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What about the courier or upfront maybe

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Subject: Re: Castreton

Thanks Mandy - great news. And thanks to everyone in this email and in your teams as I know you have had to do a lot of work in supporting the defence case here. Like you, my team faced a stack of witness interviews and court attendances at one time so the progress and conclusion here is great news.

What can we do on a pro-active comms front here? We've watched the various inflammatory letters in the Subpostmaster letters page and wanted to be able to assure branches and clients that they can rely on the integrity of Horizon.

We've had some good articles in the Subpostmaster about NBSC, Online Service and Cash In Transit. I am planning briefs on what P&BA does.

Any thoughts on comms following this case?
Thanks, Rod

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Subject: Castleton

This is just to let you know that we have been completely successful in defending all the allegations made by Mr Castleton. You will recall that he contended that no genuine losses occurred whilst he was a postmaster and that any losses were manufactured by the HORIZON system. The Judgement has entirely vindicated the HORIZON system.

Judgement has been awarded in our favour for the original debt, the counterclaim for £250,000 was dismissed, he was ordered to pay our legal costs at the standard rate up to the date of a part 36 offer in January 2006 and the last possible date he could have accepted it and thereafter at the indemnity rate. This was to reflect the fact that he ignored a sensible offer to settle and a number of attempts to get him to agree to mediation. Interest was awarded at the normal rate on the award of damages and the costs we have paid up to the date of the rejected part 36 but thereafter at the Bank of England base lending rate plus 10%. He was ordered to make an interim payment of £50,000 within 28 days of today's date.

Mr Castleton appeared to be stunned by the result and did not apply for leave to appeal against the decision. There were journalists at Court and it is possible that this will be picked up by the media.

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