

Hull History Centre: Photographs of the Royal Mail sorting office on Lowgate/Alfred Gelder Street and Malmo Road sorting office, Sutton Fields Industrial Estate, Hull

C DIPO Photographs of the Royal Mail sorting office 1958-1992
on Lowgate/Alfred Gelder Street and
Malmo Road sorting office, Sutton Field Industrial Estate, Hull

Accession number: 24/06

Historical Background: The former General Post Office building (Grade II listed) stands on the corner of Lowgate and Alfred Gelder Street. Built 1908-9 on the site of the former Suffolk Palace, the de la Poles' medieval manor house, it is three stories high and built of Portland Stone. It was opened in July 1909 by the Postmaster-General, Sydney Buxton. It closed as a sorting office by the mid-1990s. Its downstairs is now occupied by pubs and bars, perhaps the most well-known being The Three John Scotts, whilst its upper floors are now flats and luxury apartments. The Malmo Road sorting office, Sutton Fields Industrial Estate opened in the first half of 1992 and continues as a Royal Mail sorting office.

Custodial history: Deposited with the History Centre in February 2024 by Tim Shaw, a former Post Office employee who worked at both sites.

Description: Series of photographs of the sorting office on Lowgate/Alfred Gelder Street, including internal/external shots as well as staff working of the late 1980s/early 1990s before the Lowgate/Alfred Gelder Street office closed. Photographs of Malmo Road sorting office mainly relate to the installation and preparation of the new mail centre in early 1992.

Extent: Half a box

Access conditions: Access will be granted to any accredited reader

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| C DIPO/1 | Photographs relating to the General Post Office building, Lowgate/Alfred Gelder Street, Hull Spiral bound prints and descriptions of activities carried out at the General Post Office building, Lowgate/Alfred Gelder Street and a series of photographs of the General Post Office vans and yard together with the sorting office 4 bundles, 1 item | Late 1980s-early 1990s |
| C DIPO/1/1 | Photographs of the General Post Office sorting office and wider postal activities carried out Spiral bound prints showing the sorting office and its activities 1 item | Late 1980s-early 1990s |
| C DIPO/1/2 | Photographs of the Hull General Post Office building Images taken from Alfred Gelder Street looking east and west and include the Post Office Building prior to the construction of the Combined Law courts (pre-1991) 1 bundle | Late 1980s-early 1990s |

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| C DIPO/1/3 | Photographs of Hull General Post office manual sorting areas Includes staff working 1 bundle | Late 1980s-early 1990s |
| C DIPO/1/4 | Photographs of the Hull General Post Office works vans and yard 1 bundle | Late 1980s – early 1990s |
| C DIPO/1/5 | Photographs showing automated sorting equipment at the Hull General Post Office building Includes staff working 1 bundle | Late 1980s-early 1990s |
| C DIPO/1/6 | Negatives of C DIPO/1/1-5 Please note only the photographs will be produced 1 bundle | Late 1980s-early 1990s |
| C DIPO/2 | Photographs relate to the installation, commissioning and preparation of the new mail centre 2 bundles | 1992 |
| C DIPO/2/1 | Internal Photographs of the Malmo Road, Sutton Field Industrial Estate sorting office Photographs relate to the installation, commissioning and preparation of the new mail centre. Bundle 1 of 2 1 bundle | 1992 |
| C DIPO/2/2 | Internal Photographs of the Malmo Road, Sutton Field Industrial Estate sorting office Photographs relate to the installation, commissioning and preparation of the new mail centre. Bundle 2 of 2 1 bundle | 1992 |
| C DIPO/2/3 | Negatives of C DIPO/2/1-2 Please note only the photographs will be produced 1 bundle | 1992 |
| C DIPO/3 | General Post Office Staff Handbook Contains various sections issued between 1958-1965 1 item | 1958-1965 |