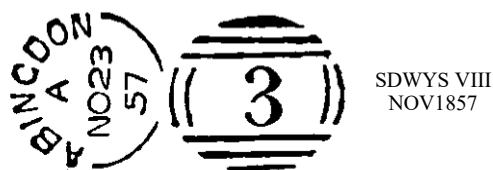
Abingdon was allocated number 3 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 095 Drayton 1853 to 1860, 093 Harwell 1844 to 1860, 094 Steventon 1852 to 1860 and 4 Wantage 1844 to 1855.*



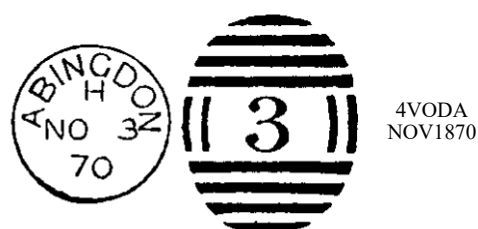
**1844** Used from 13 MAY1844 to 28 APR1857 Price C £5

**3HOS** Used from 20 SEP1858 to 23 MAR1865 Price G £25



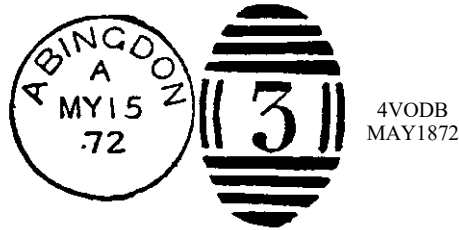
**3TH.HOS** Used from 1 JUL1865 to 20 SEP1882 Price C £8

**SDWYS** Used from 3 DEC1857 to 11 MAR1865 Codes: C Cinv D F Price B £10



BERKSHIRE 3-4

**4VODA (Round top three)** Used from 12 AUG1865 to 15 MAY1897 Codes: C F G 1 0  
Price B £3



**4VODB (Flat top three) Time in code** Used from 7 JUN1872 to 30 OCT1896  
Codes: C D E F G H I K L Price A £3

**4VODB (Flat top three) Time in full** Used from 1 JUN1897 to 15 JAN1903  
Times: 10AM 11AM 12PM 1PM 145PM 430PM Price A £3

**4 WANTAGE**

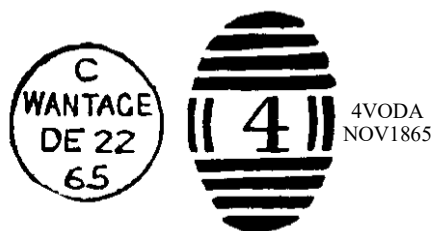
Sub Office of Abingdon 1844 to 1855, Head Post Office 1855 to present.  
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Wantage was allocated number 4 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

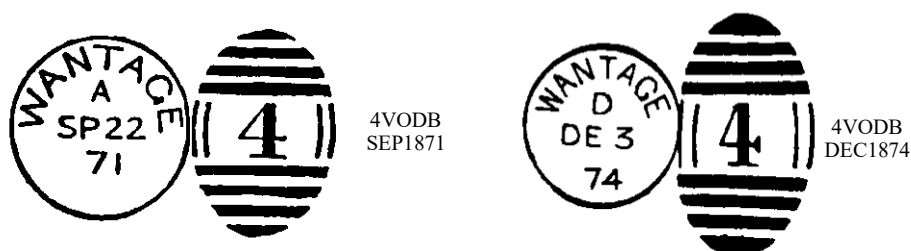


**1844** Used from 6 AUG1846 to 11 JAN1864 Price A £5

**3TH.HOS** Used from 23 MAR1864 to 26 DEC1870 Price E £12



**4VODA (Straight Wantage)** Used from 12 FEB1866 to 5 JUL1871 Codes: A B D E Price A £3





BERKSHIRE 4-105

**4VODB (Curved Wantage)** Used from 11 DEC1871 to 4 MAR1879 Codes: B D Price A £3



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 20 SEP1880 to 14 MAR1895 Codes: D none Price B £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 9 DEC1895 to 25 MAY1901 Times: 6PM 9PM Price D £3

22 Lambourn

Lambourn was allocated number 22 in the lists from 1959 to 1962.

**105 BRACKNELL**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1853, Sub Office of Farnborough Station 1853 to 1857, Sub Office of Reading 1857 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1865, Head Post Office 1865 to present. Bracknell was allocated number 105 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



**1844** Used from 27 AUG1845 to 23 JUL1867 Price D £8 Seen in blue



**4VOD** Used from 10 FEB1866 to 15 DEC1893 Codes: A B C D E 8 Price B £3



## BERKSHIRE 105-293

**3VOD** Used from 21 FEB1882 to 9 FEB1888 Code: A B Price H £40  
Squared Circles in use: MAY1894 to JUN1905

189 Crowthorne

Crowthorne was allocated number 093 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 189 from 1959 to 1962.

248 Didcot

Didcot was allocated number E76 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 248 1959 to 1962.

### 293 FARINGDON

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

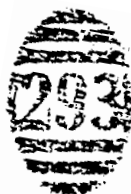
Moved from Berks to Oxon in 1974.

Faringdon was allocated number 293 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 050 Bampton (Oxon) 1860 to 1895, G03 Buckland 1844 to present, 149 Burford (Oxon) 1860 to 1873, 294 Fairford (Glos) 1855 to 1860 and 296 Lechlade (Glos) 1844 to 1860.*



**1844** Used from 9 MAY1844 to 30 DEC1864 Price B £5  
**1844 in blue** Used from SEP1850 to MAY1851

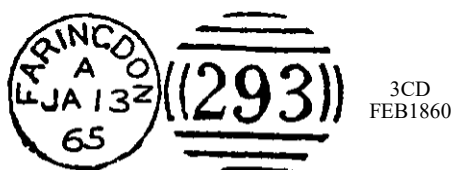


Worn 4VOS, now a  
3VOS, it is in the  
National Postal  
Museum



USED IN DUDLEY  
WORCS IN ERROR

**4VOS & 3VOS** These are the same cancellation. No dated copies recorded Price H\* £60+  
(Price if found on dated cover)  
It becomes a 3VOS with wear and recutting.  
The handstamp is now in the National Postal Museum.



**3CD** Used from 20 FEB1860 to 27 JUL1868 Codes: A B Price A £3

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**4VODA (Round top three)** Used from 26 OCT1868 to 25 JAN1873 Codes: A B C Price A £3  
**4VODB (Flat top three)** Used from 8 JUN1873 to 29 JUL1877 Codes: A B Price B £3



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 8 DEC1878 to 28 JAN1896 Codes: A B C D E F O Price B £3  
**3VOD Time in full** Used from 6 FEB1897 to 19 AUG1900  
 Times: 515PM 815PM 845PM 915PM Price E £3

**390 HUNGERFORD**

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

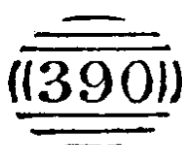
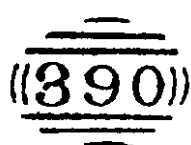
Hungerford was allocated number 390 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 391 Aldbourne (Wilts) 1844 to 1881,*

*D45 Baydon (Wilts) 1851 to 1888, 392 Lambourn 1844 to 1881 and 393 Ramsbury (Wilts) 1844 to 1915.*



**1844** Used from 30 MAY1844 to 27 APR1866 Price F £20



**3HOS** Used from 8 NOV1852 to 1 MAR1865 Price D £8

BERKSHIRE 390



4VOS  
OCT1865



4VOS  
JUL1868



4VOS  
MAR1870

**4VOS** Used from 13 NOV1865 to \*12 MAY1886\* Price D £8  
\*by 1886 it was worn to a 3VOS, the true 3VOS has a flat topped three



3VOS  
FEB1873



3VOS  
MAY1878

**3VOS** Used from 7 OCT1874 to 14 AUG1882 Price D £8



3CD  
DEC1862

**3CD** Used from 11 NOV1875 to 3 JUN1878 Codes: C Cinv Price F £15



4VOD  
FEB1868

**4VOD** Used from 11 AUG1868 to 27 JUL1875 Codes: C D Price C £3



3VOD  
DEC1879

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 22 DEC1879 to 27 APR1895

Codes: A B C D E Einv F G Price D £6

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 14 OCT1895 to 2 SEP1903

Times: 9AM 1PM 2PM 6PM 8PM 815PM 9PM 915 Price B £3

## BERKSHIRE 392-492

### 392 LAMBOURN

Sub Office of Hungerford 1844 to 1881, Railway Sub Office 1881 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1929, Sub Office of Newbury 1929 to 1995, Sub Office of Hungerford 1995 to present.,

Lambourn was allocated number 392 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 392 was later allocated to Grays, Essex 1925 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844



USED IN DUDLEY  
WORCS IN ERROR

**1844** Used from 17 JUN1844 to 10 MAR1866 Price G £80

Occurs with a Lambourne cud. and a Hungerford cds

**1844 in blue** Used on 18 AUG1857 Also seen in green



4VOS  
NOV1866

**4VOS** Used from 31 MAY1868 to 31 JUL1877 Price G £80

Squared Circles in use: AUG1881 to JUL1921

### 492 MAIDENHEAD

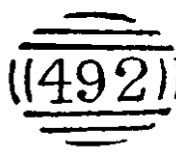
Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Maidenhead was allocated number 492 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- G45 Bourne End (Bucks) 1875 to 1898, G44 Cookham 1844 to 1883, 518 Marlow (Bucks) 1856 to 1863 and G46 Wooburn (Bucks) 1887 to 1891.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
JUL1854

**1844** Used from 20 JUN1844 to 13 AUG1854 Price E £12

**3HOS** Used on 29 OCT1855 Price H £50



3TH.HOS  
SEP1864



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

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**3TH.HOS** Used on 13 NOV1874 Price H £50

**3VOS** Used from 22 APR1904 to 26 SEP1908 Price G £25 early 20<sup>th</sup> C

Also occurs on undated QE II covers Price £8



SDWYS II APR1856



SDWYS VIII SEP1857

**SDWYS II** Used from 2 MAY1856 to 13 JUL1858 Codes: A B C Cinv Price F £60

**SDWYS VIII** Used from 2 OCT1857 to 15 AUG1861 Codes: A B Cinv Price F £60



3CD  
SEP1858



4CD  
MAR1863

**3CD** 27 SEP1858 to 1 NOV1862 Codes: A B Price E £10

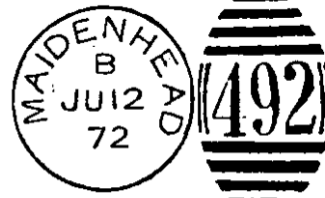
**4CD** 23 APR1863 to 31 MAY1867 Codes: B C E Price D £6



4VOD  
DEC1867



4VOD  
JUL1870



4VOD  
JUN1872



4VOD  
JUN1875



4VOD  
NOV1877

**4VOD** MAR1868 to 4 NOV1879 Codes: B C D E F G L O Price A £3

All five proofed 4VODs are now illustrated

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**3VOD** 1 MAR1880 to 2 DEC1880 Codes: B C E F Price G £35  
Squared Circles in use: FEB1881 to SEP1906

**544 NEWBURY**  
Head Post Office 1844 to present.  
Newbury was allocated number 544 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.  
*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- J79 Thatcham 1844 to present.*



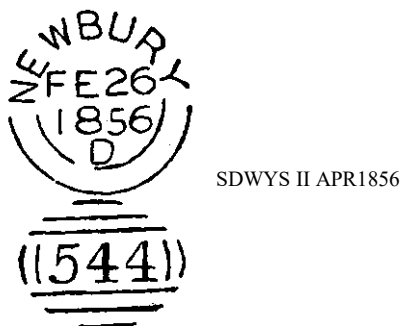
**1844** Used from 6 MAY1844 to 10 FEB1852 Price B £8



**3HOS** Used from 5 JUN1853 to 21 MAY1858 Price G £40  
The 3HOS does not have serifs on the horizontal bar on the figure four, the 1844 has serifs

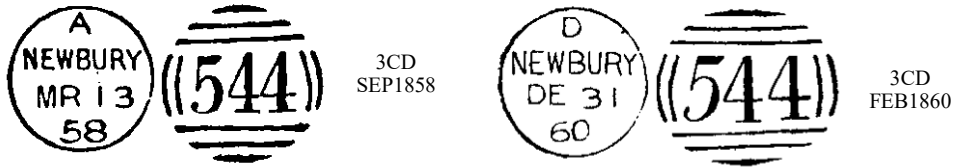


**4VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)



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SDWYS Used from 12 MAR1856 to 4 MAR1858 Codes: B C D none Price C £15



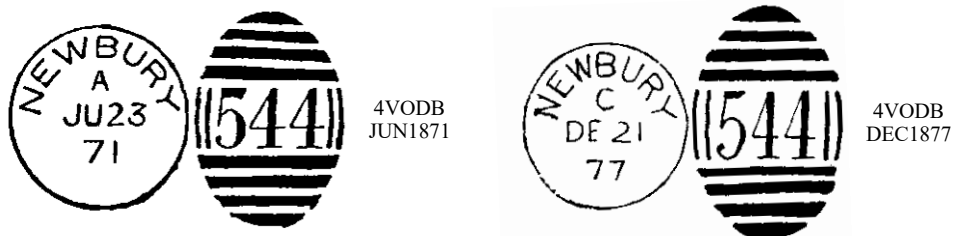
3CD Used from 25 MAR1858 to 13 JAN1864 Codes: A C D I Price A £3



4CD Used from 4 MAR1864 to 18 JAN1892 Codes: A B C D E F G H I K L Price A £3



4VODA (Straight Newbury) Used from 24 JUL1868 to 19 JUN1872 Codes: A C D E F G Price C £3



4VODB (Curved Newbury) Used from 6 OCT1871 to 19 JUL1895 Codes: A B C D E E F G H I L Price A £3





**3VOD Time in code** Used from 28 AUG1873 to 23 JUL1895 Codes: A B C D E F G I K  
Price A £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 21 AUG1895 to 24 DEC1908 Times: 845AM 1130AM 145PM  
2PM 330PM 515PM 610PM 630PM 645PM 7PM 710PM 8PM 9PM 930PM none Price A £3  
Both 3VODs can occur with single side arcs on the right.



**3VODS Time in code (single side arcs on both sides)** Used from 7 JUL1891 to 13 AUG1895  
Codes: K L Price H £15

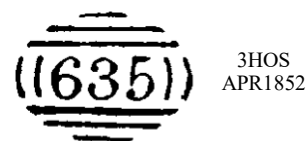
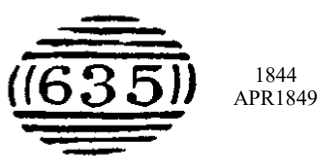
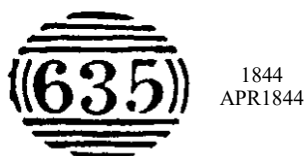
**3VODS Time in full (single side arcs on both sides)** Used from 17 AUG1898 to 22 OCT1898  
Times: 630PM 645PM 8PM Price G £8

### 635 READING

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Reading was allocated number 635 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- J80 Beenham 1848 to 1946/9, 105 Bracknell 1857 to 1859, K67 Goring (Oxon) 1857 to present, E80 Mortimer 1844 to 1886, 901 Pangbourne 1845 to present, 097 Shiplake 1854 to 1859, 097 Twyford 1844 to 1860 and 904 Wokingham 1858 to 1859.*



**1844** Used from 3 MAY1844 to 2 FEB1852 Price D £8  
**1844 in blue** Used in 1850  
**3HOS** Used from 15 JUN1852 to 2 JAN1853 Price G £15



4VOS  
JUN1872



3VOS  
APR1877



3VOS  
FEB1878

**4VOS** Used on 14 DEC1875 Price H £50  
**3VOS** Used from 27 FEB1880 to 14 JUL1933 Dated covers: price G 19<sup>th</sup>C £40 / 20<sup>th</sup>C £15.  
 Undated covers £8. Already worn to become a 2VOS by 1889.

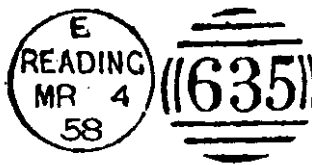


SDWYS Ib MAY1854

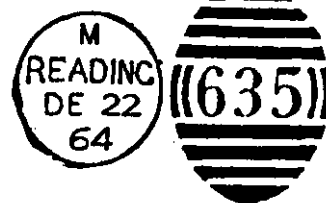


SDWYS II  
DEC1856

**SDWYS Ib** Used from 6 JUN1854 to 27 NOV1856 Codes: A B C D Dinv E none Price E £50  
**SDWYS Ib in blue** Used on 14 NOV1854  
**SDWYS II** Used from 30 DEC1856 to 24 FEB1858 Codes: A B C D E Price C £10



3CD  
MAR1858



4VODA  
JUN1864

**3CD** Used from 1 JUN1858 to 28 MAY1864 Codes: A C D E F G H I J K L N none Price A £3

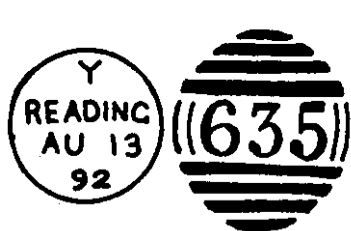
**4VODA (Straight Reading & round top three) Time in code**

Used from 26 OCT1864 to 25 NOV1892 Codes: C D E F G H I J K L M N O R Ssdwys W Y  
 Price A £3

A variable group there were 9 issues in the Proof Books between JUN1864 and JUL1870, also many later recuts that were not proofed.

**4VODA\* (Straight Reading & round top three) Time in asterisk code**

Used from 16 JUN1894 to 23 DEC1897 Codes: F\*P FG\*P I\*P Price G £15



4VODB  
NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS



4VODC  
JUN1871

**4VODB (Straight Reading & flat top three)** Used from 23 SEP1886 to 8 MAY1894

Codes: G H I L N S T V W Y Price C £3

**4VODC (Curved Reading & round top three)** Used from 9 SEP1871 to 30 JUL1872

Codes: F G N O Price D £6 A revised late date, I believe that the 4VODC was replaced by the 4VODD



4VODD  
AUG1872

**4VODD (Curved Reading & flat top three)** Used from 10 SEP1872 to 29 JAN1895

Codes: D E F G I J M N O P R S Price A £3



3VOD  
MAR1878

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 12 APR1878 to 5 MAR1894 Single Codes: D E F G H J L  
Lsdwys M N Nsdwys O P R S V W Y The figure 1 is a handstamp identification number:  
1D 1F 1G 1H 1R 1S 1T 1blank Price A £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 29 JUN1894 to 27 JUL1895 Codes: KC\*A KF\*A  
KG\*A A\*P ED\*P F\*P FG\*P GF\*P H\*P HG\*P HH\*P I\*P KC\*P FP Price A £5

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 13 AUG1895 to 8 FEB1899

Times: 1230AM 230PM 8PM 815PM 830PM 9PM 1015PM Price A £3

**3VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 3 MAY1895 to 12 JUL1898

Times: 1030AM 1230PM 230PM 6PM 815PM 830PM 9PM 12PM Price D £6

Squared Circles in use: APR1881 to APR1893

819 Twyford

Twyford was allocated numbers D79 in the 1882 to 1906 and 819 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

### 832 WALLINGFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to Present.

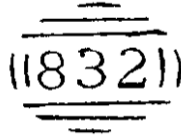
Moved from Berks to Oxon in 1974.

Wallingford was allocated number 832 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

BERKSHIRE 832



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
JUL1854



3HOS  
JUL1861

**1844** Used from 6 JUN1844 to 16 JAN1852 Price F £20

**3HOS** Used from 6 NOV1855 to 25 OCT1867 Price E £10



4VOS  
NOV1867



4VODA  
OCT1868

**4VOS** Used from 10 DEC1867 to 8 SEP1868 Price H £40

**4VODA (Round top three)** Used from 4 NOV1868 to 19 JAN1873 Codes: B C Price A £3



4VODB  
MAR1873



4VODB  
OCT1875

**4VODB (Flat top three) Time in code:** Used from 28 OCT1873 to 18 MAR1895

Codes: A B C D H I none Price A £3

**4VODB (Flat top three) Time in full:** Used from 7 JUL1899 to 7 NOV1903

Times: 945AM 1145AM 230PM 3PM 415PM 615PM 815PM 830PM 915PM Price B £3



3VOD  
DEC1886

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 24 JUL1888 to 12 MAR1891 Codes: C G Price F £8

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 18 APR1895 to 21 FEB1906 Times: 1030AM 130PM 415PM 530PM 630PM 8PM 85PM 830PM 9PM 915PM 930PM Price B £3

BERKSHIRE 890

**890 WINDSOR**

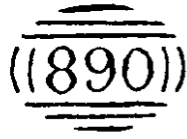
Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Windsor was allocated number 890 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals) (or could have done ie Eton):- J83 Datchet (Bucks) 1855 to 1933 Eton a Sub Office of Windsor 1844 to 1856, then Town Receiving House of Windsor.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
SEP1851



3HOS  
SEP1859



3HOS  
JUL1861

**1844** Used from 6 MAY1844 to 30 AUG1851 Price E £10

**3HOS** Used from 23 MAY1852 to 15 JUN1858 Price E £8



3VOS  
JUN1881



SDWYS II JUL1855



SDWYS II JUN1857

**3VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £60+ Price on dated cover if found

Undated wrappers £12

**SDWYS** Used from 1 AUG1855 to 26 FEB1868 Codes: A B C D E F none Price B £10



3CD  
MAR1858



3CD  
OCT1862



4CD  
MAY1863



**3CD** Used from 28 MAR1858 to 21 NOV1866 Codes: A B C D E F G H 2 3 4 5 6 7 none

Price A £3

**4CD** Used from 24 FEB1864 to 29 APR1865 Codes: A B D E F G 4 Price E £10



4VODA  
JUN1868



4VODA  
MAY1865



BERKSHIRE 890-904

**4VODA (Straight Windsor)** Used from 3 JUN1865 to 21 JAN1872

Codes: B C D E F G H 1 5 6 8 Price A £3



**4VODB (Curved Windsor)** Used from 27 NOV1871 to 24 AUG1878 Codes: A B C D E F G H

Price A £3



**3VOD** Used from 21 SEP1879 to 1 MAR1884 Codes: B C D E F G Price D £6

Squared Circles in use: JUN1881 to JUL1914

**901 PANGBOURNE**

Sub Office of Reading 1845 to present.

Pangbourne was allocated number 901 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 3 APR1878 to 4 MAY1893

Codes: A B C Price F £15

**3VOD Time in asterisk code**

Used from 13 JUN1895 to 12 MAR1907 Codes: IB\*A LB\*A IK\*A

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Price A £10 on cover, £4 on ppc

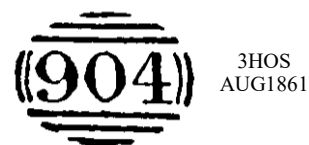
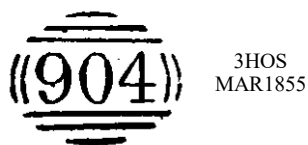


**904 WOKINGHAM**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1857, Sub Office of Farnborough Station 1857, Sub Office of Reading 1858 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1864, Head Post Office 1865 to present.

Wokingham was allocated number 904 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 093 Crowthorne 1869 to 1899 and J09 Wellington College Station 1887 to 1890.*



BERKSHIRE 904

**1844** Used from 13 SEP1846 to 23 JAN1851 Price H £40  
**3HOS** Used from 1 APR1856 to 23 NOV1866 Price C £4



**4VOS GPO**  
**3VOS GPO**



4VOD  
 AUG1864



4VOD  
 JUN1871



4VOD  
 MAY1873



**4VOD** Used from 28 MAR1866 to 13 FEB1879 Codes: A B C Cinv D Dinv F Price A £3  
 Between AUG1864 and AUG1870 six were proofed, all are similar to the AUG1864 issue.  
 The seventh and eighth are illustrated above



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 20 AUG1879 to 1 MAY1893 Codes: C D E F H Price D £8  
**3VOD Time in full** Used from 19 OCT1898 to 24 OCT1908  
 Times: 845AM 1145AM 315PM 630PM 7PM 715PM 95PM 915PM Price D £4  
 Squared Circles in use: JAN1881 to OCT1898

975 Ascot

Ascot was allocated number G75 in the 1887 to 1924 and 975 in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

## BERKSHIRE 088-094

### 088 SUNNINGHILL

Sub Office of Chertsey 1844 to 1858, Sub Office of Staines 1858 to 1883, Sub Office of Ascot 1883 to 1930, closed 1930.

In 1909 Sunninghill became London Rd. Ascot and Sunninghill Village became Sunninghill.

Sunninghill was allocated number 088 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 088 was later allocated to Rhosllanerchrugog Denbigh in the 1959 to 1962 lists.



3VOD  
APR1879

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 17 OCT1879 to 14 APR1902 Codes: B C D Price D £15

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 12 OCT1904 to 11 DEC1904

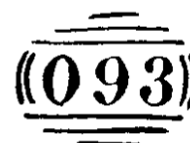
Times: 930AM 530PM 65PM 630PM 85PM Price D £12

### 093 HARWELL

Sub Office of Abingdon 1844 to 1860, Sub Office of Steventon RSO 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1928, Sub Office of Didcot 1928 to present.

Harwell was not listed, the allocation was for a period between the 1857 and 1874 lists.

Number 093 was later allocated to Crowthorne Berks in the 1882 to 1906 lists.



3HOS  
JAN1858

**3HOS** Used from 15 FEB1858 to 3 JUL1859 Price H £100++

### 093 CROWTHORNE

Sub Office of Wokingham 1869 to 1899, Sub Office of Wellington College Station 1899 to 1923, Post Town 1923 to Present.

Crowthorne was allocated number 093 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 189 from 1959 to 1962.



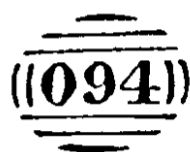
3VOS  
APR1879

**3VOS** Used on 3 JAN1891 Price H £100++

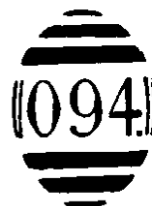
### 094 STEVENTON

Sub Office of Abingdon 1852 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1928, Sub Office of Didcot 1928 to 1946, Sub Office of Abingdon 1946 to present. Moved from Berks to Oxon in 1974.

Steventon was allocated number 094 in the 1874 to 1924 lists.



3HOS  
JAN1858



3VOS  
JUN1878

**3HOS** Used from 21 MAR1861 to 12 NOV1873 Price D £15

**3VOS** Used from 28 NOV1882 to 21 FEB1885 Price H £50



BERKSHIRE 094-B35



3VOD  
JUN1885

**3VOD** Used from 12 JUL1890 to 31 MAY1905 Code: C Price C £8

**095 DRAYTON**

Sub Office of Abingdon 1853 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1893,  
Sub Office of Abingdon 1893 to present.

Moved from Berks to Oxon in 1974.

Dayton was allocated number 095 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

Number 095 was later allocated to Brentford Middx in the 1929 to 1959 lists.

An unallocated and undated 3HOS in Proof Books, it has only seen on a loose stamp.

**3HOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover)



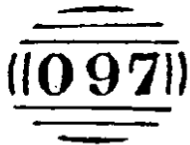
3HOS UNDATED &  
UNALLOCATED ENTRY  
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**097 TWYFORD**

3HOS number 097 was sent to Shiplake Oxon in JAN1858, transferred to Twyford between 1859 & 1861.

Twyford was a Sub Office of Reading 1844 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905,  
Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1926, Sub office of Reading 1926 to present.

Twyford was not listed as having been allocated number 097. Number 097 was allocated to Mitcheldean in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and Great Ayrton Yorkshire 1963 to 1967.



3HOS SENT IN JAN1858  
TO SHIPLAKE



4VOS  
OCT1867



4VOS  
DEC1871

**3HOS** Used from 9 APR1861 to 5 DEC1866 Price G £80+

The obliterator was transferred to Twyford between 1859 and 1861

**4VOS** Used from 22 SEP1868 to 22 SEP1878 Price F £50

Squared Circles in use: DEC1893 to SEP1905

**B35 SHRIVENHAM**

Sub Office of Farringdon 1844 to 1860. Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905. Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1920. Sub Office of Swindon 1920 to present.

Moved from Berkshire to Oxfordshire in 1974.

Shrivenham was allocated number B35 in the 1874 to 1906 lists

BERKSHIRE B35-E76



3HOS  
JAN1860



3VOS  
DEC1877

**3HOS** Used from 11 SEP1861 to 2 MAY1876 Price A £5

**3VOS** Used from 2 APR1878 to 12APR1892 Price H £60



4VOD  
FEB1868

**4VOD** Used from 15 AUG1868 to 18 APR1908 Codes: A B Price A £6 on cover, £3 on ppc

**B37 LONGCOT**

Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1874, Independent Sub Office 1874 to 1875,  
Sub Office of Farringdon 1875 to present.

Longcot was allocated number B37 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

**3HOS** Used from 30 APR1861 to 24 AUG1873 Price E £30



3HOS  
JAN1860

**D79 TWYFORD**

Twyford was a Sub Office of Reading 1844 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1926, Sub office of Reading 1926 to present.

Twyford was allocated numbers D79 in the 1882 to 1906 and 819 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

See also 097

**3VOS** Used from 25 FEB1881 to 29 NOV1892 Price G £80+



3VOS  
JUN1880

**E76 DIDCOT**

Sub Office of Wallingford 1847 to 1858, Sub Office of Abingdon 1858 to 1859, Sub Office of Wallingford 1859 to 1869, Railway Sub Office 1869 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1992.

Moved from Berkshire to Oxfordshire in 1974.

E76 4VOS issued in 1869 when Didcot became a RSO.

Didcot was allocated number E76 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 248 1959 to 1962.

BERKSHIRE E76-G44



4VOS  
SEP1869



3VOS  
OCT1881

**4VOS** Used from 7 MAY1870 to 2 MAY1878 Price G £80  
**3VOS** Used from 12 JUL1883 to 2 MAR1892 Price H £100  
Square Circles in use: JAN1893 to MAR1911

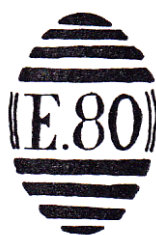
**E80 MORTIMER**

Sub Office of Reading 1844 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1906, Sub Office of Reading 1906 to 1978, closed 1978.

Mortimer was allocated number E80 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.



4VOS  
OCT1869



4VOSD  
NOT ENTERED  
IN THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**4VOS** Used from 28 AUG1872 to 5 OCT1895 Price D £12  
The 4VOS and the previously listed 3VOS are the same cancellation.  
**4VOSD (With dot E.80)** Used on 12 APR1898 Price H £25

**G03 BUCKLAND**

Sub Office of Faringdon 1844 to present.

Moved from Berkshire to Oxfordshire in 1974.

Buckland was allocated number G03 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

**3VOS GPO**



3VOS  
MAR1873

**G44 COOKHAM**

Sub Office of Maidenhead 1844 to 1883, Independent Sub Office 1883 to 1908,  
Town Sub Office of Cookham Rise 1908 to 1927, Post Town 1927 to 1928,  
Sub Office of Maidenhead 1928 to present.

In 1927 Cookham became Cookham Village and Cookham Rise became  
Cookham.

Cookham was allocated number G44 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

**3VOS** Used from 19 NOV1886 to 13 AUG1889 Price H £100+



3VOS  
AUG1882

## BERKSHIRE G75-J80

### G75 ASCOT

Sub Office of Chertsey 1856 to 1858, Sub Office of Staines 1858 to 1883, Head Post Office 1883 to present.

G75 3VOS & 3VOD issued in 1883 when Ascot became a Head Office.

Ascot was allocated number G75 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 088 Sunninghill 1883 to 1930.*



### 3VOS GPO

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 3 OCT1883 to 30 NOV1892 **Codes:** A C D E F Price D £5

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 16 APR1894 to 3 JAN1896

Codes: I\*A BI\*P CF\*P CI\*P DC\*P FK\*P GF\*P I\*P K\*P Price E £10

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 26 SEP1896 to **29 MAR1897**

Times: 1030AM 330PM 345PM 730PM 745PM Price E £5

### J09 WELLINGTON COLLEGE STATION

Sub Office of Wokingham 1887 to 1890, Independent Sub Office 1890 to 1928, Town Sub Office of Crowthorne 1928 to 1929, Renamed Crowthorne Station in 1929.

Wellington College Station was allocated number J09 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

**3VOS** Used from 10 MAR1888 to 21 MAR1891 Price H £150+

Squared Circles in use: OCT1889 to OCT1907



3VOS  
OCT1887

### J79 THATCHAM

Sub Office of Newbury 1844 to present.

Thatcham was allocated number J79 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

**3VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover)



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

### J80 BEENHAM

Sub Office of Reading 1848 to 1946/49, closed 1946/49.

Beenham was allocated number J80 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

**3VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover)



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

## BERKSHIRE J81-K77

### **J81 WOOLHAMPTON**

Sub Office of Newbury 1844 to 1861, Sub Office of Reading 1861 to 1895,  
Railway Sub Office 1895 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1923,  
Sub Office of Reading 1923 to present.

Woolhampton was allocated number J81 in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

**3VOS** Used from 2 NOV1900 to 6 NOV1905 Price H £100+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

### **K77 CHOLSEY**

Sub Office of Wallingford 1844 to 1880, Independent Sub Office 1880 to 1896,  
Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1917,  
Sub Office of Wallingford 1917 to present.

Moved from Berkshire to Oxfordshire in 1974.

Cholsey was allocated number K77 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

No obliterations recorded.