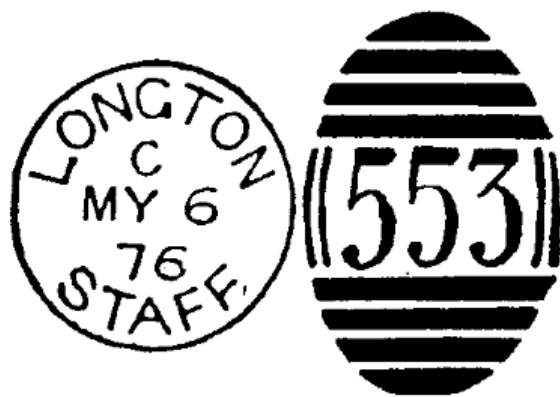


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It incorporates the following:

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

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

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

## Status of the Offices

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**LETTER BOXES.**

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

**THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CANCELLATIONS:**

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



1844

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

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



3HOS



3TH.HOS

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

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



4VOS



3VOS



3CD

3 bar Circular oval Duplex



4VOD



3VOD

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

4 bar Vertical Oval Duplex    3 bar Vertical Oval Duplex

**3VODX** A distinctive pattern of 3VOD was sent to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. In the Proof Books the cds and obliterators were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. In use the cds and obliterators 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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<p><b>ABBOTS BOMLEY 828</b> Aldridge 834B</p> <p><b>BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD 217</b></p> <p><b>BILSTON 73 &amp; 905A</b></p> <p><b>BLOXWICH G36 &amp; 82</b> Blythe Bridge 181</p> <p><b>BRIERLEY HILL 995 &amp; 263A</b> Brownhills 016</p> <p><b>BURSLEM 551 &amp; 547A</b></p> <p><b>BURTON ON TRENT 152</b></p> <p><b>CANNOCK 840</b></p> <p><b>CANNOCK CHASE FIELD POST OFFICE G19</b></p> <p><b>CHEADLE 175</b></p> <p><b>COBRIDGE 550</b> Cradley Heath 194</p> <p><b>ECCLESHALL 273</b></p> <p><b>ETRURIA 554</b></p> <p><b>FAZELEY 297</b></p> <p><b>GREAT HAYWOOD 661</b></p> <p><b>GREAT HAYWOOD C20</b></p> <p><b>HANLEY 549 &amp; 547C</b></p> <p><b>HEDNESFORD 841</b> Kidsgrove 547F</p> <p><b>LANE DELPH 552</b></p> <p><b>LANE END 553</b></p> <p><b>LEEK 448</b></p> <p><b>LICHFIELD 457</b></p> <p><b>LITTLE HAYWOOD E31</b></p>	<p><b>LONGPORT 555</b></p> <p><b>LONGTON 553 &amp; 547B</b></p> <p><b>NEWCASTLE 546 &amp; 547D</b></p> <p><b>PENKRIDGE 605</b></p> <p><b>RUGELEY 660</b></p> <p><b>SHELTON 556</b></p> <p><b>SHIRLEYWICH 662</b></p> <p><b>SMETHWICK 034 &amp; 75 &amp; 755 &amp; 75S</b></p> <p><b>STAFFORD 730</b></p> <p><b>STOKE ON TRENT 547</b></p> <p><b>STONE 745</b></p> <p><b>TAMWORTH 774</b></p> <p><b>TIPTON 799 &amp; 263B</b></p> <p><b>TUNSTALL 548 &amp; 547E</b></p> <p><b>TUTBURY 226</b></p> <p><b>UTTOXETER 827 &amp; 829</b></p> <p><b>WALSALL 834</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESBURY 850 &amp; 834A</b></p> <p><b>WEST BROMWICH 868</b> Whittington Barracks, Lichfield 867</p> <p><b>WILLENHALL 039 &amp; 887</b></p> <p><b>WOLSELEY BRIDGE 663</b></p> <p><b>WOLVERHAMPTON 905</b> Wolverhampton North Eastern Postmans District Office 905D Wolverhampton North Western Postmans District Office 905C Wolverhampton Postmans District Office 905B</p>
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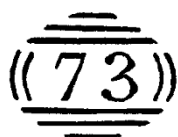
### 73 BILSTON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.

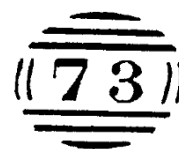
Bilston was allocated number 73 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 905A from 1929 to 1962. Number 73 was later allocated to Billingham (Durham) in the 1934 to 1962 lists.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
JAN1855



3HOS  
SEP1857

**1844** Used from 8 JUN1845 to 18 JAN1855 Price D £6  
**3HOS** Used from 7 JAN1856 to 7 MAR1861 Price F £15

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4VOS  
NOV1871



3CD  
MAR1862

4VOS GPO

3CD Used from 20 APR1862 to 7 FEB1868 Codes: A B C D Price A £3



4VODA  
AUG1868

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 16 NOV1868 to 10 OCT1887

Codes: A C G Price E £12



4VODB  
JUL1872



4VODB  
JUL1877

4VODB (Flat top three) Time in code Used from 25 MAR1874 to 25 APR1895

Codes: A C D F G H J L N O P Price A £3

4VODB (Flat top three) Time in full Used from 27 JUN1895 to 14 JUL1897

Times: 545AM 915PM 930PM Price G £8



1844  
APR1844

3VOD Time in code Used from 6 MAR1882 to 15 JUL1904 Codes: F M O P X Price E £6

3VOD Time in full Used from 25 JUN1900 to 22 NOV1904

Times: 945AM 1145AM 3PM 415PM 530PM 630PM 9PM 915PM Price C £3

4VOD1 (Figure 1 cut in basal bars) Used from 5 MAY1900 to 10 DEC1907

Times: 10AM 1145AM 230PM 645PM 745PM 8PM 9PM 915PM Price B £3



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### 75 SMETHWICK

Sub Office of Birmingham 1844 to 1855, Head Post Office 1855 to 1881, Sub Office of Birmingham 1881 to 1967, Sub Office of Warley (Worcs) 1967 to present.  
Smethwick was allocated number 034 in the lists from 1855 to 1902, 75S from 1924 to 1962, 755 from 1963 to 1967 and 035B when moved to in Worcestershire in 1967.  
Smethwick was not allocated number 75 in any list.  
For earlier cancellations see 034.



**3VOD** Used from 9 SEP1886 to 4 MAR1897 Codes: D E Finv G I J K L Price D £8

#### Numbers cut in basal bars:

**3VOD1** Used from 25 MAY1897 to 15 SEP1905

Times: 245AM 645AM 1015AM 1245PM 245PM 515PM 530PM 710PM 845PM 930PM 945PM  
Price A £3

**3VOD2 S (Small 2)** Used from 19 OCT1899 to 19 NOV1903

Times: 910AM 1015AM AMinv 1245PM 110PM 215PM 245PM 530PM 710PM 845PM  
930PM Price A £3

**3VOD2 L (Large 2)** Used from 26 NOV1903 to 31 AUG1907

### 82 Bloxwich

Bloxwich was allocated number G36 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 82 from 1924 to 1962

### 152 BURTON ON TRENT

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1992.

Burton on Trent was allocated number 151 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 217 Barton under Needwood 1853 to present, 215 Repton Derbys 1844 to 1915, 227 Swadlincote Derbys 1851 to 1991, 226 Tutbury 1844 to present and 213 Woodville Derbys 1844 to 1991.*



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1844 Used from 3 MAY1844 to 6 JUN1856 Price C £5  
 1844 in blue Used from 1850 to 14 AUG1851  
 3HOS GPO



4VOS  
MAR1869



3VOS  
DEC1873

4VOS Used from 28 DEC1874 to 15 DEC1879 Price H £40  
 3VOS Used from 30 JAN1875 to 7OCT1884 Price H £40



SPOON  
JUL1856

SPOON Used from 26 JUL1856 to 28 MAR1860 Codes: A B C D F Price D £50  
 SPOON in green Used from 26 JUL1856 to 4 MAR1857  
 SPOON in blue Used on 19 JAN1857



3CD  
FEB1860



3CD  
JAN1863

3CD Used from 29 MAR1860 to 14 SEP1868 Codes: C D Price D £4



4VOD  
JUN1865



4VOD  
NOV1868



4VOD  
NOV1870



4VOD  
DEC1873

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**4VOD** Used from 2 JUL1865 to 23 DEC1898 Numbers 1,2&3 are handstamp identification numbers Codes: A B C D E F H K M O R D1 EI I1 K1 L1 MI N1 O1 R1W1 L2 N2 L3  
Price A £3



3VOS  
JAN1878

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 30 JUL1878 to 26 SEP1894 Numbers 1,2,3&6 are handstamp identification numbers Codes: B1 C1 D1 E1 F1 I1 K1 LI M1 N1 O1 P1 R1 S1 T1 W1 L2 N2 M3 N3 L6 P6 Price A £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 14 AUG1895 to 26 SEP1899

Codes: G\*P GC\*P GI\*P GL\*P HF\*P HH\*P HI\*P Price G £15

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 20 NOV1895 to 21 OCT1898 Times: 815PM 11PM Price F £10

**Figures cut in basal bars:**

**4VOD1 (Figure 1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 20 OCT1899 to 6 FEB1905

Times: 800PM 815PM 830PM 845PM 9PM Price G £12

**3VOD1 (Figure 1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 21 APR1896 to 14 OCT1897

Times: 1040AM 230PM 7PM 11PM Price G £12

**4VOD2S (Small 2mm high figure 2 cut in basal bars)** Used from 26 OCT1899 to 20 NOV1902

Times: 1030AM 1245PM 930PM Price G £12

**4VOD2L (Large 3.5mm high figure 2 cut in basal bars)** Used from 14 JAN1898 to 29 OCT1905

Times: 7PM 8PM 815PM 930PM 11PM none Price D £5

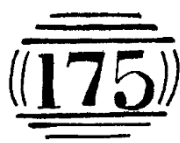
**4VOD3 (Figure 3 cut in basal bars)** Used from 22 OCT1899 to 17 MAR1905

### 175 CHEADLE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Stone 1849 to 1857, Sub Office of Stafford 1857 to 1874, Sub Office of Stoke 1874 to present.

Covers used in 1879 & 1880 were posted in Cheadle but cancelled in Manchester.

Cheadle was allocated number 175 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
JUL1858



3HOS  
JAN1860



3HOS  
MAY1863



3HOS  
JUN1863

**1844** Used from 25 MAR1845 to 22 FEB1858 Price C £5

**3HOS** Used from 2 MAR1860 to 23 APR1872 Price D £5

The figure 5 can give the appearance of a 3

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4VOS  
AUG1875



3VOS  
NOV1873

4VOS GPO

3VOS Used from 12 APR1870 to 4 NOV1879 Price H £40



4VOD  
AUG1872



4VOD  
NOV1873

4VOD Used from 3 MAR1873 to 5 JAN1892 Codes: A B D Price C £3



3VOD  
DEC1882



3VOD  
FEB1886

3VOD **Time in code** Used from 24 JAN1893 to 12 MAR1899 Codes: A B Price D £6

3VOD **Time in full** Used from 16 APR1900 to 4 AUG1905

Times: 815AM 1030AM 1045AM 8PM 815PM Price D £6

181 Blythe Bridge

Blythe Bridge was allocated number 181 in the lists from 1952 to 1959.

194 Cradley Heath

Cradley Heath was allocated number 194 in the lists from 1924 to 1967.

**217 BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD**

Sub Office of Lichfield 1844 to 1853, Sub Office of Burton on Trent 1853 to present.

Barton under Needwood was allocated number 217 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 217 was previously allocated to Monksheath (Ches) in the 1844 to 1857 lists, later allocated to Cottingham (Yorks) in the 1946 to 1959 lists.

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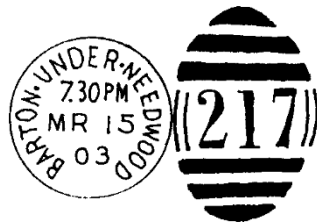


4VOD  
OCT1874



4VOD  
JUL1877

**4VOD** Used from 14 FEB1879 to 30 AUG1898 Codes: B C D Price E £15



3VOD NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 1 APR1894 to 24 JAN1898

Codes: B D Price G £10

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 5 MAR1900 to 12 SEP1913

Times: 730AM 1030AM 230PM 430PM 515PM 7PM 710PM 730PM 1030PM Price C £3

**226 TUTBURY**

Sub Office of Burton on Trent 1844 to present.

Tutbury was allocated number 226 in the lists from 1882 to 1924.

Number 226 was previously allocated to Cranbrook (Kent) in the 1844 to 1857 lists and later allocated to Cross Keys (Monm) in the 1937 to 1962.



4VOD  
OCT1874

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 24 MAR1879 to 15 NOV1898

Codes: B C Price F £15

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 27 NOV1900 to 19 MAY1922

Times: 7AM 9AM 915AM 1230PM 730PM 745PM 8PM 745 9M

Price A £3

**263A Brierley Hill**

Brierley Hill was allocated number 995 in the lists from 1855 to 1924 and 263A from 1929 to 1962.

**263B Tipton**

Tipton was allocated number 799 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 263B from 1929 to 1962.

**273 ECCLESHALL**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1906, Sub Office of Stafford 1906 to present.

Eccleshall was allocated number 273 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 273 was later allocated to East Molesey (Surrey) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

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1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
MAR1863

**1844** Used from 8 OCT1844 to 19 APR1861 Price F £25  
**3HOS** Used on 26 SEP1864 Price H £40



4VOS  
FEB1868



4VOSX NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**4VOS** Used from 4 MAR1868 to 12 FEB1873 Price G £30  
**4VOSX** Used on 5 DEC1872 Price H £300  
Brumell reported seeing a single obliterator number 372 used at Eccleshall, the one example has now been found.



4VOD  
JUN1875

**4VOD** Used on 14 MAR1878 Code: B Price H £50+



3VOD  
MAR1881

**3VOD** Used from 10 AUG1881 to 17 JUN1914 Codes: B C D Price A £2

**297 FAZELEY**

Last cancellation recorded in Aug 1856, despite being in all the lists to 1906. Head Post Office 1844 to 1849. Sub Office of Tamworth 1849 to present.

Fazeley was allocated number 297 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 297 was later allocated to Fordingbridge (Hants) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 6 MAY1844 to 6 AUG1856 Price F £50

**1844 in blue** Used from 13 APR1849 to 10 MAY1852



1844  
APR1844

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**448 LEEK**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1859, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1859 to 1884, Head Post Office 1884 to 1967, Independent Sub Office 1967 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993 to 1998, Franchised Post Office 1998 to present.

Leek was allocated number 448 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844

**1844** Used from 2 MAY1844 to 12 MAR1860 Price D £8

Occurs with three bars top and base

**1844 in blue** Used from 19 APR1849 to AUG1952 Also seen in green



4VOS  
MAR1872



3VOS NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

4VOS GPO

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



3CD  
APR1861

**3CD** Used from 2 MAY1861 to 16 JUN1871 Codes: A B C Price D £8



4VOD  
SEP1871



4VOD  
JUL1872

**4VOD** Used from 2 MAY1872 to 14 NOV1878 Codes: A B Price F £20



3VOD  
NOV1878



3VOD  
JUN1882



3VOD  
FEB1885

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**3VOD Time in code** Used from 2 MAR1879 to 1 SEP1905

Codes: A B Bsdwys C D E F G H I Price B £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 7 APR1894 to 30 AUG1895

Codes: EF\*A LB\*A C\*P CF\*P DC\*P GC\*P GF\*P H\*P MH\*P MK\*P Price D £8

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 15 OCT1895 to 20 MAY1901

Times: 11AM 115AM 1PM 3PM 330PM 6PM 715PM 8PM 830PM 11A Price D £4

**457 LICHFIELD**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1968, Salaried Sub Office 1968 to WH Smith in 2008.

Lichfield was allocated number 457 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844A  
APR1844



1844A  
FEB1847



1844B  
FEB1848

**1844A (Serifs on the figure 4)** Used from 24 MAY1844 to 29 MAR1847 Price F £20

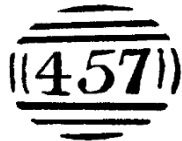
**1844B in black (No serifs on the figure 4)** Used from 27 MAR1848 to 13 MAY1850

Price G £20

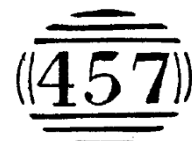
**1844B in blue (No serifs on the figure 4)** Used from 19 MAR1851 to 16 DEC1852



3HOS  
AUG1851



3HOS  
JUL1856



3HOS  
SEP1860

**3HOS** Used from 23 DEC1853 to 20 APR1860 Price F £15



3VOS  
APR1873



3VOS  
SEP1885

**3VOS** Used from 11 JAN1905 to 12 MAY1965 Price H early £30 late £15

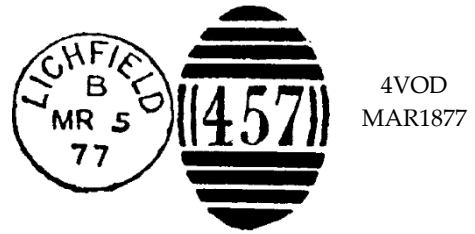
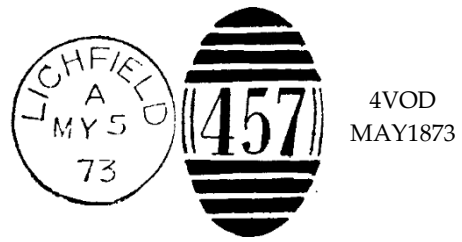
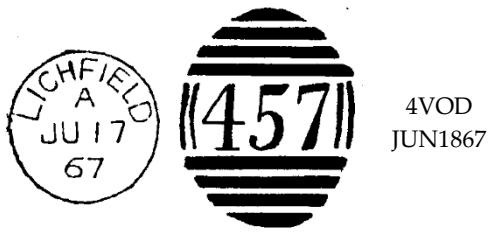


3CD OC-  
T1860

**3CD** Used from 20 NOV1860 to 23 JUN1872 Codes: A C D O Price B £3



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**4VOD** Used from 8 AUG1867 to 17 MAY1894 Codes: C D E F G H I J K L Price B £3



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 12 APR1880 to 12 JAN1896 Codes: D E F G H J K L Price E £6

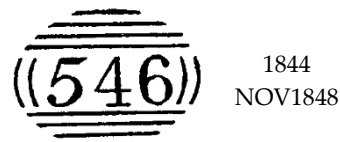
**3VOD Time in full** Used from 21 JUL1896 to 2 JAN1905 Times: 915AM 945AM 1030AM 11AM 1115AM 1130AM 130PM 3PM 315PM 4PM 430PM 445PM 6PM 630PM 8PM 830PM 845PM 945PM 10PM none (xmas) Price A £3

**546 NEWCASTLE**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1862, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1862 to 1865, Head Post Office 1865 to 1923, Sub Office of Stoke 1923 to 1924, Head Post Office 1924 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1997.

Newcastle was allocated number 546 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 547D from 1929 to 1962. Number 546 was later allocated to Newbridge Monm in the 1949 to 1962 lists.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 551 Burslem 1844 to 1854, 550 Cobridge 1844 to 1854, 554 Etruria 1844 to 1854, 549 Hanley 1844 to 1854, 552 Lane Delph 1844 to 1854/5 when closed despite being listed until 1860, 553 Lane End 1844 to 1848, 555 Longport 1844 to 1854, 553 Longton 1848 to 1854, 556 Shelton 1844 to 1854, 547 Stoke on Trent 1844 to 1854 and 548 Tunstall 1844 to 1854.*



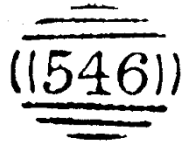
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1844 Used from 23 JUN1844 to 9 JAN1851 Price A £5

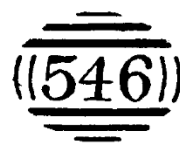
1844 in blue Used from 14 FEB1847 to 1850



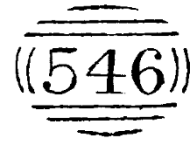
3HOS  
FEB1851



3HOS  
JUN1853



3HOS  
MAY1855



3HOS  
MAR1858

3HOS Used from 28 MAR1851 to 25 MAR1860 Price C £5

3HOS in green Used In 1854



4VOS  
OCT1867

4VOS GPO



3CDA  
APR1860



3CD  
APR1861

3CDA (Newcastle-under-Lyme in the cds) Used from 3 JUL1860 to 11 OCT1870

Codes: A B C D Price E £15

3CDB (NewcastleStaff in the cds) Used from 26 AUG1861 to 8 DEC1863

Codes: B C D Price D £6



4VOD  
DEC1870



4VOD  
SEP1872



4VOD  
APR1875

4VOD Time in code Used from 29 NOV1871 to 30 JAN1896

Codes: A C D Dinv E G H J M N Price B £3

4VOD Time in full Used from 16 APR1898 to 17 MAR1901

Times: 10AM 1045AM 430PM 530PM 730PM 945PM Price E £4

4VOD in blue Used on 16 JAN1874

STAFFORDSHIRE



3VODA  
MAY1874



3VODA  
DEC1883

**3VODA (Staff at the base of the cds) Time in code** Used from 8 FEB1875 to 17 NOV1894

Codes: A B C Cinv D E F G H I K L N Price B £3

**3VODA (Staff at the base of the cds) Time in full** Used from 24 APR1896 to 3 APR1898

Times: 1045AM 730PM 945PM Price E £8



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THE PROOF  
BOOKS

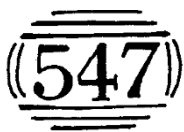
**3VODB (Staff at the side of the cds)** Used from 3 OCT1898 to 6 APR1913 Times: 1145AM  
1215PM 245PM 530PM 945PM 1045PM Price B £3

**547 STOKE ON TRENT**

Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyme 1844 to 1854. Head Post Office 1854 to present. (Head Post Office was "at railway station" 1869 to 1871)

Stoke on Trent was allocated number 547 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

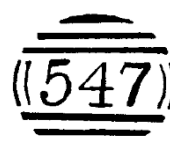
*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 551 Burslem 1854 to present. 175 Cheadle 1874 to present, 550 Cobridge 1854 to 1878, 549 Hanley 1854 to 1863 then Town Receiving House 1863 to 1880, 443 Lawton Ches 1856 to 1878, 448 Leek 1859 to 1884, 553 Longton 1854 to 1893, 546 Newcastle under Lyme 1862 to 1865, 556 Shelton 1854 to 1860 (closed 1860), 829 Sudbury Derbys 1864 to 1866, 548 Tunstall 1854 to present. and 827 Uttoxeter 1864 to 1871.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
MAR1855



3HOS  
DEC1858

**1844** Used from 1 OCT1845 to 5 DEC1854 Price E £8

**3HOS** Used from 17 JUN1855 to 14 JUN1866 Price F £8



4VOS  
JUL1870

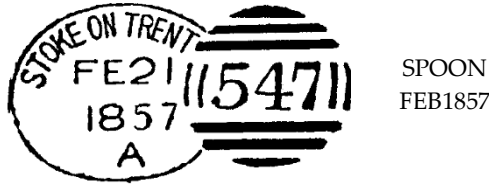


3VOS  
FEB1880

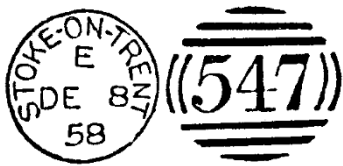
STAFFORDSHIRE

4VOS Used from 5 NOV1870 to 5 SEP1874 Price G £30

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H\* £50 (Price if found on dated cover)



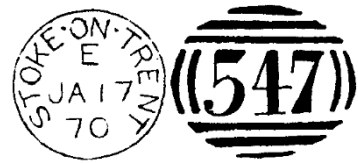
SPOON Used from 27 FEB1857 to 1 OCT1859 Codes: A C Price G £350



3CD  
DEC1858



3CD  
MAY1867



3CD  
JAN1870

3CD Used from 30 DEC1858 to 10 AUG1871 Codes: A C D E Price A £3

Thirteen proofed between DEC1858 and JAN1870.



4VOD  
FEB1866



4VOD  
APR1870



4VOD  
JUN1870



4VOD  
MAY1871



4VOD  
JUN1871



4VOD  
OCT1871

4VOD Used from 28 DEC1866 to 23 SEP1883 Codes: A C D E H K Price A £3



## STAFFORDSHIRE

**3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in code** Used from 6 JUN1879 to 21 MAY1894

Codes: C E H J K N IN Price A £3

**3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in asterisk code** Used from 12 JUN1894 to 24 JUL1895

Codes: BA\*A IC\*A IK\*A LC\*A AK\*P CC\*P CH\*P EC\*P FC\*P FF\*P G\*P IK\*P KF\*P  
Price E £10

**3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in full** Used from 23 NOV1894 to 26 JUL1899

Times: 8PM 1030PM Price F £4



3VOD NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**3VODB (Single side arcs) Time in code** Used from 15 SEP1884 to 20 MAY1895

Codes: C D E F H I K L N Price E £8

**3VODB (Single side arcs) Time in full** Used from 3 DEC1895 to 18 FEB1897

Time: 1030PM Price G £15

**3VOD4 (Figure 4 cut in basal bars)** Used from 15 SEP1897 to 26 JUL1899

Times: 245PM 9PM 1015PM 1030PM Price F £12

Squared Circles in use: JUL1881 to MAR1905

### 547A Burslem

Burslem was allocated number 551 in the lists from 1844 to 1887 and 547A from 1925 to 1962.

### 547B Longton

Longton was allocated number 553 in the lists from 1874 to 1887 and 547B from 1925 to 1962.

### 547C Hanley

Hanley was allocated number 549 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and 547C from 1929 to 1959.

### 547D Newcastle

Newcastle was allocated number 546 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 547D from 1929 to 1962.

### 547E Tunstall

Tunstall was allocated number 548 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 547E from 1929 to 1962.

### 547F Kidsgrove

Kidsgrove was allocated number 547F in the 1962 list.

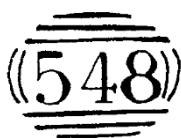
## 548 TUNSTALL

Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyne 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854 to ?,  
Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1995.

Tunstall was allocated number 548 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 547E from 1929 to 1962.

Number 548 was later allocated to Newbiggin on Sea (Northumb) in the 1950 to 1962 lists.

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1844  
APR1844

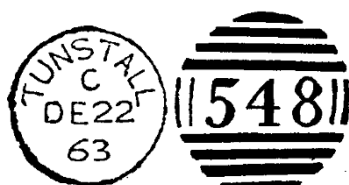


3HOS  
OCT1857

**1844** Used from 10 APR1845 to 1 OCT1855 Price G £30

**1844** Used with a Tunstall CUD and Newcastle u Lyme transit cds. Also seen in green

**3HOS** Used on 13 MAR1858 Price H £50

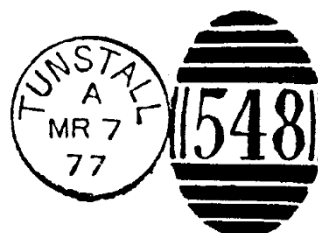


4CD  
JUN1863

**4CD** Used from 7 MAY1864 to 29 MAR1867 Code: B Price G £30



4VOD  
AUG1871



4VOD  
MAR1877

**4VOD** Used from 15 AUG1872 to 26 MAY1892 Codes: A B Binv C E F Price B £3



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THE PROOF  
BOOKS



3VODB NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in code** 22 JUN1892 to 3 NOV1896

Codes: A C D E F Price D £5

**3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in full** 15 JUL1898 to 23 DEC1899

Times: 145PM 715PM 910PM Price G £7

**3VODB (Single side arcs)** 20 OCT1899 to 29 APR1900

Times: 715PM 845PM Price G £10

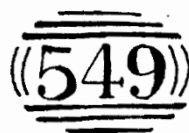
**549 HANLEY**

Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyne 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854 to 1956, as a Branch Office 1880 to 1956, closed 1956.

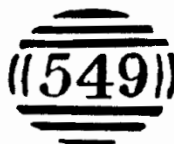
Hanley was allocated number 549 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and 547C from 1929 to 1959.

Number 549 was later allocated to Ashington (Northumb) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

STAFFORDSHIRE



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
FEB1857

**1844** Used from 1 MAY1844 to 18 FEB1857 Price F £20  
**3HOS** Used from 28 MAR1857 to 1 AUG1860 Price G £25



3VOS  
DEC1879

3VOS GPO



4VODA  
DEC1870

**4VODA (Hanley in a straight line)** Used from 12 DEC1870 to 30 JUN1873  
Codes: A Binv Cinv Price E £15



4VODB  
APR1877

**4VODB (Curved Hanley) Time in code** Used from 22 JUN1877 to 19 MAY1892  
Codes: A C D Dinv E F Price D £4  
**4VODB (Curved Hanley) Time in full** Used from 2 MAR1896 to 17 MAY1897  
Times: 930AM 2PM 4PM 430PM 8PM Price F £6



3VOD  
AUG1873

## STAFFORDSHIRE

**3VODA (Hanley in the cds) Time in code** Used from 19 NOV1873 to 24 JAN1896

Codes: A B C D Dinv E F G Price B £3

**3VODA (Hanley in the cds) Time in full** Used from 4 MAR1899 to 17 APR1901

Times: 1230PM 4PM 6PM 9PM 930PM 10PM Price E £8



3VODB  
DEC1880



3VODB  
AUG1866

**3VODB (Hanley Stoke on Trent in the cds)** Used from 1 FEB1881 to 20 MAR1885

Codes: A B D E Price E £8

**Number 2 cut in basal bars:**

**4VOD2** Used from 19 JUL1897 to 1 APR1898

Times: 1130AM 2PM 6PM 8PM 930PM 10PM Price E £8

**3VOD2** Used from 9 NOV1898 to 1 MAR1899

Times: 1230PM 9PM 930PM Price G £10

Squared Circles in use: APR1885 to DEC1898

### 550 COBRIDGE

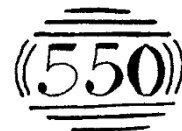
Sub Office of Newcastle 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854 to 1895, Sub Office of Burslem 1895 to 1907, Sub Office Stoke on Trent 1907 to 1997, closed 1997.

Cobridge was allocated number 550 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 550 was later allocated to Kenley (Surrey) 1882 to 1906 and

Leigh on Sea (Essex) in the 1950 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 7 MAY1858 to 22 NOV1858 Price H £100+ Occurs with a Cobridge cud. and Stoke Station transit cds



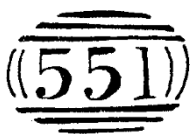
1844  
APR1844

### 551 BURSLEM

Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyne 1844 to 1854. Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854 to present.

Burslem was allocated number 551 in the lists from 1844 to 1887 and 547A from 1925 to 1962.

Number 551 was later allocated to Lancing Sussex in the 1951 to 1962 lists.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
APR1857



3HOS  
MAR1862

**1844** Used from 18 MAY1845 to 16 JUL1855 Price G £40

**1844 in green** Used in JUN1852

**3HOS** Used from 24 JUN1857 to 2 JUN1868 Price G £35



STAFFORDSHIRE



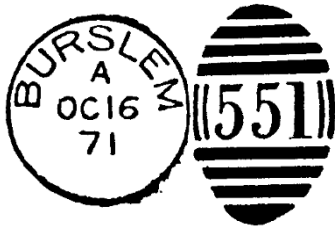
4VOS  
NOV1871



4CD  
JUN1863

4VOS GPO

4CD Used from 14 DEC1863 to 14 JUL1871 Codes: B D Price F £20

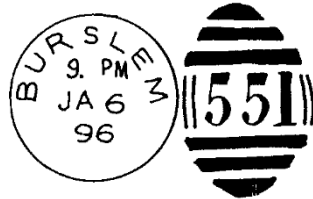


4VOD  
OCT1871



4VOD  
AUG1876

4VOD Used from 8 NOV1871 to 1 MAY1893 Codes: A B C D E F Price A £3



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THE PROOF  
BOOKS

3VOD Time in code Used from 16 NOV1890 to 10 SEP1894 Codes: A B E F Price F £6

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 16 JUL1894 to 15 SEP1898

Codes: IB\*A AI\*P GC\*P I\*P Price G £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 2 SEP1895 to 4 MAY1898

Times: 11AM 345PM 7PM 715PM 9PM 945PM Price E £8

552 LANE DELPH

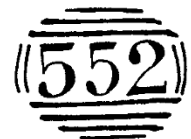
Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyne 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854, closed 1855.

Lane Delph was allocated number 552 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 552 was later allocated to Sandgate (Kent) 1882 to 1906 and New Malden (Surrey) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

1844 Used from 5 MAY1846 to 1 MAR1855 Price G £80+

Occurs with a Lane Delph cud. and Newcastle under Lyme or Stoke on Trent transit cds



1844  
APR1844

STAFFORDSHIRE

**553 LANE END**

Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyne 1844 to 1848 , changed to Longton in about 1848.

Lane End was allocated number 553 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

**1844** Used from 22 OCT1846 to c.1848 Price E £30  
see 553 Longton below:



1844  
APR1844

**553 LONGTON**

Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyne 1848 to 1854, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854 to present, as a Branch Office from 1893.

Called Lane End until 1848.

Longton was allocated number 553 in the lists from 1874 to 1887 and 547B from 1925 to 1962. Number 553 was later allocated to Hayes (Middx) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844  
APR1844

**1844** Used from c1848 to 21 APR1870 Price D £8



3CD  
JUL1861

**3CD Time in code** Used from 11 AUG1861 to 17 NOV1893 Codes: A B E F Price B £3

**3CD Time in asterisk code** Used from 15 FEB1895 to 6 SEP1900 Codes: IA\*P IC\*P  
Price H £25



4VOD  
MAY1876

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 15 MAY1876 to 15 MAY1894

Codes: A B C D E F Price A £3

**4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 5 SEP1894 to 16 AUG1900

Codes: IC\*A LC\*A LF\*A C\*P G\*P GI\*P IC\*P IG\*P Price E £10



3VOD  
JUL1883

## STAFFORDSHIRE

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 18 MAR1885 to 1 JUL1895

Codes: A C F G Price E £8

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 12 SEP1895 to 16 JAN1900

Times: **95AM** 1110AM 1115AM 145PM 345PM 7PM 8PM 9PM 915PM 930PM Price D £6

### 554 ETRURIA

Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyne 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854 to 1974, As a Town Receiving House from 1906, closed 1974.

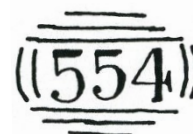
Etruria was allocated number 554 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 554 was later allocated to Accra (Gold Coast) 1882 to 1887, where a 3VOS was used on Gold Coast stamps and then Ammanford (Carm) in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 26 NOV1844 to 6 JUL1849 Price H £100+

**1844 in blue** Used in 1851

**1844 in green** Used on 26 MAR1857



1844  
APR1844

### 555 LONGPORT

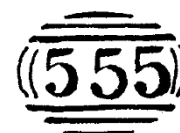
Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyne 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854 to 1992, Town Receiving House of Stoke from 1899, closed 1992.

Longport was allocated number 555 in the lists from 1844 to 1887.

Number 555 was later allocated to Mytholmroyd (Yorks) in the 1938 to 1959 lists.

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

**1844** Used from 14 FEB1854 to 5 APR1856 Price H £100++



1844  
APR1844

### 556 SHELTON

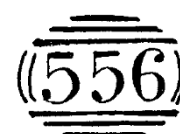
Sub Office of Newcastle under Lyme 1844 to 1854. Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1854 to 1860. Closed 1860.

Shelton was allocated number 556 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 556 was later allocated to Cape Castle (Gold Coast) 1882 to 1887, where a 3VOS was used on Gold Coast stamps and then New Milton (Hants) in the 1934 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 24 FEB1851 to 23 NOV1858 Price G £80+

Occurs with a Shelton Staffs cud. and a Newcastle under Lyme transit cds



1844  
APR1844

STAFFORDSHIRE

**605 PENKRIDGE**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1849. Sub Office of Stafford 1849 to present.

Penkridge was allocated number 605 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 605 was later allocated to Pendlebury (Lancs) 1924 to 1934 and then Rossendale (Lancs) in the 1935 to 1959 lists.



1844  
APR1844



3VOS  
OCT1874

**1844** Used from 6 DEC1844 to 2 AUG1871 Price C £8

**3VOS** Used from 25 OCT1875 to 4 AUF1879 Price H £40



3VOD  
JUL1879

**3VOD** Used from 24 NOV1879 to 5 OCT1912 Codes: A B C Price A £3

**660 RUGELEY**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1918, Salaried Sub Office 1918 to 1920, Sub Office of Stafford 1920 to 1934, Post Town 1934 to present.

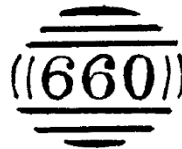
Rugeley was allocated number 660 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 828 Abbots Bromley 1844 to 1920,*

*661 Great Haywood 1844 to 1864, 662 Shirleywich 1844 to 1849 and 663 Wolseley Bridge 1844 to 1864.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS OC-  
T1857

**1844** Used from 30 AUG1844 to 24 APR1857 Price C £8

**1844 in blue** Used on 18FEB1849

**3HOS** Used from 21OCT1857 to 5 APR1880 Price D £8



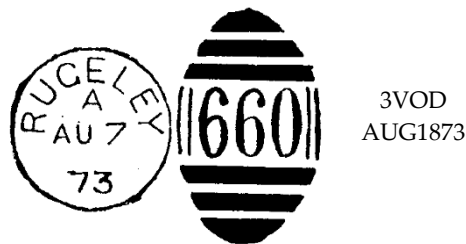
4CD  
FEB1864

STAFFORDSHIRE

**4CD** Used from 29 JUN1864 to 15 DEC1871 Codes: C none Price D £8



**4VOD** Used from 25 SEP1872 to 1 JUL1881 Code: C Price D £6



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 19 JUL1882 to 28 NOV1895 Codes: C E G H Price D £5

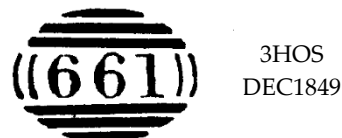
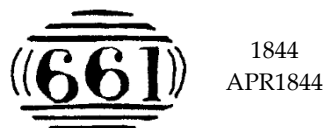
**3VOD Time in full** Used from 18 FEB1897 to 22 SEP1908 Times: 845AM 915AM 11AM 110AM 1130AM 115PM 145PM 3PM 310PM 6PM 615PM 645PM 8PM 810PM 815PM 845PM 945PM 11PM Price A £3

**661 GREAT HAYWOOD**

Sub Office of Rugeley 1844 to 1864, Sub Office of Stafford 1864 to 1866, Railway Sub Office 1866 to 1889, Sub Office of Stafford 1889 to present.

Great Haywood was allocated number 661 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and C20 from 1874 to 1906.

Number 661 was later allocated to Rotherfield (Sussex) 1882 to 1906 and then Rushden (Northts) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



**1844** Used from 4 JUL1844 to 1 DEC1848 Price G £50

Occurs with a Great Haywood cud. and a Rugeley transit cds

**3HOS** Used on 28 OCT1856 Price H £45



Entered and deleted in the Proof Books in OCT1864

**3TH.HOS** Recorded on loose stamp only Price H\* £150+ (Price if found on dated cover)  
Actual allocation unknown

## STAFFORDSHIRE

### 662 SHIRLEYWICH

Sub Office of Rugeley 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Stafford 1849 to 1864, closed 1864.

Shirleywich was allocated number 662 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 662 was later allocated to Sowerby Bridge (Yorks) in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 23 AUG1844 to 25 MAR1854 Price H £100+



1844  
APR1844

### 663 WOLSELEY BRIDGE

Sub Office of Rugeley 1844 to 1864. Sub Office of Stafford 1864 to present.

Wellesley Bridge was allocated number 663 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 663 was later allocated to Feltham (Middx) in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 23 AUG1844 to 6 JUL1846 Price G £80+ Seen in green

Occurs with a Wolseley Bridge cud. and a Rugeley transit cds



1844  
APR1844

### 730 STAFFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Stafford was allocated number 730 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals) :- 840 Cannock 1859 to 1864, 175 Cheadle 1857 to 1874, 273 Eccleshall 1906 - present, C20 Great Haywood 1864 to 1867 & 1889 to present, 841 Hednesford 1859 to 1903, E31 Little Haywood 1869 to present, 605 Penkridge 1849 to present, 730 Stafford Station 1880 to 1915 and 827 Uttoxeter 1875 to 1885.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOSX  
APR1852

**1844** Used from 1 MAY1844 to 11 FEB1848 Price E £10

**3HOSX (Error of number 780)** Used from 3 AUG1852 to 1 SEP1856 Price E £80+

**3HOSX in blue** Used from 12 OCT1852 to 1854

**3HOSX in green** Used on 8 SEP1853



3HOS OC-  
T1853



3HOS  
APR1857



3HOS  
APR1857

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**3HOS** Used from 21 SEP1855 to 21 FEB1861 Price F £15



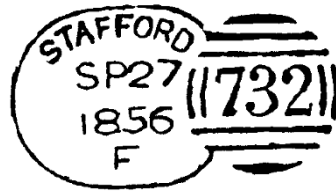
4VOS  
SEP1870



3VOS  
SEP1878

**4VOS** Used on 1 NOV1875 Price H £150 occurs with a Stafford Station cds

**3VOS** Used on 7 JUN1879 Price H £60+



SPOON  
SEP1856

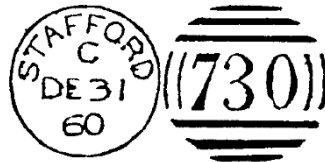
**SPOON** Used from 7 OCT1856 to 6 APR1857 Codes: B D E F Price G £450

Error of number, the comment in the Proof Books was "returned on the 9th April 1857 the obliterating number being incorrect"



SDWYS III  
MAY1857

**SDWYS III** Used from 25 MAY1857 to 8 AUG1860 Codes: B C D E Price B £8



3CD  
AUG1860

**3CD** Used from 25 AUG1860 to 21 APR1888 Codes: A B C D F G I K J K L 6sdwys  
Price A £3



4VOD  
JUL1868

STAFFORDSHIRE

**4VOD** Used from 21 MAY1869 to 2 MAR1898 Codes: C D E G H J K L M N O P R S  
Price A £3



3VOD  
AUG1873



3VOD  
AUG1873

**3VOD** Used from 21 MAY1875 to 8 JAN1897 Codes: C D E H J K **Ksdwys** L M Minv N O P R  
Q X Price B £3



3VODS  
SEP1883



3VODS  
OCT 1884

**3VODS (Stafford Station)** Used from 22 APR1884 to 20 DEC1895  
Codes: A P M R V W X Y Ysdwys Z 2C 2M 2X 2Y 25 Price A £10  
2 was a handstamp identification number

**745 STONE**

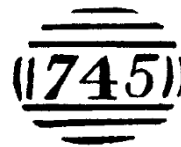
Head Post Office 1844 to 1918. Salaried Sub Office 1918 to 1920. Sub Office of Stafford 1920 to 1923. Post Town 1923 to present.

Stone was allocated number 745 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 175 Cheddle 1849 to 1857.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
JUN1856

**1844** Used from 4 MAY1844 to 30 SEP1854 Price D £8  
**1844 in blue** Used from 1 FEB1848 to OCT1850  
**3HOS** Used from 22 FEB1858 to 19 JUN1865 Price F £15

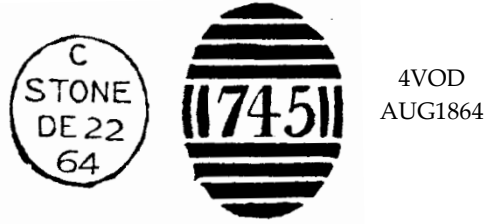


3VOS  
NOV1877

**3VOS** Used on 27 MAY1879 Price H £40



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4VOD  
AUG1864

**4VOD** Used from 15 SEP1864 to 13 DEC1877 Codes: B C Price D £6



3VOD  
OCT1878



3VOD  
FEB1885



3VOD  
SEP1886

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 1 NOV1878 to 10 MAY1899

Codes: A B C D E F G Price A £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 3 AUG1899 to 27 APR1904

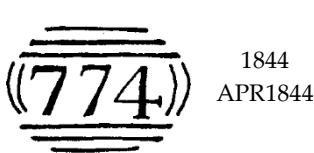
Times: 930AM 1030AM 1230PM 830PM 845PM 9PM 830 930 1230 Price C £3

**774 TAMWORTH**

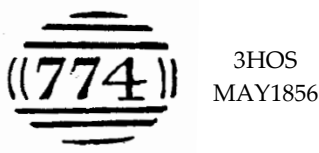
Head Post Office 1844 to 1968, Salaried Sub Office 1968 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1993.

Tamworth was allocated number 774 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 297 Fazeley 1849 to present.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
MAY1856



3HOS UNDATED  
ENTRY

**1844** Used from 1 JUL1844 to 7 NOV1850 Price G £30 Seen in blue

**3HOS** Used from 22 MAY1856 to 9 JUL1860 Price E £15



3VOS  
AUG1874



3VOS  
APR1880

**3VOS** Used in 1955 Price H £8 (price for late 20<sup>th</sup>C. use)

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3CD Used from 23 SEP1860 to 19 MAR1868 Codes: A B C D Price B £3



4VOD  
JUN1864



4VOD  
JUL1866



4VOD  
OCT1868



4VOD  
JUN1871



4VOD  
FEB1873



4VOD  
JAN1875



4VOD  
JAN1876



4VOD  
JUN1877

4VOD Used from 5 JAN1869 to 28 MAR1879 Codes: A D 4 Price B £3



3VOD Used from 29 NOV1879 to 21 OCT1893 Codes: B C Cinv D Price A £3

755 Smethwick

Smethwick was allocated number 034 in the lists from 1855 to 1902, 75S from 1924 to 1962, 755 from 1963 to 1967 and 035B when in Worcestershire in 1967.

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### 799 TIPTON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1916. Branch Office of Birmingham 1916 to 1969.

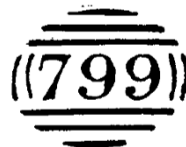
Replaced in 1969 by Horseley Heath.

Tipton was allocated number 799 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 263B from 1929 to 1962.

Number 799 was later allocated to Steyning (Sussex) in the 1951 to 1962 lists.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
SEP1856

**1844** Used from 6 NOV1844 to 13 OCT1853 Price F £20 Seen in blue

**3HOS** Used from 10 AUG1857 to 21 SEP1865 Price F £20



4VOS  
APR1866



3CD  
MAY1861

**4VOS** Used on 20 MAY1875 Price H £50

**3CD** Used from 17 JUN1861 to 1 NOV1862 Code: C Price F £20



This 797 error of number has the annotation "returned for alteration" in the Proof Books, it was probably not sent.



4VODA  
MAR1866

**4VODA (Straight Tipton)** Used from 2 FEB1867 to 11 APR1892

Codes: A B D I K M Price A £3



4VODB  
JUL1875

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**4VODB (Curved Tipton)** Used from 18 APR1876 to 26 APR1880 Codes: A B C K Price B £3



3VOD  
MAY1880



3VOD  
DEC1881



3VOD  
SEP1883

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 11 JUN1880 to 27 OCT1893

Codes: A B C D F K L M 1M Price B £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 2 FEB1895 to 3 JUN1907 Times: 930AM 1045AM 130PM 2PM 215PM 245PM 3PM 445PM 5PM 515PM 65PM 615PM 715PM 740PM 745PM 830PM 95PM 915PM 930PM 10PM Price A £3

### 827 UTTOXETER

Head Post Office 1844 to 1857, Sub Office of Derby 1857 to 1864, Sub Office of Stoke on Trent 1864 to 1872, Sub Office of Derby 1872 to 1875, Sub Office of Stafford 1875 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to 1898, Railway Sub Office 1898 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1920, Sub Office of Stafford 1920 to 1926, Head Post Office 1926 to present.

Uttoxeter was allocated number 827 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and 829 from 1924 to 1962.

Number 827 was later allocated to Virginia Water Surrey in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 829 Sudbury (Derbys) 1845 to 1856.*



1844  
APR1844

**1844** Used from 2 MAY1844 to 21 MAY1866 Price B £5

**1844 in blue** Used on 3 NOV1851



4VOS  
SEP1867



3VOS  
JUN1875

**4VOS** Used from 16 NOV1867 to 31 MAR1875 Price F £30

**3VOS** Used from 14 JUN1875 to 15 MAR1881 Price F £30

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4VOD  
NOV1864



4VOD  
JAN1872

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 26 JAN1865 to 21 MAR1894 Codes: A C E F Price D £6

**4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 18 MAY1894 to 17 AUG1896

Codes: LD\*A AF\*P BD\*P DH\*P **DinvH\*P** GF\*P GI\*P GK\*P Price F £12

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 5 JAN1897 to 5 OCT1905

Times: 11AM 1115AM 130PM 445PM 730PM 745PM Price A £3



3VOD  
JUN1884

**3VOD** Used from 1 JUL1884 to 5 SEP1892 Codes: B C E Price F £20

**828 ABBOTS BOMLEY**

Sub Office of Rugeley 1844 to 1920. Sub Office of Stafford 1920 to 1934. Sub Office of Rugeley 1934 to present.

Abbots Bromley was allocated number 828 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 828 was later allocated to Lanchester (Durham) 1882 to 1906 and then Wadhurst (Sussex) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 7 SEP1844 to 4 JAN1856 Price G £80+

Occurs with a Abbots Bromley cud. and Uttoxeter cds.



1844  
APR1844

**829 Uttoxeter**

Uttoxeter was allocated number 827 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and 829 from 1924 to 1962.

**834 WALSALL**

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Walsall was allocated number 834 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- G36 Bloxwich 1844 to present.*

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1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
DEC1855



3HOS  
SEP1864

**1844** Used from 10 MAY1844 to 23 JUL1854 Price E £12  
**3HOS** Used from 2 MAY1856 to 21 DEC1860 Price G £30



3VOS  
NOV1886

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



SPOON  
DEC1856

**SPOON** Used from 16 DEC1856 to 14 DEC1858 Codes: A C D O Price F £100+



3CD  
APR1858



3CD  
SEP1864

**3CD** Used from 3 FEB1859 to 22 APR1867 Codes: B C Price B £3



4VODA  
SEP1864

**4VODA (Walsall in a straight line)** Used from 13 SEP1864 to 15 FEB1873 Codes: A C D  
Price C £3

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4VODB  
FEB1872



4VODB  
MAR1872



4VODB  
AUG1872



4VODB  
AUG1874

**4VODB (Curved Walsall) Time in code** Used from 18 MAR1872 to 31 MAY1895

Codes: B C D E F G H J K L M O P R S Price A £3

**4VODB (Curved Walsall) Time in full** Used from 23 NOV1898 to 22 DEC1902

Times: 545AM 1030AM 11AM 1215PM 1PM 345PM 5PM 545PM 615PM 730PM 830PM  
930PM Price A £3



3VOD  
MAR1879

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 9 DEC1879 to 16 MAR1894 Codes: B C D E F G H I P R S  
Price A £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 12 JUN1897 to 1 NOV1901

Times: 215AM 11AM 1PM 2PM 215PM 245PM 345PM 530PM 545PM 730PM 830PM 915PM  
930PM Price B £3

Between 27 MAR1898 and 3 DEC1900 occur with single side arcs.

Squared Circles in use: OCT1891 to JUL1905

834A Wednesbury

Wednesbury was allocated number 850 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 834A from 1924 to 1962.

834B Aldridge

Aldridge was allocated number 834B in the 1962 list.

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### 840 CANNOCK

Sub Office of Walsall 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Rugeley 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Walsall 1856 to 1859, Sub Office of Stafford 1859 to 1903, Independent Sub Office 1903 to 1920, Sub Office of Stafford 1920 to 1932, Post Town 1932 to present.

Cannock was allocated number 840 in the lists from 1882 to 1962.

Number 840 was previously allocated to Deane (Northts) in the 1844 to 1857 lists.



**4VOD Time in code** Used from 8 APR1879 to 6 FEB1895

Codes: A B D E F G Ginv Price D £10

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 27 NOV1895 to 1 MAY1902

Times: 5PM 745PM Price F £10



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 7 OCT1886 to 9 DEC1890 Codes: A B D E Price F £10

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 7 MAR1898 to 8 MAY1908

Times: 715AM 930AM 1230PM 130PM 3PM 745PM 830PM Price A £3

### 841 HEDNESFORD

Sub Office of Rugeley 1855, Sub Office of Walsall 1856 to 1859, Sub Office of Stafford 1859 to 1903, Independent Sub Office 1903 to 1920, Sub Office of Stafford 1920 to 1932, Post Town 1932 to ? In 1968 became "Market Street Hednesford Cannock"

Hednesford was allocated number 841 in the lists from 1882 to 1962.

Number 841 was previously allocated to Weldon (Northts) in the 1844 to 1857 lists.



**4VOD** Used from 25AUG1877 to 23 DEC1898 Codes: A B **Bin**v C E F G Price E £15



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3VOD  
JUN1887

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 6 SEP1889 to 26 MAY1899 Codes: A B C E Price E £12  
**3VOD Time in full** Used from 30 SEP1899 to 20 APR1906 Times: 945AM 1230PM 3PM  
 315PM 5PM 8PM 815PM 730 Price A £6 on cover, £3 on ppc

**850 WEDNESBURY**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1919, Branch Office of Birmingham 1919 to 1990s, Modified Scale Post Office in 1990s.

Wednesbury was allocated number 850 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 834A from 1924 to 1962.

Number 850 was later allocated to West Drayton (Middx) in the 1934 to 1962 lists.



1844  
APR1844

**1844** Used from 9 JUN1844 to 21 FEB1848 Price G £40



3HOSX  
APR1856

**3HOSX (Error of number 580)** Used from 9 JUN1856 to 21 AUG1856 Price G £100



3HOS  
JUL1856



3HOS  
JUN1860



3HOS  
JUL1860

**3HOS** Used from 11 SEP1856 to 21 SEP1861 Price D £10



4VOS  
JUN1872



3VOS NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

STAFFORDSHIRE

4VOS GPO

3VOS Used from 17 FEB1902 to 11 FEB1909 Price H £30



3CD  
APR1862



3CD OC-  
T1868

3CD Used from 6 FEB1863 to 29 DEC1869 Codes: A B C Price A £3



4VOD  
SEP1868



4VOD  
JUN1872

4VOD Time in code Used from 14 OCT1868 to 4 MAY1894

Codes: B C D F H I K O P Price A £3

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 4 JUL1894 to 24 JAN1895

Codes: FG\*P H\*P HC\*P HI\*P M\*P Price F £12

4VOD Time in full Used from 9 JUN1896 to 10 JAN1900

Times: 815PM 845PM 915PM Price H £8



3VOD  
JUL1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 7 NOV1878 to 3 JAN1891 Codes: C D E F H O Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 17 FEB1902 to 8 MAR1912 Time: 845PM Price D £4

3VOD1 (figure 1 cut in basal bars) Used from 14 AUG1895 to 28 AUG1895

Times: 630PM 845PM Price H £15

Squared Circles in use: JUL1880 to NOV1904

867 Whittington Barracks, Lichfield

Whittington Barracks were allocated number 867 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

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868 WEST BROMWICH

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1994.  
West Bromwich was allocated number 868 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS OC-  
T1857



3HOS  
APR1861

1844 Used from 7 SEP1844 to 7 APR1857 Price C £5

3HOS Used from 18 FEB1858 to 27 JUN1867 Price B £4



4VOS  
FEB1868



3VOS  
MAR1879

4VOS GPO

3VOS Used on 5 APR1880 Price H £50



3CD  
MAR1861

3CD Used on 10 NOV1869 Code: C Price H £50



4VOD  
FEB1868



4VOD  
AUG1872



4VOD  
JUL1875

4VOD Time in code Used from 10 JUN1868 to 17 APR1894

Codes: C D E G H I J K Price A £3

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 16 MAR1895 to 10 APR1897

Codes: ID\*P MC\*P MD\*P Price G £15

4VOD Time in full Used from 17 JUN1896 to 14 DEC1903

Times: 915AM 1215PM 1PM 230PM 415PM 445PM 6PM 7PM 915PM 1030PM PM  
Price D £3

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3VOD  
MAR1878



3VOD  
JAN1880

**3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in code** Used from 17 APR1878 to 2 OCT1895

Codes: A C D E F I J K L M Price A £3

**3VODA (Double side arcs) Time in full** Used from 6 OCT1895 to 3 JUL1905

Times: 645AM 7AM 915AM 1015AM 1215PM 145PM 230PM 415PM 445PM 5PM 545PM  
6PM 645PM 830PM 845PM 9PM 915PM 10PM 1030PM Price A £3



3VOD NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**3VODB (Single side arcs)** Used from 21 MAY1894 to 30 APR1895

Codes: BK\*P DH\*P IC\*P ID\*P IG\*P MD\*P Price F £12

**3VODB (Single side arcs)** Used from 2DEC1899 to 18JAN1904

Times: 645AM 915AM 230PM 430PM 445PM 545PM 6PM 645PM 845PM 10PM Price B £3

**3VOD1 (figure 1 cut in basal bars)** Used on 10 JUL1903 Time: 845PM Price H £15

Squared Circles in use: NOV1880 to APR1910

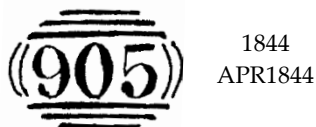
887 Willenhall

Willenhall was allocated number 039 in the lists from 1857 to 1906 and 887 from 1924 to 1962.

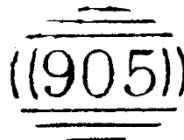
**905 WOLVERHAMPTON**

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Company Franchised Post Office in 2005. Wolverhampton was allocated number 905 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 039 Willenhall 1844 to 1909.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
APR1851



3HOS  
DEC1860

**1844** Used from 3 MAY1844 to 5 JAN1855 Price C £5

**1844 in blue** Used from 26 JAN1847 to 13 FEB1847

**3HOS** Used from 22 APR1851 to 28 AUG1854 Price F £20

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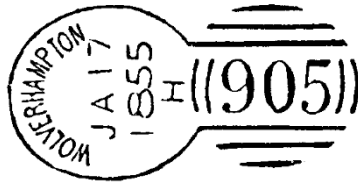
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MAR1871



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T1872

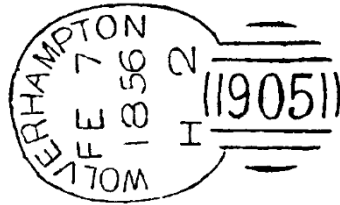
4VOS GPO

3VOS Used on 1 OCT1878 to 30 AUG1879 Price H £60



SPOON A  
JAN1855

SPOON A Used from 18 JAN1855 to 22 APR1866 Codes: B C D E F G H Price D £60



SPOON B  
FEB1856

SPOON B Used from 21 FEB1856 to 19 SEP1857 Codes: A B C D E F G H O I Price C £60+  
No.2 is a handstamp identification number



SDWYS Vb  
SEP1857

SDWYS Vb Used from 25 SEP1857 to 18 NOV1861 Codes: B C D E F G H J K Kinv L M  
Price A £6  
No.2 is the handstamp identification number taken over from the SPOON B



3CD  
JAN1859



3CD  
NOV1864

3CD Used from 25 JAN1859 to 3 SEP1869 Codes: B C D E F G H J K L R Price A £3

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4VOD  
AUG1870



4VOD  
JUL1871



4VOD  
MAR1873



4VOD  
OCT1874



4VOD  
MAY1876

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 17 FEB1865 to 26 DEC1893

Codes: E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 5 6 Price A £3

**4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 23 OCT1894 to 25 DEC1896

Codes: K\*A A\*P CC\*P CH\*P FK\*P GC\*P HC\*P IB\*P IC\*P K\*P L\*P Price E £10

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 13 AUG1896 to 30 NOV1899

Times: 1045AM 110AM 230PM 330PM 530PM 6PM 65PM 645PM 7PM 730PM 8PM 95PM  
915PM 10PM Price D £3



3VODX  
MAY1873

**3VODX (cds at an angle) GPO**

Similar 3VODXs were issued to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. 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 a new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. What ever the nature of the experiment it appears to have been a failure.

In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. They were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued.



3VOD  
JUN1878

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**3VOD Time in code** Used from 10 SEP1878 to 11 APR1895

1 to 5 were handstamp identification numbers

**Codes:** A D E F H I K L M O P R S T U V X Y A Z B Z C Z D Z 9

1/ 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 1F 1H 1I 1J 1K 1L 1R 1S 1U **1V** 1W 2/ 2C D2 2D 2F 2H 2I 2J 2U

3/ 3H 3J 3Y 4/ 4A 4D 4E 4F 5/ 5C 5 Price A £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 11 JUN1894 to 4 MAR1897

**Codes:** EB\*A ID\*A LA\*A LB\*A CB\*P CC\*P CH\*P DF\*P EA\*P F\*P FA\*P FB\*P HB\*P  
HC\*P HD\*P HE\*P I\*P IA\*P IC\*P Price B £6

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 21 MAY1895 to 31 OCT1899

**Times:** 1115AM 830AM 1110AM 15PM 130PM 35PM 310PM 315PM 325PM 345PM 445PM  
515PM 6PM 610PM 630PM 645PM 7PM 715PM 8PM 85PM 810PM 830PM 9PM 95PM  
98PM 910PM 915PM 10PM 1030PM 11PM 1110PM 1115PM 1130PM Price A £3

**Numbers cut in basal bars:-**

**4VOD7** Used from 9 MAY1900 to 10 APR1902

**Times:** 15PM 65PM 645PM 715PM **815PM** 85PM 845PM 9PM 95PM 945PM

Price D £5 on cover, £3 on ppc.

**4VOD9** Used from 22 APR1900 to 26 OCT1902

**Times:** 115AM 1245PM 15PM 315PM 545PM 645PM 715PM 8PM 95PM 915PM 10PM

Price D £5 on cover, £3 on ppc

**3VOD9** Used from 2 JUL1902 to 9 DEC1908

**Times:** 1030AM 145PM 315PM 530PM 545PM 630PM 645PM 85PM 845PM 95PM 10PM  
Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: JUL1880 to MAY1905

905A Bilston

Bilston was allocated number 73 in the lists from 1844 to 1924 and 905A from 1929 to 1962.

905B Postmans District Office, Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton PDO was allocated number 905B in the 1963 list.

905C North Western Postmans District Office, Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton NWPDO was allocated number 905C in the 1967 list.

905D North Eastern Postmans District Office, Wolverhampton

Wolverhampton NEPDO was allocated number 905C in the 1967 list.

### 995 BRIERLEY HILL

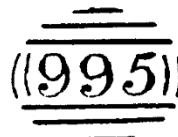
Sub Office of Birmingham 1844 to 1849, Head Post Office 1849 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present.

Brierley Hill was allocated number 995 in the lists from 1855 to 1924 and 263A from 1929 to 1962.

Number 995 was later allocated to Cadishead (Lancs) in the 1959 to 1962 lists.



3HOS  
SEP1851



3HOS  
AUG1856

**3HOS** Used from 30 DEC1852 to 4 FEB1866 Price F £20

**3HOS in blue** Used on 10 OCT1852

**3HOS in green** Used in MAR1852

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4VOS  
APR1870

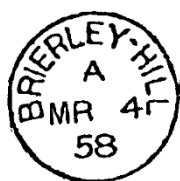


3VOS  
JAN1877



3VOS  
AUG1880

4VOS Used from 11 SEP1870 to 28 JUL1874 Price H £40  
3VOS GPO



3CD  
MAR1858



3HOS OC-  
T1861

3CD Used from 9 JUN1859 to 23 OCT1873 Codes: C D E Price C £3



4VOD  
DEC1871



4VOD  
DEC1874



4VOD  
NOV 1875

4VOD Used from 31 MAY1872 to 1 SEP1891 Codes: A C D 1C 1E Price B £3



3VOD  
APR1878

3VOD Time in code Used from 16 JAN1879 to 2 MAY1899 Codes: A B C D F I J L M N O 1A 1B 1C 1D 1E 2A 2E Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 3 SEP1896 to 24 DEC1904 Times: 630AM 945AM 11AM 1115AM 1215PM 315PM 630PM 8PM 845PM 1015PM none Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: SEP1881 to DEC1906

016 Brownhills

Brownhills was allocated number 016 in the lists from 1959 to 1962.



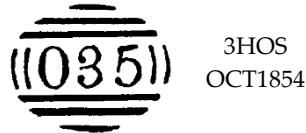
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### 034 SMETHWICK

Sub Office of Birmingham 1844 to 1855, Head Post Office 1855 to 1881, Sub Office of Birmingham 1881 to 1967, Sub Office of Warley (Worcs) 1967 to present.

Smethwick was allocated number 034 in the lists from 1855 to 1902, 75S from 1924 to 1962, 755 from 1963 to 1967 and 035B when moved to in Worcestershire in 1967.

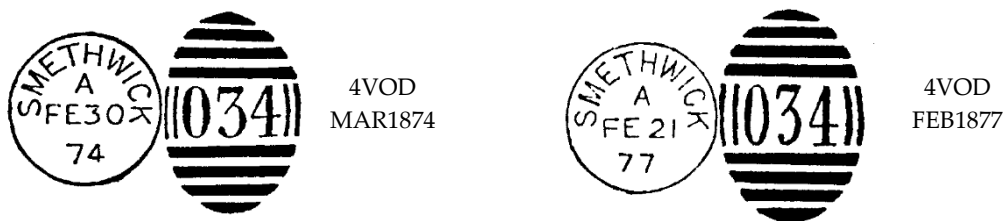
034 3HOS first issued in OCT1854 and sent in error to Oldbury Worcs and only used there. 035 3HOS first issued in OCT1854 and sent in error to Smethwick Staffs and only used there. Smethwick moved from Staffordshire to Warwickshire in 1891 and to Worcestershire in 1966.



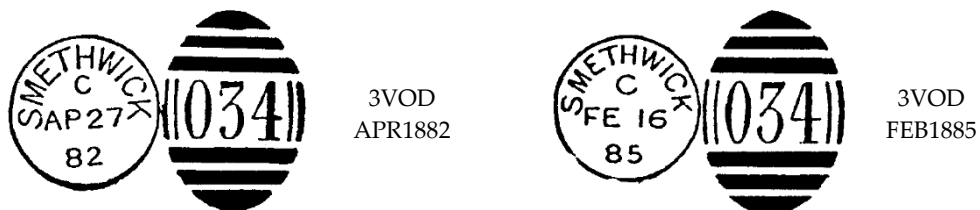
**035 3HOS (Error of number 035)** Used from 3 NOV1855 to 5 NOV1857 Price G £100+  
**035 3HOS (Error of number 035 in green)** Used on 24 APR1856



**3CD** Used from 28 JAN1864 to 27 DEC1873 Codes: A B C Price E £15



**4VOD** Used from 15 MAY1874 to 16 MAR1882 Codes: A B C D Price D £10



**3VOD** Used from 4 JAN1883 to 14 MAY1892 Codes: A B C D E F G H I J K Price C £4

### 75 SMETHWICK BIRMINGHAM (see page 88)

Moved to in Worcestershire in 1967.

Smethwick was not allocated number 75 in any list.

Used duplexes with 75 Smethwick Birmingham and 034 Smethwick at the same time.

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3VOD NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**3VOD** Used from 9 SEP1886 to 4 MAR1897 Codes: D E Finv G I J K L Price D £8

### Numbers cut in basal bars:

**3VOD1** Used from 25 MAY1897 to 15 SEP1905

Times: 245AM 645AM 1015AM 1245PM 245PM 515PM 530PM 710PM 845PM 930PM 945PM  
Price A £3

**3VOD2 S (Small 2)** Used from 19 OCT1899 to 19NOV1903

Times: 910AM 1245PM 110PM 215PM 245PM 530PM 710PM 845PM 930PM Price A £3

**3VOD2 L (Large 2)** Used from 26 NOV1903 to 31 AUG1907

Times: 1245AM 645AM 1245PM 245PM 530PM 645PM 845PM 910PM 930PM Price A £3

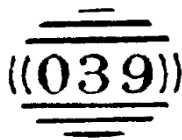
### 039 WILLENHALL

Sub Office of Wolverhampton 1844 to 1909, Head Post Office 1909 to present.

The 3HOS was issued in 1854 when Willenhall became a Sub Office of Wolverhampton.

Willenhall was allocated number 039 in the lists from 1857 to 1906 and 887 from 1924 to 1962.

Number 039 was later allocated to Longfield (Kent) in the 1962 list.



3HOS  
NOV1854



3VOD  
AUG1883

### 3HOS GPO

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 16 JUN1884 to 13 OCT1903

Codes: A B C D E F H Price A £4

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 24 MAY1895 to 28 MAY1905 Times: 930AM 1230PM 130PM  
330PM 345PM 530PM 745PM 845PM 915PM 930PM 945PM Price A £3

### C20 GREAT HAYWOOD

Sub Office of Rugeley 1844 to 1853, Sub Office of Stafford 1853 to 1855, Sub Office of Rugeley 1855 to 1864, Sub Office of Stafford 1864 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1889, Stafford 1889 to present.

Great Haywood was allocated number 661 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and C20 from 1874 to 1906.

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3TH.HOS  
JUL1864



3VOS OC-  
T1873

**3TH.HOS** GPO

**3VOS** Used on 11OCT1890 Price H £100++

**E31 LITTLE HAYWOOD**

Sub Office of Stafford 1869 to present.

Little Haywood was allocated number E31 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

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



4VOS  
APR1869

**G19 CANNOCK CHASE FIELD POST OFFICE**

Cannock Chase Camp used the G19 4VOD. The camp ran from 18 AUG1873 to 13 SEP1873.

Cannock Chase FPO was allocated number G19 in the lists from 1874 to 1902.

**4VOD** Used on 8 SEP1873 Price H £800



4VOD NOT ENTERED  
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**G36 BLOXWICH**

Sub Office of Walsall 1844 to present.

Bloxwich was allocated number G36 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and 82 from 1924 to 1962

**3VOS** GPO

Squared Circles in use: APR1891 to JAN1910



3VOS  
APR1882