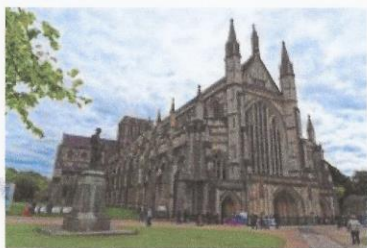
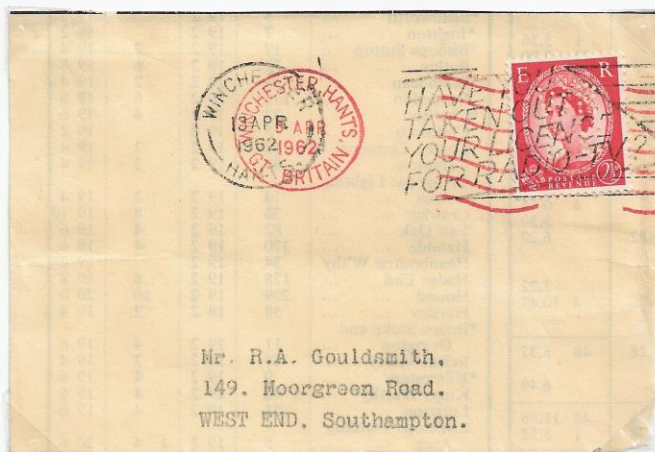


Winchester Rural District Council



Winchester Cathedral



Winchester Castle



Queen Elizabeth II piece with 21/2d red SG574 perforated WR/DC (W6320.01M) and identity of Winchester Rural District Council, 45 Romsey Rd, Winchester, Hampshire. Originally sent 5th April 1962 to 149 Moorgreen Road, West End, Southampton with Winchester, Hants, Gt Britain and wavy lines, red meter machine, cancel. Original document was returned and sent again to the same address on 13th April 1962, this time with perfin stamp affixed over red meter cancel. This has a circular Winchester, Hants and "Have You Taken Out Your Licence for Radio - TV?", machine cancels in black. This die was used from 1945 to 1974.

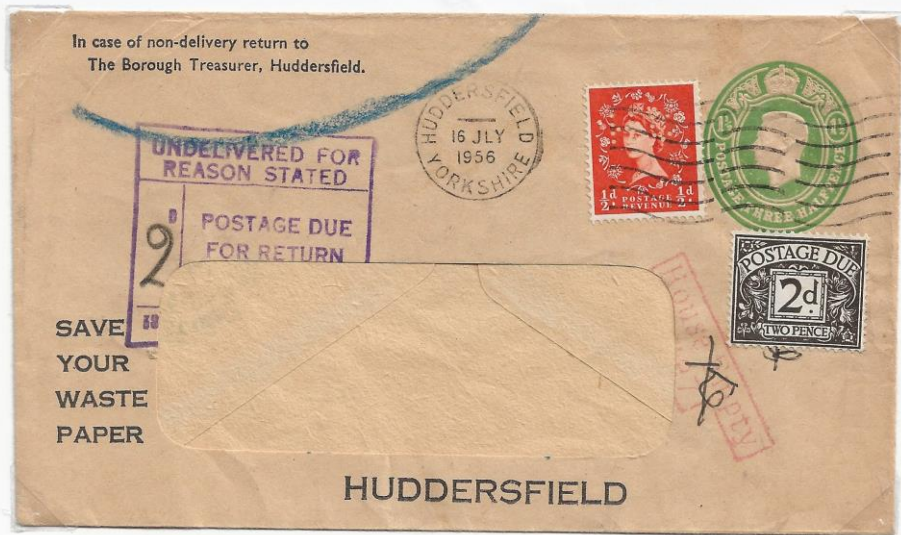
Winchester is a cathedral city in Hampshire, England. The city lies at the heart of the wider City of Winchester, a local government district, at the western end of the South Downs National Park, on the River Itchen. It is 60 miles (97 km) south-west of London and 14 miles (23 km) from Southampton, its nearest city. At the 2011 census, Winchester had a population of 45,184. The wider City of Winchester district, which includes towns such as Alresford and Bishop's Waltham, has a population of 116,595. Winchester is the county town of Hampshire and contains the head offices of Hampshire County Council.

St Albans City Council to St Albans District Council



On the 1st April 1974, St Albans City Council and the surrounding Councils were amalgamated to form St Albans District Council. These examples of perkins used by St Albans, show late usage by the Original Council StA/C (S7120.01M) postmarked 9th April 1974 and the one used by the new Council STA/DC (S7123.01M) postmarked 28th August 1974.

Huddersfield Corporation

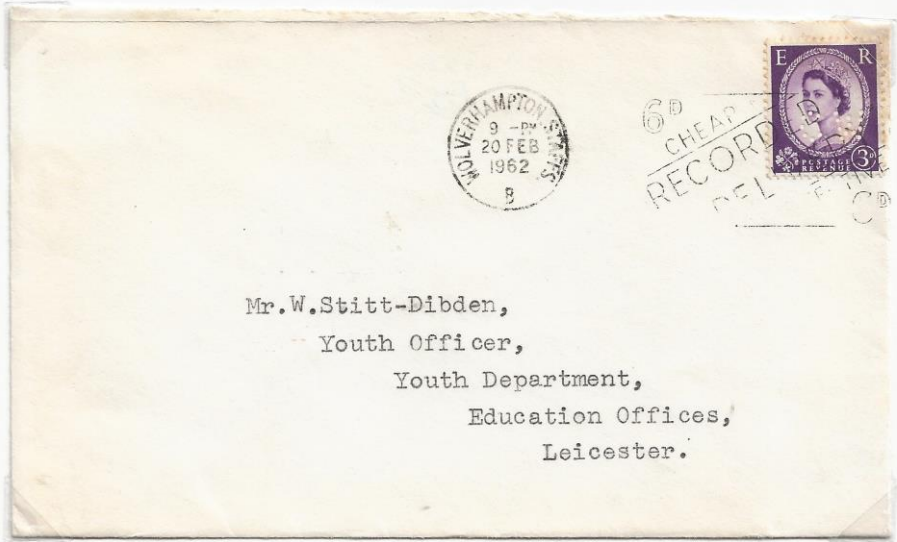


King George VI 11/2d green embossed pre-printed window envelope uprated with QEII 1/2d orange SG540 perfined HC (H1160.02M) and Identity of Huddersfield CBC, The Borough Treasurer, Town Hall, Huddersfield, Yorks. This die was in use from 1941 to 1974. Sent locally 16th July 1956 with single ring Huddersfield, Yorkshire and wavy lines, machine cancel. However was undelivered as the house was empty as per red cachet. This incurred postage due of 2d for return as per purple cachet and 2d black D49 affixed. Return is dated 17th July with double ring, Yorkshire 12 cancel on reverse together with name and address,

In 1868 Queen Victoria granted Huddersfield a Royal Charter of Incorporation. This charter created Huddersfield Corporation, the town's first elected local council. Industrialisation and urbanisation throughout the 19th century had put extreme pressure on Huddersfield's limited public facilities. Over the next 40+ years the Corporation built five new reservoirs and transformed the town's transport infrastructure and in 1882 Huddersfield Corporation opened the first council-operated tramway in the country. It later took over the town's gas and electricity supply, acquired its market rights and established some of the first council housing in the country. During the 1960s and 1970s the Corporation revitalised the town centre estate with the creation of the new Queensgate Market in 1970 being central to this regeneration.

Due to the Local Government Act of 1972 Huddersfield Corporation was succeeded by Kirklees Council which currently has a population of 433, 216 at the 2021 census.

Wolverhampton Corporation



DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION,
WOLVERHAMPTON.



Queen Elizabeth II cover with 3d lilac SG575 perfined CW (C8260.02M) and identity of Wolverhampton CBC, Town Hall, Wolverhampton, Staffs. Includes the Public Library and Education Office. Created 1889 - Ceased on the 1st of April 1974 becoming Wolverhampton MBC, West Midlands. Cover sent to Education Offices, Leicester on 20th February 1962 with single ring Wolverhampton Staffs "B" and boxed "6d Cheap Recorded Delivery Before Five", machine, cancels. Sender's details on reverse. Die in use 1941 to 1974.

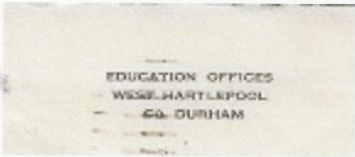
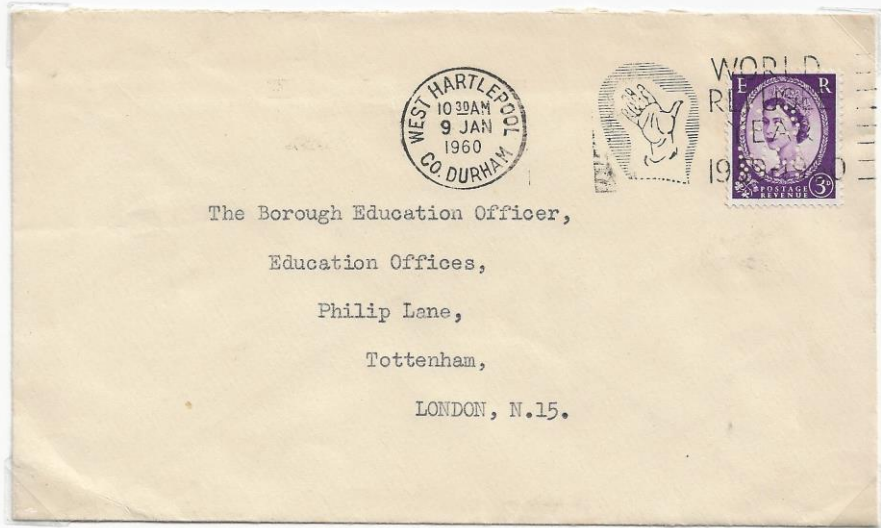


Queen Square March 1952



Corporation Trolleybus 1962

West Hartlepool County Borough

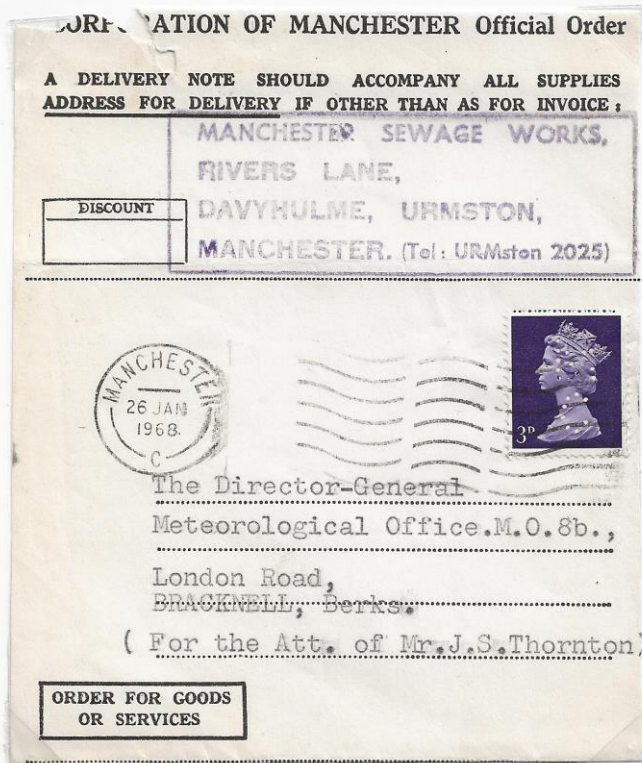


Queen Elizabeth II cover with 3d lilac SG575 perfined CB/WH (C1010.05M) and identity of County Borough of West Hartlepool, Education Offices, West Hartlepool, Co Durham. Also known used by the Town Clerk's Office, and Technical High School for Boys. Sent 9th January 1960 to Tottenham Education Offices with single ring West Hartlepool, County Durham and "World Refugee Year 1959 – 1960", machine, cancels. Sender's address shown on reverse. This die was used from 1954 to 1967.

West Hartlepool was a predecessor of Hartlepool, County Durham, England. It developed in the Victorian era and took the name from its western position in the parish of what is now known as the Headland. The former town was originally formed in 1848 as an accompanying settlement for nearby railway and docks, which brought and exported coal from the area. The rail network grew, connecting to docks in Leeds and other cities. Further developments in the area led to the 1960s formation of Hartlepool as a town.

The municipal borough of West Hartlepool was created in 1887, and, with its headquarters at West Hartlepool Town Hall, it was promoted to the status of a County Borough, outside the control of Durham County Council, in 1902. In 1967, a County Borough, called Hartlepool, was established by amalgamating West Hartlepool with old Hartlepool.

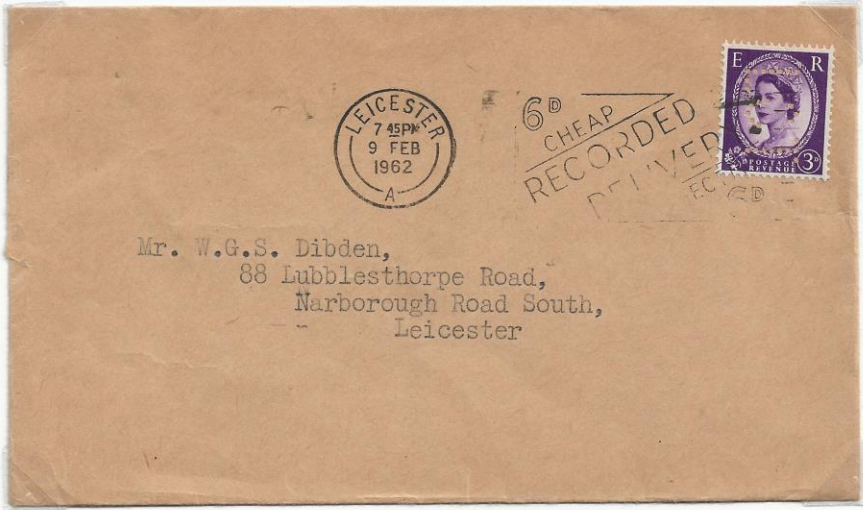
Manchester Corporation



Elizabeth II cover / order with 3d violet SG729, perfined M/C (M1060.02M), and identity of Manchester Corporation. Used at various locations. Sent to the Meteorological Office, Bracknell, Berks 26th January 1968 with circular Manchester "C" and wavy lines, machine cancels. Order states delivery to Sewage Works, Davyhulme. This die was in use from 1882 to 1927, then from 1941 to 1980.

Davyhulme started life as a 'sewage farm in the countryside', treating the city's wastewater before releasing it into the Manchester Ship Canal. The Davyhulme Treatment Works, opened in 1894, is now one of the biggest wastewater treatment works in the UK draining the entire western side of Manchester, from Chadderton in the north to Bramhall in the south. It serves 1.2 million people and deals with wastewater from Trafford Park, the largest industrial park in Europe. The site operates 24-hours-a-day, every day and flows of more than 30,000 litres per second are treated at the works.

Leicester City Transport

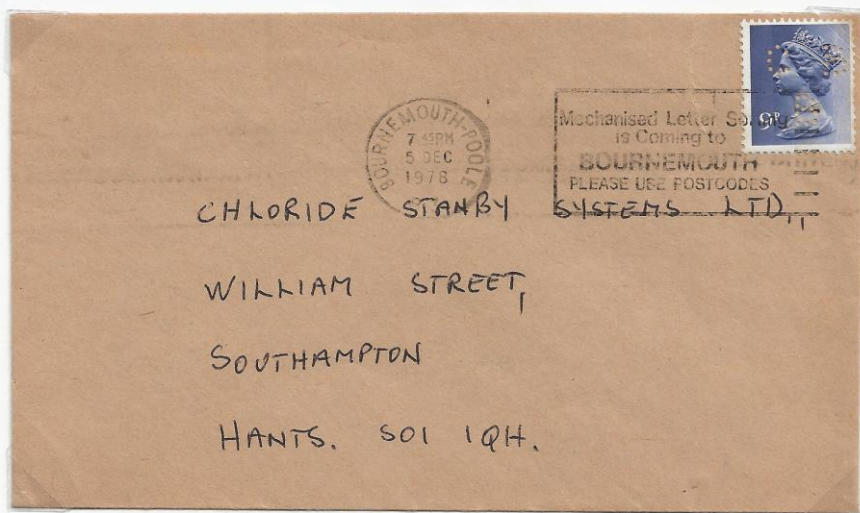


Queen Elizabeth II cover with 3d lilac SG575 perfined LCT (L1330.01) and identity of Leicester City Transport, previously City of Leicester, Tramways Department. Sent locally on 9th February 1962 with circular Leicester "A" and "6d Cheap Recorded Delivery" advert, machine, cancels. This die was in use 1905 to 1910, and later from 1925 to 1964. A similar die, L1330.02, was used between 1964 and 1980.



217 AJF – 1961 AEC Bridgemaster bus.

Bournemouth County Borough



Victorian Town Hall



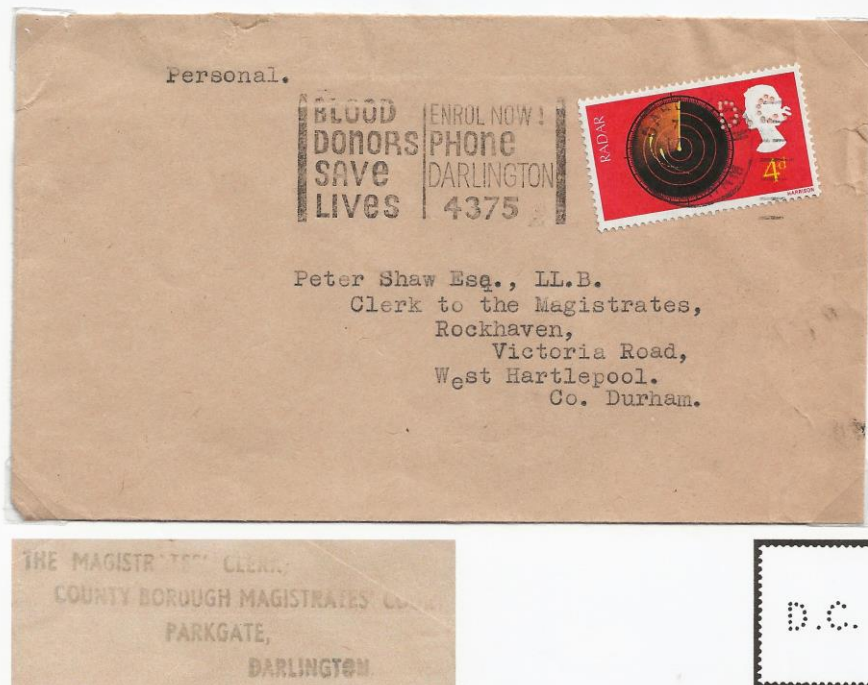
Beach and Pier



Queen Elizabeth II cover with 9p deep violet X883 perforated CB/B (C0520.01M) and identity of County Borough of Bournemouth, Town Hall, Bournemouth. Including: Russell-Coates Art Gallery & Museum, and Rothesay Museum, Bournemouth. Sent 5th December 1978 to Southampton, Hants with single ring Bournemouth - Poole and boxed "Mechanised Letter Sorting is Coming to Bournemouth, Please use Postcodes", machine, cancels. Die in use 1960 to 1998.

Bournemouth is a coastal resort town on the south coast in the county of Dorset and is the largest town in the county. The town is part of the South East Dorset conurbation, which has a population of 465,000. It became a town in 1870, with growth from the arrival of the railway. Bournemouth lies in the historic county of Hampshire, but following the local government reorganisation in 1974 the town was transferred to the county of Dorset, governed by Dorset County Council. Although the borough gained unitary authority in 1997, it retained Dorset's ceremonial county functions and emergency services. It has unitary authority status, governing the town, Poole, Christchurch and surrounding areas. The town's location has made it a popular destination for tourists, attracting over five million visitors annually with its beaches and popular nightlife. It is also a regional business centre with its own airport. Situated near the village of Hurn in Christchurch, Dorset, the airport is 7 kilometres (4.3 mi) from Bournemouth town centre and serves around 600,000 passengers annually. There are direct flights to 23 international destinations in nine countries.

Darlington Corporation

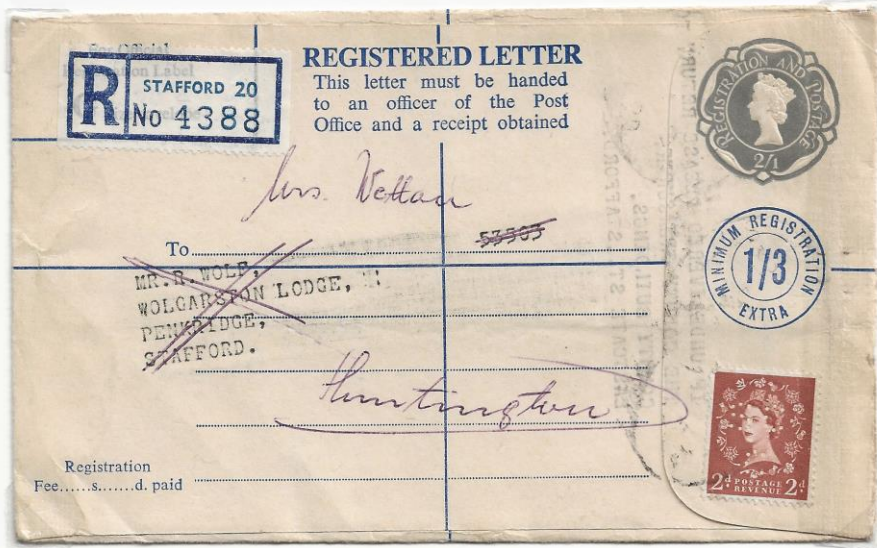


Queen Elizabeth II cover with 4d yellow, black and vermilion SG752 and part of the British Discovery and Invention commemoration set. It is perfined D.C. (D0580.01) and Identity of Darlington Corporation, County Borough Magistrates Court, Parkgate, Darlington. Sent 1967 to West Hartlepool, County Durham with single ring Darlington, C Durham and Boxed "Blood Donors Save Lives, Enrol Now Phone Darlington 4375", machine cancels. This die was in use from 1935 to 1985. Senders address on reverse.

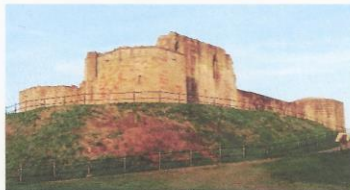
Up to April 1974 Darlington was a County Borough, part of Durham in the North East of England. It was then created as the new non-metropolitan district of Darlington by the Local Government Act 1972, covering the previous county borough of Darlington along with nearly all of Darlington Rural District.

During the early 19th century, Darlington remained a small market town but later in the 19th century, the town became an important centre for railway manufacturing. An early railway works was the Hoptown Carriage Works (est. 1853), which supplied carriages and locomotives to the Stockton and Darlington Railway. The engineering firm of William and Alfred Kitching also manufactured locomotives there around this time. The town eventually developed three significant railway works. The largest of these was the main-line Darlington Works, whose main factory, the North Road Shops, opened in 1863 and remained in operation until 1966. A second works, Robert Stephenson & Co. moved to Darlington from Newcastle upon Tyne in 1902. It was renamed "Robert Stephenson's & Hawthorns" in 1937, and was absorbed by English Electric around 1960, and had closed by 1964. The third was Faverdale Wagon Works, which was established in 1923 and closed in 1962.

Staffordshire County Council



Staffordshire Shire Hall



Stafford Castle

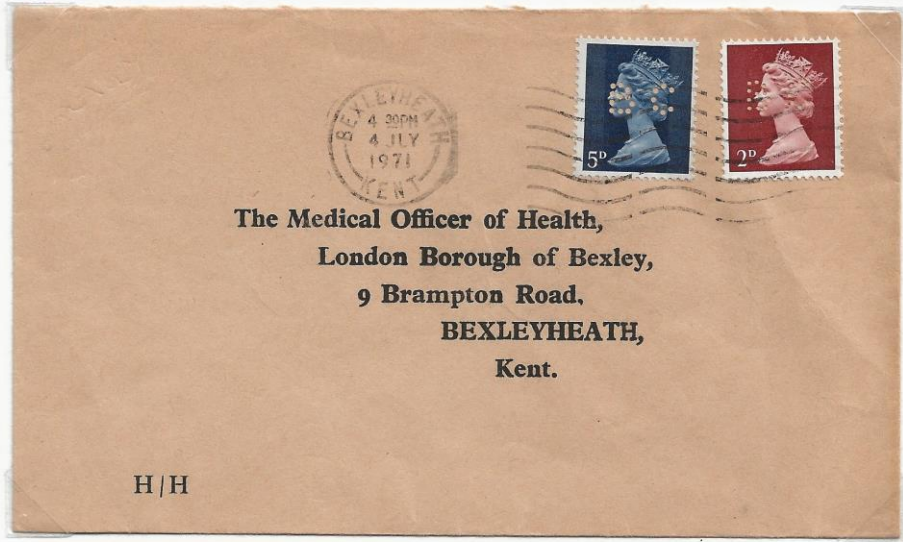


Queen Elizabeth II embossed 2/1d grey Registered Letter stationery envelope uprated with 2d light red-brown SG573 perfined SC/C (S1310.01M) and identity of Staffordshire County Council, County Buildings, Eastgate Street, Stafford. Letter sent to Penkridge, Staffordshire with "Stafford 20" registration sticker but date cancel is unclear. This die was in use from 1950 to 1995.

Stafford is a market town and the county town of Staffordshire, in the West Midlands region. The largest settlement is the city of Stoke-on-Trent with the county town being Stafford itself. The county is a mix of rural and urban, with an area of 1,713 square kilometres (661 square miles) and a population of 1,131,052. After Stoke-on-Trent (258,366), the largest settlements are Tamworth (78,646), Newcastle-under-Lyme (75,082) and Burton-upon-Trent (72,299).

Staffordshire is hilly to the north and south. The southern end of the Pennines is in the north, containing part of the Peak District National Park, while Cannock Chase, (an Area of Natural Beauty), and part of the National Forest are in the south. The River Trent and its tributaries drain most of the county before turning north-east at its confluence with the River Tame.

London Borough of Bexley

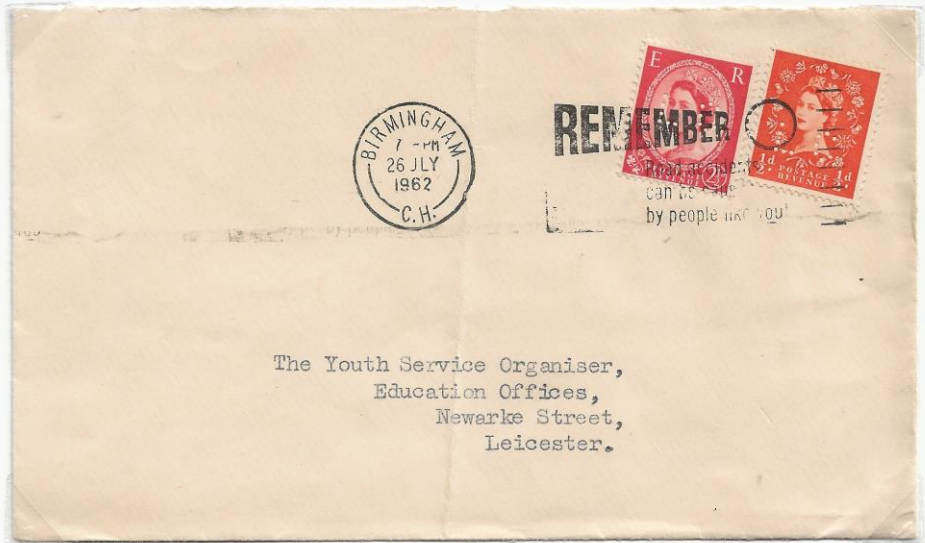


Queen Elizabeth II possible reply-paid cover with 2d lake-brown SG728 and 5d blue SG735 both perforated BC (B1110.03M), and identity of London Borough of Bexley, various addresses. Note that in its original state the die had small holes, but it was probably refurbished 1969-1970, with larger holes. This cover has small holes on the 2d and large holes on the 5d. Cover sent locally in Bexleyheath, Kent 4th July 1971 with circular and wavy lines, machine, cancels. Die in use 1945 to 2000.

The London Borough of Bexley is a London Borough in south-east London, (shown in dark red), forming part of Outer London. It had a population of 248,287 in 2020. The main settlements are Sidcup, Erith, Bexleyheath, Crayford, Welling and Old Bexley.



City of Leicester

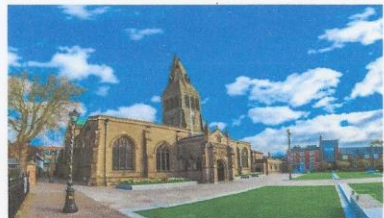


Queen Elizabeth II cover with 1/2d orange SG570 & 21/2d red SG574 perfined LC (L0960.02M) and identity of City of Leicester. Probably, a reply-paid envelope sent 26th July 1962 with circular Birmingham "CH" and boxed "Remember, road accidents can be caused by people like you", machine, cancels. This die was in use 1941 to 1974 by Leicester City Council.

Leicester is a city in the East Midlands region and the county town of Leicestershire with a population of 368,600 in 2021. Leicester Cathedral, where Richard III was reinterred in 2015, has stood at the city's heart for over 900 years. Close by, the King Richard III Visitor Centre tells the story of the king's life and death and displays his original burial site. The ruins of Leicester Castle, where Richard III spent some of his last days, lie in Castle Gardens, near the River Soar.



Museum and Art Gallery

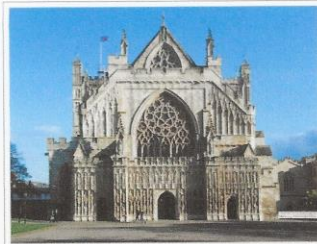


Cathedral

Exeter Corporation



Clock Tower

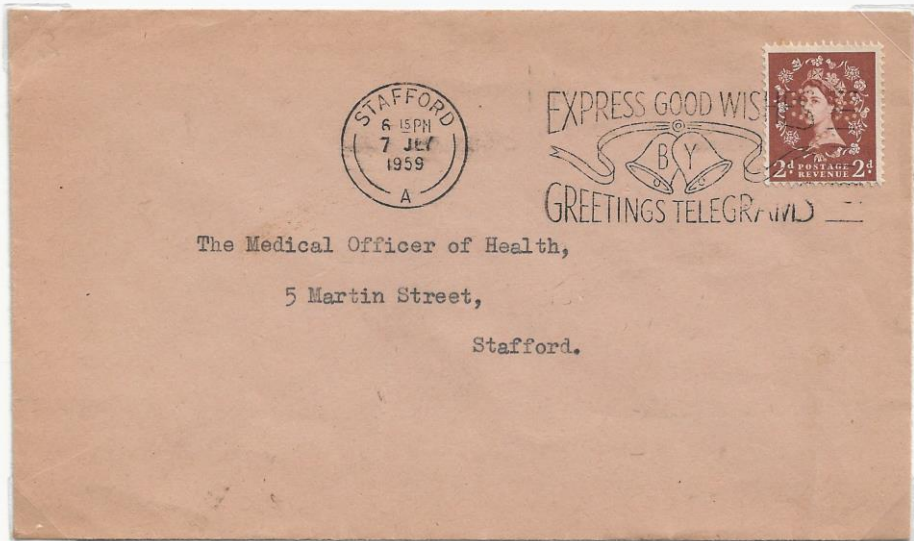


Cathedral



Queen Elizabeth II cover with 3d lilac SG575, perfined EC (E0510.01M), and identity of Exeter Corporation, 3 Southernhay West, Exeter, Devon. Sent 16th November 1962 to Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, London W1 with circular Exeter, Devon and "Postal Order Gift Cards", machine cancels. Cover was "Unclaimed at Cumberland Hotel" as per boxed red cancel and "Returned to Sender" as per purple Post Office boxed cancel together with circular 6d to pay handstamp. This die is known to have been used by Exeter Corporation from 1946 to 1974.

Stafford Borough Council



Current Civic Centre

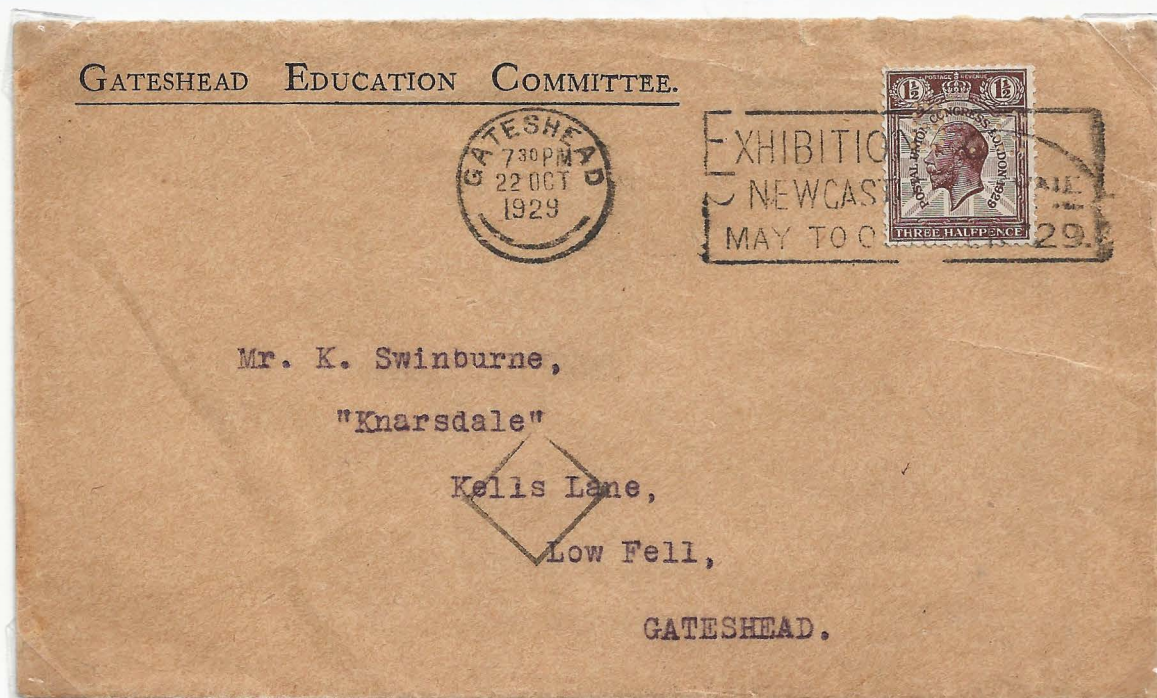


Queen Elizabeth II unsealed cover with 2d light red-brown SG573 perfined SB/C (S0590.01M) and identity of Stafford Municipal Borough from 1836 to 1974. Sent locally 7th July 1959 to The Medical Officer of Health, 5 Martin Street with circular Stafford "A" and "Express Good Wishes by Greetings Telegrams", machine, cancels.

This die was also in use between 1941 and 1990 by Siemens Bros & Co Ltd, Woolwich, London SE18, S Bourne & Co Ltd, Weekday Cross, Nottingham, Savoy Hotel Ltd, London WC2 and by the following Borough Councils / Metropolitan BC's: Sale (Cheshire), Shoreditch MBC (London), Solihull (Warks), Southall (Middlesex), Southend-on-Sea (Essex), Southgate (London), Southwark MBC (London), Stockport (Cheshire), Surbiton (Surrey), Swindon (Wilts), Stepney MBC (London).

The current Borough of Stafford is a local government district with borough status in Staffordshire. It is named after the town of Stafford. It also includes the towns of Stone and Eccleshall, as well as numerous villages such as Weston, Hixon, Barlaston, Baswich, Salt, Ingestre, Sandon and Gnosall. The borough was formed on 1 April 1974, under the Local Government Act 1972, as a merger of the municipal borough of Stafford, Stone urban district, Stafford Rural District and Stone Rural District. A new Civic Centre was constructed at Riverside in Stafford and completed in 1978.

Gateshead Education Committee



Angel of the North



King George V cover with commemorative of 9th Postal Union Congress 11/2d brown SG436 perfined B.G (B2920.01) and identity of Gateshead CBC. Cover was sent locally by Gateshead Education Committee on 22nd October 1929 with circular thimble and "Newcastle Exhibition", machine, cancels. This die was in use from 1920 to 1939.

The Metropolitan Borough of Gateshead is a metropolitan borough in the metropolitan county of Tyne and Wear, North East England. It includes Gateshead, Rowlands Gill, Whickham, Blaydon, Ryton, Felling, Birtley, Pelaw, Dunston and Low Fell. It is on the River Tyne's southern bank. The town's attractions include the twenty metre tall Angel of the North sculpture on the town's southern outskirts, The Glasshouse International Centre for Music and the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art.

The town shares the Millennium Bridge, Tyne Bridge and multiple other bridges with Newcastle upon Tyne. In the context of a place-names, Gateshead means 'headland or hill frequented by (wild) goats'. Historically part of County Durham, under the Local Government Act 1888, the town was made a county borough, meaning it was administered independently of the county council. In the 2011 Census, the town had a population of 120,046 while the wider borough had 200,214.