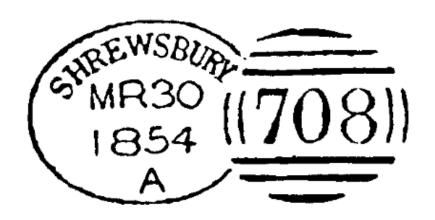
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### It incorporates the following:

- 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

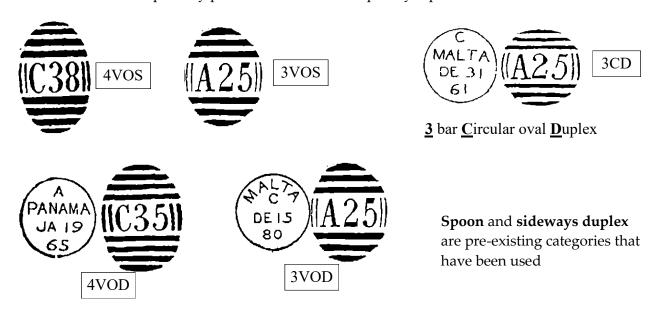
### 3HOS is a 3 Bar Horizontal Oval Single obliterator

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.



## **4VOS** is a **4** Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator **3VOS** is a **3** Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

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



<u>4</u> bar <u>Vertical <u>O</u>val Duplex <u>3</u> bar <u>Vertical <u>O</u>val <u>D</u>uplex</u></u>

**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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This has been a cooperative effort, with over two hundred and fifty correspondents over the last forty years. Their input varies from a making a few additions to complete editing of whole chapters.

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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.

ASTON ON CLUN 077 LUDLOW 479

BISHOPS CASTLE 82 LYDBURY NORTH 084

BRIDGENORTH 122 MADELEY 281

BROMFIELD 079 MARKET DRAYTON 509
BROSELEY 268 MONTFORD BRIDGE 811
BLICKNELL B58 MUCH WENLOCK 276

BUCKNELL B58 MUCH WENLOCK 276 CHIRBURY 855 & C07 NEWPORT 565

CHURCH STRETTON 709 Oakengates 589
CLEOBURY MORTIMER G71 ONIBURY 087
CLUN 989

CLUN 080 OSWESTRY 595 COALBROOKDALE 289 Park Hall Camp A04

CRAVEN ARMS 085 SHIFNAL 705
DAWLEY 282 & 582 SHREWSBURY 708
ELLESMERE 274 WELLINGTON 859

HINSTOCK J20 WEM 711

HORSEHAY 299 WEST FELTON 174

IRONBRIDGE 406 (404) WHITCHURCH 876 & A01 & A10

JACKFIELD J15 WINSTANSTOW 090

LITTLE BRAMPTON 083 WOORE 510

Brian Atkins book on "The Postal Markings of Shropshire part 1" published by the Shropshire Postal History Society in 2008, ISBN 978 0 9811241 0 0 is a detailed description of the postal markings of the majority of the Shropshire offices with much more detail than this catalogue.

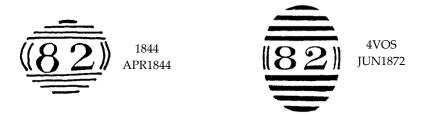
However no rarity indices or prices! It is a fine publication and it is well worth acquiring a copy.

### **82 BISHOPS CASTLE**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1855 to 1858, Railway Sub Office 1858 to 1905, then Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Bishops Castle was allocated number 82 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.

Number 82 was later allocated to Bloxwich (Staffs) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



**1844** Used from 7 AUG1844 to 5 MAR1872 Price B £5 Seen in green **4VOS** Used from 17 JUN1873 to 13 SEP1875 Price G £40



**4VOD Time in code** Used from 16 MAY1875 to 24 JAN1895 Codes: A B Price B £3

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 9 SEP1895 to 29 MAR1906

Times: 845AM 915AM 4PM 545PM 6PM 645PM 845PM Price A £3

### 122 BRIDGENORTH

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

Bridgenorth was allocated number 122 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**1844** Used from 27 MAY1844 to 26 JUL1869 Price B £5

**3VOS** Used from 17 JUN1911 to 11 SEP1916 Price H £40 20th C. Philatelic use in 1969

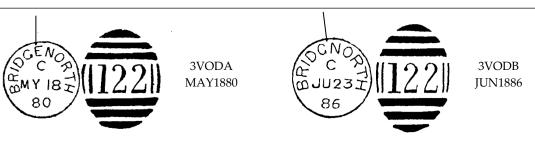


SPOON NOV1855

SPOON Used from 27 NOV1855 to 24 AUG1864 Codes: A B C Price C £50



4VOD Used from 20 APR1865 to 12 APR1880 Codes: B C D Price A £3



**3VODA (Bridgenorth)** Used from 12 JUN1880 to 23 APR1886 Codes: A B C D Price B £4

3VODB (Bridgnorth) Time in code Used from 30 JUN1886 to 12 OCT1898

Codes: A B C D Price A £3

**3VODB (Bridgnorth) Time in full** Used from 22 MAR1899 to 29 JAN1906

Times: 5AM 830AM 1045AM 145PM 330PM 345PM 730PM 8PM 810PM 815PM 9PM 915PM

1045PM 810 1045 Price A £3

Seen struck through cloth 13AUG1903

### 174 WEST FELTON

Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1856 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1887, Sub Office of Oswestry 1887 to 2008, closed 2008.

3VOS 174 obliterator was issued when West Felton became a Railway Sub Office.

West Felton was allocated number 174 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 174 was previously allocated to Chatteris (Cambs) in the 1844 to 1857 lists and later to Chadwell Heath (Essex) 1924 to 1962.

**3VOS** Used from 12 FEB1875 to 5 FEB1887 Price E £30



3VOS JUL1874

### **268 BROSELEY**

Sub Office of Ironbridge 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Shifnal 1849 to 1851, Sub Office of Newport 1852, Sub Office of Wellington 1852 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, then Independent Sub Office.

The 4VOD 268 obliterator was issued when Broseley became a Railway Sub Office.

Broseley was allocated number 268 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 268 was allocated to Seaham (Durham) in the 1844 to 1857 lists and Eastleigh (Hants) 1924 to 1962.



4VOD JAN1875

**4VOD** Used from 1 FEB1875 to 20FEB1882 Code: B Price D £15



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 31 JAN1884 to 2 DEC1895

Code: A B Price F £10

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 27 APR1898 to 31 DEC1911

Times: 915AM 945AM 815PM 915PM Price A £3

### **274 ELLESMERE**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1853, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1853 to 1884, Head Post Office 1884 to 1922, Salaried Sub Office 1922 to present.

Its reduced status to a Sub Office explains the gap from the last 3HOS used in 1869 to the first 3VOD issued in 1880.

Ellesmere allocated number 274 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



3HOS JAN1858

**1844** Used from 14 MAY1844 to 12 JUL1868 Price C £6 **3HOS** Used from 26 APR1864 to 27 OCT1869 Price H £50



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 12 APR1881 to 9 OCT1899

Codes: A B C G Price C £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 22 SEP1900 to 23 JAN1905 Times: 1145AM 630PM 910PM 930PM PM Price A £3

### **276 MUCH WENLOCK**

Sub Office of Ironbridge 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Shifnal 1849 to 1851, Sub Office of Newport 1852, Sub Office of Wellington 1852 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905 then an Independent Sub Office.

The first 276 obliterator was issued when Much Wenlock became a Railway Sub Office, previously it was a Sub Office of Wellington.

Much Wenlock was allocated number 276 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS



4VOD JAN1875

**3VOS** Used from 11 JUL1878 to 2 JAN1894 Price G £40

This can be struck to look like a duplex, there is no 3VOD of Much Wenlock.

4VOD Used from 2 DEC1876 to 24 JUN1906 Codes: A B C none

Price A £6 on cover, £3 on ppc.

### 281 MADELEY

Sub Office of Ironbridge 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Shifnal 1849 to 1851, Sub Office of Newport 1852, Sub Office of Wellington 1852 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Wellington 1936 to 1968, Sub Office of Dawley 1968 to 1969, Sub Office of Telford 1969 to present.

The first 281 obliterator was issued when Madeley became a Railway Sub Office, previously it was a Sub Office of Wellington. Madeley was allocated 281 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 281 was previously allocated to Ermebridge (Devon) 1844 to 1857 and then Ebbw Vale (Mon.) 1924 to 1962.



3VOS DEC1874



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**3VOS** Used from 11 MAR1875 to 24 OCT1906 Price D £30 19thC. £15 20thC.

**3VOD** Used from 29 DEC1893 to 24 DEC1906 Codes: A B Binv C

Price D £8 on cover, £4 on ppc.

### 282 DAWLEY

Sub Office of Shifnal 1848 to 1851, Sub Office of Newport 1851 to 1852, Sub Office of Wellington 1852 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Wellington 1924 to 1968, Head Post Office 1968 to 1969, Sub Office of Telford 1969 to present.

The first 282 obliterator was issued when Dawley became a Railway Sub Office.

Dawley was allocated 282 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 282 was first allocated to Modbury (Devon) 1844 to 1857, later Englefield Green (Surrey) 1924 and Egham (Surrey) 1929 to 1962.



3VOS DEC1874



4VOD MAY1876

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

4VOD Used from 29 NOV1876 to 20 APR1881 Code: C Price F £40

Squared Circles in use: MAR1881 to NOV1903

### 289 COALBROOKDALE

Sub Office of Wellington 1852 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1926, Sub Office of Ironbridge 1926 to 1969, Town Sub Office of Telford 1969 to 1984, closed 1984.

The first 289 obliterator was issued when Coalbrookdale became a Railway Sub Office.

Coalbrookdale was allocated 289 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 289 was first allocated to Walsingham (Norfolk) 1844 to 1857, later to East Cowes (IOW) 1924 to 1952 and Marden (Kent) 1963.





**3VOS** Used from 13 MAR1875 to 30 OCT1890 Price E £25

**3VOD** Used from 15 JUN1891 to 14 AUG1907 Codes: A B C Price A £6 on cover £3 on ppc.

### 299 HORSEHAY

Sub Office of Wellington 1855 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Wellington 1924 to 1968, Sub Office of Dawley 1968 to 1969, Sub Office of Telford 1969 to present.

The first 299 obliterator was issued when Horsehay became a Railway Sub Office.

Horsehay was allocated 299 in the 1882 to 1906 lists.

Number 299 was allocated to Fenny Stratford (Bucks) 1844 to 1857 and later to Earls Colne (Essex) 1924 to 1962.

299

3VOS JAN1875

**3VOS** Used from 19 OCT1877 to 29 NOV1906

### **406 IRONBRIDGE**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Shifnal 1849 to 1851, then Newport 1851 to 1852, then Wellington 1852 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1969, Sub Office of Telford 1969 to present.

Despite being only a sub office from 1847 to 1874 Ironbridge had a full set of cancellations characteristic of a Head Office.

Ironbridge to Iron Bridge in 1895.

Number 406 was allocated to Ironbridge 1844 to 1906 and Haywards Heath (Sussex) 1929 to 1962.



1844 APR1844



3HOS FEB1858



3HOS JUN1863

**1844** Used from 3 MAY1844 to 15 NOV1857 Price B £5 **3HOS** Used from 11 MAR1858 to 21 NOV1868 Price C £5



4VOS SEP1869

**4VOS** Used from 21 MAR1871 to 29 DEC1879 Price G £40



**4VOD** Used from 11 OCT1873 to 27 JUN1876 Code: C Price G £40



**3VODA (Ironbridge in cds)** Used from 12 AUG1880 to 16 OCT1894 Code: B C Price E £12

3VODA FEB1880



**3VODX (Error of number 404 for 406)** Used from 11 AUG1887 to 28 NOV1888 Codes: B C Price G £150++



**3VODB (Iron·Bridge in cds)** Used from 15 JAN1896 to 3 AUG1906 Times: 915AM 10AM 7PM 8PM 815PM 845PM 0PM Price A £3 The dot between Iron and Bridge is not always visible but the gap is.

### 479 LUDLOW

Head Post Office 1844 to 1968, Salaried Sub Office 1968 to? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.

Ludlow was allocated number 478 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 078 Brampton Brian (Heref) 1855 to 1860, 480 Knighton (Radnor) 1844 to 1851, 481 Leintwardine (Heref) 1844 to 1852 and 1855 to 1859.



1844 APR1844



1844? DEC1849



3HOS SEP1855



3HOS AUG1857

**1844** Used from 20 MAY1844 to 26 SEP1854 Price B £5

**1844 in blue** Used from 7 JUL1846 to 11 JAN1853

**1844 in red** Used on 8 NOV1853

**3HOS** Used from 4 OCT1855 to 3 OCT1862 Price C £3

The SEP1855 issue is taken as the first 3HOS



3VOS OC-T1872



3CD AUG1860

**3VOS** Used on 26 JUL1916 Price H £30 price for a 20th C. item. **3CD** Used from 22AUG1860 to 19 NOV1865 A B C D Price B £3



4VODA MAR1866



4VODA FEB1867



4VODA SEP1868

**4VODA (Straight Ludlow)** Used from 19 MAR1866 to 17 JUN1872

Codes: A B C D E F Price B £3





4VODB Mar1872



4VOD DEC1873



4VODB JUL1874



**4VODB (Curved Ludlow)** Used from 4 APR1872 to 20 JUL1878 Codes: B C E F Finv 6 Price A £3



3VOD OC-T1878

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 12 NOV1878 to 9 AUG1918 Codes: A B C D E F none Price A £3

Five were proofed between OCT1878 and FEB1886, several later subtypes were not proofed. **3VOD Time in full** Used from 25 FEB1895 to 24 DEC1908

Times: 6AM 945AM 10AM 1145AM 1245PM 1PM 4PM 7PM 745PM 8PM 815PM Between JUN & DEC 1904 the AM & PM were dropped giving: 1 45 6 745 8 945 1145 Price A £3

### 509 MARKET DRAYTON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1968, Salaried Sub Office 1968 to? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1990s.

Market Drayton was allocated number 509 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- J20 Hinstock 1847 to 1906+, 510 Woore 1844 to 1868.



1844 APR1844



3HOS DEC1856

**1844** Used from 1 JUN1844 to 10 MAY1859 Price C £5 **1844 in blue** Used from 29 JAN1847 to AUG1851

3HOS Used from 25 JAN1857 to 14 JUN1866 Price E £12





3VOS DEC1884

### **3VOS** Used from 23 NOV1880 to 24 AUG1882 Price H £60+





4VOD MAR1877

4VOD Used from 14 JUN1866 to 15 DEC1892 Codes: A B C Cinv D E Price A £3



3VOD DEC1882

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 12 MAR1883 to 19 JAN1900 Codes: A B C E F Price D £6 **3VOD Time in full** Used from 27 AUG1895 to 27 DEC1906

Times: 945AM 12PM 125PM 315PM 4PM 6PM 7PM 815PM 830PM 845PM 124PM Price A £3

The dot between Market and Drayton becomes an elongate vertical bar between OCT1902 and SEP1903

### **510 WOORE**

Sub Office of Market Drayton 1844 to 1868, Sub Office of Newcastle (Staffs) 1868 to 1916, Sub Office of Crewe (Ches) 1916 to present. Woore's status as a sub office explains the rarity of the only cancellation. Woore was allocated 510 in the 1844 to 1906 lists.



Number 510 allocated to Middleton (Lancs) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

**1844** Used from 28 AUG1847 to 20JAN1859 Price H £80+

### 565 NEWPORT

Head Post Office 1844 onwards.

Newport allocated number 565 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962. *Sub Office (that used barred numerals):*-406 *Ironbridge* 1851 to 1852.



1844 APR1844



3HOS NOV1855



3HOS APR1863

**1844** Used from 12 MAY1844 to 15 APR1854 Price E £15 Occurs on late QV undated covers

**1844 in blue** Used in JAN1852

**1844 in green** Used in 2 MAR1853

**3HOS** Used from 29 NOV1855 to 15 MAY1867 Price D £8



4VOS Used from 28 OCT1870 to 25 JUL1874 Price H £50



**4VOD** Used from 5 APR1866 to 12 JUL1892 Codes: A B C D L Price D £10



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 17 FEB1879 to 9 MAR1898

Codes: A B C D E Price C £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 10 MAY1898 to 21 DEC1921

Times: 545AM 105AM 1015AM 1230PM 230PM 8PM 945PM Price A £3

582 Dawley

Dawley was allocated 582 in the 1967 list.

589 Oakengates

Oakengates was allocated 589 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

### **595 OSWESTRY**

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

Oswestry allocated number 595 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):-F65 Llanfyllin (Mont) 1851 to 1873 and 1887 to 1904, F64 Llanymynech (Mont) 1844 to 1873 and 1887 to 1904. 598 Pentre Voelas (Den) 1844 to 1854.



1844 APR1844



3HOS OC-T1851

**1844** Used from 16 MAY1844 to 24 SEP1851 Price A £5

**1844 in blue** Used on 28 MAR1847

**3HOS** Used from 11 JUN1852 to 25 JUN1855 Price F £15



4VOS MAY1868



4VOS FEB1870

**4VOS** Used from 10 JAN1873 to 23 APR1969 Price H £60 19th C / £25 20th C Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting.



SPOON NOV1855

SPOON Used from 16 NOV1855 to 24 JAN1861 Codes: A B Binv C Price C £40



3CD JAN1861

**3CD** Used from 4 FEB1861 to 3 MAR1870 Codes: A B Binv C Price A £3





4VOD MAR1870



4VOD APR1873

4VOD Used from 11 APR1870 to 4 DEC1889 Codes: A B C D Price A £3

**4VOD** in blue Used on 14 DEC1870



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 2 DEC1881 to 12 DEC1895 Codes: A B C D F K L N

Price A £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 19 JUN1894 to 16 NOV1895

Codes: CK\*A K\*A LK\*A C\*P DH\*P ED\*P G\*P HF\*P KF\*P Price D £8

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 22 DEC1895 to 26 JAN1904

Times: 630PM 7PM 815PM 830PM 915 Price A £3

### 705 SHIFNAL

Head Post Office 1844 to 1917, Salaried Sub Office 1917 to present. Shifnal was allocated number 705 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962. Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 406 Ironbridge 1844, and 1849 to 1851.



1844 APR1844



3HOS OC-T1860

**1844** Used from 1 AUG1844 to 27 SEP1860 Price A £5 **3HOS** Used from 2 JAN1861 to 26 DEC1868 Price D £6



4VOS JAN1869

4VOS Used from 17JAN1869 to 7 MAY1871 Price H £60



4VOD JAN1869



4VOD NOV1871



4VOD MAR1877

4VOD Used from 16 AUG1869 to 16 OCT1887 Codes: A B C D E O Price A £3



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 13 OCT1887 to 27 JUL1894 Codes: C D E F G Price A £2 **3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 16 AUG1895 to 3 APR1897

Codes: LC\*A CK\*P EK\*P EL\*P GK\*P Price G £15

### **708 SHREWSBURY**

Head Post Office 1844 onwards. Branch Office to Company Franchised Post Office in 2006. Shrewsbury allocated number 708 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 077 Aston on Clun 1850 to 1859.

82 Bishops Castle 1855 to 1858. 709 Church Stretton 1844 to 1858.

856 Churchstoke (Mont) 1845 to 1864. 274 Ellesmere 1853 to 1884. 480 Knighton (Radnor) 1852 to 1860. 481 Leintwardine (Heref) 1852 to 1855. 710 Llanidloes (Mont) 1844 and 1849 to 1865.

853 Machynlleth (Mont) 1849 to 1864. 854 Montgomery (Mont) 1845 to 1905. 711 Wem 1844 to present.



1844 APR1844



3HOS JUN1853



3HOS DEC1858

**1844** Used from 2 MAY1844 to 7JUN1853 Price A £5

**1844 in blue** Used in MAY1847 to 29 JUN1847

**1844 in green** Used from 7 MAR1847 to 16 MAY1847

**3HOS** Used from 7 JUN1853 to 6 APR1861 Price F £15

**3HOS in green** Used on 7 MAR1854



4VOS DEC1867



3VOS MAY1882



3VOS AUG1884

4VOS Used from 5 DEC1872 26 JUN1875 Price H £60

**3VOS** Used from 8FEB1883 to 6 JUL1897 Price G £45



**SPOON A (serifed letters)** Used from 2 APR1854 to 7 APR1857 Codes: A B C Cinv D Dsdwys E none Price A £15



**SPOON B (oval date stamp)** Used from 14 MAR1856 to 15 MAY1858 Handstamp 2 Codes: A B C D E Price D £20



**SPOON C (circular date stamp)** Used from 16 APR1857 to 13 JUL1859 Handstamp 1 or 2 Codes: A B C D E F Price B £15



**SDWYS VIII** Used from 11 NOV1857 to 29 SEP1864 Codes: A D E E1 F H Price B £12



**3CD** Used from 17 DEC1858 to 4 DEC1865 Codes: A B B1 C D E E1 F Price A £3 Eighteen were proofed between NOV1858 and JAN1865, at least two were duplicate entries. Three of them had the figure one as a handstamp identification number .

4CD FEB1864



4CD Used from 20 FEB1864 to 17 SEP1866 Codes: B D E F I Price D £8



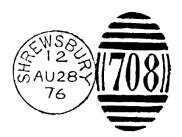
4VOD DEC1864 SINGLE CODE LETTER



4VOD JAN1866 HANDSTAMP NUMBER TO THE RIGHT



4VOD FEB1872



4VOD AUG1876

**4VOD** Used from 13 JAN1865 to 17 NOV1893 Price A £3 The first issue in DEC1864 had a single letter code, these were in use up to DEC1865. In JAN1866 a series were proofed with 1 to 4 as handstamp identification numbers In JAN1868 numbers 5 and 6 were added. These all had the handstamp identification number on the right and the code on the left. In FEB1872 a series were proofed with 1 to 3 as handstamp identification numbers on the left. This format of 1 to 6 on the right or 1 to 3 on the left continued with several more Proof Book entries and then after AUG1876 with several recuts that were not proofed.

Each numbered handstamp lasting a year or so. All the codes can be listed:-

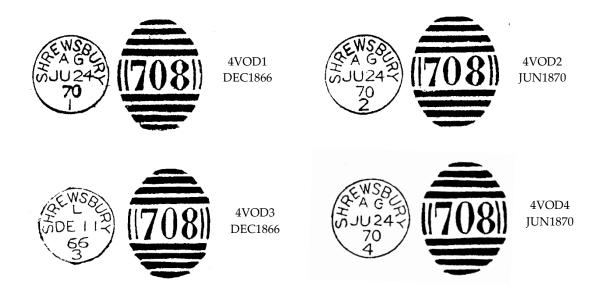
Single codes – B D E F K

Handstamp number on the right:

- -1/ C1 D1 E1 F1 G1 H1 Hsdwys1 I1 J1 L1 P1 O1 U1
- -2/ D2 E2 F2 G2 H2 I2 J2 L2 N2 none2
- -3/ C3 D3 E3 G3 H3 I3 O3
- -4/ G4 H4 I4 L4
- -5/ G5 I5 L5
- -6/ H6 I6

Handstamp number on the left:

- 1-/ 1C 1Csdwys 1E 1G 1H 1Hsdwys 1I 1J 1L 1X 1none
- 2-/ 2G 2H 2I 2J 2none
- 3-/ 3B 3D 3E 3I



**4VOD1 to 4VOD4:** The number at the base of the cds in this series is probably a handstamp identification number - it is surprising that Numbers 1, 2 & 4 should be issued with two "code" slots in the cds, one normally being reserved for the handstamp identification number or letter. The actual use of codes/numbers does not fit any pattern.

**4VOD1** Used from 27 MAY1867 to 14 DEC1872 Codes: C K D2 F2 I2 H 2H Price E £6

**4VOD2** Used from 8 NOV1870 to 20 FEB1872 Codes: G5 I5 Price D £6 **4VOD3** Used from 24 MAY1867 to 6 JAN1872 Codes: I L Price D £6

4VOD4 Used from 27 DEC1870 to 8 APR1871 Code: 31 Price H £50+



### **3VOD Time in code** 14 JAN1879 to 29 JUL1901 Price A £3

Ten were proofed between NOV1878 and DEC1885. Several later subtypes were not proofed. From Nov1878 onwards 1, 2 and 3 were used as handstamp identification numbers on the right after the collection code. From OCT1882 onwards 1, 2 and 3 were used on the left before the collection code.

Early code BO

Handstamp number on the right:

- -1/ D1 Gsdwys1 Hsdwys1 I1 Isdwys1 J1 M1 N1
- -2/ C2 Csdwys2 F2 H2 I2 L2 M2 O2
- -3/ F3 H3 I3 J3 K3 M3 P3 O3

Handstamp number on the left:

- 1-/ 1B 1D 1H 1Isdwys 1J 1L 1N 1Nsdwys 1O 1P 1R 1X
- 2-/ 2D 2M 2O
- 3-/ 3F 3G 3Gsdwys 3I 3J 3K 3M 3O 3P 3R

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 29 MAR1895 to 3 JAN1897

Codes: L\*A LC\*A LH\*A A\*P IF\*P H\*P HF\*P HI\*P KC\*P L\*P LH\*P Price E £10

### Numbers cut into basal bars:-

It is very unusual to have both a 4VOD and 3VOD with the same number cut in the basal bars, in use at the same time.

**4VOD1A** Used from 17 NOV1895 to 20 JUL1900

Times: 12AM 245PM 515PM 610PM 745PM 930PM 1015PM Price E £6

3VOD1S (Small 2 to 3mm high number 1) Time in asterisk code

Used from 21 SEP1894 to 30 JUL1904 Codes: HI\*A IF\*A II\*A KI\*A BH\*P BL\*P EC\*P EH\*P F\*P G\*P GC\*P HC\*P I\*P IF\*P KF\*A Price B £6

3VOD1S (Small 2 to 3mm high number 1) Time in full

Used from 29 MAY1895 to 20 JUL1904 Times: 10AM 1PM 130PM 545PM 7PM 715PM 745PM 9PM Price A £5 on cover, £3 on ppc.

**3VOD1L (Large 4mm high number 1)** Used from 11 SEP1904 to 29 APR1910

Times: 5PM 715PM 9PM 930PM Price A £5 on cover, £3 on ppc.

**3VOD2** Used from 5 NOV1905 to 15 SEP1910 Times 930AM 10AM 1030AM 130PM 2PM 230PM 545PM 615PM 7PM 8PM 845PM 9PM 930PM Price A £5 on cover, £3 on ppc.

**4VOD3 Time in asterisk code** Used from 11 SEP1894 to 26 SEP1895

Codes: I\*A L\*A A\*P E\*P H\*P HF\*P Price G £15

4VOD3 Time in full Used from 23 JUN1896 to 1 DEC1896 Times: 745PM 845PM

Price G £12

Squared Circles in use: FEB1881 to DEC1896

### 709 CHURCH STRETTON

Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1844 to 1858, Railway Sub Office 1858 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Church Stretton was allocated number 709 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



**1844** Used from 8 MAY1844 to 19 MAR1874 Price B £6

Occurs with a Church Stretton straight line mileage mark and Ludlow transit cds.

1844 in ochre Used from 28 SEP1850 to SEPI851





**3VOS** Used from 17 MAY1875 to 20 AUG1891 Price D £15

4VOD Used from 30 DEC1875 to 7 MAR1876 Codes: A B C Price H £60+

Squared Circles in use: JUN1889 to NOV1913

### **711 WEM**

Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1844 onwards.

Wem allocated number 711 in the all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



**1844** Used from 8 JUN1844 to 1 OCT1862 Price F £20

Occurs with a Wem cud. and a Shrewsbury cds

**1844 in green** Used in 1849 also seen in blue

Between 1855 and 1882 mail had a Wem backstamp and was cancelled in Shrewsbury.



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 3 OCT1882 to 25 MAR1895 Codes; A Ainy B Biny C D E F Price D£8

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 8 JAN1897 to 24 DEC1907

Times: 530AM 930AM 945AM 1130AM 345PM 5PM 55PM 645PM 745PM 9PM 945PM Price C £3

Seen used without the cds as an apparent 3VOS—possibly the result of overlapping covers when being cancelled, dated 12 NOV1897.

Squared Circles in use: MAR1881 to OCT1893

### 811 MONTFORD BRIDGE

Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1867 to 1878, Railway Sub Office 1878 to 1887, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1887 to 2010, closed 2010.

The 811 obliterator was issued when it became a RSO.

Montford Bridge was allocated 811 in the lists from 1882 to 1906. It was not allocated earlier because being a single obliterator it would read 118 when up-side down.

Number 811 later allocated to Tydesley (Lancs) 1924 to 1962.

3VOS Used on 14 FEB1879 Price H £100++



JUN1877

### 855 CHIRBURY

Sub Office of Welshpool 1844 to 1845, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1845 to 1852, Sub Office of Welshpool 1852 to 1853, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1853 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Montgomery 1924 to present. Chirbury was allocated number 855 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and C07 in the 1874 to 1924 lists.

Number 855 was later allocated to South Ferndale (Glam) 1882 to 1887, Tylorstown (Glam) 1892 to 1902 and Abertillery (Monm) 1924 to 1962.

**1844** Used from 19 AUG1850 to 9 AUG1855 Price H £100++

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### **859 WELLINGTON**

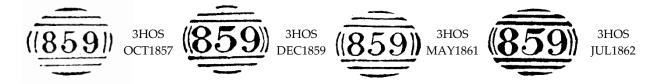
Head Post Office 1844 to 1969, Sub Office of Telford 1969 to? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1996.

Wellington was allocated number 478 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 406 Ironbridge 1852 to 1874.



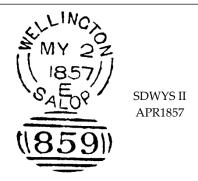
**1844** Used from 21 MAY1844 to 1 JUL1857 Price A £5 **1844 in blue** Used from 10 MAR1848 to 25 JAN1851



**3HOS** Used from 20 NOV1857 to 16 SEP1869 Price D £8



3VOS Used from 4 AUG1890 to 31 AUG1905 Price H £50



SDWYS Used from 7 MAY1857 to 25 JUL1862 Codes: A C Cinv D O Price A £10



3CD Used from 5 SEP1862 to 23 NOV1870 Codes: B C D Price D £6



A CUT IS ENTERED IN VOLUME 15 OF THE PROOF BOOKS IT HAS NOT BEEN SEEN USED MAY HAVE NOT BEEN SENT

4VODA (Wellington only in the cds) Rarity GPO



4VODA JUN1865



4VODA JUL1873

**4VODB** (Salop at side of cds) Used from 7 AUG1865 to 4 MAY1875 Codes: B C D Price A £3 Eleven were proofed between JUN1865 and JUL1873. 1 was a duplicate and 3 were annotated with the words "new handle", this was not always just the handle often the cds was changed as well. Price A £2



4VODB JUN1875



4VODB JUL1876

**4VODC (Salop at base of cds)** Used from 10 JUN1876 to 27 APR1880 Codes: B D H Price E £10



**3VOD Time in code** Used from 30 NOV1878 to 10 NOV1901

Codes: BCDEFGHIKLMNOP Price A£3

Six proofed between AUG1878 and APR1887 several later subtypes were not proofed.

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 6 JAN1901 to 8 NOV1905

### 876 WHITCHURCH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1966, Independent Sub Office 1966 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.

Whitchurch was allocated number 876 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 310 Malpas (Ches) 1852 to 1885.



1844 APR1844



3CD JAN1861 3HOS OCT1856

**1844** Used from 6 MAY1844 to 1 JUL1856 Price C £5

**1844 in blue** Used from 25 SEP1846 to OCT1850

3HOS Used from 15 NOV1856 to 13 DEC1860 Price G £15



**3CD** Used from 22 JUL1861 to 25 FEB1864 Code: A Price F £20





4VOD SEP1864



4VOD SEP1875

**4VOD** Used from 23 MAR1865 to 7 MAY1880 Codes: A B 1 2 3 Price C £3 Numerical codes used with the 1864 issue, and alphabetical code with the 1875 issue.



3VODA FEB1881



3VODA MAY1882



3VODA DEC1884

**3VODA (Salop at the base of the cds)** Used from 15 JUN1881 to 14 SEP1893

Codes: A C D E F H Price D £8



**3VODB** (Salop at the side of the cds) Time in code Used from 23 AUG1893 to 4 JUN1896 Codes: A B C E F G H Hsdwys I P Price C £3

**3VODB** (Salop at the side of the cds) Time in full Used from 28 OCT1896 to 27 AUG1908 Times: 930AM 1030AM 1145AM 145PM 8PM 10PM Price C £3

### 077 ASTON ON CLUN

Sub Office of Ludlow 1846 to 1850, Sub Office of Shewsbury 1850 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1935, Sub Office of Craven Arms 1935 to 2008, closed 2008.

Aston on Clun was allocated 077 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

Number 077 was later allocated to the Whitehaven Sorting Carriage in the 1929 to 1954 lists.



3HOS DEC1857



3VOD JAN1880

**3HOS** Used from 25 JAN1861 to 14 OCT1878 Price H £60+

Prior to 1880 most mail went to Shrewsbury for cancelling.

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 3 APR1880 to 9 APR1906 Codes: A B Price G £15 **3VOD Time in full** Used from 17 NOV1898 to 30 OCT1908 Times: 8PM 815PM 930PM Price A £5 on cover, £4 on ppc.

### 079 BROMFIELD

Sub Office of Ludlow 1846 to 1857, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1857 to 1858, Railway Sub Office 1858 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1912, Sub Office of Ludlow 1912 to present.

The first 079 obliterator was issued when Bromfield became a Railway Sub Office, previously it was a Sub Office of Shewsbury.

Bromfield was allocated 079 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

Number 079 later allocated to Hazel Grove (Ches) in the 1965 list.



**3HOS** Used from 13 FEB1859 to 15 AUG1872 Price E £20





**4VOD** Used from 2 JUL1874 to 29 SEP1879 Code: C Cinv Price H £80+ **3VOD** Used from 17 DEC1880 to 23 AUG1901 Codes: A C Price F £30

### **080 CLUN**

Sub Office of Ludlow 1844 to 1850, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1850 to 1858, Railway Sub Office 1858 to 1876, Sub Office of Aston on Clun RSO 1876 to 1878, Railway Sub Office 1878 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1935, Sub Office of Craven Arms 1935 to present. The first 080 obliterator was issued when Clun became a Railway Sub Office, Number 080 only allocation was to Clun 1874 to 1906.



3HOS Used from 10 SEP1860 to 13 FEB1868 Price G £40





3VOD FEB1880

3VOS Used from 28 DEC1881 to 12 JAN1881 Price H £80+3VOD Used from 13 FEB1890 to 22 MAR1913 Codes: A B C Price B £10 on cover, £4 on ppc.

### **083 LITTLE BRAMPTON**

Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1852 to 1857, Railway Sub Office 1857 to 1878, closed 1878.

The first 083 obliterator was issued when Little Brampton became a RSO. Little Brampton was allocated 083 in the 1874 to 1906 lists.

Number 083 was later allocated to South Ockenden (Essex) in the 1965 list.

**3HOS** Used from 30 DEC1859 to 3 JAN1862 Price H £100++



3HOS DEC1857

### 084 LYDBURY NORTH

Sub Office of Ludlow 1844 to 1850, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1850 to 1858, Railway Sub Office 1858 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 2009, "Community Shop" in 2009.

The first 084 obliterator was issued when Lydbury North became a RSO. Previously it was a Sub Office of Shewsbury.

Lydbury North was allocated 084 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS DEC1857

**3HOS** Used from 21 MAY1859 to 18 NOV1883 Price F £30



3VOS JAN1884



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

**3VOS** Used from 30 JAN1884 to 24APR1890 Price H £60+

**3VOD** Used from 3 JUN1894 to 4 JUL1912 Code: B Price B £10 on cover, £3 on ppc

### **085 CRAVEN ARMS**

Originally called Newton, a Railway Sub Office 1857 to 1905, the name was changed to Craven Arms in 1867, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Craven Arms was allocated number 085 in the 1874 to 1906 lists and then 227 in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



3HOS DEC1857



3VOS DEC1872

**3HOS** Used from 16 JUL1867 to 25 OCT1870 Price H £80+

3VOS Used on 17 APR1876 Price H £80+



4VOD SEP1877



3VOD DEC1883

**4VOD** Used from 7 OCT1877 to 3 SEP1899 Codes: A B C Price F £30

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 1 MAY1885 to 26 MAY1904 Codes: A B C Price G £30

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 25 SEP1904 to 27 OCT1916

Times: 10AM 6PM 630PM 8PM 830PM 830 Price A £3

### 087 ONIBURY

Sub Office of Ludlow 1844 to 1850, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1850 to 1858, Sub Office of Craven Arms RSO 1858 to 1870 (listed as Newton RSO 1858 to 1867), closed 1870. Reopened in 1887 and closed again in 1999.

The first 087 obliterator was issued when Onibury became a sub office of Newton RSO.

(<u>087</u>)

Onibury not allocated 087 in any list, its allocation was for a period between the 1857 and 1874 lists. Number 087 allocated to Goginan (Card) In the 1882 to 1906 lists and Weybridge (Surrey) 1928 to 1962.

**3HOS** Used from 10 MAR1858 to 26 MAR1859 Price H £100+

### 090 WINSTANSTOW

Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1847 to 1858, Railway Sub Office 1858 to 1873, Sub Office of Craven Arms RSO 1873 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1989, closed 1989.

The first 090 obliterator was issued when Winstanstow became a RSO, previously it was a Sub Office of Shewsbury.

Number 090 only allocation was to Winstanstow 1874 to 1906.



3HOS DEC1857



3VOS JAN1873

3HOS Used on 9 JUL1863 Price H\* £100++

**3VOS** Used from 5 JUN1873 to 20 MAR1875 Price H £100++

A04 Park Hall Camp? not on any list, but a charge mark with the number A04 in it has been seen used on a unpaid postcard with a Park Hall Camp cds sent to Banbury, dated 1917. A01 and A10 charge marks with these numbers were sent to Whitchurch in JUL1918, they were probably then sent on to a subordinate office.

### **B58 BUCKNELL**

Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1858, Sub Office of Aston on Clun RSO 1858 to 1862, Railway Sub Office 1862 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to present.

Number B58 only allocation was to Bucknell 1874 to 1906.



3HOS SEP1861



3VOS DEC1879

**3HOS** Used on 8 OCT1861 Price H £100+

3VOS Used from 1 JUL1882 to 5 DEC1898 Price G £50

### C07 CHIRBURY

Sub Office of Welshpool 1844 to 1845, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1845 to 1852, Sub Office of Welshpool 1852 to 1853, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1853 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Montgomery 1924 to present.

Chirbury was allocated number 855 in the 1844 to 1857 lists and C07 in the 1874 to 1924 lists.

Number C07 only allocation was to Chirbury 1874 to 1924.

3TH.HOS Used from 14 JAN1874 to 28 NOV1898 Price F £40



3TH.HOS JAN1864

### **G71 CLEOBURY MORTIMER**

Sub Office of Bewdley 1844 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to 1918, Sub Office of Shrewsbury 1918 to 1921, Head Post Office 1921 to 1923, Sub Office of Kidderminster 1923 to present.

Number G71 only allocation was to Cleobury Mortimer 1887 to 1906

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 8 FEB1888 to 19 AUG1901 Codes: A B C D F G Price E £12

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 28 DEC1901 to 24 MAY1912

Times: 10AM 2PM 5PM 645PM 7PM 645

Price A £10 on cover, £4 on ppc.



3VOD APR1883

### **J15 JACKFIELD**

Sub Office of Wellington 1855 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1878, Sub Office of Ironbridge RSO 1878 to 1888, Railway Sub Office 1888 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1914, Sub Office of Ironbridge 1914 to 1966, closed 1966.

Number J15 only allocation was to Jackfield 1892 to 1906.

**3VOD** Used from 27 MAY1889 to 12 OCT1911 Codes: A B C Price A £12 on cover, £4 on ppc.



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

### J20 HINSTOCK

Sub Office of Market Drayton 1844 onwards. Number J20 only allocation was to Hinstock 1892 to 1906.

**3VOS** Used on 29 APR1891 Price H £100++ Squared Circles in use: AUG1893 to DEC1917



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS