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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 obliterators were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterators. In use the cds and obliterators were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancellations 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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79 Beaminster

Beaminster was allocated number 128 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and 79 from 1924 to 1962

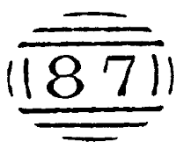
87 BLANDFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to 19?? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993. Forum added in 1953.

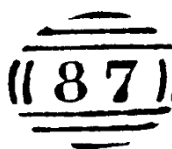
Blandford was allocated number 87 in the lists from 1844 to 1962



1844
APR1844



3HOS
AUG1854



3HOS
FEB1857



3HOS
MID60's

1844 Used from 6 JUN1844 to JUN1853 Price D £8

Covers occur with a dated penny post mark of Blandford 6 JUN1844 to 12 SEP1845

1844 in blue Used from 3 OCT1851 to 1853

3HOS Used from MAR1856 to 12 FEB1868 Price C £5 Seen in blue



4VOS
NOV1868



3VOS
JUN1876

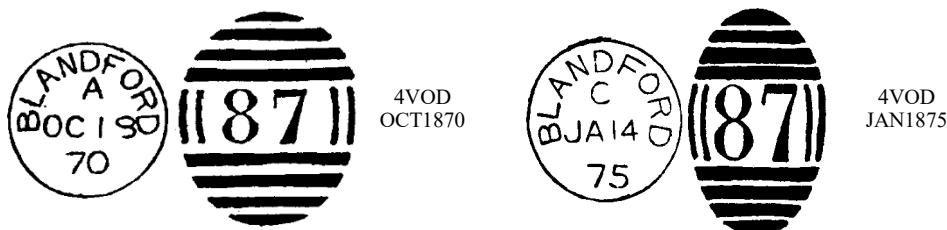
4VOS Used from 25 NOV1868 to 15 OCT1883 Price F £40

3VOS Used from AUG1877 to 27 JAN1881 Price G £40

DORSET 87-102



3CD Used from DEC1861 to AUG1870 Codes: C none Price C £5



4VOD Time in code Used from NOV1870 to 22 DEC1893
Codes: A B C Cinv D F Price A £3
4VOD Time in full Used from 16 FEB1896 to JUN1898
Times: 715PM 845PM 9PM Price G £6



3VOD Time in code Used from 21 APR1890 to 9 JUN1902
Codes: A B C D E F L Price C £3
3VOD Time in full Used from 24 DEC1903 to 15 SEP1911
Times: 12PM 215PM 345PM 4PM 645PM 715PM 8PM 845PM Price C £3

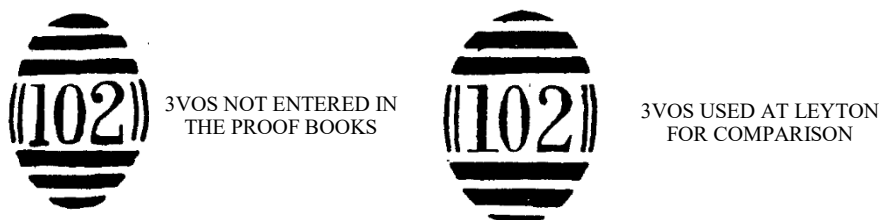
102 WINFRITH

Sub Office of Dorchester 1844 to present.

Winfrith was allocated number 102 in the lists from 1899 to 1906.

Number 102 was allocated to Woolpit (Suff.) from 1844 to 1857 Leyton, Essex from 1874 to 1892 and later allocated to Blaenavon (Monm) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

3VOS Used from 12 OCT1898 to 11 JAN1902 Price G £80+



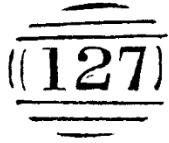
DORSET 127

127 BRIDPORT

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.
Bridport was allocated number 127 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JUN1856



3HOS
SEP1864



3HOS
AUG1860

1844 Used from 2 MAY1844 to 17 MAR1856 Price C £8 Note 5 bars at top.
3HOS Used from 10 SEP1856 to 19 NOV1868 Price G £20



3TH.HOS
FEB1864



4VOS
NOV1867



4VOS
AUG1872

3TH.HOS GPO

4VOS Used from 8 SEP1870 to 15 DEC1878 Price F £25



3CD OC-
T1861

3CD Used from 14 FEB1867 to 3 JUL1874 Codes: B C D Price D £8



4VOD
AUG1874



4VOD
JAN1876

4VOD Used from SEP1874 to 24 AUG1881 Codes: B C D E F Price D £8

DORSET 127-194



3VOD Time in code Used from 18 APR1887 to 6 AUG1894

Codes: B C D E F H J Price C £4

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 5 DEC1894 to 20 MAR1897

Codes: IL*A LC*A LD*A BB*P CF*P DC*P F*P FI*P GD*P KF*P Price E £10

3VOD Time in full Used from 12 MAY1897 to 28 OCT1910

Times: 125AM 430AM 945AM 10AM 1145AM 145PM 2PM 345PM 415PM 545PM 6PM
645PM 730PM 745PM 1030PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: JAN1882 to MAR1907

128 BEAMINSTER

Only cancelled mail with number 128 in 1844. From DEC1844 onwards used number 943. Sub Office of Bridport 1844 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905/Post Town to Present.

Beaminster was allocated number 128 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and 79 from 1924 to 1962.

Number 128 was later allocated to St Ann's Head (Pem) in the 1882 to 1902 lists, Ben Rhydding (Yorks) in the 1924 list and Boreham Wood (Herts) in the 1929 to 1962 lists.



1844 Used from MAY1844 to 3 OCT1844 Price H £250

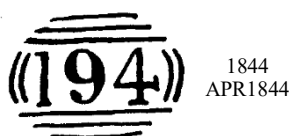
149 Broadstone

Broadstone was allocated number 149 in the lists from 1935 to 1962

194 CHARMOUTH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1864, Sub Office of Bridport 1864 to 1866, Railway Sub Office 1866 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1922, Sub Office of Bridport 1922 to present. Charmouth was allocated number 194 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 194 was later allocated to Cradley Heath (Staffs) in the 1924 to 1967 lists.

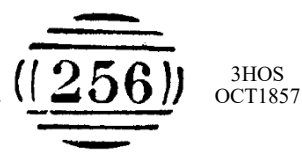
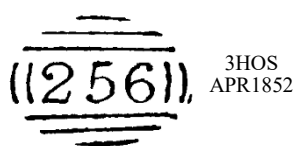
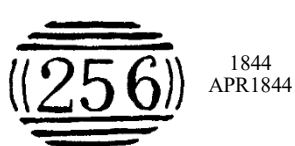


DORSET 194-256

1844 Used from 12 JUL1845 to 8 JUL1877 Price C £8
 1844 in blue Used from 3 MAY1852 to MAY1853
 1844 in red Used from JUN1852 to 1 OCT1887
 3VOS Used from 8 AUG1878 to 30 OCT1881 Price H £80+
 Squared Circles in use: JUL1881 to DEC1909

256 DORCHESTER

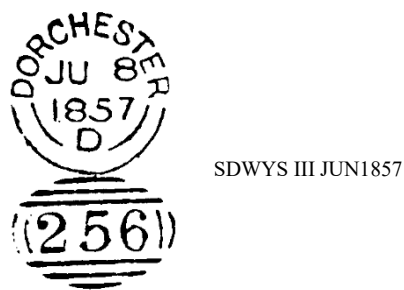
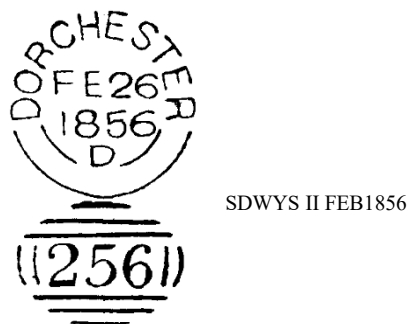
Head Post Office 1844 to present.
 Dorchester was allocated number 256 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 19 MAY1844 to 29 AUG1850 Price B £5 Seen in blue
 3HOS Used from 21 MAY1852 to 9 OCT1869 Price E £8



4VOS Used from 21 JUN1873 to MAR1876 Price G £40
 3VOS Used from 8 AUG1878 to 30 OCT1881 Price H £60
 Seen used on undated QV newspaper wrappers and Ed VII post cards £25



SDWYS II Used from 12 MAR1856 to 5 NOV1856 Codes: B C Price G £80
 SDWYS III Used from 2 JUL1857 to 13 MAR1859 Codes: C Cinv D Price D £20

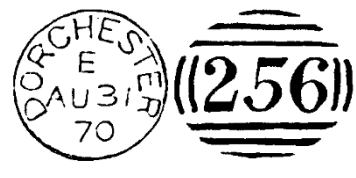
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3CD
APR1859

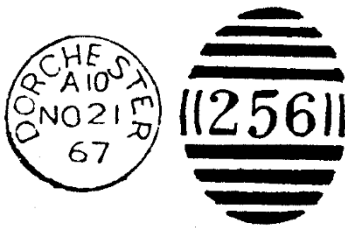


3CD OC-
T1865



3CD
AUG1870

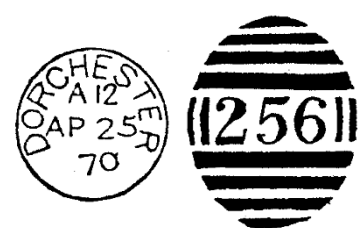
3CD Used from 15 JUL1859 to 20 JUN1870 Codes: C D E Price A £3



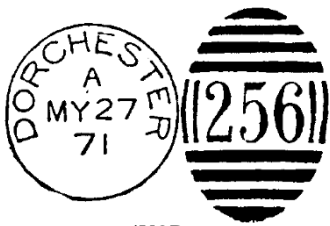
4VOD
NOV1867



4VOD
NOV1868



4VOD
APR1870



4VOD
MAY1871



4VOD
SEP1873



4VOD
SEP1876

4VOD Used from 31 JAN1868 to DEC1892 Codes: B D E F H J B5 D4 D6 E3 E5 E7
Price C £4
All six Proof Book entries are now illustrated.



3VOD
DEC1879

3VOD Time in code Used from 18 JUL1880 to 12 APR1895

Codes: B H I J K L M N O P Q Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 14 NOV1895 to 29 JUN1906

Times: 945AM 10AM 1145AM 1215PM 1230PM 115PM 245PM 4PM 415PM 645PM 730PM
930PM Price C £3

Squared Circles in use: JAN1881 to JUL1913

DORSET 484

437 Langton Matravers

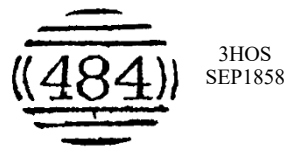
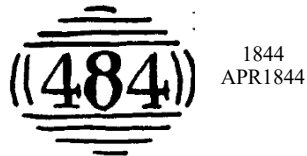
Langton Matravers was allocated number 437 in the lists from 1924 to 1949

484 LYME

Head Post Office 1844 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to present.

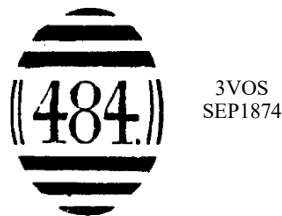
Became Lyme Regis in 1893.

Lyme was allocated number 484 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from JUL1844 to 31 MAR1854 Price D £8

3HOS Used from 21 DEC1858 to 22 JUL1868 Price E £10



3VOS Used in JAN1887 Price H £60

4VOD Used from 28 AUG1870 to 6 FEB1880 Codes: A B Price D £8



3VODA (Lyme in cds) Used from 27 MAR1890 to 14 FEB1892 Codes: A B Price G £35

3VODB (Lyme Regis in cds) Time in code Used from 14 SEP1893 to 21 DEC1896

Codes: A B C D Price E £6

3VOD (Lyme Regis in cds) Time in full Used from 4 JAN1898 to 12 MAY1908

Times: 530AM 730AM 930AM 1145AM 1230PM 2PM 230PM 6PM 630PM 730PM 745PM 930PM Price A £3

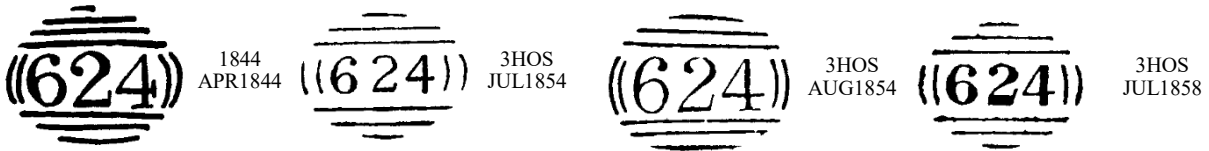
Squared Circles in use: FEB1881 to MAY1889

DORSET 624

624 POOLE

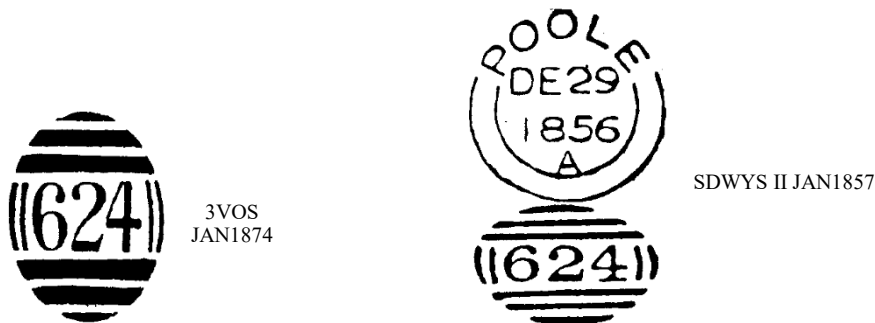
Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Poole was allocated number 624 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



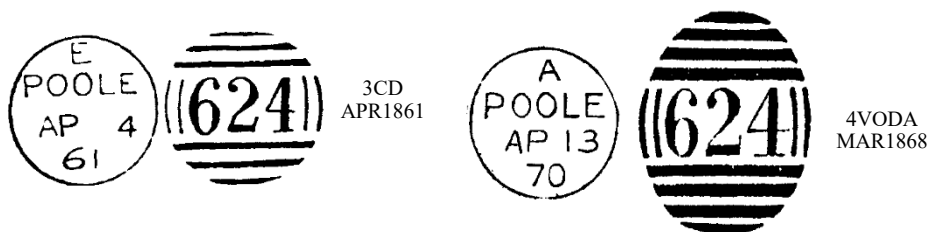
1844 Used from 20 SEP 1844 to 25 AUG 1859 Price F £15

3HOS Used from 25 JAN 1855 to 1 JUN 1862 Price F £12



3VOS Used from 27 FEB 1879 to 3 JAN 1903 Price H £50 on cover, £25 on ppc

SDWYS II Used from 22 JAN 1857 to 16 DEC 1861 Codes: A B C D Price D £18



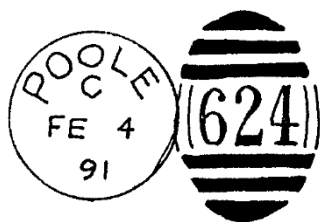
3CD Used from 18 APR 1861 to SEP 1868 Code: A C Price F £15

4VODA (Straight Poole) Used from MAY 1868 to 12 MAR 1875 Codes: A C Price E £15



4VODB (Curved Poole) Used from MAR 1873 to 2 AUG 1887 Codes: A B C D G Price C £4

DORSET 624-698



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Time in code Used from 2 JAN1890 to 3 MAR1897 Codes: A B C D E I J Price D £4
3VOD Time in full Used from 13 MAR1896 to SEP1905
 Times: 1230PM 2PM 4PM 6PM 630PM 9PM 930PM 10PM Price E £8 on cover, £3 on ppc

624A Parkstone

Parkstone was allocated number H74 in the lists from 1887 to 1906 and 624A from 1929 to 1962

624B Bovington Camp

Bovington Camp was allocated number 624B in the lists from 1929 to 1962

631 Portland

See 086 Fortuneswell and 081 Castletown

Portland was allocated number 631 in the lists from 1924 to 1962

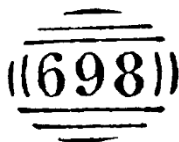
698 SHAFTESBURY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Salisbury 1855 to 1871, Head Post Office 1871 to present.

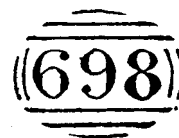
Shaftesbury was allocated number 698 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
JUL1849



3HOS
FEB1857



3HOS
APR1861

1844 Used from 4 MAY1844 to 17 DEC1863 Price E £10

The illustration in the catalogue was sent from the G.P.O. on 10JUL1849, earlier 1844's have taller (7.0mm) figures.

1844 in blue Used from 17 FEB1850 to JUL1853

1844 in green Used in OCT1850

3HOS Used from 6 APR1857 to 21 MAR1871 Price D £8



4VOS
APR1866



4VOD
MAY1871

4VOS Used from 21 NOV1866 to 24 NOV1870 Price F £25

4VOD Used from 8 SEP1871 to 4 OCT1881 Codes: B C E F Price C £4

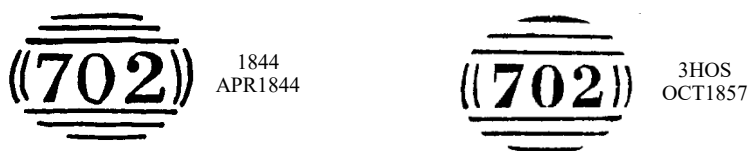
DORSET 698-702



3VOD Time in code Used from JAN1880 to 22 DEC1894 Codes: C D E F Price F £8
3VOD Time in full Used from 28 MAR1896 to MAY1910
 Times: 1030AM 1045AM 11AM 1215PM 1230PM 125PM 5PM 6PM 630PM 645PM 7PM
 830PM 845PM 9PM 915PM 915 Price A £3
 Squared Circles in use: OCT1880 to SEP1896

702 SHERBORNE

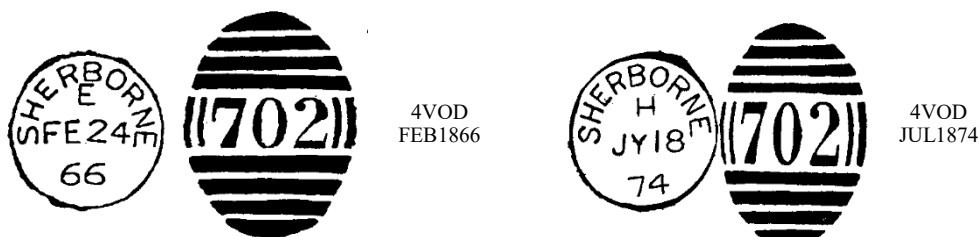
Head Post Office 1844 to 19?? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.
 Sherborne was allocated number 702 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 11 MAY1844 to 18 JAN1865 Price A £5
1844 in blue Used on 9 AUG1851
3HOS Used from 16 JAN1859 to 28 FEB1868 Price D £10



4VOS Used from 4 SEP1869 to 27 MAR1877 Price E £20
3VOS Used in NOV1849 Price H £30 20th C.



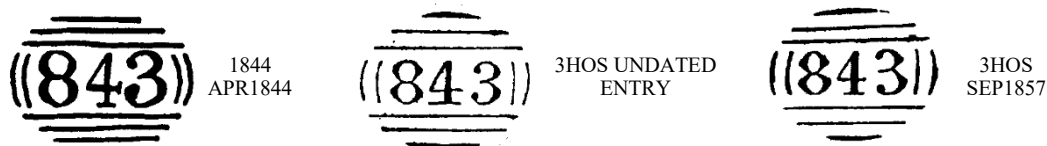
4VOD Used from 2 AUG1866 to 15 MAR1879 Codes: B Binv D E H Price B £3

DORSET 702-843

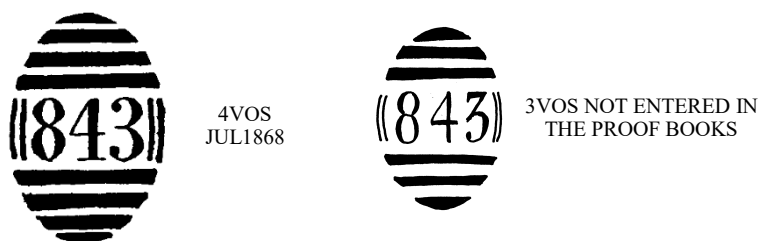


3VOD Used from 15 MAY1879 to 14 NOV1894 Codes: A C D E F J Price E £15
 Squared Circles in use: APR1881 to SEP1906

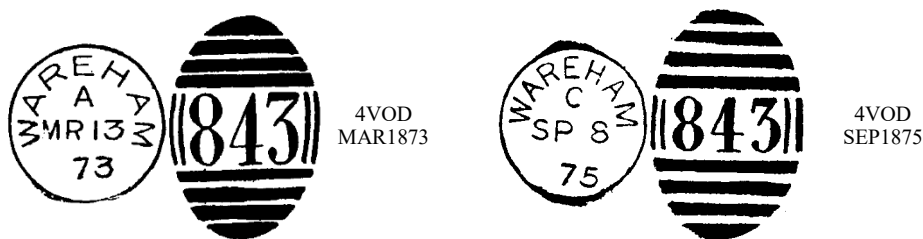
843 WAREHAM
 Head Post Office 1844 to present.
 Wareham was allocated number 843 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 **Used from 29 JUL1844** to 14 AUG1857 Price C £6
1844 in blue Used on 16 MAY1849
3HOS Used from NOV1857 to 10 JUL1873 Price D £6
 The undated entry not recorded in use.



4VOS Used from 25 OCT1868 to 19 MAY1872 Price G £25
3VOS Used from 31 JUL1915 to JUL1944 Price D £30
 Used on active service envelopes during the D day landings MAY1944 to JUL1944



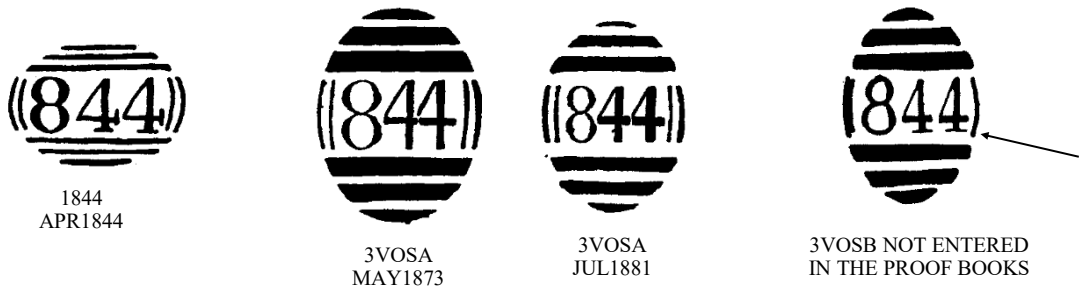
4VOD Time in code Used from 3 JUL1873 to 16 JAN1897 Codes: A B C D E F G Price D £6
4VOD Time in full Used from 29 DEC1897 to 26 APR1898 Time: 10PM Price G £6

DORSET 843-845



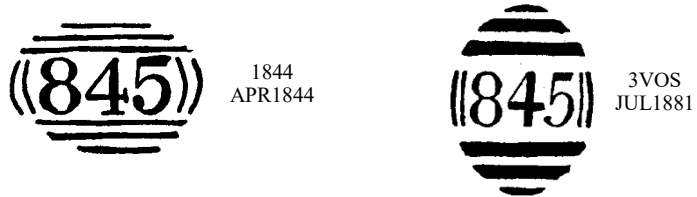
3VOD Time in code Used from 27 SEP1879 to 7 AUG1900 Codes: AB C D E Price E £5
3VOD Time in full Used from 10 NOV1897 to 23 NOV1905
Times: 2AM 515AM 10AM 1030AM 1215PM 1230PM 515PM 8PM 10PM **PM** Price B £3

844 CORFE CASTLE
 Sub Office of Wareham 1844 to 1914, Post Town 1914 to 1941, Sub Office of Wareham 1941 to present.
 Corfe Castle was allocated number 844 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and 028 from 1959 to 1962.
 Number 844 was later allocated to Warlingham, Surrey in the 1938 to 1962 lists.



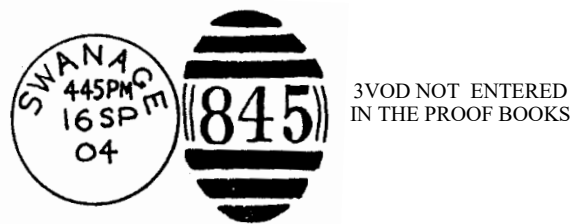
1844 Used from 28 JUN1845 to 4 FEB1869 Price E £20
 Occurs with a straight line Corfe Castle and a Wareham cds.
 Corfe Castle cud's occur on covers cancelled at Wareham.
3VOSA (no serif on 4) Used from 28 JUL1874 to 27 FEB1893 Price G £40
3VOSB (serif on 4) Used from 1 JUL1895 to 11 APR1901 Price G £40

845 SWANAGE
 Sub Office of Wareham 1844 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1901, Railway Sub Office 1901 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.
 Swanage was allocated number 845 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 17 NOV1847 to 23 JUL1874 Price F £20
3VOS Used from 23 AUG1885 to 15 OCT1888 Price G £40

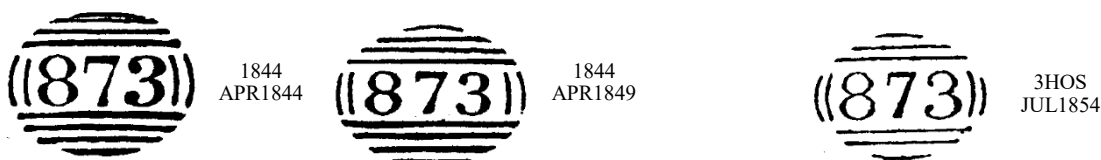
DORSET 845-873



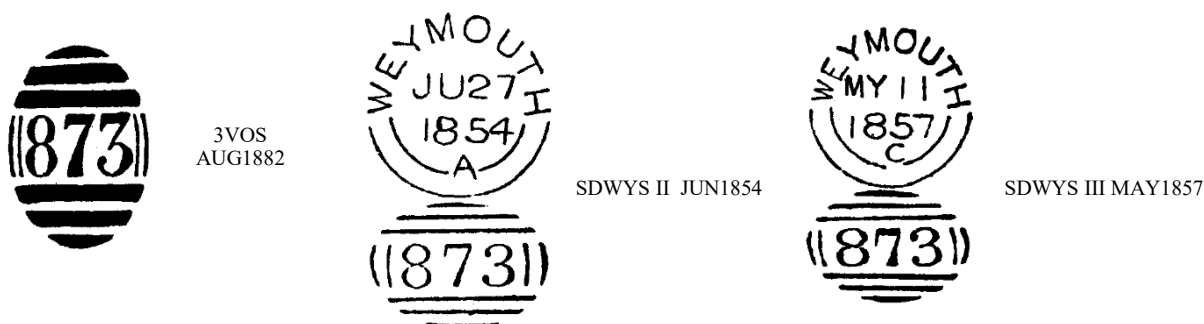
4VOD Used from 30 APR1879 to 25 APR1901
 Codes: A B C D Dinv F Price C £4
3VOD Time in code 25 MAR1890 to JUN1890
 Code: M Price G £15
3VOD Time in full 24 AUG1902 to 23 AUG1909
 Times: 8AM 815AM 915AM 1215PM 1230PM 415PM 430PM 445PM 615PM 745PM 8PM
 915PM Price A £3

873 WEYMOUTH

Head Post Office 1844 to present.
 Weymouth was allocated number 873 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 6 MAY1844 to JUN1854 Price C £5
1844 in blue Used from 16 APR1849 to 15 MAR1853
3HOS Used on MAR1863 to 15 JUL1872 Price H £30

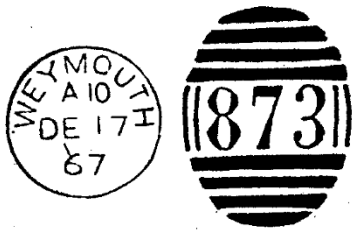


3VOS Used from 7 AUG1895 to 15 APR1896 Price H £60+
SDWYS II Used from 19 JUL1854 to APR1857 Codes: A B C Price D £20
SDWYS III Used from 31 MAY1857 to 31 DEC1859 Codes: A B C Cinv D none Price C £12

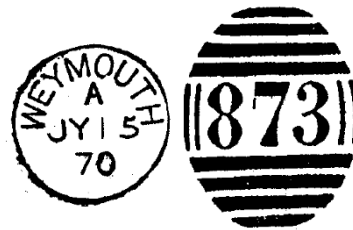
DORSET 873



3CD Used from 31 JAN1859 to 12 NOV1877 Codes: A B C D Price B £3
 A late example with thin bars and figures has been seen used on 12NOV1877
4CD Used from 19 SEP1863 to 4 DEC1867 Codes: B C D 5 Price C £4

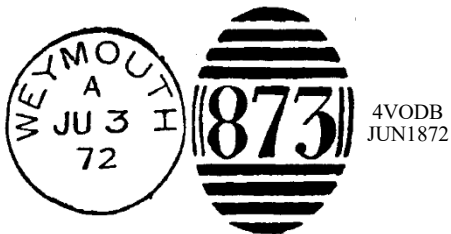


4VODA DEC1867 USED NUMBERS 1 TO 5 AS HANDSTAMP IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS



4VODA JUL1870 USED SINGLE CODE LETTER OR NUMBER

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 29 DEC1867 to 25 JAN1872
 Codes: A D 4 5 / B2 C3 D4 E1 E5 Price C £4



4VODB (Flat top three) Time in code Used from 22 JUN1872 to 21 MAR1879
 Codes: A B C D E F Price B £3
4VODB (Flat top three) Time in asterisk code Used from 15 OCT1894 to 7 NOV1895
 Codes: II*A LA*A CK*P DC*P DI*P FH*P I*P M*P Price F £12
4VODB (Flat top three) Time in full Used from 5 APR1896 to 2 MAY1899
 Times: 115AM 945AM 1110AM 2PM 415PM 430PM 645PM 9PM Price C £3

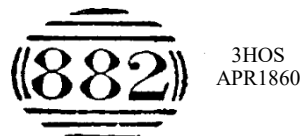
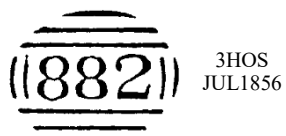
DORSET 873-882



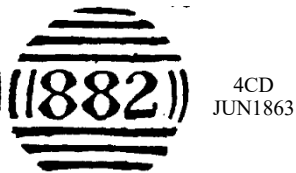
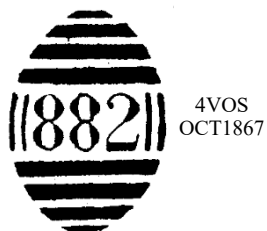
3VOD
MAR1879

3VOD Time in code Used from 15 APR1879 to 12 SEP1894 Codes: B C E F G H I K
Price B £3
3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 25 MAR1895 to JUN1896
Codes: KH*A LA*A AK*P CK*P DC*P FH*P I*P M*P Price F £12
Squared Circles in use: SEP1881 to AUG1911

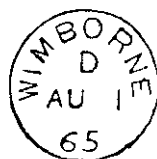
882 WIMBORNE
Head Post Office 1844 to present.
Wimborne was allocated number 882 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



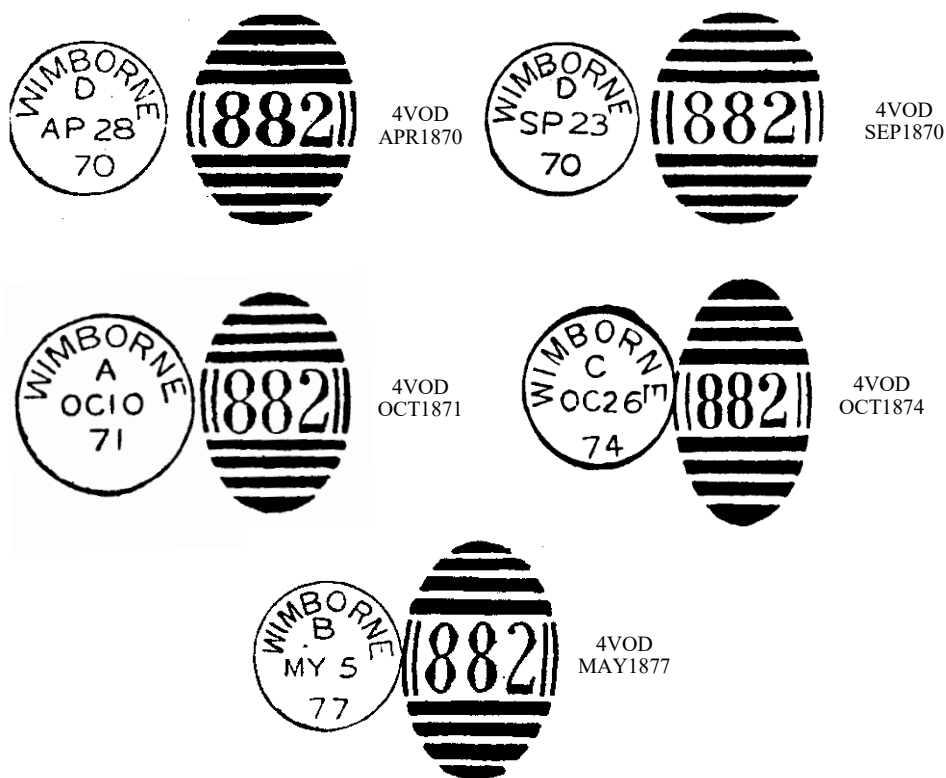
1844 Used from OCT1844 to 18 FEB1855 Price C £6
1844 in blue Used from 1849 to DEC1851
3HOS Used from 3 AUG1857 to 12 OCT1866 Price F £15



4VOS Used from 31 JUL1872 to 30 JUL1878 Price F £30
4CD Used from 3 JUL1863 to 25 APR1865 Code: D Price E £15



DORSET 882-887



4VOD Used from NOV1865 to 20 DEC1881 Codes: A C D Price C £5
The seven different proofed 4VODs are now illustrated:



3VOD Time in code Used from 14 MAR1883 to 10 MAY1899 Codes: A B C D E F G
Price A £3
3VOD Time in full Used from 18 JUL1899 to 16 NOV1899 Times: 530PM 630PM 945PM
Price F £6

887 STALBRIDGE

Sub Office of Blandford 1844 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885, Sub Office of Blandford 1886 to 1940, Sub Office of Sturminster Newton 1940 to present.

Stalbridge was allocated number 887 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and G79 from 1887 to 1906.

Number 887 was later allocated to Cwmtillery (Monm) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and then to Willenhall (Staffs) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

1844 Used from 23 JUN1844 to 8 AUG1856 Price G £80+
Occurs with a Stalbridge cud. and a Blandford cds

1844 in blue/green Used from MAR1851 to 11 DEC1852



DORSET 913-943

913 WOODYATES

Head Post Office 1844 to 1845, closed before April 1845.

But continued in the lists until 1857.

Woodyates was allocated number 913 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 913 was later allocated to Crook Log, Kent in the 1882 to 1902 lists and Woodhall Spa (Lincs) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

1844 Used from 18 MAY1844 to 22 MAY1844 Price H £400



914 CRANBORNE

Sub Office of Woodyates 1844, Sub Office of Fordingbridge 1844 to 1852, Sub Office of Salisbury 1852 to 1935, Sub Office of Wimborne 1935 to present.

Cranborne was allocated number 914 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 914 was later allocated to Worcester Park, Surrey in the 1938 to 1962 lists.



3HOS
MAY1850



4VOS
JUL1868

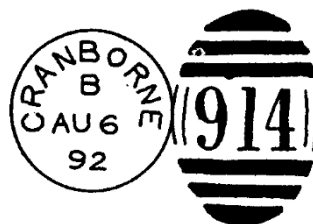
1844 GPO

3HOS Used from 8 OCT1850 to 11 NOV1863 Price E £15

4VOS Used from OCT1868 to 1 AUG1881 Price G £40



3VOS
JUL1881



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3VOS Used from 1 AUG1881 to 3 AUG1888 Price G £40

3VOD Used from 24 SEP1888 to 18 AUG1908 Codes: A B none
Price C £6 on cover, £3 on ppc

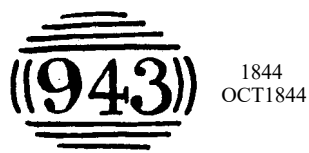
943 BEAMINSTER

Cancelled mail solely with the number 128 in 1844, From DEC1844 onwards used number 943. Sub Office of Bridport 1844 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/ Post Town 1905 to present.

Beaminster was allocated number 943 in the lists from 1845 to 1906.

Number 943 was later allocated to Street (Som) in the 1936 to 1959 lists.

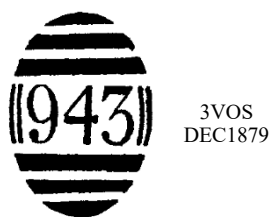
DORSET 943-996



1844 Used from 5 DEC1844 to 30 APR1867 Price B £5

1844 in blue Used in DEC1852

4VOS Used from 5 MAY1870 to 18 APR1872 Price G £40



3VOS Used from 23 DEC1872 to 16 APR1884 Rarity E £20



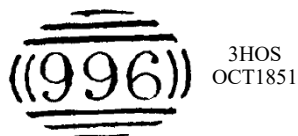
3VOD Time in code Used from 16 JUN1885 to 8 SEP1896 Codes: B C Price D £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 13 JAN1897 to 23 MAY1906 Times: 6AM 1245PM 645PM
Price B £3

996 STURMINSTER NEWTON

Sub Office of Blandford 1844 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to 1892, Railway Sub Office 1892 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

Sturminster Newton was allocated number 996 in the lists from 1855 to 1962.



3HOS Used from 14 APR1852 to 22 NOV1873 Price F £40

3VOS Used from 25 MAY1877 to 11 SEP1886 Price F £50

DORSET 997-086

997 SHILLINGSTONE

Sub Office of Blandford 1844 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to 1887, Blandford 1887 to present.

Shillingstone was allocated number 997 in the lists from 1855 to 1857 and G76 from 1887 to 1906.

Number 997 was later allocated to Isleworth (Middx) in the 1928 to 1949 lists and Chessington, Surrey in the 1959 to 1962 lists.



3HOS
OCT1851

3HOS Used from 17 APR1852 to 22 NOV1873 Price H £100+

028 Corfe Castle

Corfe Castle was allocated number 844 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and 028 1959 to 1962.

066 Gillingham

Gillingham was allocated number D66 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and 066 1928 to 1962.

081 CASTLETOWN

Sub Office of Weymouth 1860 to 1885, Sub Office of Fortuneswell Railway Sub Office 1885 to 1886, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1886 to 1908.

Renamed Portland Harbour in 1908. Re-established in 1951 as Portland.

Castletown was allocated number 081 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

3VOS Used from 22 DEC1879 to 9 JUL1913 Price F £50 on cover, £25 on ppc



3VOS
APR1879

081 Portland Harbour

Portland Harbour was allocated number 081 in the 1924 list

086 FORTUNESWELL

Sub Office of Weymouth 1849 to 1885, Railway Sub Office 1885 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1908, Renamed Portland in 1908.

Fortuneswell was allocated number 086 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 086 was later allocated to Addlestone, Surrey in the 1965 list.



3VOS
APR1879



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOS Used from 7 JUN1883 to 21 MAY1890 Price H £60

3VOD Time in code Used from 21 OCT1891 to 20 MAR1894

Codes: A B D H Price G £15

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 14 DEC1894 to 7 DEC1896

Codes: D*P HF*P HP*P Price G £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 9 DEC1897 to 1 DEC1907

Times: 815AM 915AM 1045AM 11AM 1115AM 12PM 1245PM 2PM 230PM 245PM 315PM
4PM 415PM 515PM 6PM 7PM 730PM 8PM 815PM 830PM 9PM 915PM 315 4 830 915 1045

Price A £3

DORSET D66-G79

D66 GILLINGHAM

Sub Office of Shaftesbury 1844 to 1846, Sub Office of Wincanton 1846 to 1855, Sub Office of Bath 1855 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1879, Head Post Office 1879 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to present.

Gillingham was allocated number D66 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and 066 from 1928 to 1962.



4VOS Used from MAR1869 to 3 JUL1875 Price E £40

3VOS Used from 12APR1878 to 26 APR1879 Price F £50



3VOD Time in code Used from APR1880 to 31 OCT1900 Codes: A B C D E F H Price C £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 22 DEC1900 to 3 JUL1905 Times: 915AM 215PM 230PM 330PM 445PM 715PM 730PM 9PM Price C £3

G76 SHILLINGSTONE

Sub Office of Blandford 1844 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to 1887, Blandford 1887 to present.

Shillingstone was allocated number 997 in the lists from 1855 to 1857 and G76 from 1887 to 1906.

3VOD Time in code Used from 15 DEC1884 to 12 NOV1893

Codes: B C Price F £20

There is one 3VOD time in code recorded used on 7 JUL1905

3VOD Time in full Used from 20 JUL1898 to 6 FEB1912

Times: 1215PM 1230PM 145PM 645PM 7PM 730PM Price B £8 on cover, £4 on ppc



G79 STALBRIDGE

Sub Office of Blandford 1844 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885, Sub Office of Blandford 1886 to 1940, Sub Office of Sturminster Newton 1940 to present.

Stalbridge was allocated number 887 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and G79 from 1887 to 1906.

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



DORSET H74-K18

H74 PARKSTONE

Sub Office of Poole 1844 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

3VOD H74 was issued in 1886 when Parkstone became a RSO.

Parkstone was allocated number H74 in the lists from 1887 to 1906 and 624A from 1929 to 1962.

3VOD Time in code Used from 30 DEC1886 to AUG1901

Codes: A B D E F Price C £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 1 DEC1900 to 16 NOV1903

Times: 9AM 930AM 1215PM 415PM 430PM 445PM 5PM 830PM 915PM 930PM Price B £3



3VOD
APR1886

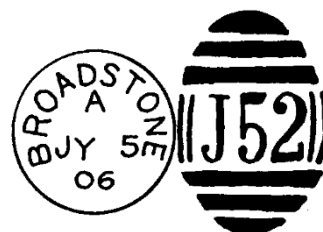
J52 BROADSTONE

Sub Office of Wimborne 1886 to 1918, Post Town 1918 to present.

Broadstone was allocated number J52 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

3VOD Used from 7AUG1896 to 1 NOV1914 Codes: A B C

Price C £15 on cover, £5 ppc



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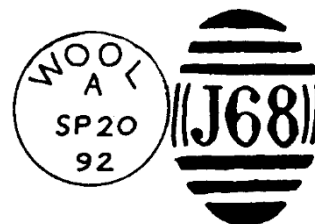
J68 WOOL

Sub Office of Wareham 1844 to present.

Wool was allocated number J68 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

3VOD Used from 14 SEP1891 to 2 JUN1911 Codes: A B C

Price C £15 on cover, £5 ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
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K18 MELPLASH

Sub Office of Bridport 1852 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1936,

Sub Office of Bridport 1936 to present.

Melplash was allocated number K18 in the lists from 1892 to 1924.

3VOD Used from 3 FEB1893 to 4 MAY1927 Codes: A B C Price

E £25 on cover, £10 ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS