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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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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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## DURHAM 48-80

### 48 BARNARD CASTLE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Darlington 1855 to 1866, Railway Sub Office 1866 to 1875, Head Post Office 1876 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present.

Barnard Castle was allocated number 48 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 327 Greta Bridge (Yorks) 1844 to 1855.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
NOV1858

**1844** Used from 21 MAY1844 to 4 NOV1881 Price B £5

Seen used on 6 MAR1910 to cancel a charge mark

**3HOS** Used from 16 MAY1859 to 4 NOV1881 Price G £20



4CD  
MAY1863



3VOD  
JAN1880

**4CD** Used from 22 OCT1863 to 27 MAR1878 Codes: A B C E Price D £4

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 4 FEB1880 to 9 AUG1909

Codes: A B C D E F G Tsdwys Price A £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 23 SEP1904 to 9 AUG1909

Times: 715AM 125PM 145PM 35PM 545PM 85PM 815PM 715 Price A £3

### 73 Billingham

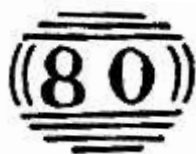
Billingham was allocated number 73 in the lists from 1934 to 1962

### 80 BISHOP AUCKLAND

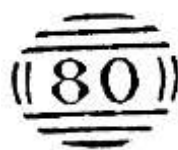
Head Post Office 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Darlington 1856 to 1866, Railway Sub Office 1866 to 1874, Head Post Office 1874 to ? Branch office to Modified Scale post office in 1995.

Bishop Auckland was allocated number 80 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 664 Rushyford 1844 to 1850, 81 Stanhope 1844 to 1851.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
SEP1858



DURHAM 80

**1844** Used from 2 MAY1844 to 6 SEP1858 Price A £5  
**1844 in blue** Used from 14 JAN1845 to 20 JAN1851  
**1844 in green** Used from APR1848 to 7 MAY1850  
**1844 in violet** Used from 15 MAR1848 to 4 APR1848 (£5400 in the Mairi Bury sale)  
**3HOS** Used from 1 NOV1858 to 5 NOV1858 Price H £30



3VOS  
JAN1873



4CD  
MAY1863

**3VOS** No dated copies recorded H\* £60 (Price if found on dated cover)  
**4CD** Used from 19 AUG1863 to 18 JAN1882 Codes: A B C E Price C £3  
 The 4CD becomes very similar to the 4VODB in the 1880's.  
**4CD in blue** Used on 17 DEC1870



4VODA  
DEC1868



4VODB  
JUL1872

**4VODA (Bishops Auckland)** Used from 19 JAN1869 to 9 JUN1884 Codes: A C F  
 Price E £10  
**4VODB (Bishop Auckland) Time in code** Used from 12 FEB1874 to 26 MAR1894  
 Codes: A C D E F I K L M Price A £3  
**4VODB (Bishop Auckland) Time in full** Used from 15 MAY1895 to 8 AUG1896  
 Times: 1045AM 315PM 515PM 8PM 1015PM Price F £8



3VOD  
DEC1886



3VODS  
MAR1887

**3VOD Time in code** 6 AUG1889 to 1 DEC1893  
 Codes: A B D E H I K Price G £6  
**3VOD Time in asterisk code** 19 APR1894 to 8 FEB1896  
 Codes: HK\*A IK\*A LC\*A A\*P CF\*P EB\*P ED\*P EI\*P ME\*P Price E £10  
**SOUTH ROAD** Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1884 to 1921, closed 1921.  
**3VODS (South Road in cds)** 1 MAR1888 to 10 AUG1888 Code: B Price H £60+

## DURHAM 81-126

### 81 STANHOPE

Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1844 to 1851, Sub Office of Darlington 1851 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to present.

Stanhope was allocated number 81 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 81 was later allocated to Barrow in Furness (Lancs) in the 1929 to 1962 lists.



1844  
APR1844



3VOS  
JUL1887

**1844** Used from 2 DEC1844 to 30 AUG1875 Price E £30

Occurs with a Stanhope cud. and a Darlington cds.

**3VOS** Used on 26 JAN1896 Price H £60+

93 Blaydon

Blaydon was allocated number B63 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 93 from 1924 to 1962

### 109 WITTON LE WEAR

Witton le Wear was allocated number 109 in the lists from 1899 to 1906

**3VOS** Used on 27 JUN1902 Price H £100+

3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS



117 Trimdon Colliery

Trimdon Colliery was allocated number 117 in the lists from 1899 to 1906

No obliterations recorded.

### 126 SPENNYMOOR

Sub Office of Durham 1845 to 1856, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1856 to 1874, Head Post Office 1874 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present.

3VOS and a 4VOD 126 were issued in 1874 when Spennymoor became a Head Office.

Spennymoor was allocated number in the lists from 1882 to 1962.

Number 126 was previously allocated to Hunmanby (Yorks) in the 1844 to 1857 lists.



3VOS  
MAY1874



4VOD  
JUN1874

**3VOS** GPO

**4VOD** Used from 5 AUG1877 to 18 MAY1885 Codes: B C D E Price G £30

DURHAM 126-188



3VOD  
SEP1882



3VOD  
AUG1885



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 5 APR1883 to 21 DEC1894

Codes: C D E F Price F £15

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 11 SEP1895 to 22 FEB1899

Times: 945AM 11AM 630PM 9PM Price F £15

Squarred Circles in use: JAN1890 to AUG1894

**187 CONSETT**

Sub Office of Gateshead 1867 to 1868, Sub Office of Blackhill RSO 1868 to 1869, Sub Office of Durham 1869 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1896, Independent Sub Office 1896, Railway Sub Office 1896 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

3VOS 187 was issued in 1874 when Consett became a RSO.

Consett was allocated number 187 in the lists from 1882 to 1962.

Number 187 was previously allocated to Staveley (Derb) in the 1844 to 1857 lists.



3VOS  
JUL1874



3VOD  
JUL1878

**3VOS** Used from 23 AUG1876 to 1 JUL1898 Price H £60+

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 25 NOV1879 to 18 MAR1898

Codes: A B C E F none Price B £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 3 AUG1898 to 20 SEP1906

Times: 730AM 945AM 1115AM 115PM 530PM 815PM Price A £3

**188 CHESTER LE STREET**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1846, Sub Office of Fence Houses 1846 to 1872, Railway Sub Office 1872 to 1873, Head Post Office 1873 to present.

Chester le Street was allocated number 188 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844

## DURHAM 188-233

**1844** Used from 3 JUN1844 to 3 JAN1856 Price F £20



**4VOD** Used from 5 OCT1872 to 12 NOV1886 Codes: B C D Price G £30

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 2 NOV1889 to 9 DEC1897 Codes: C D E F G H I K

Price B £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 31 JAN1898 to 7 JUN1905

Times: 9AM 1045AM 215PM 245PM 3PM 315PM 6PM 630PM 645PM 730PM 8PM 901PM  
910PM 1045PM Price A £2

### 189 LEADGATE

Sub Office of Durham 1846 to 1855, Sub Office of Gateshead 1855 to 1868, Sub Office of Blackhill RSO 1868 to 1870, Sub Office of Durham 1870 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1896, Independent Sub Office 1896 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1948, Town Sub Office of Consett 1948 to present.

189 3VOS issued when Leadgate became a RSO in 1874.

Leadgate was allocated number 189 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 189 was later allocated to Crowthorne (Berks) in the 1959 to 1962 lists.



**3VOS** Used from 15 SEP1874 to 16 FEB1895 Price H £100+

### 193 Crook

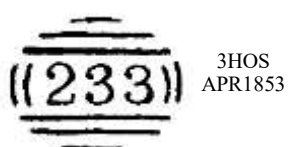
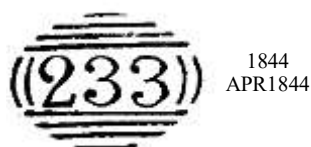
Crook was allocated number E87 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 193 from 1924 to 1962

### 233 DARLINGTON

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Darlington was allocated number 233 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 48 Barnard Castle 1855 to 1866, 80 Bishop Auckland 1856 to 1866, 833 Cowshill 1866 to 1897, E87 Crook 1855 to 1874, 049 St John's Chapel 1855 to 1897, 235 Staindrop 1844 to 1926, 81 Stanhope 1851 to 1897, G90 Tow Law 1850 to 1887, K93 Waskerley 1871 to 1936, 964 Wearhead 1876 to 1897*



DURHAM 233

1844 Used from 2 MAY1844 to 8 JAN1853 Price A £5  
 1844 in blue Used from APR1846 to 19 AUG1848  
 3HOS Used from 2 JUN1853 to 10 JAN1867 Price E £5



4VOS  
MAR1871



3VOS  
JAN1874



3VOS  
NOV1877

4VOS GPO  
 3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H\* £60 (Price if found on dated cover)



SDWYS II FEB1855

SDWYS II Used from 9 MAR1855 to 6 JAN1859 Codes: A C D Dinv E F Price A £10



3CD  
SEP1858



3CD  
NOV1860



3CD  
SEP1870

3CD Used from 10 MAR1859 to 24 DEC1872 Codes: A C D E F G H Price A £3



4CD  
MAR1863

4CD Used from 30 APR1863 to 19MAR1864 Codes: E F G Price E £8

DURHAM 233



4VODA  
JUN1865



4VODA  
JUL1866



4VODA  
NOV1869

**4VODA (Round top three)** Used from 27 JUN1865 to 6 JUL1874

Codes: B C E F G H Price A £3



4VODB  
AUG1872



4VODB  
APR1874



4VODB  
NOV1874



4VODB  
NOV1877

**4VODB (Flat top three)** Used from 12 SEP1873 to 9 FEB1886

Codes: A B C E F G H I K L M N P Q R Price A £3



3VOD  
SEP1879

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 1 JUL79 to 1 MAR1895 Price A £3

**Early single codes:** B F H J K L N O P R

Handstamp identification numbers were used from the mid 1880s onwards:

1/ A F J K L M N O R S T U V W X Y

2/ O Q S T

3/ I T

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 19 FEB1895 to 9 FEB1899

Times: 1030AM 1115AM 1PM 615PM 630PM 730PM 815PM 10PM none(xmas) Price A £3

## DURHAM 233-267

When time in full came into use the handstamp numbers were cut into the basal bars:-

**4VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 9 NOV1901 to 7 APR1902

Times: 2PM 415PM 515PM 6PM 630PM 730PM 9PM 930PM 10PM 1045PM Price D £4

**3VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 6 SEP1899 to 11 FEB1902

Times: 1030AM 1115AM 1145AM 1PM 2PM 415PM 6PM 615PM 730PM 8PM 9PM  
none(xmas) Price A £3

**3VOD2 (2 cut in basal bars)** Used from 10 APR1902 to 27 OCT1902

Times: 1030AM 1PM 6PM 730PM 10PM Price D £4

**3VOD3 (3 cut in basal bars, the size of the figure 3 varies)**

Used from 15 FEB1901 to 17 JUL1906

Times: 1030AM 315PM 6PM 630PM 730PM 745PM 930PM 11PM Price A £3

**3VOD4 (4 cut in basal bars, there are at least two sizes of the figure four)**

Used from 23 DEC1904 to 2 SEP1906 Times: 7PM 745PM 930PM 11PM Price F £8

Squared Circles in use: DEC1893 to NOV1908

### 235 STAINDROP

Sub Office of Darlington 1844 to 1926, Post Town 1926 to 1934,

Sub Office of Darlington 1934 to present.

Staindrop was allocated number 235 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 235 was later allocated to Criccieth (Carn) in the 1927 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 20 NOV1844 to 26 DEC1861 Price F £40

**1844 in blue** Used on 6 AUG1847



1844  
APR1844

### 267 DURHAM

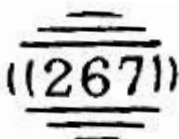
Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Durham was allocated number 267 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- D20 Blackhill 1869 to 1872, D78 Brancepeth 1844 to 1874, 828 Lanchester 1844 to present, J10 Langley Park 1876 to present, 268 Seaham 1844, 052 Shotley Bridge 1869 to 1874.*



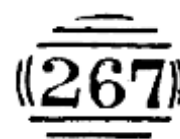
1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
NOV1853



3HOS  
JAN1857



3HOS  
SEP1857

**1844** Used from 7 MAY1844 to 11 OCT1852 Price A £5

**3HOS** Used from 3 DEC1853 to 21 MAY1855 Price F £8



3VOS  
SEP1873

DURHAM 267

**3VOS** Used from 14 DEC1877 to 26 MAY1896 Price H £60

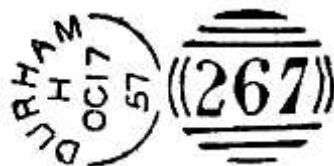


SDWYS II SEP1855



SDWYS II NOV1857

**SDWYS II** Used from 5 OCT1855 to 1 SEP1863 Codes: A C Cinv D E F Price C £12  
It is very unusual to have a date extension of five years for a sideways duplex.



SDWYS VIII OCT1857

**SDWYS VIII** Used from 28 OCT1857 to 14 MAR1860 Codes: B C D E F Price D £12



3CD  
MAR1860



3CD THICKER BARS  
1863ONWARDS

**3CD** Used from 13 AUG1860 to 25 MAR1869 Codes: B C Cinv D E Price A £3



4VODA  
FEB1867



4VODA  
JAN1869

**4VODA (Straight Durham)** Used from 9 MAY1867 to 24 MAR1883  
Codes: B C D E F H I L none Price C £3



## DURHAM 267-309



**4VODB (Curved Durham)** Used from 16 MAY1873 to 12 NOV1888

Codes: C D E F H I J K L Price A £3

**3VOD Time in code** 31 JAN1884 to 13 MAY1894 Codes: C D F H I L M N P none Price B £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** 28 SEP1894 to 5 DEC1894 Codes: AH\*P FK\*P HH\*P

Price G £15

**3VOD Time in full** 26 AUG1895 to 11 MAY1897

**Times:** 6AM 10AM 230PM 345PM 645PM 730PM 1045PM Price D £3

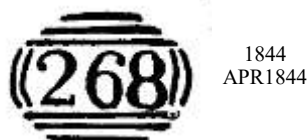
### 268 SEAHAM

Sub Office of Durham 1844 to 1845, Head Post Office 1845 to 1855, Sub Office of Sunderland 1855 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1871, Sub Office of Durham 1871 to 1872, Sub Office of Sunderland 1872 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1878.

Renamed Seaham Harbour RSO 1878.

Seaham was allocated number 268 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 268 was previously allocated to Broseley (Salop) in the 1844 to 1857 lists and subsequently Eastleigh (Hants) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844 Used from 28 OCT1846 to 10 MAR1857 Price E £25

**1844 in blue** Used on 13 AUG1854

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

### 309 GATESHEAD

Head Post Office 1844 to 1900, Branch Office 1900 to present.

Gateshead was allocated number 309 in the lists from 1844 to 1902, 314 in 1924 and 545B from 1929 to 1962.

Number 309 was later allocated to Frinton on Sea, Essex in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 350 Haydon Bridge (Nthbd) 1846 to 1855, 052 Shotley Bridge 1845 to 1868, G95 Swalwell 1848 to 1884, G96 Whickham 1844 to 1884, B73 Wylam (Nthbd) 1855 to 1864.*

DURHAM 309



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
JUL1849



3HOS  
NOV1853



3HOS  
FEB1858

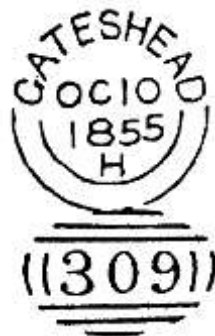
**1844** Used from 17 JUN1844 to 6 JUN1849 Price B £5  
**3HOS** Used from 3 SEP1849 to 24 MAY1855 Price F £10  
**3HOS in blue** Used in 1850



4VOS  
SEP1867



4VOS  
JUL1869



SDWYS II OCT1855

**4VOS** GPO

**SDWYS II** Used from 17 DEC1855 to 3 FEB1859 Codes: B C D E Price C £10



3CD  
FEB1859



3CD  
FEB1861



3CD  
NOV1862



3CD  
JUL1865

**3CD** Used from 25 APR1859 to 3 AUG1867 Codes: C D E Price A £3



4VODA  
JUL1865



4VODB  
APR1872



4VODB  
OCT1874

**4VODA (Round top three)** Used from 30 JUL1865 to 18 FEB1872 Codes: A C D E  
 Price D £3

**4VODB (Flat top three)** Used from 3 SEP1872 to 30 DEC1893  
 Codes: A B C D E F H K M O P R T Price A £3

## DURHAM 309



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 23 SEP1886 to 25 JUL1901

Single code letter I J K L M N O

A as handstamp identification letter:- A6 A12 A13 A14 A15 A16 A17 A23 A24 A26 A27 A28 A29 A30 Price A £3

From 1894 to 1901 a subtype with a large (25mm) cds:- Codes: A1 A3 A4 A8 A13 A20 A22 Price D £4

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 4 AUG1899 to 12 JAN1905

Times: 121AM 1015AM 6PM 645PM 730PM 10PM Price F £5

**3VOD2 (2 cut into basal bars)** Used from 23 FEB1895 to 22 FEB1900

Times: 11AM 215PM 315PM 515PM 615PM 730PM 830PM 930PM 1015PM Price E £6

### 314 Gateshead

Gateshead was allocated number 309 in the lists from 1844 to 1902, 314 in 1924 and 545B from 1929 to 1962

### 350 Hebburn

Hebburn was allocated number K02 in the lists from 1892 to 1906 and 350 from 1924 to 1962

### 358 Houghton le Spring

Houghton le Spring was allocated number 027 in the lists from 1855 to 1906 and 358 from 1924 to 1962

### 379 Hetton le Hole

Hetton le Hole was allocated number 379 in the lists from 1924 to 1962

### 429 Jarrow

Jarrow was allocated number C29 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and 429 from 1928 to 1962

### 545B Gateshead

Gateshead was allocated number 309 in the lists from 1844 to 1902, 314 in 1924 and 545B from 1929 to 1962

### 617 Philadelphia

Philadelphia was allocated number 617 in the lists from 1924 to 1962

## DURHAM 664-704

617 Philadelphia

Philadelphia was allocated number 617 in the lists from 1924 to 1962

### 664 RUSHYFORD

Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1844 to 1850, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1850 to 1869, closed 1869 to 1873, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1873 to 1975, closed 1975.

Rushyford was allocated number 664 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 664 was later allocated to Ilkley (Yorks) in the 1885 to 1962 lists.

**1844** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £100++  
(Price if found on dated cover)



1844  
APR1844

692 Seaham Harbour

Seaham Harbour was allocated number 692 in the lists from 1924 to 1962

### 704 SOUTH SHIELDS

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

South Shields was allocated number 704 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- E89 Tyne Docks 1865 to 1985*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
APR1852



3HOS  
NOV1853



3HOS  
JUN1856



2HOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

**1844** Used from 29 NOV1844 to 18 SEP1850 Price E £10

**3HOS** Used from 12 AUG1852 to 3 DEC1858 Price E £8

**2HOS elliptical rim** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £15 on a loose stamp



3VOS  
AUG1880



3CD  
APR1859

**3VOS** Used on 18 SEP1901 Price H £60+ (£40 on a ppc)

**3CD** Used from 30 NOV1858 to 11 MAR1869 Codes: A B C D E Price B £3

DURHAM 704-732



4VOD  
MAR1869



3VOD  
AUG1873

**4VOD** Used from 13 MAR1869 to 3 DEC1883 Codes: A B C D E F G H Price B £3  
**3VOD Time in code** Used from 22 SEP1873 to 4 JAN1898 Codes: A B C E Finv M O N R AA  
 AG BD CC DK EF EI FI GD HA HL IC IF KC KI LK ML Price A £2 I believe that these  
 two part codes are a genuine two part code, ie. neither are handstamp identification letters.  
**3VOD Time in full** Used from 21 OCT1898 to 6MAY1906  
 Times: 6AM 615AM 645AM 715AM 11AM 1145AM 1215PM 1PM 115PM 130PM 145PM  
 230PM 315PM 4PM 415PM 445PM 515PM 530PM 545PM 6PM 615PM 645PM 7PM 8PM  
 830PM 845PM 9PM 930PM 945PM 10PM Price A £3  
 There are now 30 recorded collection times, this supports the idea of a two part code  
 mentioned above.  
 Squared Circles in use: DEC1887 to MAY1889

**732 SOUTH STOCKTON** On the southern bank of the Tees and thus in Yorkshire.  
 Sub Office of Stockton 1854 to 1892, Branch Office of Stockton 1881 to 1892, subsequently  
 became Thornaby on Tees in 1892.  
 South Stockton (Thornaby on Tees) was allocated number 732 in the lists from 1882 to 1902.  
 Number 732 was previously allocated to Stockbridge (Hants) in the 1844 to 1857 lists and later  
 to Swanley Junction, Kent in 1924 to 1962.



3VOS  
MAR1884



4VOD  
OCT1876

**3VOS GPO**

**4VOD** Used from 29 JAN1878 to 22 MAR1884 Codes: B C D F Price F £20



3VOD  
MAR1884



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

**DURHAM 732-736**

**3VOD** Used from 19 APR1884 to 17 JUL1891 Codes: B C D E F Price E £15

**732 THORNABY ON TEES in the cds:**

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 13 DEC1892 to 29 MAY1904 Codes: A B D E F Price A £2

**3VOD?** 13 NOV1904 Code none – code or time missing?

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 25 DEC1904 to 14 FEB1905 Times: 215PM 715PM 715

Price H £10

**736 STOCKTON**

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Stockton was allocated number 736 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 732 South Stockton/Thornaby on Tees from 1854, 737 Castle Eden 1844 to 1850, H66 Greatham 1894 to 1937*



1844  
APR1844



1844X ERROR OF  
NUMBER JUL1849



3HOS  
JUL1849



3HOS  
JUL1849



3HOS  
DEC1860



UNDATED ENTRY

**1844** Used from 2 MAY1844 to 11 AUG1849 Price A £5

**1844X (Error of number 167)** Used from 13 APR1849 to 3 JUL1849 Price G £150

**1844X (Error of number 167) in blue** Used on 25 JUN1849

**3HOS** Used from 29 JUL1849 to 19 MAR1891 Price A £3



3VOS  
JUN1876



3CD  
DEC1858

**3VOS** Used from 21 AUG1917 Price H £60 19<sup>th</sup> C / £15 20<sup>th</sup> C

**3CD** Used from 31 DEC1858 to 11 JAN1869 Codes: A B C Cinv D Price A £3



4VODA  
FEB1869



4VODB  
OCT1871

**4VODA (Round top three)** Used from 10 MAY1869 to 3 FEB1876

Codes: A B Binv C Cinv D Price B £3

**4VODB (Flat top three)** Used from 19 MAR1872 to 6 MAR1883

Codes: A B C D E F G H Price A £3

## DURHAM 736



3VOD  
MAR1878

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 18 APR1878 to 20 JUN1894 Price A £3

Early single letter codes: B C D F G H I K

From APR1883 they used a handstamp identification number:

1 / A C D E F H    2 / C F H I                    3 / B D E F H I J

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 6 FEB1896 to 10 APR1904

Times: 630AM 945AM 1215PM 3PM 415PM 515PM 530PM 645PM 7PM 8PM 915PM 930PM  
10PM Price A £3

**3VOD1 (1 at base of cds) Time in asterisk code** Used from 7 JUL1894 to 3 JAN1895

Codes: FF\*A DF\*P F\*P Price H £25

**3VOD1 (1 at base of cds) Time in full** Used from 10 JUN1895 to 26 AUG1895

Times: 12AM 5PM 530PM 645PM 8PM Price G £6

**3VOD2 (2 cut into basal bars) Time in asterisk code** Used from 15 OCT1894 to 10 MAY1895

Codes: EC\*P FK\*P Price H £25

**3VOD2 (2 cut into basal bars) Time in full** Used from 30 OCT1895 to 9 APR1901

Times: 645PM 7PM Price E £4

**3VOD4 (4 cut into basal bars)** Used on 10 AUG1899 Time: 645PM Price H £15

### CECIL STREET, STOCKTON ON TEES

Town Receiving House of Stockton from 1878 to 1916, replaced by Bowesfield Lane in 1916.

**3VODC (Cecil St in cds)** Used on 20 DEC1887 Code: C

Price H £80+



3VODC  
MAR1887

### NORTON RD. STOCKTON ON TEES

Town Receiving House of Stockton from 1872 to 1985, closed 1985.

**3VODN (Norton Road in cds)** Used on 3 AUG1887 Code: E

Price H £80+



3VODN  
MAR1887

### PORTRACK LANE, STOCKTON ON TEES

Town Receiving House of Stockton from 1868 to present.

**3VODP (Portrack Lane in cds)** GPO



3VODP  
MAR1887

## DURHAM 737-761

### 737 CASTLE EDEN

Sub Office of Stockton 1844 to 1850, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1850 to 1858, Sub Office of Castle Eden Station 1858 to 1864, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1865 to 1867, Sub Office of Castle Eden Station RSO 1867 to 1893, closed 1893.

Castle Eden was allocated number 737 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 737 was later allocated to Broadstairs, Kent in the 1882 to 1924 lists and then Sketty (Glam) in the 1929 to 1959 lists.

**1844** Used from 11 NOV1844 to 25 SEP1859 In the 1840's this occurs with a Castle Eden backstamp Price B £5 In the 1850's it occurs with a Castle Eden cds. and a Castle Eden Station cds. (£30) or just a Castle Eden Station cds. or just a Castle Eden Colliery cds (£25)

In the 1860's mail was cancelled in nearby Ferry Hill.



1844  
APR1844

### 748 Shildon

Shildon was allocated number 748 in the lists from 1950 to 1959

### 761 SUNDERLAND

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Sunderland was allocated number 761 in the lists from 1844 to 1962

*Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- K34 Haswell 1887 to 1900, H95 Hylton 1845 to 1893 & 1895 to present, K35 Murton Colliery 1872 to 1904, H 64 Seaham Harbour 1882 to 1905, K36 South Hetton 1887 to 1900*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
OCT1851



3HOS  
MAR1853



3HOS  
NOV1855



3HOS  
SEP1857

**1844** Used from 14 MAY1844 to 1 SEP1850 Price A £5

**3HOS** Used from 21 JUN1852 to 17 JAN1861 Price D £5



4VOS  
OCT1870



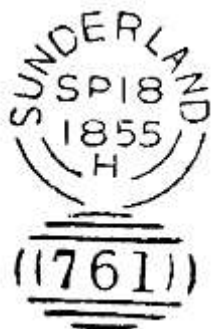
3VOS  
APR1875

**4VOS** Used from 16 DEC1872 to 22 MAR1901 Price G £25

**3VOS** Used from 4 DEC1899 Price H £30



DURHAM 761



SDWYS II SEP1855



SDWYS Va AUG1857



SDWYS Va MAY1860

**SDWYS II** Used from 5 OCT1855 to 25 JUL1857 Codes: B C D E none Price C £10  
**SDWYS Va** Used from 19 AUG1857 to 6 DEC1868 Codes: A B C D E F G J none Price A £6  
 The Proof Book entry dated 15 MAY1860 came from the Proof Books of Kirkwoods – the makers of Scottish handstamps



3CD OC-  
T1859



4CD OC-  
T1863

**3CD** Used from 12 NOV1859 to 25AUG1863 Codes: C D E F 5 Price C £3  
**4CD** Used from 18MAR1864 to 10 OCT1871 Codes: B C E Price D £3  
 Seen used through cloth



4VOD  
JAN1868



4VOD  
JUL1873



4VOD  
JUL1874

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 11 FEB1868 to 2 MAR1894  
 Codes: A B C D E F G H I K 2 3 4 5 6 Price A £3  
**4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 15 JUL1894 to 30 OCT1896  
 Codes: A\*P EH\*P EK\*P FI\*P I\*P K\*P Price F £12  
**4VOD Time in full** Used from 4 JAN1899 to 8 NOV1908  
 Times: 1230PM 445PM 530PM 6PM 9PM 10PM Price C £3

## DURHAM 761-828



**3VOD** Used from 3 JUN1878 to 12 JUL1894 Early single codes:- Codes: A C D E F H I K 6  
From 1884 onwards used handstamp identification numbers 1 & 2 / Times: 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E  
1F 1H 1K 2A 2C 2E 2F 2H 2K 2N Price A £3  
By OCT1880 the curved base of the figure seven had become flat.

**CDS** Number 761 occurs in a double ring date stamp similar to those used in Haswell, Murton Colliery and South Hetton.

### 809 EASTGATE

Sub Office of Durham 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Darlington 1855 to 1897,  
Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936,  
Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to present.

Eastgate was allocated number 809 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

Number 809 was first allocated to Merton, Surrey in the 1882 to 1887 lists  
then later allocated to Towyn (Mer) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

**3VOS** Used on 22 AUG1901 Price H £100+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

### 828 LANCHESTER

Sub Office of Durham 1844 to present.

Lanchester was allocated number 828 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 828 was first allocated to Abbots Bromley (Staff) in the 1844 to 1857 lists then later  
allocated to Wadhurst, Sussex in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



**3VOS** Used from 4 SEP1877 to 21 APR1882 Price G £40

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 21 APR1890 to 30 SEP1902 Codes: B C Price G £10

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 31 AUG1903 to 26 APR1920 Times: 9AM 1PM 2PM 3PM 6PM  
8PM Price C £3

## DURHAM 833-947

### 833 COWSHILL

Sub Office of Darlington 1866 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1902, Sub Office of Wearhead RSO 1902 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to 1991, closed 1991.

Cowhill was allocated number 833 in the lists from 1899 to 1906.

Number 833 was first allocated to Benson (Oxon) in the 1844 to 1857 lists, Chingford, Essex in the 1882 to 1892 lists and then later allocated to Walton on the Naze, Essex in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

**3VOS** Used on 3 MAR1896 Price H £100+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

### 880 Willington

Willington was allocated number C71 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 880 from 1929 to 1959

### 932 Stanley

Stanley was allocated number H08 in the lists from 1887 to 1906 and 932 from 1935 to 1962

### 942 BRADBURY

Sub Office of Darlington 1844 to closed in 1844 or shortly afterwards.

942 seen only used at Sedgefield.

Bradbury was allocated number 942 in the lists from 1845 to 1857.

### 942 SEDGEFIELD

Sub Office of York 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1849 to 1928, Sub Office of Sedgefield 1928 to present.

An 1844 type used from JUL1846 to JUN1849 at Sedgefield, not at Bradbury which was the correct allocation.

Sedgefield later allocated number H47 from 1887 to 1906.

Sedgefield was not allocated number 942 in any list.

Number 942 later allocated to Larnaca, Cyprus in the 1882 to 1887 lists then Seascale (Cumb) in the 1935 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 25 JUL1846 to 5 JUL1849 Price F £50



1844  
APR1844

### 947 HARTLEPOOL

Sub Office of Stockton on Tees 1844, Head Post Office 1845 to 1955/57, closed 1955/57.

947 1844 issued in 1845 when Hartlepool became a Head Office.

Hartlepool was allocated number 947 in the lists from 1845 to 1959.



1844  
FEB1845



3HOS  
FEB1858

**1844** Used from 31 OCT1845 to 15 FEB1858 Price A £5

**3HOS** Used from 9 SEP1858 to 10 JUN1870 Price G £15

DURHAM 947-958



3VOS  
SEP1872



3CD OC-  
T1861

**3VOS** Used on 17 SEP1884 Price H £60

**3CD** Used from 26 DEC1861 to 23 MAY1876 Codes: A B D F Price A £3



4VOD  
MAY1876



3VOD  
JAN1878

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 22 AUG1876 to 25 APR1890

Codes: A B C D F G K M Price F £6

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 21 JUN1900 to 31 JUL1904

Times: 930AM 315PM 4PM 430PM 445PM 515PM 615PM 930PM 945PM Price C £3

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 12 JUN1878 to 9 JAN1899

Codes: B C D E F G J M Price C £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 24 SEP1895 to 10 JAN1905

Times: 945AM 1145AM 1PM 310PM 315PM 410PM 415PM 510PM 515PM 530PM 610PM 615PM 630PM 745PM 945PM 10PM Price A £3

**958 FENCE HOUSES**

An 1844 type and 3HOS number 958 were used at Fence Houses in Error.

The only number allocated to Fence Houses was 092 in the lists from 1874 to 1959.

**1844** Used from 12 NOV1846 to 5 OCT1850 Price F £150

**3HOS** Used from 13 DEC1853 to 16 FEB1857 Price G £150

By DEC1855 mail was being cancelled at Chester le Street.



1844 SEP1846  
COMMENT IN THE PROOF BOOKS  
"NUMBER 958 WAS LOST—THIS STAMP  
CANNOT BE TRACED"  
IT WAS IN USE IN FENCE HOUSES WITHIN  
TWO MONTHS



1844 JAN1848 SENT TO LEIGH LAN-  
CASHIRE THIS WAS THE CORRECT  
ALLOCATION FOR NUMBER 958



3HOS SENT TO FENCE  
HOUSES JAN1852

**DURHAM 964-977**

**964 WEARHEAD**

Sub Office of Durham 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Darlington 1855 to 1862, closed 1862 to 1876, Sub Office of Darlington 1876 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to present.

Wearhead was allocated number 964 in the lists from 1899 to 1906.

Number 964 was first allocated to Euston Square Station (Middx) in the 1849 to 1892 lists then later allocated to Heswall (Ches) in the 1959 to 1962 lists.



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**3VOS** Used from 10 FEB1896 to 26 APR1901 Price G £80

**977 FERRY HILL**

Sub Office of Darlington 1844 to 1849, Head Post Office 1849 to 1916, Salaried Sub Office 1916 to present.

The 977 1844 type was issued in 1849 when Ferry Hill became a Head Office.

Ferry Hill was allocated number 977 in the lists from 1850 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- H46 Carlton Iron Works 1880 to 1928, 737 Castle Eden 1850 to 1858, H47 Sedgfield 1849 to 1928 H48 West Cornforth 1868 to 1889.*



1844 JUN1849



3HOS AUG1857



3HOS OCT1858

**1844** Used from 14 DEC1849 to 24 JUN1856 Price G £25

**1844 in blue** Used on 14 JAN1852

**3HOS** Used from 17 SEP1857 to 13 JAN1896 Price G £20



3CD DEC1858



3CD MAY1860



4VODA JUN1870

**3CD** Used from 25 OCT1860 to 1 JUL1869 Codes: C D E G J Price A £3

**4VODA (Ferry Hill)** GPO



4VODB AUG1871



3VOD MAY1879



3VOD OCT1886

## DURHAM 977-029

**4VODB (Ferry - Hill)** Used from 30 MAY1872 to 11 JUN1879 Codes: B Cinv D Price F £15

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 13 MAY1880 to 29 MAY1899 Codes: B C D E F G U  
Price D £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 28 OCT1899 to 22 AUG1906

Times: 105AM 1015AM 1115AM 215PM 615PM 630PM 7PM 815PM 9PM 945PM

### 027 HOUGHTON LE SPRING

Sub Office of Durham 1844 to 1846, Sub Office of Fence Houses 1846 to 1893,  
Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to  
present.

Houghton le Spring was allocated number 027 in the lists from 1855 to  
1906 and 358 from 1924 to 1962.

Number 027 was later allocated to Cleckheaton (Yorks) in the 1928 to  
1962 lists.

**3HOS** Used on 31 JUL1855 Price H £100+

Squared Circles in use: SEP1893 to JUN1906



3HOS  
JUN1854

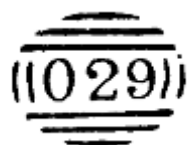
### 029 WEST HARTLEPOOL

Sub Office of Hartlepool 1849 to 1854, Head Post Office 1854 to 1967.

Renamed Hartlepool in 1967.

3HOS O29 was issued in 1854 when West Hartlepool became a Head Office.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- H67 Seaton Carew 1896 to present.*



3HOS  
JUN1854



3HOS  
JUN1861

**3HOS** Used from 10 AUG1854 to 18 OCT1859 Price F £15



4VOS  
AUG1870



3VOS  
JAN1883

**4VOS** GPO

**3VOS** Used from 24 APR1890 to 9 AUG1957 Late copies are worn to a 2VOS

Price G £60 19<sup>th</sup> C. £15 20<sup>th</sup> C.

DURHAM 029



3CD  
APR1860



3CD  
APR1862

3CD Used from 27 MAR1861 to 8 FEB1866 Codes: A B C D Price D £4



4VOD  
FEB1866



4VOD  
DEC1872



4VOD  
MAR1873



4VOD  
NOV1874



4VOD  
NOV1876

4VOD Time in code Used from 15 MAR1866 to 14 SEP1894

Codes: A B C D E F G I J K O Price A £3

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 27 DEC1894 to 26 FEB1897

Codes: EF\*P FE\*P GD\*P HI\*P IL\*P Price D £8

4VOD Time in full Used from 24 OCT1898 to 12 SEP1908

Times: 545AM 645AM 930AM 945AM 10AM 1115AM 1145AM 115PM 245PM 330PM 415PM 430PM 530PM 630PM 645PM 715PM 830PM 845PM 945PM Price A £3



3VOD  
MAY1878



3VOD  
APR1884

3VOD Time in code Used from 26 AUG1878 to 1 JUN1893

Codes: B C D E F I J K Q Price C £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 29 JUL1894 to 25 DEC1898

Codes: FK\*A EC\*P FK\*P GD\*P HI\*P K\*P Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 9 JUL1900 to 9 AUG1908

Times: 645AM 1245PM 130PM 245PM 330PM 345PM 4PM 415PMM 515PM 630PM 645PM 715PM 845PM 945PM none(xmas) Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: SEP1886 to JUL1907

## DURHAM 049-052

### 049 ST.JOHN'S CHAPEL

Sub Office of Durham 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Darlington 1855 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1914, Sub Office of Westgate 1914 to 1936, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to present.

St John's Chapel was allocated number 049 in the lists from 1899 to 1906. Number 049 was first allocated to Paddington Station (Middx) in the 1857 to 1892 lists then later allocated to Camelford (Corn) in the 1962 list.

**3VOS** Used from 20 DEC1893 to 2 MAY1898 Price G £80+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

### 052 SHOTLEY BRIDGE

Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1844, Sub Office of Gateshead 1845 to 1868, Sub Office of Blackhill RSO 1868 to 1869, Sub Office of Durham 1869 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1896, Independent Sub Office 1896 to 1951, Sub Office of Consett 1951 to present.

Shotley Bridge was allocated number 052 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 052 was later allocated to Kirkby (Lancs) in the 1962 list.



3HOS  
SEP1856



3VOS  
JUL1874

**3HOS** Used on 16 JUN1857 Price H £80

**3VOS** Used from 18 JUL1875 to 15 JAN1879 Price H £60



3VOD  
DEC1881

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 25 DEC1882 to 23 JUN1897 Codes: A B C none  
Price G £12

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 19 APR1898 to 13 APR1909

Times: 12AM 10AM 515PM 530PM 545PM 630PM 715PM 8PM 815PM 830PM 850PM 530M

Price A £3

055 Peterlee

Peterlee was allocated number 055 in the 1962 list

073 Billingham

Billingham was allocated number 073 in the lists from 1934 to 1962

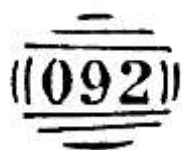


## DURHAM 092

### 092 FENCE HOUSES

Head Post Office 1846 to 1951, Town Sub Office of Houghton le Spring 1951 to present.  
Fence Houses was allocated number 092 in the lists from 1874 to 1959.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 188 Chester le Street 1846 to 1872,  
027 Houghton le Spring 1846 to 1893, E75 Leamside 1866 to 1951.*



3HOS  
JAN1858



3HOS  
AUG1860



3VOS  
MAR1873

**3HOS** Used from 12 JAN1858 to 23 APR1863 Price H £40

**3VOS** GPO



3CDA  
JAN1859



3CDB  
JAN1860

**3CDA (Fence Houses in cds)** Used from 2 APR1863 to 12 MAR1872 Codes: A B Price D £4

**3CDB (Fence - Houses in cds)** Used from 29 MAR1862 to 18 MAY1871 Codes: A B C  
Price C £3



4VOD  
OCT1872



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**4VOD Time in code** Used from 5 FEB1873 to 31 MAY1901

Codes: A B C D E F G H K L Price A £3

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 31 MAR1903 to 2 NOV1908

Times: 1030AM 245PM 445PM 630PM 645PM 10PM Price E £6

**3VOD** Used from 7 JUL1902 to 31 JUL1908

Times: 1030AM 1045AM 11AM 3PM 430PM 445PM 630PM 645PM 10PM Price D £4

DURHAM B43-B63

**B43 WASHINGTON STATION**

Railway Sub Office 1861 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1938, Town Sub Office of Washington 1938 to Present.

Washington Station was allocated number B43 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



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

**4VOS** GPO



**4VOD** Used from 16OCT1870 to 31MAY1892 Codes: A B C Price D £40

**3VOD** Used from 12 NOV1892 to 25AUG1906 Codes: A B C D F

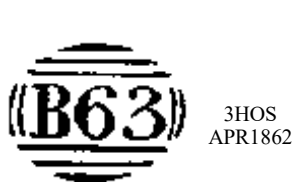
Price D £35 on cover, £15 on ppc

**B63 BLAYDON**

Sub Office of Gateshead 1845 to 1856, Sub Office off Newcastle on Tyne 1856 to 1862, Railway Sub Office 1862 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to Present.

B63 3HOS issued when Blaydon became a RSO in 1862.

Blaydon was allocated number B63 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 93 from 1924 to 1962.



**3HOS** Used from 9 OCT1862 to 7OCT1880 Price G £25

**3VOS** GPO



## DURHAM B63-C29

**4CD** Used from 16 MAR1865 to 14 AUG1873

Code: B Price D £4

**3VOD Time in code** 9 NOV1889 to 19 MAY1894

Codes: B C D E F Price E £6

**3VOD Time in full** 22 SEP1896 to 18 MAY1911

Times: 12AM 845AM 915AM 945A 10AM 1145AM 4PM 6PM 8PM 815PM 845PM 815

Price A £3

### B76 EMMA COLLIERY

3VOS sent in Jun1884, despite B76 still being allocated to Cowpen.

Emma Colliery not allocated B76 in any list and not in the Post Office

Guides until 1891, then as a Sub Office of Ryton 1891 to 1937.

Replaced by Crawcrook in 1937.

**3VOS** Used from 20 JAN1893 to 25 NOV1895 Price H £100+



### C29 JARROW

Sub Office of South Shields 1844 to 1845, Sub Office of Gateshead 1845 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1872, Sub Office of Newcastle 1872 to 1873, Railway Sub Office 1873 to 1875, Head Post Office 1875 to present.

3TH.HOS C29 issued when Jarrow became a RSO in 1864.

Jarrow was allocated number C29 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and 429 from 1928 to 1962.



3TH.HOS  
NOV1864



3VOS  
NOV1875



3VOS  
NOV1882

### 3TH.HOS GPO

**3VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £80+ (Price if found on dated cover)



4VODA  
APR1865



4VODB  
NOV1875

**4VODA (Straight Jarrow)** 12 SEP1869 to 13 JAN1874 Codes: A B Price G £40

**4VODB (Curved Jarrow)** 22 SEP1876 to 15 JAN1878 Code: B Price H £60

## DURHAM C29-D19



**3VOD Time in code** 25 MAR1879 to 8 JUN1893

Codes: B C D G H I J K L Price D £4

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** 16 OCT1894 to 14 OCT1896

Codes: FH\*A KB\*A A\*P BD\*P CH\*P ED\*P M\*P Price F £12

**3VOD Time in full** 30 NOV1897 to 24 APR1900 Times: 345PM 415PM 745PM 815PM 930PM 1030PM Price G £6

### C71 WILLINGTON

Sub Office of Durham 1845 to 1866, Railway Sub Office 1866 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1955, Sub Office of Crook 1955 to present.

4VOS C71 was issued in 1866 when Willington became a RSO.

Willington was allocated number C71 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 880 from 1929 to 1959.



**4VOS** Used from 14 NOV1868 to 4 DEC1868 Price H £60

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 29 AUG1876 to 31 MAY1892 Codes: A C Price F £8

**4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 7 JUN1894 to 7 FEB1903

Codes: KB\*A AF\*P CI\*P FC\*P FG\*P FL\*P Price D £8

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 15 JUN1903 to 30 JUL1907

Times: 10AM 1015AM 130PM 7PM 730PM 8PM Price B £3

### D19 BURNOPFIELD

Sub Office of Gateshead 1848 to 1868, Railway Sub Office 1868 to 1872, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1872 to 1888, Railway Sub Office 1888 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1926, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1926 to present.

4VOS & 4VOD D19 was issued to Burnopfield in 1868 when it became a RSO.

Burnopfield was allocated number D19 in the lists from 1874 to 1887 and J35 from 1892 to 1906.

Number D19 was later allocated to Bowers Gifford, Essex in the 1892 to 1906 lists.

## DURHAM D19-D46



4VOS  
JAN1868



4VOD  
JAN1868

**4VOS** GPO

**4VOD** Used from 28 OCT1868 to 17 SEP 1872 Code: A Price G £80

### D20 BLACKHILL

Sub Office of Gateshead 1848 to 1868, Railway Sub Office 1868 to 1869, Sub Office of Durham 1869 to 1872, Railway Sub Office 1872 to 1896, Independent Sub Office 1896 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1948, Town Sub Office of Consett 1948 to present.

4VOS and a 4VOD D20 were issued in 1868 when Blackhill became a RSO.

Blackhill was allocated number D20 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 052 Shotley Bridge 1868 to 1869.*



4VOS  
JAN1868



4VOD  
JAN1868

**4VOS** Used on 6 JUL1892 Price H £60 Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting.

**4VOD** Used from 2 MAY1868 to 9 JAN1900 Codes: A B C D E **Env** Price D £20

### D46 COCKFIELD

Sub Office of Darlington 1847 to 1880, Railway Sub Office 1880 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1934, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1934 to present.

3VOS D46 was issued in 1880 when Cockfield became a RSO.

Cockfield was allocated number D46 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

**3VOS** Used from 8 MAR1882 to 18 MAR1902 Price F £40



4VOS  
NOV1880

The Official Lists had:-

D69 CASTLE EDEN COLLIERY was allocated number D69 in the lists from 1874 to 1906

D70 CASTLE EDEN STATION was allocated number D70 in the lists from 1874 to 1906

D71 WINGATE was allocated number D71 in the lists from 1874 to 1906

Continued:

## DURHAM D69-D70

D72 TRIMDON GRANGE was allocated number D72 in the 1874 list  
D72 COXHOE was allocated number D72 in the lists from 1882 to 1906  
D73 COXHOE was allocated number D73 in the 1874 list  
D73 TRIMDON GRANGE was allocated number D73 in the lists from 1882 to 1906

The actual usage was slightly different, the following were in error:- D69 4VOS – D71 4VOS – D72 4VOS & D73 4VOS. These are underlined in the listing below:-

### D69 WINGATE

Wingate was a Sub Office of Durham 1848 to 1855, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1856 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

4VOS Used on 17 JUL1870 Price H £100++



4VOS  
JUL1868

### D70 CASTLE EDEN STATION

Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1850 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1901.  
Renamed Castle Eden Railway Sub Office in 1901.



4VOS  
JUL1868



3VOS  
MAY1877

4VOS Used from 25AUG1868 to 14OCT1874 Price G £80

3VOS Used from 15JUN1879 to 20JAN1880 Price F £60



3VOD  
JUN1881

3VOD Used from 16APR1883 to 4JUN1900 Codes: A B Binv C D O Price D £40

## DURHAM D71-D73

### D71 CASTLE EDEN COLLIERY

Castle Eden Colliery was a Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1854 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1873, Sub Office of Castle Eden Station 1873 to 1901, Sub Office of Castle Eden RSO 1901 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1910.

Replaced by Hesled in 1910.

**4VOS** Used from 27FEB1872 to 12 MAR1873 Price H £100+



4VOS  
JUL1868

### D71 WINGATE

Wingate was a Sub Office of Durham 1848 to 1855, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1856 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to Present.

**3VOD** Used from 14 MAR1890 to 16 APR1906 Codes: A B C  
Price C £20 on cover, £6 on ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
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### D72 COXHOE

Coxhoe was a Sub Office of Durham 1845 to 1856, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1856 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1936 to 1970 Sub Office of Durham 1970 to present.



4VOS  
JUL1868



3VOD  
MAR1884

**4VOS** Used from 11 SEP1877 to 17 SEP1877 Price G £80+

**3VOD** Used from 15 DEC1886 to 16 JAN1910 Codes: A B C Price C £8 on cover, £4 on ppc

### D73 TRIMDON GRANGE

Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1850 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1919, Town Sub Office of Trimdon Station 1919 to present.



4VOS  
JUL1868



3VOD  
SEP1878

## DURHAM D73-E87

**4VOS** Used from 1 APR1871 to 17 JUN1874 Price G £80+  
**3VOD** Used from 29 DEC1879 to 6 SEP1909 Codes: B C D E none  
Price D £15 on cover, £8 on ppc

### D78 BRANCEPETH

Sub Office of Durham 1844 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905,  
Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1914, Sub Office of Durham 1914 to present.  
Brancepeth was allocated number D78 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

**4VOS** Used from 27 MAY1869 to 17 MAR1893 Price G £80+  
Becomes a 3VOS through wear



### E75 LEAMSIDE

Sub Office of Fence Houses 1866 to 1951, Town Sub Office of Houghton le Spring 1951 to 1967,  
closed 1967.

Leamside was allocated number E75 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



4VOS  
SEP1869



4VOD  
MAR1873

**4VOS** Used from 17 JUN1870 to 21 JUN1870 Price H £80  
**4VOD** Used from 26 DEC1889 to 27 DEC1893 Codes: A D none Price E £15

### E87 CROOK

Sub Office of Durham 1845 to 1855, Sub Office of Darlington 1855 to 1874, Railway Sub Office  
1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Crook was allocated number E87 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 193 from 1924 to 1962.



4VOS  
APR1870



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
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**4VOS** GPO  
**3VOD** Used from 19 FEB1894 to 2 JUL1910 Codes: A B C D Price A £8 on cover, £4 on ppc



**DURHAM E89-F77**

**E89 TYNE DOCKS**

Sub Office of South Shields 1865 to 1985, closed 1985.

Tyne Docks were allocated number E89 in the lists from 1874 to 1902.



**4VOD** Used from 15 MAR1871 to 12 SEP1872 Codes: A B Dinv Price F £40



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 30 DEC1874 to 5 NOV1897 Codes: A B C G H K  
Price C £15

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 23DEC1898 to 14JAN1904

Times: 1030AM 1115AM 115PM 330PM 415PM 430PM 515PM 545PM 6PM 730PM 9PM 1230PM Price D £15

**F77 LINTZ GREEN STATION**

Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1872 to 1882.

Renamed Lintz Green in 1882.

Lintz Green Station was allocated number F77 in the 1874 list.



**4VOS** GPO

**4VOD** Used from 6 JAN1873 to 29 OCT1880 Code: A Price F £80



## DURHAM F77-G94

**3VODA (Lintz Green Station in cds)** Used from 2 OCT1874 to 24 AUG1876 Code: A  
Price H £150

### F77 LINTZ GREEN

Under Newcastle on Tyne 1882 to 1889, Railway Sub Office 1889 to 1904, closed 1904.

Lintz Green was allocated number F77 in the lists from 1882 to 1902.



3VODB  
FEB1882

**3VODB Time in code (Lintz Green in cds)** Used from  
12 OCT1882 to 2 FEB1891 Codes: A B Price F £8

**3VODB Time in asterisk code (Lintz Green in cds)** Used from  
13 JUL1897 to 1 SEP1903 Codes: E\*P F\*P MK\*P Price F £8

**3VODB Time in full (Lintz Green in cds)** Used from 13 NOV1903 to 19 MAR1904  
Time: 1245PM 9PM Price H £15

### G78 Westgate

Westgate was allocated number G78 in the 1899 list  
No obliterations recorded.

### G90 TOW LAW

Sub Office of Durham 1847 to 1850, Sub Office of Darlington 1850 to 1887, Railway Sub Office 1887 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to present.

Tow Law was allocated number G90 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.



3VOS  
NOV1883



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
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**3VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £80 (Price if found on dated cover)

**3VOD** Used from 17 JAN1894 to 8 OCT1911 Codes: B C D Price A £8 on cover, £3 on ppc

### G94 EBCHESTER

Sub Office of Gateshead 1847 to 1868, Sub Office of Burnopfield RSO 1868 to 1872, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1872 to 1889, Railway Sub Office 1889 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1951, Sub Office of Consett 1951 to present.

Ebchester was allocated number G94 in the lists from 1887 to 1924.

## DURHAM G94-H08



3VOS  
DEC1883



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

**3VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £80 (Price if found on dated cover)

**3VOD** Used from 26 JUN1893 to 10 FEB1912 Codes: A B Price B £8 on cover, £3 on ppc

### G95 SWALWELL

Sub Office of Gateshead 1848 to 1883, Railway Sub Office 1883 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1926, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1926 to present.

3VOD G95 issued in 1883 when Swalwell became a RSO.

Swalwell was allocated number G95 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 25 MAR1892 to 10 SEP1897

Codes: C Cinv Price G £12

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 13 NOV1899 to 18 DEC1911

Times: 9AM 915AM 1PM 6PM 615PM 8PM 9PM 95PM 915PM Price A £3



3VOD  
DEC1883

### G96 WHICKHAM

Sub Office of Gateshead 1844 to 1883, Railway Sub Office 1883 to 1892, Sub Office of Swalwell RSO 1892 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1924, Post Town 1924 to 1926, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1926 to present.

3VOD G96 issued in 1883 when Whickham became a RSO.

Whickham was allocated number G96 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

**3VOD** Used from 25 JUN1885 to 14 APR1891 Codes: A B C Price F £40



3VOD  
DEC1883

### H08 STANLEY

Sub Office of Fence Houses 1868 to 1872, Sub Office of Chester le Street 1872 to 1884, Railway Sub Office 1884 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

3VOD H08 was issued in 1884 when Stanley became a RSO.

Stanley was allocated number H08 in the lists from 1887 to 1906 and 932 from 1935 to 1962.

**3VOD** Used from 12 AUG1889 to 29 JUN1905 Codes: A B C D E

Price A £8 on cover, £4 on ppc



3VOD  
APR1884

## DURHAM H46-H49

### H46 CARLTON IRON WORKS

Sub Office of Stockton on Tees 1876 to 1880, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1880 to 1928, Sub Office of Stockton on Tees 1928 to 1932. Replaced by Stillington in 1932.

Carlton Iron Works was allocated number H46 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

**3VOD** Used from 14 OCT1887 to 18 NOV1912 Codes: A  
Asdwn none Price B £25 on cover, £12 on ppc



3VOD  
JUN1885

### H47 SEDGEFIELD

Sub Office of York 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1849 to 1928, Sub Office of Sedgefield 1928 to present.

An 1844 type was used from JUL1846 to JUN1849 at Sedgefield, not at Bradbury which was the correct allocation.

Sedgefield was later allocated number H47 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

**3VOD** Used from 5 APR1886 to 25NOV1907 Codes: A B C  
Price A £6 on cover £4 on ppc



3VOD  
JUN1885

### H48 WEST CORNFORTH

Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1868 to 1889, Railway Sub Office 1889 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Ferry Hill 1936 to present.

West Cornforth number H48 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

**3VOD** Used from 27 DEC1887 to 7APR1907  
Codes: A B C none Price D £8 on cover, £4 on ppc



3VOD  
JUN1885

### H49 WINGATE STATION

Wingate Railway Sub Office 1885 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1914, closed 1914. Wingate Station was allocated number H49 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.



3VOS  
DEC1886



3VOD  
JUN1885

**3VOS** GPO

**3VOD** Used from 29 SEP1892 to 15 APR1909 Codes: A B C Price E £40 on cover,  
£25 on ppc

## DURHAM H60-H66

### H60 BRANDON COLLIERY

Sub Office of Durham 1863 to 1885, Railway Sub Office 1885 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1914, Sub Office of Durham 1914 to present.

Dropped the name Colliery in 1962.

3VOD H60 issued in 1885 when Brandon Colliery became a RSO. Brandon Colliery was allocated number H60 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

**3VOD** Used from 1 DEC1885 to 26 OCT1895 Codes: A B Price F £40



3VOD  
SEP1885

### H64 SEAHAM HARBOUR

Seaham Harbour Railway Sub Office 1878 to 1882, Sub Office of Sunderland 1882 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936. Renamed Seaham in 1936.

Seaham Harbour was allocated number H64 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 4 MAR1886 to 26 NOV1900

Codes: A B C D Price B £8

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 4 JUL1902 to 27 DEC1907

Times: 8AM 1015AM 1030AM 1215PM 1230PM 215PM 315PM 330PM  
5PM 510PM 645PM 8PM 815PM Price C £8



3VOD  
DEC1885

### H66 GREATHAM

Sub Office of Stockton 1844 to 1872, Sub Office of West Hartlepool 1872 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1894, Sub Office of Stockton 1894 to 1937, Sub Office of Billingham 1937 to 1952, Sub Office of West Hartlepool 1952 to present.

3VOD & 3VOS H66 issued in 1886 when Greatham became a RSO.

Greatham was allocated number H66 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.



3VOS  
JAN1886



3VOD  
JAN1886

**3VOS** GPO

**3VOD** Used from 28 SEP1889 to 28 FEB1898 Codes: A B Price F £40

## DURHAM H67-J10

### H67 SEATON CAREW

Sub Office of Stockton 1844 to 1867, Sub Office of West Hartlepool 1867 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1896, Sub Office of West Hartlepool 1896 to present, A Town Sub Office from 1927.

3VOS and a 3VOD H67 were issued in 1886 when Seaton Carew became a RSO. Seaton Carew was allocated number H67 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.



3VOS  
JAN1886



3VOD  
JAN1886

### 3VOS GPO

3VOD Used from 10 SEP1888 to 19 AUG1911 Codes: A B C D F

Price A £8 on cover, £3 on ppc

### H95 HYLTON

Sub Office of Sunderland 1845 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1895, Sub Office of Sunderland 1895 to present, Town Sub Office 1957 onwards. Hylton was allocated number H95 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

3VOS Used from 9 AUG1903 to 2 JUL1905 Price G £50 on cover, £20 on ppc



3VOS  
APR1887

### J02 BUTTERKNOWLE

Railway Sub Office 1883 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1934, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1934 to present. Butterknowle was allocated number J02 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.

3VOS Used from 4 FEB1891 to 8 MAY1900 Price F £40+



3VOS  
JUN1882

### J10 LANGLEY PARK

Sub Office of Durham 1876 to present.

Langley Park was allocated number J10 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

3VOS Used from 10 JAN1889 to 12 FEB1896 Price F £40+



3VOS  
NOV1887

## DURHAM J35-K02

### J35 BURNOPFIELD

Sub Office of Gateshead 1848 to 1868, Railway Sub Office 1868 to 1872, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1872 to 1888, Railway Sub Office 1888 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1926, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1926 to present.

Burnopfield was allocated number D19 in the lists from 1874 to 1887 and J35 from 1892 to 1906.

**3VOD** Used from 27 NOV1889 to 30 JUL1914 Codes: A B C  
Csdwys Price B £8 on cover, £4 on ppc



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### J78 MEDOMSLEY

Sub Office of Gateshead 1846 to 1868, Sub Office of Burnopfield RSO 1868 to 1872, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1872 to 1889, Sub Office of Lintz Green RSO 1889 to 1891, Railway Sub Office 1891 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1937, Sub Office of Consett 1937 to present.

3VOD J78 probably issued in 1891 when Medomsley became a RSO.

Medomsley was allocated number J78 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

**3VOD** Used from 11 FEB1893 to 11 SEP1913 Codes: A B C F  
Price D £8 on cover, £4 on ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
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### K01 FELLING

Sub Office of Gateshead 1847 to 1872, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1872 to 1889, Railway Sub Office 1889 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1911, Town Sub Office of Gateshead 1911 to present.

Felling was allocated number K01 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 24 NOV1891 to 29 MAY1905  
Codes: A B C D E Price B £8 on cover, £4 on ppc the  
year is commonly missing

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 3 dec1904 to 20 SEP1910

Times: 930AM 1245PM 215PM 245PM 430PM 515PM 530PM 630PM 845PM Price A £3



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

### K02 HEBBURN

Sub Office of Gateshead 1847 to 1864, Sub Office of Jarrow RSO 1864 to 1866, Sub Office of Gateshead 1866 to 1872, Sub Office of Newcastle on Tyne 1872 to 1889, Railway Sub Office 1889 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to ? Branch office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.

Hebburn was allocated number K02 in the lists from 1892 to 1906 and 350 from 1924 to 1962.

**3VOD** Used from 9 NOV1891 to 7 SEP1906 Codes: A B C D E  
Price A £8 on cover, £4 on ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS

## DURHAM K10-K35

### K10 HOWDEN LE WEAR

Sub Office of Darlington 1867 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Darlington 1924 to 1936, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to 1952, Sub Office of Crook 1952 to present.

Howden le Wear was allocated number K10 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

**3VOS** Used from 6 MAY1892 to 7 NOV1894 Price G £80+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

### K15 RYTON

Sub Office of Newcastle 1844 to 1863, Sub Office of Blaydon on Tyne RSO 1863 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to Present.

Ryton was allocated number K15 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- :- B76 Emma Colliery 1891 to 1937.*

**3VOD** Used from 8 SEP1892 to 1 OCT1907 Codes: A B C D  
Price A £8 on cover, £4 on ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

### K34 HASWELL

Not a barred numeral cancel, the number K34 occurs at the base of a cds.

Sub Office of Durham 1845 to 1862, Sub Office of Fence Houses 1862 to 1887, Sub Office of Sunderland 1887 to 1900, Railway Sub Office 1900 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1907, Sub Office of Sunderland 1907 to 1926, Post Town 1926 to 1936, Sub Office of Durham 1936 to present.

Haswell was allocated number K34 in the lists from 1902 to 1924.



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CDSB NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**CDSA (Double bars)** Used from 30 OCT1894 to 26 AUG1908 Codes: A B D Price D £12

**CDSB (Single bars) Time in code** Used on 18 AUG1911 Code: H Price H £40

**CDSB (Single bars) Time in full** Used from 24 DEC1909 to 5 JUN1911  
Time: 4PM Price H £40

### K35 MURTON COLLIERY

Not a barred numeral cancel, the number K35 occurs at the base of a cds.

Sub Office of Fence Houses 1867 to 1872, Sub Office of Sunderland 1872 to 1904, Railway Sub Office 1904 to 1905, Renamed Murton SO in 1905.

Murton Colliery was allocated number K35 in the 1902 list.

**CDS** Used from 14 DEC1893 to 16 AUG1905 Codes: A C D  
Price E £25



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## DURHAM K36-K93

K35 Murton

Murton was allocated number K35 in the 1906 list

### K36 SOUTH HETTON

Not a barred numeral cancel, the number K36 occurs at the base of a cds. Sub Office of Fence Houses 1857 to 1887, Sub Office of Sunderland 1887 to 1900, Railway Sub Office 1900 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1907, Sub Office of Sunderland 1907 to 1926, Post Town 1926 to 1936, Sub Office of Durham 1936 to present.

South Hetton was allocated number K36 in the 1902 to 1924 lists.

**CDS** Used from 13 MAY1893 to 22 JUL1924 Codes: A B C Price C



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### K78 WITTON PARK

Sub Office of Darlington 1848 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Darlington 1924 to 1936, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to present.

Witton Park was allocated number K78 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

**3VOS** Used from 27 DEC1898 to 13 MAR1902 Price G £80+



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### K93 WASKERLEY

Sub Office of Darlington 1871 to 1936, Sub Office of Bishop Auckland 1936 to 1939, Sub Office of Consett 1939 to 1957, closed 1957.

Waskerley was allocated number K93 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

**3VOS** Used from 3 DEC1902 to 23 AUG1904 Price G £80+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF BOOKS