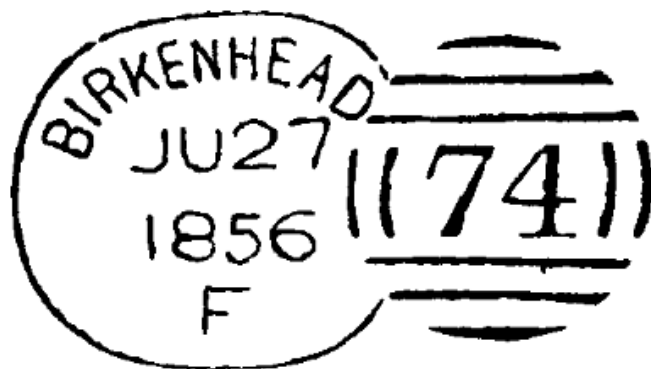


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It incorporates the following:

- 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

3VOS is a 3 Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

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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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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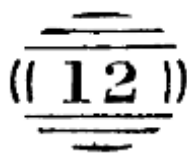
12 ALTRINCHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Manchester 1855 to 1866, Railway Sub Office 1866 to 1869, Head Post Office 1869 to present.

Altrincham was allocated number 12 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1858

1844 Used from 17 DEC44 to 6 JUN1858 Price C £6

The 1844 remained in use after the first 3HOS was issued.

3HOS GPO



4VOS
FEB1867



3VOS
JUL1879

CHESHIRE 12

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

3VOS Used from 22 DEC1892 to 30 DEC1892 Price H £40



3CD
FEB1861



3CD
SEP1862

3CD Used from 21 MAR1861 to 29 AUG1872 Codes: A B C D G 2 3 5 6 Price A £3



4VOD
NOV1870



4VOD
OCT1872



4VOD
AUG1876

4VOD Used from 3 DEC1870 to 19 JUL1894 Codes: A B C D E F G 5 6 7 Price A £3



4VODA NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

4VODA (Single side arcs) Used from 28 JUN1886 to 19 JUL1894

Codes: A B C D E **Einv** F G Price E £10

Some have an absent basal bar

3VOD Time in code Used from 25 JAN1881 to 3 OCT1892 Codes: A B C D E F G Price E £8

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 2 OCT1894 to 26 JAN1898

Codes: HD*A KD*A LF*A A*P BD*P CF*P ED*P HF*P IF*P IK*P Price D £8

17 Alderley Edge

Alderley Edge was allocated number F56 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and 17 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

CHESHIRE 74

74 BIRKENHEAD

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.

Birkenhead was allocated number 74 in the 1844 to 1924 lists then 466H in the 1929 to 1962 lists. Number 74 was later allocated to Berkeley (Glos) In the 1929 to 1962 lists.



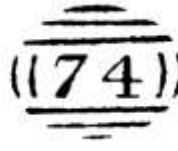
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APR1844



3HOS
FEB1850



3HOS
DEC1851



3HOS
FEB1853



3HOS
OCT1853

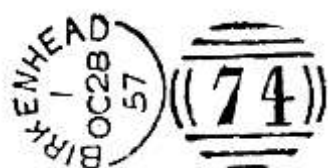
1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 7 AUG1848 Price D £8

3HOS Used from 2 NOV1850 to 21 MAY1856 Price F £15



SPOON
JUN1856

SPOON Used from 2 JUL1856 to 27 SEP57 Codes: A C D E F G H Hsdwys I K Price E £100



SDWYS VIII OCT1857



SDWYS VIII FEB1858



SDWYS VIII DEC1868

SDWYS VIII Used from 18 NOV1857 to 4 DEC1869

Codes: A B C D E F Fsdwys G H I 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 Price A £6



3CD
NOV1859



3CD
DEC1861



3CD
DEC1868

3CD, 4VOD & 3VOD:- The two part codes are I believe a handstamp identification letter and a collection code number.

3CD Used from 8 MAR1860 to 29 APR1878 Price A £3

Had single codes at first and then from JUL1861 two part codes.

The A,E,H,K and N are handstamp identification letters.

Single code:- A C H Hsdwys I Ksdwys Linv 2 3 4 5 6 42

Two part codes:- A1 A2 / E2 / H2 H2sdwys / I2 / J2 / K2 / L2 / N2

26 examples were entered in the Proof Books, the early ones had thinner bars.

CHESHIRE 74



4VOD Used from 8 FEB1870 to 24 OCT1885 Price A £3

Had both single and two part codes in the first Proof Book entries in NOV1869. In actual use the two part codes were delayed until the mid 1870s. then on only two part codes were used.

Single aperture cds: A D E F H J 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 16 20

Double aperture cds: B2 C9 F1 G2 I3 I6 J1 X6 X16 AX1 AX4 AX5 **AX6** AX7 AX14 AX16 AX18 BX14 **BX15** BX16 XA10 XA16 XA17



3VOD Time in code Used from 9 JUL1879 to 22 MAY1908 Price A £3 The first 3VOD sent in MAY1878 had a single code. In AUG1883 two part codes were first proofed and from then onwards they were the only type in use.

Single aperture cds:- C D H 2 9 17

Double aperture cds:- A: 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 13 16 19 21 22 B: 9 D: 3 E: 19 H: 17 M: 6 9

S: 2 Y: 20 23 24 AX: 1 2 4 6 7 9 10 13 15 17 18 19 20 EX: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 19

XA: **5** 6 8 9 13 14 15 17 18 20 XY: 4 14 YX: 3 4 4inv 5 6 ZX: 4 6

3VOD Time in full Used from 15 OCT1897 to 5 MAR1908

Times: 815AM 845AM 1015AM 1030AM 1215PM 125PM 215PM 230PM 245PM 5PM 530PM 6PM 630PM 7PM 8PM 830PM 845PM 915PM 10PM 1115PM 1130PM 5 Price A £3

3VOD5 (5 at base of cds) Time in asterisk code Used on 12 AUG1895

Code D*P Price H £25

3VOD5 (5 at base of cds) Time in full Used from 30 AUG1901 to 24 DEC1906

Times: 1015AM 1215PM 125PM 530PM 6PM 615PM 630PM 7PM 8PM 830PM 845PM 945PM 10PM 1115PM Price A £3

3VOD6 (6 in basal bars) Time in asterisk code Used on 21 NOV1894

Code: BF*P Price H £25

3VOD6 (6 in basal bars) Time in full Used from 11 JAN1900 to 12 JAN1900

Time: 815PM Price H £15

3VOD7 (7 in basal bars) Used from 18 JAN1898 to 1 MAY1906

Times: 815AM 6PM 615PM 715PM 730PM 845PM 915PM PM(xmas) Price C £3

3VOD9 (9 in basal bars) Used on 10 JUL1897 Time 915PM Price H £15

3VOD12 (12 in basal bars) Used from 2 MAR1904 to 5 FEB1907

Times: 1215PM 115PM 245PM 315PM 6PM 630PM 8PM 830PM 10PM 1130PM Price A £3
Squared Circles in use: DEC1891 to MAY1910

CHESHIRE 180

180 CHESTER

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Chester was allocated number 180 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 181 Abergele (Denb) 1844 to 1848, 182 Hawarden (Flint) 1844 to present 183 Mochdrai (Denb) 1844 to 1848, 184 Neston 1844 to 1900 and 185 Northop (Flint) 1844 to 1848.



1844
APR1844



1844
JUN1847



3HOS
AUG1854



3HOS
JAN1859



3HOS
JUL189

1844 Used from 27 MAY1844 to 11 AUG1854 Price A £5

3HOS Used from 18 SEP1854 to 12 JAN1858 Price E £10

3HOS in blue Used on 31 JUL1852



4VOS
DEC1865



3VOS
SEP1873

4VOS Used from 20 AUG1867 to 31 JAN1871 Price H £40

3VOS Used from 4 DEC1876 to 3 FEB1879 Price H £60

WILLCOCKS AND SEDGEWICK AND ARUNDEL LIST THREE TYPES A B & C



SPOON A
JAN1855



SPOON B
AUG1856

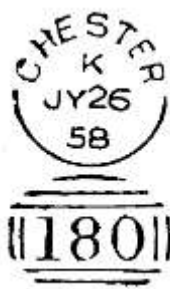


SPOON C
JUL1859

SPOON Used from 18 FEB1855 to 10 MAR1860 Codes: A B C D E J K L M N Price A £30



SDWYS Vb
SEP1857



SDWYS Vb
JUL1858



SDWYS Vb
NOV1859



SDWYS Vb
DEC1860

CHESHIRE 180



SDWYS Vb
MAR1865



SDWYS Vb
JUN1866



SDWYS Vb
AUG1867

SDWYS Vb Used from 30 SEP1857 to 8 JUL1868

Codes: A B C D E F G H I J K Kinv L M N B4 4 Price A £6

All the Proof Book entries are now illustrated:



3CD
SEP1860



3CD
MAY1864



3CD
APR1867

3CD Used from 14 DEC60 to 11 MAR1870 Codes: A B D G H J K L Price A £3



4VODA
AUG1868



4VODB
MAY1876

4VODA (Straight Chester) Used from 23 MAY1869 to 2 MAY1876

Codes: B D E H J K M Price A £3

4VODB (Curved Chester) Used from 8 JUN1876 to 7 OCT1890

Codes: B D E F G H I J K M N O Price A £3



3VOD
JAN1886



3VOD.RO
MAR1887

3VOD Time in code Used from 11 FEB1886 to 3 APR93 Codes: D E K L M N O Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 28 NOV1895 to 11 AUG1908

Times: 12AM 915AM 1045AM 130PM 545PM 615PM 645PM 8PM 830PM 10PM Price A £3

3VOD RO (RO = Railway Office) Used from 4 APR1887 to 21 NOV1890 Codes: D E I K N O

Price D £40

Squared Circles in use: JUN1892 to AUG1908

CHESHIRE 184-216

181 Chorlton cum Hardy

Chorlton was allocated numbers 181 in the 1924 to 1951 lists and then 498J in the 1951 to 1959 lists.

183 Cheadle

Cheadle was allocated number 1929 to 1962 lists.

183A Cheale Hulme

Cheale Hulme was allocated number 183A in the 1962 list.

184 NESTON

Sub Office of Chester 1844 to 1900, Independent Sub Office 1900 to 1919.,

Sub Office of Birkenhead 1919 to 1928, Sub Office of Wirral 1928 to ?

Neston was allocated number 184 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 184 was later allocated to Shipley (Yorks) in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

1844 Used from 25 MAY1844 to 15 JUL1858 Price G £80+

Occurs with a Neston cud. and a Chester cds



1844
APR1844

216 CONGLETON

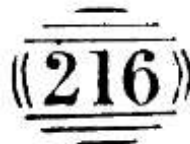
Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Congleton was allocated number 216 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 217 Monksheath 1844 to 1860.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JAN1857



3HOS
FEB1866

1844 Used from 7 MAR1846 to 2 NOV1854 Price C £5

3HOS Used from 4 AUG1857 to 20 JUN1859 Price C £3



3VOS
SEP1880



3CD
AUG1861

3VOS GPO

3CD Used from 7 SEP1861 to 17 APR1873 Codes: B C D Price F £20

CHESHIRE 216-310



4VOD Used from 23 JAN1870 to 25 APR1881 Codes: A B C D Price F £20



3VOD Time in code Used from 24 JUN1881 to 9 OCT1895

Codes: B C D E I 8 Price D £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 28 FEB1897 to 14 OCT1905

Times: 9AM 1130AM 130PM 645PM 915PM 945PM Price A £3

217 MONKSHEATH

Sub Office of Congleton 1844 to 1860, closed in 1860, reopened in 1952 as a Sub Office of Macclesfield.

Monksheath was allocated number 217 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 217 was later allocated to Barton under Needwood (Staffs) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and then Cottingham (Yorks) in the 1946 to 1959 lists.

1844 Used from 14 SEP1844 to 25 DEC1851 Price G £80+

Occurs with a Monksheath cud. and a Congleton cds



1844
APR1844

276 Ellesmere Port

Ellesmere Port was allocated number 276 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

310 MALPAS

Sub Office of Whitchurch 1844 to 1845, Sub Office of Chester 1845 to 1852 Sub Office of Whitchurch 1852 to 1885, Sub Office of Crewe 1885 to 1887, Independent Sub Office 1887 to 1892 and a Head Post Office 1892 onwards. Malpas was allocated number 319 in the lists from 1882 to 1962.

Number 310 was previously allocated to Gerrards Cross (Bucks) in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

CHESHIRE 310-317



3VOS
JAN1875



3VODA
JAN1882



3VODA
NOV1886

3VOS Used from 18 DEC1875 to 3 NOV1880 Price G £40
3VODA (Malpas Ches. in cds) Used from 13 NOV1882 to 25 SEP1890
 Codes: A C Price G £35



3VODB
AUG1886



3VODC NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VODB (Malpas in cds) GPO
3VODC (Malpas Cheshire in cds) Used from 18 FEB1893 to 29 JUN1899
 Codes: A B C Price E £10

317 CHELFORD

Sub Office of Knutsford 1846 to 1855, Sub Office of Congleton 1855 to 1873, Sub Office of Crewe 1873 to 1875, Independent Sub Office 1875 to 1880, Sub Office of Crewe 1880 to 1905 and Independent Sub Office 1905 onwards.

Chelford was allocated number 317 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 317 was previously allocated to Godstone, Surrey 1844 to 1857 and later to Framlingham, Suffolk 1924 to 1962.



3VOS
JAN1875



3VOD
MAR1882

3VOS GPO
3VOD Time in code Used from 8 JUL1886 to 22 JUL1899
 Codes: A B Price D £6
3VOD Time in full Used from 27 MAR1903 to 29 SEP1918
 Times: 1130AM 1145AM 315PM 815PM 9PM none (xmas) Price A £3

CHESHIRE425-443

380 Hoylake

Hoylake was allocated number 380 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

399 Hyde

Hyde was first allocated number F43 in the 1874 to 1924 lists then 399 in the 1925 to 1962 lists.

423 Wallasey

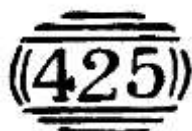
A charge mark with the number 423 was sent to Wallasey in January 1910.

Wallasey was allocated number 466J in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

425 KNUTSFORD

Head Post Office 1844 onwards, Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.

Knutsford was allocated number 425 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



4VOS
JUL1867

1844 Used from 7 AUG1844 to 14 JUN1863 Price D £6

4VOS GPO



4VOD
DEC1864



3VOD
MAR1881

4VOD Used from 6 MAY1867 to 27 DEC1880 Codes: A B C Price A £3

3VOD Time in code Used from 24 SEP1882 to 5 JUL1893 Codes: A B C D Price D £4

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 9 APR1894 to 16 AUG1900 Codes: E*P K*P KE*P
Price G £15

443 LAWTON

Head Post office 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1856 to 1878, closed 1878.

Lawton was allocated number 443 un the 1844 to 1857 lists.

Number 443 was later allocated to Aberkenfig Glam. 1882 to 1906 and then to Leiston, Suffolk 1924 to 1962.

1844 Used from 27 JUL1844 to 27 JUL1860 Price E £40

1844 in blue Used from 27 OCT1851 to 12 AUG1852



1844
APR1844

CHESHIRE 491

446H Birkenhead

Birkenhead was allocated number 74 in the 1844 to 1924 lists then 466H in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

466J Wallasey

Wallasey was allocated number 466J in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

466W Moreton

Morton was allocated 466W in the 1962 list.

489 Lymm

Sub Office of Warrington 1844 to 1956. Post Town 1956 onwards

Lymm was allocated number K08 in the 1892 to 1906 lists and then 489 in 1924 to 1962.

491 MACCLESFIELD

Head Post Office 1844 to 1968, Salaried Sub Office 1968 onwards.

Macclesfield was allocated number 491 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JUN1856

1844 Used from 13 SEP1844 to 24 MAY1854 Price D £6

3HOS Used from 4 JUL1856 to 1 DEC1859 Price F £12



3TH.HOS
JAN1865



3CD
JUL1858

3TH.HOS Used on 9 MAR1865 Price H £25

3CD Used from 31 JUL1858 to 24 AUG1867 Codes: A B C D F Price B £3



4VOD
OCT1868



3VOD
JUL1883

4VOD Used from 11 DEC1868 to 18 FEB1884 Codes: C D E F G H Price B £3

Square Circles in use: JUN1885 to DEC1914

3VOD (Chestergate BO in the cds) Used from 25 APR1884 to 30 NOV1891

Codes: A C D E G H Price D £20

Squared Circles in use: DEC1891 to AUG1897

CHESHIRE 502

498J Chorlton cum Hardy

Chorlton was allocated numbers 181 in the 1924 to 1951 lists and then 498J in the 1951 to 1959 lists.

502 STALYBRIDGE

Sub Office of Manchester 1844 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1866, Head Post Office 1866 onwards.

Stalybridge was allocated number 502 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JUL1853



3HOS
JUN1858

1844 Used from 20 OCT1846 to 15 OCT1851 Price G £30

3HOS Used from 3 SEP1853 to 22 DEC1865 Price F £15



4VOS
OCT1866



3VOS
MAY1875

4VOS GPO

3VOS GPO



4VOD
APR1865



4VOD
MAY1875



3VOD
JUL1880

4VOD Time in code Used from 22 DEC1865 to 10 OCT1886

Codes: A C Cinv D F P Price C £4

4VOD Time in full Used from 23 JAN1897 to 22 JAN1907

Times: 315PM 745PM 8PM 830PM 845PM 930PM Price E £4

3VOD Time in code Used from 17 MAY1882 to 2 APR1895

Codes: A F G H L M O Price D £5

3VOD Time in full Used from 22 JUL1896 to 3 JAN1901

Times: 630AM 8PM 845PM 945PM Price F £5

CHESHIRE 524

524 MIDDLEWICH

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Middlewich was allocated number 524 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 525 Holmes Chapel 1844 to 1883 and B67 Winsford 1844 to 1863.



1844
APR1844



4VOS
AUG1869

1844 Used from 19 NOV1844 to 20 OCT1867 Price D £8

4VOS Seen used on loose stamps



4VODA
AUG1869



4VODB
NOV1874

4VODA (23mm wide obliterator) Used from 15 SEP1869 to 6 JUN1873

Codes: A B Price G £35

4VODB (19mm wide obliterator) Used from 2 SEP1875 to 22 JAN1881

Code: C Price F £20



3VOD
JUN1882

3VOD Time in code Used from 9 JAN1891 to 7 MAR1905 Codes: A C F H I J K Price C £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 30 OCT1904 to 5 MAR1907 Times: 3AM 8PM 10PM 1030PM
Price D £3

CESHIRE 525-538

525 HOLMES CHAPEL

Sub Office of Middlewich 1844 to 1883, Sub Office of Crewe 1883 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1934, Sub Office of Crewe 1934 onwards
Holmes Chapel was allocated number 525 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.
Number 525 was later allocated to Llandyssil (Card) 1928 to 1962.



1844 Used from 1 JUN 1845 to 3 FEB 1846 Price H £80+

1844 in blue used on 6 SEP 1849

Occurs with a Holmes Chapel cud and a Middlewich cds.

3VOS GPO



3VOD Time in code Used from 11 MAR 1893 to 15 JUL 1903 Codes: A B D Price E £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 6 AUG 1904 to 26 MAY 1915

Times: 930AM 1145AM 745PM 930PM 950PM Price C £3

526 WINSFORD

Sub Office of Middlewich 1844 to 1862, Railway Sub Office 1862 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to ? From Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1994.

Winsford was allocated 526 in the 1844 to 1857, B67 in 1874 to 1925 and 067 in 1928 to 1962 lists.

Number 526 was later allocated to Boston Spa (Yorks) in 1882 to 1906 and Bexhill on Sea, Sussex in 1928 to 1962.

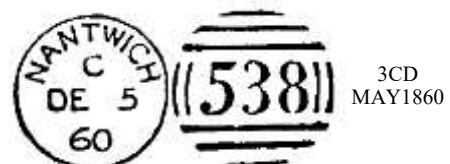


1844
APR 1844

1844 Used from 14 SEP 1846 to 17 APR 1855 Price H £100++

538 NANTWICH

Head Post Office 1844 onwards From a Branch Office to a Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.
Nantwich was allocated number 538 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.



CHESHIRE 538-574

1844 Used from 29 MAY1844 to 5 MAR1854 Price E £10
3HOS Used from 20 NOV1855 to 6 APR1860 Price E £10
3CD Used from 12 JUN1860 to 25 NOV1868 Code: B Price D £6



4VODA
JAN1865



4VODB
JAN1878

4VODA (Round topped three) Used from 5 DEC1868 to 7 NOV1876 Code: B Price D £6

The first issue JAN1865 has a smaller cds (22mm high) 3.5mm away from the side arcs.

Whilst the OCT1871 issue (which is illustrated above) the cds touches the obliterator.

4VODB (Flat topped three) Used from 20 MAR1878 to 1 JUL1880 Code: A B Price F £15



3VOD
DEC1880



3VOD
JAN1885

3VOD Time in code Used from 29 DEC1880 to 1 MAR1905

Codes: B C D E F H K L N Price A £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 30 AUG1894 to 9 NOV1898

Codes: IE*A BI*P FE*P H*P K*P MD*P ME*P Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 3 AUG1899 to 28 JAN1905

Times: 1030AM 1215PM 2PM 215PM 5PM 515PM 615PM 630PM 815PM 10PM Price A £3

555 New Brighton

A charge mark with the number 555 was sent to New Brighton in Jan 1910

574 NORTHWICH

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Northwich was allocated number 574 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.

CHESHIRE 574



1844
APR1844



3HOS
SEP1854

1844 Used from 4 MAY1844 to 11 JAN1852 Price F £15

1844 in blue Used from OCT1847 to 13 OCT1848

3HOS Used from 12 MAY1855 to 2 NOV1859 Price H £30



3CD
NOV1859

3CD Used from 26 JAN1860 to 11 FEB1869 Codes: B C Price C £4



4VOD
OCT1868



4VOD
JUL1871



4VOD
DEC1871



4VOD
JUL1876

4VOD Used from 19 MAY1869 to 13 NOV1894 Codes: A B F G H Y Price A £3



3VOD
MAY1879

3VOD Time in code Used from 22 MAY1879 to 23 JAN1896

Codes: C D F G H I Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 6 DEC1896 to 2 FEB1905

Times: 915AM 1115AM 1130AM 315PM 630PM 645PM 745PM 9PM 945PM Price A £3

CHESHIRE 630

576 Northenden

Northenden was allocated number 576 in the 1946 and 1947 lists

576 Wythenshawe

Wythenshawe was allocated number 576 in the 1949 to 1962

627 Prees

Prees was allocated number 627 in the 1924 to 1959 lists

630 PRESTON BROOK

Head Post Office 1844 to 1870, Railway Sub Office 1870 to 1887, Sub Office of Warrington 1887 to 1973, Sub Office of Runcorn 1973 onwards.

Preston Brook was allocated 630 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 630 was later allocated to Paddock Wood, Kent in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 945 Runcorn 1844 to 1870.



1844
APR1844



4VOS
SEP1867

1844 Used from 1 JUL1844 to 3 SEP1866 Price G £35

4VOS Used from 18 JUL1869 to 16 FEB1882 Price H £50



3VOSA
DEC1885



3VOSB NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOSA (Flat topped three) GPO

3VOSB (Round topped three) A new 3VOS is illustrated with a round topped figure three, seen on a loose stamp. Price H* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)



3CD
APR1859

3CD Used from 17 NOV1859 to 7 DEC1866 Codes: B C Price D £8

CHESHIRE 631-687

631 FRODSHAM

Sub Office of Preston Brook 1844 to 1887, Sub Office of Warrington 1887 onwards.

Frodsham was allocated 631 in the 1844 to 1857 lists.

Number 631 was later allocated to Medina Jamaica 1882 to 1902 (631 3HOS used on Jamaican stamps) and then Portland, Dorset 1924 to 1962

1844 Used from 21 JUN1844 to 10 JAN1859 Price G £80+
Occurs with a Frodsham cud. and a Preston Brook cds.



1844
APR1844

674 Sale

Sale was allocated C50 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and 674 later in 1924 to 1962

681 DUKINFIELD

Sub Office of Manchester 1844 to 1848, Sub Office of Ashton under Lyne 1848 to 1876, Head Post Office 1876 to 1913, Salaried Sub Office 1913 onwards

Dukinfield was allocated 681 in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

Number 618 was previously allocated to Somersham (Hunts) in the 1844 to 1857 lists.



3VOS
JUL1876



4VOD
JUL1876

3VOS GPO

4VOD Used from 26 JUL1877 to 14 JUN1882 Codes: A C D Price D £6



3VOD
MAY1884

3VOD Used from 21 OCT1885 to 26 SEP1910 Codes: A B C D E F H I K Price A £3

687 SANDBACH

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Sandbach was allocated number 687 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.

CHESHIRE 687-733



1844
APR1844



3HOS
FEB1861

1844 Used from 4 MAY1844 to 1 AUG1860 Price E £10

3HOS Used from 31 DEC1862 to 21 FEB1864 Price H £20



4VOD
JUN1865



4VOD
MAY1877

4VOD Used from 3 AUG1865 to 7 DEC1879 Codes: A B Price A £3



3VOD
JUN1886

3VOD Used from 14 OCT1886 to 15 FEB1894 Codes: A B C Price D £6

692 Seacombe

A charge mark with the number 692 was sent to Seacombe in Jan 1910.

733 STOCKPORT

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Stockport was allocated number 733 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.

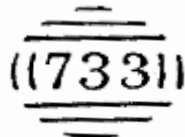
*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- J67 Chapel en le Frith (Derby) 1848 to present,
734 Disley 1844 to present and 735 Hazel Grove 1844 to present.*



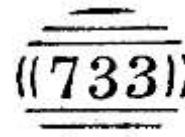
1844
APR1844



1844
JUN1850



3HOS
ARP1854



3HOS
APR1858

CHESHIRE

1844 Used from 24 MAY1844 to 1 MAY1854 Price B £5
3HOS Used from 17 JUN1854 to 6 DEC1859 Price H £20



4VOS
JAN1870



3VOS
OCT1872



3VOS
JUN1882

4VOS Used on 27 AUG1888 Price H £25 Worn to a 3VOS on 16 JAN1893
3VOS Used from 11 JUN1879 to 11 MAR1892 Price G £35
3VOS in blue Used on 3 FEB1881



SDWYS II DEC1855



3CD
APR1858



3CD
JAN1862

SDWYS Used from 5 JAN1856 to 15 DEC1858 Codes: A B C F Price E £30
3CD Used from 1 MAY1858 to 19 OCT1868 Codes: A C D Dinv F H J K L M O Price B £3
 Five very slightly different 3CD's were sent between APR1858 & APR1867



4VODA
FEB1866



4VODB
OCT1872



4VODA (Round topped three) Used from 3 MAY1866 to 21 MAR1878
 Codes: G I L M N O 5 Price C £3
 Four slightly different 4VODAs were proofed between FEB1866 & SEP1870
4VODB (Flat topped three) Used from 9 JAN1873 to 12 MAY1880
 Codes: C F G L Minv O P Q R none Price B £3



3VOD Time in code Used from 16 JUN1880 to 21 SEP1894

Codes: F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Price A £3

Eight slightly different 3VODs were proofed between MAY1880 & JUN1887.

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 21 NOV1894 to 13 NOV1895

Codes: KL*A B*P CE*P FE*P KH*A G*P HF*P HH*P KC*P Price E £10

3VOD Time in full Used from 1 JAN1896 to 29 JUN1900

Times: 930AM 2PM 630PM 9PM 1015PM Price D £3

3VOD2 (2 cut in basal bars) Used from 27 JUL1895 to 9 OCT1897

Times: 215AM 930AM 130PM 2PM 5PM 6PM 9PM 1015PM 1145PM Price D £4

Squared Circles in use: JAN1881 to DEC1909

734 DISLEY

Sub Office of Stockport 1844 onwards.

Disley was allocated 734 in the 1844 to 1857 lists

Number 734 was later allocated to Whalley (Lancs) 1882 to 1906 and Southwold (Suff) 1924 to 1962.

1844 Used on 24 FEB1847 Price H £100++

Occurs with a Disley straight line mark and Stockport cds.



1844
APR1844

735 HAZEL GROVE

Sub Office of Stockport 1844 to present.

Hazel Grove was allocated 735 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and later 079 in the 1965 list.

Number 735 was later allocated to Trecastle (Brec) 1882 to 1906 and then Skegness (Lincs) 1924 to 1962

1844 Used on 17 SEP1848 Price H £100++

Occurs with a Hazel Grove straight line mark and a Stockport cds.



1844
APR1844

775 TARPORLEY

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Tarpорley was allocated number 775 in all lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



4VOD
SEP1868

CHESHIRE 775-945

1844 Used from 30 JUL1844 to 9 FEB1882 Price B £5

1844 in blue Used in 1849

4VOD Used from 21 AUG1869 to 14 NOV1880 Codes: B E Price C £3



3VOD Time in code Used from 27 NOV1881 to 5 FEB1904

Codes: A B C G Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 22 JUL1904 to 14 JUN1907

Times: 10AM 1115AM 10PM Price A £3

862 West Kirby

West Kirby was allocated number 862 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

932 West Didsbury

West Didsbury was allocated number 932 in the 1924 list.

933 Wilmslow

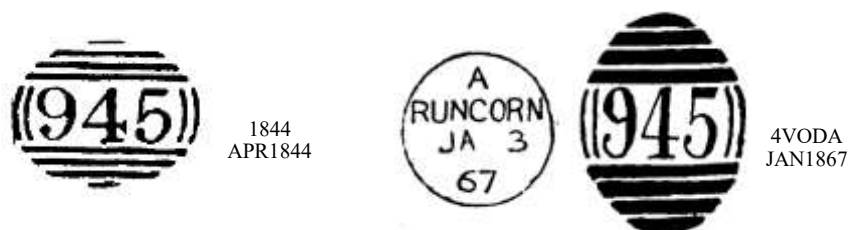
Wilmslow was allocated C78 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and later 933 in 1924 to 1962.

945 RUNCORN

Sub Office of Preston Brook 1844 to 1870, Head Post Office 1870 onwards.

Runcorn was allocated 945 in all the lists from 1945 to 1962 except that it was void in 1874 list.

Before 1848 mail was cancelled at 630 Preston Brook, in 1849 mail posted in Preston Brook was cancelled in 945 Runcorn.



1844 Used from 27 JUN1846 to 30 MAY1857 Price G £40+

4VODA (Straight Runcorn) Used from 28 JUN1871 to 25 OCT1888 Codes: A B C D

Price C £3



CHESHIRE 945—960

4VODB (Curved Runcom) Used from 10 NOV1875 to 19 MAR1886

Codes: A C D Price G £30

3VOD Time in code Used from 5 JUL1890 to 2 AUG1894

Codes: C D F H K L M N Price E £8

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 22 DEC1894 to 3 MAR1898

Codes: KK*A LL*A AB*P B*P H*P I*P Price F £12

3VOD Time in full Used from 12 JUL1898 to 20 OCT1902

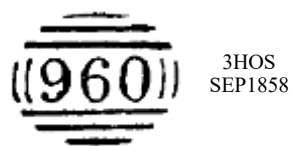
Times: 12AM 115AM 6AM 61AM 1110AM 1115AM 12PM 330PM 8PM 9PM Price B £3

960 CREWE

Head Post Office 1846 onwards See also Crewe 047.

Crewe was allocated 960 in all the lists from 1849 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 525 Holmes Chapel 1883 to 1905 and 310 Malpas 1885 to 1887.



1844 with a Crewe backstamp Used from 26 JAN1847 to 11 NOV1857 Price H £40

1844 with a Crewe backstamp in blue Used on 6 SEP1860

1844 with a Crewe Station backstamp Used from 22 AUG1864 to 28 SEP1869 Price G £80

3HOS with a Crewe backstamp Used from 11AUG1859 to 24 MAR1862 Price F £15



3VOS Used from 4 NOV1874 to 13 FEB1883 Price H £40

3CD Used from 3 NOV1862 to 7 OCT1877 Codes: A B C Price D £8



CHESHIRE 960-047

4VOD Time in code Used from 19 NOV1877 to 12 MAR1889 Codes: A B C Price G £12

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 5 NOV1894 to 12 NOV1899

Codes: DC*P DD*P K*P KD*P LK*P Price C £6

3VOD Used from 9 DEC1881 to 22 OCT1893 Codes: A B C D E F Price C £3

4VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars) Used from 17 MAR1900 to 14 MAY1908

Times: 10AM 1145AM 1210PM 121PM 2PM 415PM 430PM 10PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: AUG1888 to DEC1909

964 Heswall

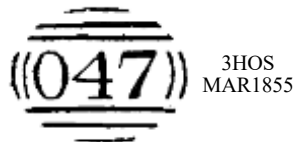
Heswall was allocated number 964 in the 1959 to 1962 lists

047 CREWE STATION

A Sorting Office 1855 to 1923, closed about 1923.

Crewe Station was allocated 047 in the 1857 to 1902 lists.

Number 047 was later allocated to Hockley, Essex in the 1962 list.



3HOS Used from 30 JUL1855 to 7 FEB1863 Price F £40

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £150 (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOD Used from 25 APR1867 to 19 FEB1886 Codes: A B C D Price D £30



3VOD Used from 29 NOV1882 to 7 MAY1894 Codes: A B C E F G Price C £15

Squared Circles in use: MAR1887 to MAY1907

CHESHIRE B67-C16

067 Winsford

Winsford was allocated 526 in the 1844 to 1857, B67 in 1874 to 1925 and 067 in 1928 to 1962 lists.

078 Bramhall Price PDO (Postman's District Office)

Bramhall Price was allocated number 078 in the 1965 list.

079 Hazel Grove

Number 735 was allocated to Hazel Grove in the 1844 to 1857 lists and later 079 in the 1965 list.

B67 WINSFORD

Sub Office of Middlewich 1844 to 1862, Railway Sub Office 1862 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to ? From Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1994.

Winsford was allocated 526 in the 1844 to 1857, B67 in 1874 to 1925 and 067 in 1928 to 1962 lists.



3HOS UNDATED
ENTRY IN THE
PROOF BOOKS



3CD
DEC1862

3HOS GPO (It is assumed that this was sent to Winsford)

3CD Used from 22 OCT1863 to 23 FEB1876 Codes: A B Price F £20



4VOD
JUN1877



3VOD
NOV1887

4VOD Used from 1 NOV1877 to 21 MAY1885 Codes: B C Price C £5

3VOD Time in code Used from 22 MAR1890 to 16 APR1902

Codes: B C Cinv D E F 6 Price B £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 20 OCT1902 to 28 JAN1905

Times: 715PM 945PM Price G £8

C16 CHORLEY

Sub Office of Manchester 1856 to 1871, Office closed 1871.

Not in any list, C16 allocated for a period between the 1857 and 1874 lists.

4VOD Used from 17 FEB1866 to 5 NOV1871

Codes: A B C none Price F £50

Square Circles in use: SEP1889 to AUG1921



4VOD
MAY1864

CHESHIRE C50

C50 ASHTON

Sub Office of Manchester 1845 to 1865, Railway Sub Office 1865 to 1868, Renamed Sale in 1868.

Not in any list, C50 allocated for a period between the 1857 and 1874 lists.

4VOD Used from 5 DEC1865 to 9 OCT1871* Codes: A B

Price F £50

*This some time after the name change in 1868!



4VOD
JUL1865

C50 SALE

Changed from Ashton on Mersey in 1868, Railway Sub Office 1868 to 1871, Sub Office of Manchester 1871 to 1955, Post Town 1955 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1995.

C50 4VOS and 4VOD were issued in 1868 when Sale became a RSO.

Sale was allocated C50 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and 674 later in 1924 to 1962



4VOS
MAY1868



4VODA
AUG1868

4VOS GPO

4VODA (Straight Sale) Time in code Used from 21 FEB1869 to 12 NOV1874

Codes: A C D Price F £15

4VODA (Straight Sale) Time in full Used from 23 MAY1895 to 21 JUN1895

Times: 830PM 845PM Price G £15



4VODB
MAY1875



3VOD
JAN1886



4VODB (Curved Sale) Used from 11 JUL1877 to 7 JAN1886

Codes: B C D E none Price F £15

3VOD Time in code Used from 27 MAY1886 to 30 DEC1912

Codes: A B C D E F Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 19 MAY1896 to 12 FEB1912

Times: 530AM 815AM 830AM 1030AM 1130AM 130PM 5PM 530PM 630PM 8PM 815PM

830PM 845PM 9PM 915PM 930PM none(xmas) Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: JUN1890 to JAN1905

CHESHIRE C78-F43

C78 WILMSLOW

Sub Office of Manchester 1844 to 1955, Post Town 1955 to ?
Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1997.
Wilmslow was allocated C78 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and later
933 in 1924 to 1962.

4VOD Used from 28 DEC1866 to 22 OCT1892

Codes: A B Binv D Price B £12

Squared Circles in use: DEC1890 to NOV1905



4VOD
APR1866

F43 HYDE

Sub Office of Manchester 1844 to 1889, Head Post Office 1889 onwards.
Hyde was first allocated number F43 in the 1874 to 1924 lists then 399 in the 1925 to 1962 lists



4VOD Used from 30 NOV1871 to 17 NOV1879 Codes: A B C D G Price D £8



3VODA (F.43 with dot) No dated copies recorded Price H* £25 (Price if found on dated cover)

3VODB (F43 no dot) Time in code Used from 30 AUG1886 to 30 MAY1894

Codes: A B D E F K Price F £6

3VODB (F43 no dot) Time in asterisk code Used from 7 SEP1894 to 12 FEB1895

Codes: G*A CG*P F*P GC*P Price G £15

3VODB (F43 no dot) Time in full Used from 14 DEC1896 to 24 OCT1904

Times: 10AM 1145AM 115PM 130PM 5PM 545PM 7PM 745PM 9PM Price B £3

Squared Circles in use: AUG1881 to DEC1907

CHESHIRE F56-K08

F56 ALDERLEY EDGE

Sub Office of Manchester 1871 to 1955, Post Town 1955 to present.

Alderley Edge was allocated number F56 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and 17 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



4VOD Used from 22 APR1872 to 2 MAR1891

Codes: A B Bin v C E none Price D £12

3VOD Time in code Used from 6 JUL1886 to 7 JAN1900

Codes: A B C D E F Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 11 SEP1900 to 7 JAN1909

Times: 10AM 1015AM 1230PM 1245PM 3PM 415PM 430PM 5PM 7PM 745PM 8PM

Price A £3

K08 LYMM

Under Warrington 1844 to 1956, Post Town 1956 onwards.

Lymm was allocated number K08 in the 1892 to 1906 lists and then 489 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

3VOD 9 MAY1900 to 8 NOV1906 Codes: A B C D E H

Price A £12 on cover £3 on ppc

