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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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An interesting collection of information on the history of stamp issues and an index of people, places and items associated with British Postal history. Contains a good annotated bibliography.

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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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	WOODFORD GREEN F20 & (53) & 920

BOLD = Offices that used the number in barred numeral cancels
 Regular = Offices that did not use the number in barred numeral cancels
 (L) = London numbers () = Errors of number

36 WALTHAMSTOW

Walthamstow was allocated number 36 in the 1874 London list.
 See 109 below

37 Basildon

Basildon was allocated number 37 in the Provincial 1952 to 1962 lists.

ESSEX 72-102

72 BILLERICAY

Head Post office 1844 to 1861, Sub Office under Ingatestone (402) 1861 to 1871, Sub Office under Brentwood (118) 1871 to 1899, Railway Sub Office 1899 to 1905, then Independent Sub Office to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1995.

It's status as a sub office from 1861 to 1899 explains the absence of a full suite of cancellations and the rarity of those that were used in this period: the 4VOS, 3VOS and 3VOD.

Billericay allocated number 72 in the Provincial lists from 1844 to 1906, and number 156 from 1938 to 1962.

Number 72 was later allocated to Bingham (Notts) from 1924 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
FEB1870

1844 Used from 19 JUN1844 to 9 DEC1869 Price C £6

4VOS Used from 21 JUL1871 to 7 SEP1876 Price G £40



3VOS
JUL1879



3VOD
JUL1879

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60+ 19th C / £15 20th C. (Price if found on dated cover)

3VOD Time in code Used from 11 NOV1882 to 16 MAR1891 Codes: A B Binv C H
Price F £6

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 28 DEC1895 to 4 MAR1904
Codes: B*A GD*A CD*P CK*P GD*P KCinv*P Price C £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 20 SEP1904 to 26 JUN1909
Times: 9AM 915AM 2PM 330PM 715PM 730PM 730 Price C £3

89 Brightlingsea

In the Provincial lists Brightlingsea was allocated 898 in 1882 to 1906 and later 89 in 1924 to 1962 .

102 LEYTON

In the London District Post from 1844 to 1857, in the North Eastern District as a Sub Office from 1857 to Dec 1866, When the NE District was closed it moved to the Eastern District from 1867 onwards.

Although Provincial style cancellations were used in Leyton, it never left London. From 1875 it was in the intermediate position of being in London but with official instructions that the district initials were to be left off the address. Leyton was never listed as a Provincial Office in the Post Office Guide.

ESSEX 102-109

Leyton allocated number 14 in the London District Post.

In the Provincial Lists as 102 from 1874 to 1892 (although Leyton was in London) and in the London Lists as 82 from 1899 to 1962.

Number 102 was allocated to Woolpit (Suffolk) from 1844 to 1857, Winfrith (Dorset) from 1899 to 1906 (a 3VOS was also used there) and Blaenavon (Monmouth) from 1924 to 1962.



14A
MAY1844



14B
DEC1859

14 London District Post and Suburban Ovals:-

14A Used from SEP1850 to 16 MAY1856 Price H £300 seen in blue, green and red

14B No dated copies recorded Price H*£200+ (price if found on a dated cover)



3VOS
APR1874



4VOD
MAR1875



3VOS was also used in
Winfrith (Dorset) from
1899 to 1906

3VOS Used from 21 APR1874 to 17 MAY1879 Price G £40

4VOD Used from 25 JUN1875 to 30 DEC1886 Codes: B C D E Price E £20

109 WALTHAMSTOW

In the London District Post from 1844 to 1857, in the North Eastern District as a Sub Office from 1857 to DEC1866. When the NE District was closed, it was placed in the Eastern District.

Although Provincial style cancellations were used, Walthamstow never left London.

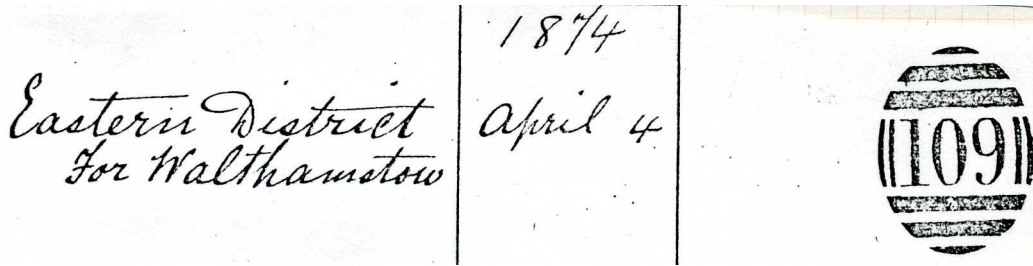
From 1875 it was in the intermediate position of being in London but with the official instructions that the London district initials were to be left off the address.

Used Provincial (109) and London suburban style (36) cancellations at the same time:- (109) 1874 to 1898. and (36) 1881 to 1890

Walthamstow allocated 109 in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1887 (although Walthamstow was in London) and the London Lists as 85 from 1899 to 1962.

Number 36 was not in any List.

Number 109 was later allocated to Witton le Wear, Durham 1899 to 1906, then Birmingham Bournville 1924 to 1938 and Coleshill (Warwks) 1949 to 1962.



A Provincial style cancellation sent to Walthamstow in the London Eastern District.
This was entered in the London Proof Books

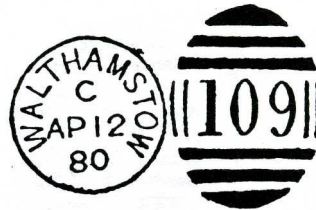
Another 3VOS was also sent in APR1874 to Walthamstow.
This was entered in the Provincial Proof Books



3VOS Used from 9 MAY1874 to 30 APR1898 Price D £12



4VOD
FEB1875



3VODA
FEB1875

4VOD Used from 30 OCT1875 to 12 APR1880 Codes: A B C D Price F £30
3VODA Used from 1 MAY1880 to 13 NOV1895 Codes: A B D H Price D £8
3VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars) Used from 4 OCT1895 to 16 NOV1896
Times: 1015AM 315PM 515PM 915PM 1015PM 1130PM Price F £20



3VODO
FEB1875



36C
DEC1881

3VODO (O=Orford Rd in cds) Used from 1 AUG1882 to 19 JUL1886
Codes: A B C D Price G £60

36 London Suburban Oval:-

36C Used from JAN1889 to 26 JAN1891 Code seen B Price E £35

ESSEX 112-118

112 BRAINTREE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1968 Salaried Sub Office 1868 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1993.

Number 112 allocated to Braintree in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
SEP1857



3HOS
APR1861



3HOS
DEC1861

1844 Used from 25 JUN1844 to 26 APR1857 Price D £5

1844 in blue Used on 1 MAR1849

3HOS Used from 31 MAY1858 to 6 JAN1862 Rarity F £15



3CD
JAN1862



3CD
JAN1869

3CD Used from 8 FEB1862 to 6 NOV1893 Codes: A B C E Price A £3



4VOD
JAN1869

4VOD Used from 7 JAN1869 to 2 JUN1894 Codes: A B C D E Price B £3

Squared Circles in use: JUN1892 to MAY1895

118 BRENTWOOD

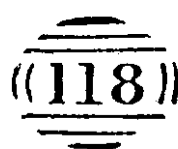
Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Number 118 allocated to Brentwood in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 602 Ongar 1865 to 1880 and 72 Billericay 1871 to 1899.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
FEB1857

ESSEX 118

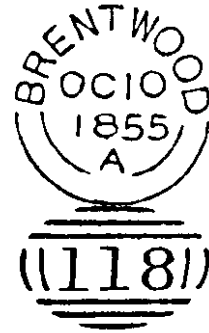
1844 Used from 3 JUN1844 to 12 JUN1853 Price D £5
3HOS Used from 10 DEC1865 to 6 JUN1873 Price H £30



3VOS
AUG1873



3VOS
AUG1884



SDWYSII
OCT1855

3VOS Used from 18 FEB1891 to 14 JAN1900 Price H £40
SDWYS II Used from 5 FEB1856 to 24 AUG1862 Codes: A B C D Price C £10



4CD
APR1863



4VOD
APR1871



4VOD
SEP1875

4CD Used from 29 JAN1864 to 28 JUN1869 Code: B Price E £12
4VOD Used from 7 NOV1869 to 26 DEC1880 Codes: A B C D Price A £3



3VOD
AUG1884

3VOD Used from 1 DEC1884 to 24 AUG1886 Codes: B C D Price F £25
 Square Circles in use: FEB1881 to APR1906

153 Buckhurst Hill

Buckhurst Hill was allocated D76 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 153 from 1924 to 1962.

156 Billericay

Billericay allocated number 72 in the lists from 1844 to 1906, and then number 156 from 1938 to 1962.

174 Chadwell Heath

Chadwell Heath was allocated 174 in the lists from 1924 to 1949.

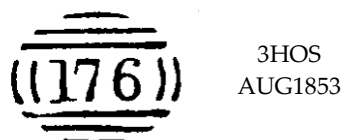
ESSEX 176

176 CHELMSFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Number 176 allocated to Chelmsford in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 265 Dunmow 1858 to 1878, 248 Felstead 1844 to 1878 & 1886 to 1952, F39 Leigh 1862 to 1873, 403 Rayleigh 1862 to 1873, 651 Rochford 1862 to 1873, E29 South Benfleet 1862 to 1878. 026 Southend 1862 to 1866, J36 Takeley 1858 to 1901,



1844 Used from 17 JUN1844 to 12 FEB1850 Price E £10

1844 in blue 1850 to 1851

3HOS Used from 15 FEB1854 to 14 DEC1866 Price E £10 becomes a 2VOS through wear and recutting



4VOS
DEC1867



4VOS
OCT1871



3VOS
FEB1874



3VOS
AUG1878

4VOS Used from 17 MAY1869 to 27 DEC1899 Price H £40

Used to precancel newspaper wrappers on the Essex County Chronicle and Essex Weekly News price £10

3VOS Used from 30 CT1882 to 21 MAY1897 Price G £30

3VOS on incoming military mail from abroad with GB stamps £60++



SDWYSII
APR1857



3CD
NOV1858



3CD
APR1862

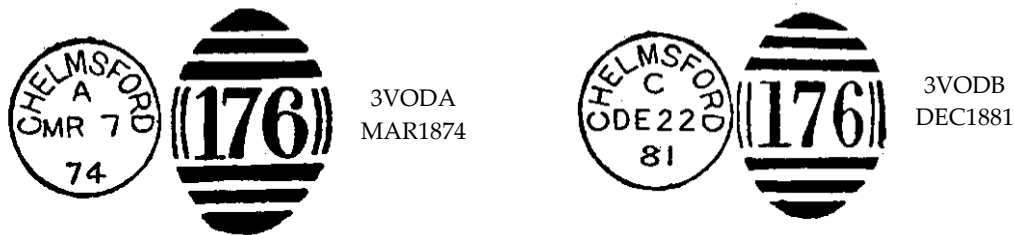
SDWYS II Used from 1 JUL1857 to 26 SEP1858 Codes: B Binv C Csdwys none Price E £25

Seen in green

3CD Used from 27 DEC1858 to 24 JAN1865 Codes: A B C D Price A £3



4VOD Used from 30 MAR1866 to 29 JUN1880 Codes: C D E H J Price A £3
 Nine similar 4VOD's were sent between APR1865 and OCT1870.



3VODA (Sloping serif on the figure 1) Used from 28 APR1874 to 11 JUL1879
 Codes: B C Cinv D E H J Price D £6
3VODB (Flat topped 1) Used from 10 JAN1877 to 1 NOV1889
 Codes: A B C E H J K Price B £3



4VODX (Error of number 169) Used from 11 OCT1870 to 1 JAN1873 Codes: D E
 Price G £100
 Although number 169 was void during the period of use of 4VODX, I believe that it was an error of number. A 169 3VOS was issued to Prestbury Glos in 1874. It was listed in the next list in 1882. Number 169 had not been allocated previously because in reads 691 when inverted.
 Squared Circles in use: JUL1880 to DEC1901

199 Clacton on Sea

Clacton was allocated K94 in the lists 1902 to 1924 and then 199 in 1927 to 1962.

202 Coggleshall

Coggleshall was allocated D37 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 202 from 1924 to 1962.

243 Dagenham

Dagenham was allocated 243 from 1929 to 1962.

ESSEX 210

210 COLCHESTER

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Number 210 allocated to Colchester in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 211 Boxford 1844 to 1992, 898 Brightlingsea 1844 to 1874 & 1888 to present, H39 Great Horkesly 1844 to present, F74 Walton on the Naze 1844 to 1873, H15 Wivenhoe 1844 to present.



1844
APR1844



1844
AUG1854



3HOS
JUN1856



3HOS
APR1857

1844 Used from 8 MAY1844 to 2 JUN1856 Price A £5 Seen in green

1844 in blue Used on 4 JUN1849

3HOS Used from 1 OCT1856 to 17 JUL1859 Price H £25



4VOS
MAR1872



4VOS
APR1872



3VOS
NOV1877

4VOS Used from 2 APR1872 to 30 SEP1880 Price H £50

3VOS Used from 20 JUN1882 to 5 JUL1955 Price G £40 19thC / £20 20thC

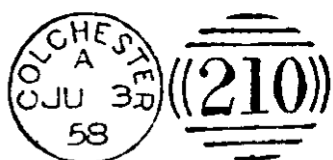
Late copies become a 2VOS through wear and recutting.



SDWYSII
NOV1856

SDWYS II Used from 5 JAN1857 to 28 JUN1859 Codes: A B Binv C D E Price B £15

ESSEX 210



3CD
JUN1858



3CD
AUG1865



3CD
JAN1869

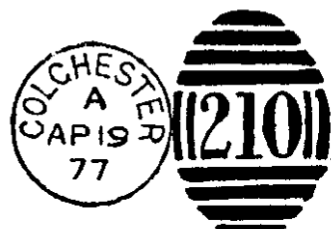
3CD Used from 4 AUG1858 to 21 OCT1870 Codes: A B C D E F Price A £3
There are ten entries in the Proof Books between JUN1858 and MAY1870



4VOD
MAY1868



4VOD
FEB1872



4VOD
APR1877

4VOD Used from 3 JUN1869 to 21 DEC1891 Codes: C D E F G H I K L Price A £3 A total of four entries in the Proof Books. An AUG1869 entry is identical to the MAY1868 entry.



3VOD
SEP1879

3VOD Time in code: Used from 2 OCT1879 to 27 OCT1911

Codes: A B C D F G H I J K L Lsdwys N P T Tinv W KP KU

Handstamp identification number 1 1D 1F 1G 1H 1K 1L 1M 1N 1P 1Q 1R 1S 1T 1U E

Price A £3 Five very similar 3VOD's were proofed between SEP1879 & AUG1884.

3VOD Time in full: Used from 1JUL1895 to 29OCT1911

Times: 1215AM 1AM 1115AM 1130AM 1PM 115PM 215PM 245PM 315PM 345PM 545PM
715PM 730PM 10PM 1015PM 1115PM PM Price A £3

3VOD1 (1 cut into basal bars) Used from 3OCT1895 to 6OCT1897

Times: 11.30AM 1230AM 1015PM Price G £15

3VOD2 (2 cut into basal bars) Used from 30MAR1900 to 24DEC1914

Times: 1AM 945AM 1130AM 130PM 245PM 545PM 730PM 1015PM none Price B £3

Squared Circles in use: AUG1880 to SEP1911

ESSEX 248-279

248 FELSTEAD

Sub Office to Chelmsford 1844 to 1878, Independent Sub Office 1878 to 1893, Sub Office to Chelmsford 1893 to 1952, Sub Office of Dunmow 1952 to present. Felstead allocated number 248 in 1882 to 1906 in the Provincial lists. Number 248 first allocated to Guist (Norfolk) 1844 to 1857, then Felstead, then Didcot (Berks) 1949 to 1962.

3VOS 30 MAR1880 to 29 MAR1900 Price E £25



3VOS
NOV1874

265 DUNMOW

Head Post Office 1844 to 1858, Sub Office to Chelmsford 1858 to 1878, Independent Sub Office 1878 to 1883, Head Post Office 1883 to 1917, Salaried Sub Office 1917 to present. These status changes explain the rarity of cancellations used between 1858 and 1883 and the issue of the 3VOD in 1883 when Dunmow became a Head Office again. Number 265 allocated to Dunmow in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
SEP1876



3VOS
SEP1882

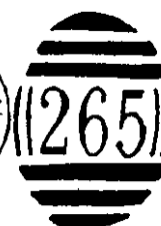
1844 Used from 15 AUG1844 to 24 MAR1876 Price E £12

3VOS Used from 26OCT1878 to 31 AUG1941 Price G £50 pre 1900, £20 post 1900

Occurs on undated covers in the 1960's also used to precancel newspaper wrappers price £6



3VOD
AUG1883



3VOD
JUL1884

3VOD 19 JUN1886 to 30 DEC1895 Codes: B D E F Price B £3

Squared Circles in use: FEB1888 to MAR1906

279 EPPING

Head Post Office 1844 to 1920, Salaried Sub Office in 1920 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.

Number 279 allocated to Epping in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

ESSEX 279



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAY1857

1844 Used from 17 OCT44 to 22 APR1857 Price F £15
3HOS Used from 16 FEB1858 to 13 JUL1863 Price G £25



3VOS
JAN1883



4VODA
MAR1866

3VOS GPO
 4VODA (Straight Epping) Used from 20 MAY1868 to 26 FEB1871 Codes: A B Price E £10



4VODB
JUL1871



4VODB
AUG1872

4VODB (Curved Epping) Used from 16 DEC1871 to 17 APR1883
 Codes: A B C D Price E £10



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BOOKS

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 24 APR1895 to 27 NOV1896
 Codes: IH*A DC*P HD*P MH*P Price D £8
3VOD Time in full Used from 12 MAY1897 to 21 AUG1907
Times: 1230AM 930AM 3PM 4PM 8PM 930PM 10PM **1230PM** Price B £3
 Squared Circles in use: JUN1886 to JUN1907

299 Earls Colne
 Earls Colne was allocated D38 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 299 from 1924 to 1962.
 309 Frinton on Sea
 Frinton on Sea was allocated 309 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

ESSEX 334

334 HALSTEAD

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Number 334 allocated to Halstead in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- D38 Earls Colne 1844 to 1898.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1856



3HOS
MAR1863



3HOS
APR1863

1844 Used from 10 JUL1844 to 17 APR1855 Price D £6

3HOS Used from 26 MAY1856 to 3 JUL1869 Price E £10



3VOSA
NOV1874



3VOSA
FEB1878



3VOSB
DEC1886

3VOSA (No serif on the 4) Used from 11 FEB1875 to 12 NOV1879 Price G £40

3VOSB (Serif on the 4) Used on 24 JUN1901 Price H £50



3CD
MAY1859



4VOD
MAR1872

3CD Used from 9 JUN1859 to 11 JUN1888 Codes: B C none Price C £3

4VOD Used from 17 JUN1872 to 23 JUL1878 Code: C Price C £3



3VODA
JUL1878



3VODB NOT
ENTERED IN
THE PROOF
BOOKS

ESSEX 334-340

3VODA (Halstead in the cds) Used from 4 DEC1878 to 25 NOV1898 Codes: B D F
Price C £3

3VODB (Halstead Essex in the cds) Used from 11 DEC1895 to 21 MAY1901 Codes: B C D F
Price D £8

Squared Circles in use: AUG1881 to AUG1901

337 HARLOW

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Number 337 allocated to Harlow in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
AUG1857



3HOS
NOV1860

1844 Used from 22 SEP1847 to 28 MAR1857 Price F £15

3HOS Used from 23 JUL1858 to 5 MAR1866 Price F £15



4VOS
APR1872



3CD
FEB1862

4VOS Used from 9 AUG1872 to 2 OCT1878 Price E £20

3CD Used from 31 OCT1862 to 24 MAY1869 Codes: A B Price F £15



3VOD
SEP1878



3VOD
OCT1881



3VOD
MAR1884

3VOD Used from 11 SEP1879 to 8 APR1884 Codes: B C Price G £30+

Squared Circles in use: DEC1885 to JUN1905

340 HARWICH

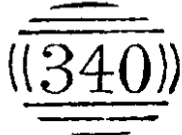
Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.

Number 340 allocated to Harwich in all Lists from 1844 to 1962.

ESSEX



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAR1855



3HOS
SEP1858



3HOS
NOV1861

1844 Used from 8 JAN1848 to 28 JAN1854 Price G £30
1844 in blue Used from SEP1851 to 28JAN1854
3HOS Used from 15 NOV1857 to 22 MAY1872 Price F £15



NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOS Used from 5 JUL1907 Price H £50
 This handstamp is now in the National Postal Museum.



4VODA
AUG1865



4VODA
DEC1876

4VODA (Straight Harwich) Used from 15 NOV1865 to 8 OCT1872 Codes: A B Price D £6



4VODB
JUL1873



4VODB
DEC1876

4VODB (Curved Harwich) Used from 17 SEP1874 to 1 DEC1880 Codes: A B C Price E £8
 Squared Circles in use: DEC1880 to JUL1906

392 Grays

Grays was allocated F40 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and then 392 from 1925 to 1962.

ESSEX 402-403

402 INGATESTONE

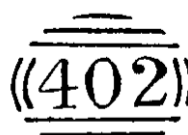
Head Post Office 1844 to 1894. Railway Sub Office 1894 to 1905. Independent Sub Office 1905 to present

Number 402 was allocated to Ingatestone in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices that used barred numerals:- 72 Billericay 1861 to 1869, 403 Rayleigh 1844 to 1862, 651 Rochford 1855 to 1862, 404 Wickford 1844 to 1853.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
NOV1855

1844 Used from 14 MAY1844 to 14 JAN1856 Price G £30

3HOS Used from 18 NOV1856 to 21 JAN1870 Price D £8



3VOS
DEC1872



3VOD
AUG1882

3VOS Used from 8 JAN1878 to 10 JAN1880 Price H £50

3VOD Used from 29 SEP1887 to 10 AUG1889 Codes: B C Price G £30+

Squared Circles in use: APR1890 to JUN1908

403 RAYLEIGH

Sub Office of Ingatestone 1844 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1873*, Independent Sub Office 1873 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994. Rayleigh was allocated 403 in the Provincial 1844 to 1857 lists and later number 639 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

Number 403 was later allocated to Erith (Kent) in the 1882 to 1962 Lists.

*A cover has been seen posted in Rayleigh in 1875 that was cancelled in Chelmsford.

1844 Used from 23 APR45 to 27 OCT1858 Price G £80+

Occurs with a Rayleigh cud and Ingatestone cds

Seen in blue

Squared Circles in use: NOV1884 to OCT1894



1844
APR1844

ESSEX 404-410

404 WICKFORD

Sub Office of Ingatestone 1844 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1878, Sub Office of Rayleigh 1878 to 1880, Independent Sub Office 1880 to 1888, Sub Office of Battles Bridge 1888 to 1890, Independent Sub Office 1890 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1993.

Wickford was allocated 404 in the 1844 to 1857 Provincial Lists, J48 in c.1892 to 1906 Provincial List and 838 1948 to 1962.

Number 404 was later allocated to Belvedere (Kent) 1882 to 1906 then Felixstowe (Suffolk) 1924 to 1962.

404 occurs in error in a 3VOD of Ironbridge (Salop).

1844 Used from 4 FEB1845 to 28 JUN1858 Price H £100++

Seen in blue

Occurs with a straight line Wickford and Ingatestone cds



1844

APR1844

410 KELVEDON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1895, Railway Sub Office 1895 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1941, Sub Office of Colchester 1941 to present

Number 410 was allocated to Kelvedon in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

A cover has been seen posted in Kelvedon in 1872 that was cancelled in Colchester.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- D37 Coggeshall 1844 to 1902.



1844 APR1844

Note serif on the horizontal bar



3HOS
APR1862



4VOS
DEC1868

1844 Used from 31 AUG1844 to 6 DEC1862 Price A £5

3HOS Used from 14 JUN1862 to 27 SEP1869 Price G £15

4VOS Used from 28 DEC1868 to 29 JUL1869 Price G £40



4VOD
MAY1870



4VOD
NOV1873



3VOD
OCT1881

4VOD Used from 24 JUN1870 to 3 MAY1881 Codes: A B C D Price A £3

3VOD Used from 13 MAR1882 to 20 AUG1885 Code: C D Price H £40+

Squared Circles in use: NOV1886 to JUL1907

ESSEX 494

417 Ilford

Ilford was allocated F07 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and then 417 from 1928 to 1962.

432 Laidon

Laidon was allocated 432 in the lists from 1948 to 1959.

433 Halstead

A charge mark with the number 433 was sent to Halstead in July 1920. It was probably sent to a subordinate office.

455 Leigh on Sea

Leigh was allocated F38 in the lists from 1874 to 1906, 455 in 1924 and then 550 from 1950 to 1959.

476 Loughton

Loughton was allocated D77 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 476 from 1924 to 1962.

494 MALDON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1924, Salaried Sub Office 1924 to present.

Number 494 was allocated to Maldon in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
FEB1859



3HOS
APR1863

1844 Used from 17 MAY1844 to 25 JAN1859 Price A £5

1844 in green Used on 7 AUG1855

3HOS Used from 5 MAR1859 to 26 APR1860 Price G £15



4VOS
AUG1867



3VOS
JUN1886

4VOS GPO

3VOS Used from 16 SEP1881 to 4 JUL1905 Price H £40 on cover, £20 on ppc and undated wrappers



3CD
APR1860



4VODA
APR1865



4VODA
APR1868

3CD Used from 12 OCT1860 to 4 FEB1864 Code: C O Price D £8

4VODA (Straight Maldon) Used from 11 AUG1865 to 22 MAY1872 Codes: B C Price B £3

ESSEX 494-503



4VODB
SEP1872



3VOD
AUG1879

4VODB (Curved Maldon) Used from 4 APR1873 to 27 FEB1879 Codes: C D Price C £3
3VOD Used from 11 SEP1879 to 7 APR1884 Codes: B C D E Price E £12
 Squared Circles in use: JUL1885 to MAR1907

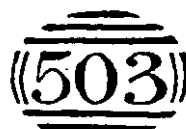
503 MANNINGTREE

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Number 503 was allocated to Manningtree in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAR1862

1844 Used from 17 JUN1844 to 14 JUN1860 Price C £5
3HOS Used on 7 APR1863 Price H £30



3TH.HOS
JAN1865



4VODA
SEP1866

3TH.HOS Used on 13 FEB1865 Price H £60+

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 8 OCT1866 to 4 MAR1878 Codes: A B Price F £25



4VODB
DEC1871



3VOD
OCT1878

4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 10 APR1872 to 28 JUN1897 Codes: A B C D Price D £6

3VOD Used from 5 APR1879 to 6 MAR1903 Codes: C D Price G £30+

Squared Circles in use: ??1885 to NOV1903

ESSEX 602

550 Leigh on Sea

Leigh was allocated F38 in the lists from 1874 to 1906, 455 in 1924 and then 550 from 1950 to 1959.

582 Purfleet

Purfleet was allocated F41 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 582 from 1926 to 1954.

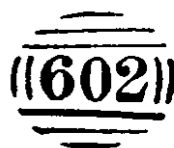
602 ONGAR

Head Post Office 1844 to 1865, Sub Office of Brentwood 1865 to 1880, Independent Sub Office 1880 to 1884 and then a Head Post Office 1884 to present.

Number 602 was allocated to Ongar in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAY1857

1844 Used from 21 JUL1844 to 26 MAY1855 Price F £15

3HOS Used from 22 JUN1857 to 1 DEC1876 Price D £8



4VOS
OCT1870



3VOS
JUN1878

4VOS Used from 14 DEC1870 to 3 SEP1877 Price G £40

3VOS Used from 7 MAY1879 to 2 FEB1880 Price H £50



3VOD
MAR1880

3VOD Used from 27 APR1880 to 20 MAR1888 Codes: A B C Price F £20

Squared Circles in use: JAN1889 to AUG1909

639 Rayleigh

Rayleigh was allocated 403 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and later number 639 in the 1924 to 1962 lists

ESSEX 651-668

651 ROCHFORD

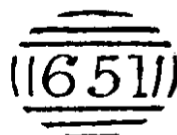
Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Ingatestone 1855 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1873 and an Independent Sub Office from 1873 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1996

Number 651 was allocated to Rochford in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 026 Southend 1844 to 1855.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JUL1854

1844 Used from 8 MAY1844 to 23 JAN1853 Price E £8 Seen in blue

3HOS Used from 5 JAN1856 to 26 MAR1867 Price B £3



4VOS
AUG1867



3VOS
SEP1882

4VOS Used from 27 JAN1871 to 15 FEB1881 Price H £60

3VOS Used from 15 OCT1889 to 31 DEC1912 Price E £20 19thC / £12 20thC

668 ROMFORD

In the General Post 1844 to Present and also within the London District Post 1844 to 1857, in the Eastern District 1857 to 1865, Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Given the provincial number 668 in 1844.

Solely in the Essex Provincial Area 1865 to present

Only used provincial style numeral cancellations.

Number 668 was allocated to Romford in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- F10 Chadwell 1870 to 1873, F40 Grays 1865 to 1874,

F41 Purfleet 1865 to 1872, F42 Rainham 1865 to 1882. F38 Stanford le Hope 1851 to 1885 and G54 Tilbury 1882 to 1888.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAY1855



3HOS
JUN1857



3HOS
MAY1858



3HOS
JUN1862

ESSEX 668

1844 Used from 31 JUL1844 to 1 AUG1853 Price E £15 Seen in blue

3HOS Used from 2 SEP1855 to 8 SEP1865 Price A £4



4VOS
APR1869



3VOS
DEC1879

4VOS GPO

3VOS Used from 14 JUL1880 to 14 SEP1884 Price H £60+



4VODA
JAN1866



4VODA
JAN1869



4VODA
OCT1869



4VODA (Straight Romford) Used from 11 APR1866 to 21 OCT1873 Codes: A C D E
Price D £8



4VODB
FEB1872



4VODB
SEP1876



4VODB (Curved Romford) Used from 3 DEC1872 to 15 AUG1879 Codes: C D E F
Price C £3



3VOD
DEC1879

3VOD Used from 14 JAN1880 to 2 NOV1880 Codes: F G Price G £35+
Squared Circles in use: JAN1881 to DEC1909

ESSEX 669-674

669 SAFFRON WALDEN

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1997.
 Number 669 was allocated to Saffron Walden in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.
Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 674 Great Chesterford 1844 to 1880.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
DEC1875

1844 **Used from 28 MAY1844** to 27 SEP1875 Price A £5

1844 in blue Used on 30 AUG1849

3VOS Used from 20 AUG1878 to 19 MAR1887 Price H £50 Bars merge to form a 2VOS



4VOD
JUL1874



4VODX FEB1865
699 IS THE NUMBER
OF SHEERNESS KENT

4VOD Used from 1 JUN1875 to 25 MAY1886 Codes: A B C D Price A £3

4VODX (Error of number 699) Used from 17 JUL1865 to 6 JUN1874 B C Price C £50+



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Time in code: Used from 15 APR1890 to 7 JAN1905 Codes: B C D F G Price B £3

3VOD Time in full: Used from 1 NOV1897 to 26 JUN1905

Times: 830AM 9AM 915AM 930AM 1130AM 145PM 2PM 515PM 745PM 815PM 830PM
 845PM 945PM 10PM 1015PM 1045PM 830 Price A £3

674 GREAT CHESTERFORD

Sub Office of Saffron Walden 1844 to 1880, Independent Sub Office 1880 to 1938, Sub Office of Saffron Walden 1938 to present.
 Number 674 allocated to Tregoney (Cornwall) 1844 to 1857, Great Chesterford 1882 to 1906 and Sale (Cheshire) 1924 to 1962.

3VOS Used from 29 JUN1880 to 17 APR1882 Price H £100++



3VOS
JUN1876

ESSEX 833-898

720 Shoeburyness

Shoeburyness was allocated H38 in the lists from 1887 to 1906 and then 720 from 1924 to 1962.

731 Stanstead

Stanstead was allocated 731 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

793 Tilbury

Tilbury was allocated G54 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 793 from 1924 to 1954.

801 Tiptree

Tiptree was allocated 801 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

816 Upminster

Upminster was allocated 816 in the lists from 1946 to 1962.

833 CHINGFORD (LONDON)

In the London District Post 1844 to 1857, Receiving House under Woodford Green in the North Eastern District 1857 to DEC1866 and then continued under Woodford Green in the Essex Provincial Area 1867 to 1877.

In 1877 it ceased to be listed in the Provincial Area in the Post Office Guide, although it was allocated the Provincial number 833 in the 1882 and 1892 lists. This Provincial style cancellation was used whilst Chingford was in the Eastern District of London.

Sometime between 1887 and 1899 the number 833 was deleted and 84 was allocated to Chingford in the London Lists from 1899 to 1962. Replaced by the Station Road BO 1893.

Number 833 allocated to Benson (Oxon) 1844 to 1857, Chingford 1882 to 1892, Cowshill (Durham) 1899 to 1906 and Walton on the Naze (Essex) 1924 to 1962.

4VOD Used from 27 FEB1878 to 11 JUN1890

Codes: A Asdwys D F Price F £40



833 Walton on the Naze

Walton on the Naze was allocated F74 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 833 from 1924 to 1962.

838 Wickford

Wickford was allocated 404 in the 1844 to 1857 Lists, J48 in c.1892 to 1906 List and 838 1948 to 1962.

898 BRIGHTLINGSEA

Sub Office of Colchester 1844 to 1874, Independent Sub Office 1884 to 1886, Sub Office of Colchester 1886 to present. Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.

Brightlingsea was allocated 898 in 1882 to 1906 in the Provincial lists and later 89 in 1924 to 1962.

Number 898 was later allocated to Whyteleafe (Surrey) 1929 to 1962.

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

Squared Circles in use: APR1891 to AUG1905



ESSEX 900

900 WITHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to 1918, Salaried Sub Office 1918 to present.

Number 900 was allocated to Witham in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JAN1860

1844 Used from 30 MAY1844 to 4 AUG1859 Price B £5

3HOS Used from 17 MAR1861 to 4 JAN1872 Price D £6



3VOS
JAN1874



3VOS
FEB1877

3VOS Used from 15 JUN1874 to 17 JUL1880 Price E £20+



4VOD
JUL1867



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF
BOOKS

4VOD Used from 31 AUG1868 to 26 FEB1870 Code: C Price H £50

3VOD Used from 24 AUG1888 to 6 JUL1896 Codes: A B C D E F G Price C £3

Squared Circles in use: SEP1880 to AUG1907

920 Woodford Green

Woodford Green was allocated F20 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and 920 in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

963 Canvey Island

Canvey Island was allocated 963 in the 1959 list.

008 Barking

Barking was allocated F08 in the lists from 1874 to 1924 and then 008 from 1928 to 1962.

ESSEX 026

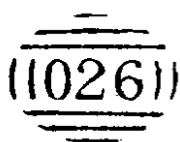
026 SOUTHEND

Sub Office of Rochford 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Ingatestone 1855 to 1862 and Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1866. Then a Head Office from 1866 onwards.

The cancellations prior to 1866 are thus rare, in 1866 the first duplex was issued.

Became "Southend on sea" in c.1894.

Southend was allocated 026 in all the Provincial lists from 1855 to 1962.



3HOS
MAR1854



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3HOS Used from 3 AUG1855 to 3 SEP1866 Price E £8

3VOS Used from 15 JUL1916 to 19 FEB1936 Price H £40 on cover £20 on ppc



4VODA
JUL1866



4VODA
MAR1872



4VODA
DEC1876

4VODA (Southend Essex in cds) Used from 3 JUL1867 to 11 OCT1883 Codes: A B C D
Price D £6



4VODB
JUL1868

4VODB (Southend in cds) Used from 8 SEP1868 to 28 SEP1881 Codes: A B C Price D £6



3VODA
FEB1879

3VODA (Southend Essex in cds) Used from 5 MAR1879 to 9 MAR1886 Codes: A B C D E
Price C £3



3VODB NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VODB (Southend on Sea in cds) Time in code Used from 24 NOV1893 to 21 JAN1897

Codes: A C D E F I Price F £8

3VODB (Southend on Sea in cds) Time in full Used from 7 JUL1898 to 12 FEB1901

Times: 230AM 530AM 615AM 830AM 11AM 1115AM 145PM 330PM 515PM 530PM 630PM
645PM 730PM 830PM 1145PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: JUL1886 to JAN1905

037 Stanford le Hope

Stanford le Hope was allocated F38 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 037 from 1959 to 1962.

046 South Benfleet

South Benfleet was allocated E 29 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 046 in 1962.

047 Hockley

Hockley was allocated J71 in the lists from 1892 to 1906 and 047 in 1962.

051 Thundersley

Thundersley was allocated 051 in the 1962 list.

054 Great Wakering

Great Wakering was allocated 054 in the 1962 list.

083 South Ockendon

South Ockenden was allocated 083 in the 1965 list.

D19 BOWERS GIFFORD

Sub Office of Ingatestone 1845 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1878, Sub Office of Rayleigh 1878 to 1880, Independent Sub Office 1880 to 1897, Sub Office of Pitsea 1897 to 1952, Sub Office of Basildon 1952 to 1976, closed 1976.

Bowers Gifford was allocated D19 in the Provincial lists from 1892 to 1906.

D19 was previously allocated to Burnopfield, Durham from 1874 to 1887.

3VOS Used on 2 SEP1894 Price H £100++



3VOS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

ESSEX D33-D38

D33 NEWPORT

Sub Office of Bishops Stortford 1844 to 1882, Independent Sub Office 1882 to 1941, Sub Office of Saffron Walden 1941 to present.

Newport was allocated D33 in the Provincial lists from 1882 to 1906.

3VOS issued when Newport became an Independent Sub Office in 1882.

3VOS Used on 6 JUN1893 Price H £100++



3VOS
MAR1882

D37 COGGESHALL

Sub Office of Kelvedon 1844 to 1902, Railway Sub Office 1902 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1941, Sub Office of Colchester 1941 to present.

Coggeshall was allocated D37 in the Provincial lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 202 from 1924 to 1962.



3VOS
DEC1881



3VOD
OCT1886

3VOS Used on 29 MAY1882 Price H £80+

3VOD Time in code Used from 27 MAR1890 to 22 FEB1893 Codes: B C Price G £10

3VOD Time in full Used from 22 JAN1896 to 6 MAY1908

Times: 9AM 95AM 1015AM 330PM 515PM 530PM 8PM 815PM 930PM Price A £4

D38 EARLS COLNE

Sub Office of Halstead 1844 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1941, Sub Office of Colchester 1941 to present.

Earls Colne was allocated D38 in the Provincial lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 299 from 1924 to 1962.



3VOS
DEC1881



3VOD
SEP1882

3VOS Used on 2 MAY1882 Price H £80+

3VOD Time in code Used from 23 JUN1888 to 9 MAY1900 Codes: A B C D Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 23 OCT1903 to 7 SEP1911

Times: 915AM 1145AM 245PM 3PM 530PM 815PM 830PM 835PM Price A £4

ESSEX D76-D77

D76 BUCKHURST HILL

In the London North Eastern District, a Sub Office of Woodford 1858 to 1866.

On the demise of the North Eastern District in DEC1866, Buckhurst Hill became a Receiving House under Woodford Green in the Provincial Area 1867 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to present.

Buckhurst Hill was allocated D76 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 153 from 1924 to 1962.



4VOS
JUL1868



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

4VOS Used from 19 NOV1869 to 27 OCT1881 Price G £60+

3VOD Time in code Used from 3 MAR1892 to 15 JUL1899 Codes: A B C D Price D £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 2 SEP1899 to 27 APR1902

Times: 1245PM 445PM 45PM 9PM 930PM 930 Price D £10

D77 LOUGHTON

London District Post 1844 to 1857, North Eastern District 1857 to 1866.

On the demise of the North Eastern District in Dec 1866, Loughton became a Receiving House under Woodford Green in the Provincial Area 1867 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to present.

Loughton was allocated D77 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 476 from 1924 to 1962.



7B.A
MAY1861

7B London Suburban oval:

7B.A No dated copies recorded Price H*£200+ (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOS
JUL1868



4VOS
MAR1871



4VOD
MAR1871

4VOS Used from 5 JAN1871 to 13 JUL1915 Price G £60+

4VOD Used from 21 APR1871 to 12 JUL1883 Codes: A B C O none Price D £15

ESSEX D77-E29



3VODA
OCT1884



3VODB NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3VODA (D.77 with dot) Used from 18 JUL1885 to 16 MAR1894 Codes: A B C D Price E £15

3VODB (D77 without dot) Asterisk code: Used from 24 NOV1894 to 30 SEP1897

Codes: DI*P E*P ID*P Price F £15

3VODt (D77 without dot) Time in full: Used from 13 FEB1898 to 29 JAN1902

Times: 10AM 445PM 9PM 945PM Price E £15

D94 WOODFORD BRIDGE

London District Post 1844 to 1857, North Eastern District 1857 to 1866.

On the demise of the North Eastern District in Dec 1866, moved to the Essex Provincial Area.

Receiving House under Woodford Green 1867 to 1868, Receiving House under Chigwell Road 1868 to 1911, Town Sub Office of Woodford Green 1911 to present.

Woodford Bridge was allocated D94 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1906

4VOS Used from 28 DEC1868 to 19 MAY1892 Price G £80+



4VOS
NOV1868

E29 SOUTH BENFLEET

Sub Office of Rayleigh 1845 to 1851, Sub Office of Ingatestone 1851 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1878, Independent Sub Office 1878 to present.

Benfleet by 1965.

South Benfleet was allocated E29 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 046 in 1962.



4VOS
MAR1869



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

4VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £100+ (Price if found on dated cover)

3VOS Used from 4 OCT1897 to 2 MAR1904 Price H £60+ on cover, £20 on ppc.

ESSEX E78

E78 CHIGWELL RD.

Chigwell Road was the name of the Post Office in Chigwell.
 London District Post 1844 to 1857, allocated number 16 in the London Lists from 1844 to 1857, however it appears that numbers 16 and 17 were switched so that Chigwell used 17 and Ilford 16. Chigwell was in the North Eastern District from 1857 to 1866.
 On the demise of the North Eastern District in DEC 1866, moved to the Essex Provincial Area. Receiving House under Woodford Green 1867, Head Post Office 1867 to 1894, Independent Sub Office 1894 to 1911, Sub Office of Chigwell Row 1911 to 1927.
 Renamed Chigwell in 1927.

Chigwell Road was allocated E78 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1906.
Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- Woodford Bridge(D94) 1868 to 1911.



17A
MAY1844



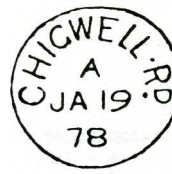
17B
JUN1861

17 London Suburban oval:

17.A No dated copies recorded Price H* £300+ (Price if found on dated cover)
17.B Used from 1 OCT1868 to 2 APR1869 Price H £250+ The dated covers were when Chigwell was part of the Eastern District.

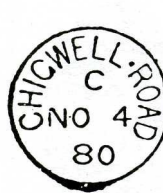


4VOD
SEP1869



3VODA
JAN1878

4VOD Used from 11 MAR1871 to 15 FEB1896 Codes: A C Price F £40
3VODA (Chigwell Rd. in cds) Time in code Used from 23 JUL1880 to 11 SEP1902
 Codes: A D Price G £15
3VODA (Chigwell Rd. in cds) Time in full Used from 28 AUG1903 to 29 JAN1908
 Times: 930AM 1230PM 125PM 130PM 430PM 9PM 930PM 9M 930M Price A £4



3VODB
NOV1880



3VODB
JUL1883



3VODB
JUN1887

3VODB (Chigwell Road in cds) Used from 27 NOV1880 to 18 FEB1892 Codes: A B C D
 Price E £20
 Squared Circles in use: OCT1885/1886?? to DEC1886

ESSEX F07-F08

F07 ILFORD

London District Post 1844 to 1857 allocated number 17 in the London Lists from 1844 to 1857, however it appears that numbers 16 and 17 were switched so that Chigwell used 17 and Ilford 16., Ilford became part of the Eastern District from 1857 to 1870, In 1870 became a Head Post Office in the Essex Provincial Area to Present

Ilford was allocated F07 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1924 and then 417 from 1928 to 1962.



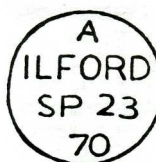
16A
MAY1844

16 London Suburban oval:

16A Used on 17 SEP1846 Price H £300++



3VOS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS



4VOD
SEP1870

3VOS Price H* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover), £8 on undated wrappers

4VOD Used from 11 JAN1874 to 1 AUG1876 Codes: A B C Cinv D M Price F £25

4VOD was issued when Ilford became a Head Post Office in the Essex Provincial Area



3VOD
JAN1879



3VOD
SEP1881

3VOD Used from 2 SEP1880 to 12 MAY1888 Codes: A B C E J Price G £35

Squared Circles in use: MAY1889 to JAN1899

F08 BARKING

London District Post 1844 to 1857, Eastern District 1857 to 1870, a branch from the new c.1860 Romford Ride with Bow 12, Stratford 13, Ilford 17 and a branch to Barking 45B. At this time Suburban Sorting Offices without a number were given one, thus Barking received 45B.

Became a Head Post Office in the Essex Provincial Area in 1870 to present.

Head Post Office 1870 onwards. The first duplex was issued in 1870.

Barking was allocated 45B was allocated and withdrawn from the London lists between the 1857 and 1874 lists.

F08 was allocated in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924 & 008 and 1924 to 1962.

ESSEX F08-F10



45B.A
MAY1861

45B London Suburban oval:

45BA Used on 24 AUG1865 Price H £250+



4VOS
OCT1870



4VOD
SEP1870

4VOS GPO

4VOD Used from 13 MAR1871 to 29 JUN1874 Codes: A C D Price G £50

4VOD was issued when Barking became a Head Post Office in the Essex Provincial Area



3VOD
APR1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 10 SEP1881 to 31 DEC1903 Codes: A B C D Price A £4

3VOD Time in full Used from 3 MAY1904 to 31 DEC1907 Times: 7AM 10AM 1245PM

315PM 515PM 945PM Price A £4

Late examples do not show the dot between the F and 08.

F10 CHADWELL

London District Post 1844 to 1857, Eastern District 1857 to 1870, in the new c.1860 Romford Ride, Bow 12, Stratford 13, Ilford 17, Chadwell 10B and Romford 668. At this time suburban Sorting Offices without a number were given one, thus Chadwell received 10B.

Moved to the Essex Provincial Area in 1870 (F10 issued in 1870): Sub Office of Romford 1870 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1898.

Renamed Chadwell Heath RSO in July 1898. RSO 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1933, Town Sub Office of Romford 1933 to Present.

Chadwell Heath was allocated 174 in the lists from 1924 to 1949.

ESSEX F10-F20



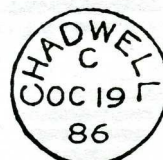
10B.A
MAY1861

London Suburban oval:

10B Rarity GPO



4VOS
OCT1870



3VOD
OCT1886

4VOS Used on 20 AUG1878 Price H £100++

3VOD Used from 11 MAR1890 to 30 APR1898 Codes: A B C Price F £50

4VOS was issued when Chadwell moved into the Essex Provincial Area.

F20 WOODFORD GREEN

London North Eastern District under Woodford 1858 to 1866.

On the demise of the North Eastern District, moved to the Essex Provincial Area in Dec 1866 :
Independent Sub Office 1867 to ? Office to Salaried Sub Office in 1968.

When in London Woodford Green was allocated number 53.

After moving to the Provincial Area and before F20 obliterations were issued, used 53 in a provincial style duplex – see below:

Number 53 might have been allocated and withdrawn between the 1857 and 1874 London lists, F20 was allocated to Woodford Green in the Provincial List in 1874 to 1924 and 920 in the Provincial List in 1928 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- D77 Loughton 1867 to 1873 and D76 Buckhurst Hill 1867 to 1873.



53B
JUN1858

53 London Suburban oval:

53B No dated copies recorded Price H* £300+ (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOS
MAR1871



53C NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

ESSEX F20-F39

4VOS GPO

53C Codes: 20 JUN1867 to 27 FEB1871 Code: B C D Price H £250

This was in use earlier than the issue of number 53 4VODA to Bath as was the issue of F20 4VOS to Woodford Green. It is assumed that the Woodford Green duplex is a error of number, although 53 might have been a short unlisted allocation over the period of movement to the Provincial Area and thus the issue of a London style cancellation followed by a provincial one.



4VOD
MAR1871



4VOD
JUL1873



4VOD
OCT1877

4VOD Used from 2 SEP1872 to 31 AUG1889 Codes: A B C D E none Price C £12



3VOD
DEC1880



3VOD
MAY1883



3VOD
SEP1885

3VOD Used from 12 JUL1881 to 12 FEB1887 Codes: A C D E Price F £40

Squared Circles in use: JUN1887 to DEC1914

F38 STANFORD LE HOPE

London District Post 1851 to 1857, Eastern District 1860 to 1865.

Moved into the Essex Provincial Area in 1865: It was a Receiving House of Romford from 1851 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to present.

Stanford le Hope was allocated F38 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 037 from 1959 to 1962.

4VOS Used from 29 APR1874 to 5 APR1897 Price D £20



4VOS
JUL1871

F39 LEIGH

Sub Office of Rochford 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Ingatestone 1855 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1927, Sub Office of Southend 1927 to 1952, Post Town 1952 to present.

"on Sea" added in 1896.

Leigh was allocated F38 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1906, 455 in 1924 and then 550 from 1950 to 1959.

4VOS Used from 28 AUG1874 to 9 AUG1875 Price H £100+



4VOS
JUL1871

ESSEX F40-F42

F40 GRAYS

In the London Eastern District, as a Sub Office of Romford 1860 to 1865.
Moved into the Essex Provincial Area in 1865 still as a Sub Office of Romford 1865 to 1874,
Independent Sub Office 1874 to 1890 and a Head Office from 1890 onwards.
Grays was allocated F40 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1924 and then 392 from 1925 to 1962.



4VOS Used from 17 MAR1875 to 17 MAR1875 Price H £80

3VOD Time in code Used from 24 MAR1890 to 30 JAN1894 Codes: A B E Price F £8

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 22 NOV1894 to 10 MAR1898 Codes: B*P E*P FL*P
GF*P IF*P H*P Price F £12

3VOD Time in full Used from 9 NOV1898 to 11 DEC1907

Times: 930AM 1215PM 315PM 445PM 5PM 7PM 715PM 730PM 8PM 815PM 845PM 9PM
915PM 930PM Price A £4

F41 PURFLEET

In the London Eastern District, as a Sub Office of Romford 1862 to 1865.
Moved into the Essex Provincial Area in 1865 as a Receiving House Sub Office of Romford 1865
to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to present.
Purfleet was allocated F41 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and then 582 from 1926 to 1954.



4VOS Used from 29 MAY1874 to 25 JUL1890 Price H £80

3VOD Used from 31 DEC1891 to 21 JUL1909 Codes: A B Binv C Cinv D D inv
Price A £12 on cover, £4 on ppc

F42 RAINHAM

In the London Eastern District, as a Sub Office of Romford 1857 to 1865.
Moved into the Essex Provincial Area in 1865 as a Receiving House Sub Office of Romford 1865
to 1882, Independent Sub Office 1882 to 1885, Receiving House of Romford 1885 to 1890, Inde-
pendent Sub Office 1890 to present.
Rainham was allocated F42 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to 1906.

ESSEX F42-G54



4VOS
JUL1871



3VOS
JUN1883

4VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £100+ (Price if found on dated cover)
3VOS Used from 28 SEP1885 to 30 MAR1886 Price H £100
 Squared Circles in use: FEB1893 to DEC1905

F74 WALTON ON NAZE

Sub Office of Colchester 1844 to 1872, Independent Sub Office 1872 to 1891,
 Railway Sub Office 1891 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1969,
 Branch Office of Frinton on Sea 1969 to present.

Walton on the Naze was allocated F74 in the Provincial lists from 1874 to
 1906 and then 833 from 1924 to 1962.

4VOS Used from 3 SEP1872 to 3 MAY1888 Price G £80+



4VOS
JUL1872

G54 TILBURY

Sub Office of Romford 1882 to 1883, Independent Sub Office 1883 to 1886.

Became Tilbury Docks Branch Office between 1886 and 1891.

Then an Independent Sub Office 1891 to 1902, Railway Sub Office 1902 to 1905 and
 Independent Sub Office from 1905.

Tilbury was allocated G54 in the Provincial lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 793 from 1924 to
 1954.



3VODA
OCT1882

3VODA (Tilbury in cds) Used on 4 SEP1885 Code unknown Price H £60



3VODB
JUN1886



3VODC NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

ESSEX G54-H39

3VODB (Tilbury Docks Essex in the cds) Used from 20 OCT1888 to 3 OCT1891 Codes: B C
Price G £60

3VODC (Tilbury Essex in the cds) Time in code Used from 19 JUL1892 to 1 FEB1904
Codes: B C D Price E £8

3VODC (Tilbury Essex in the cds) Time in full Used from 1 JUN1904 to 9 SEP1910
Times: 930AM 1215PM 445PM 930PM 930 Price A £4

H15 WIVENHOE

Sub Office of Colchester 1844 onwards.

Wivenhoe was allocated number H15 in the 1887 to 1906 Provincial lists.

3VOS GPO



3VOS
JUN1884

H38 SHOEBURYNESS

Sub Office of Ingatestone 1857 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1867, Sub Office of Southend 1867 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 1952, Sub Office of Southend 1952 to Present.

Changed its name from Shoebury Fort to Shoeburyness in August 1868.

Shoeburyness was allocated H38 in the Provincial lists from 1887 to 1906 and then 720 from 1924 to 1962.



3VOS
FEB1885



3VOD NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOS Used from 7 JUN1888 to 3 NOV1889 Price H £60

H38 3VOS issued in 1885 when Shoeburyness became an Independent Sub Office.

3VOD Time in code Used from 6 MAY1890 to 13 AUG1894 Codes: B C D Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 12 MAR1897 to 6 MAR1905

Times: 830AM 845AM 145PM 415PM 545PM 630PM 645PM 841PM 845PM Price A £4

H39 GREAT HORKESELEY

Sub Office of Colchester 1844 onwards.

Great Horkesey was allocated number H39 in the 1887 to 1906 Provincial lists.

3VOS GPO



3VOS
FEB1885

ESSEX H88-J71

H88 DEDHAM

Sub Office of Colchester 1844 to 1873. Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1893. Sub Office of Colchester 1893 to present

Dedham was allocated H88 in the Provincial lists from 1887 to 1906

3VOS Used on 5 FEB1889 Price H £100++



3VOS
DEC1886

J36 TAKELEY

Sub Office of Dunmow 1851 to 1858, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1858 to 1901, Independent Sub Office 1901 to 1916, Sub Office of Bishop's Stortford 1916 to Present.

Takeley was allocated J36 in the Provincial lists from 1892 to 1906.

3VOS Used on 27 MAR1890 Price H £100++



3VOS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

J48 WICKFORD

Sub Office of Ingatestone 1844 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1878, Sub Office of Rayleigh 1878 to 1880, Sub Office of Battles Bridge 1888 to 1890, Independent Sub Office 1890 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905. Independent Sub Office 1905 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1993.

Wickford was allocated 404 in the 1844 to 1857 Provincial Lists, J48 in c.1892 to 1906 List and 838 1948 to 1962.

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



3VOS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

J71 HOCKLEY

Sub Office of Ingatestone 1851 to 1862, Sub Office of Chelmsford 1862 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 onwards.

Hockley was allocated J71 in the Provincial lists from 1892 to 1906 and 047 in 1962.

3VOS Used from 31 OCT1894 to 9 JUL1898 Price G £80+



3VOS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

ESSEX K92-K94

K92 PITSEA

Sub Office of Bowers Gifford 1893 to 1897, Independent Sub Office 1897 to 1952, Sub Office of Basildon 1952 to 1961 as a Town Sub Office from 1957, Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1993.

Pitsea was allocated K92 in the Provincial lists from 1902 to 1906.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- Bowers Gifford(D19) 1897 to 1952.

3VOS Used from 18 OCT1897 to 7 MAY1900 Price E £30



3VOS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

K94 CLACTON

Sub Office of Colchester 1856 to 1888, Independent Sub Office 1888 to 1890, Railway Sub Office 1890 to 1904, Head Post Office 1904 to present.

Clacton was allocated K94 in the Provincial lists 1902 to 1924 and then 199 in 1927 to 1962.

3VOS Used on 4 FEB1905 Price H £100++

Squared Circles in use: OCT1888 to DEC1904



3VOS NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

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