

FORMER SUBPOSTMASTERS ACCOUNTS
AUTHORITY FOR WRITE OFF

OFFICE NAME: GAERWEN
OFFICE CODE: 160/604
FORMER POSTMASTER: HUGHIE NOEL THOMAS
REASON FOR LEAVING: SUSPENSION
AMOUNT FOR WRITE OFF: £44,250.91
AGENTS DEBT TEAM MEMBER: CLIVE BURTON
TELEPHONE NUMBER: **GRO**
DATE: 11 OCTOBER 2008

Mr Thomas was postmaster at Gaerwen Post Office from 9 June 1994 to 13 October 2005, when his contract for services was suspended. The 'late account' debt initially comprised a final audit shortage of £48,444.27 and a Cheques To EDS transaction correction for £1,803.02.

Two letters requesting repayment of the late account debt went unanswered but then notification was then received that Mr Thomas had pleaded guilty to all charges in relation to the shortages at Gaerwen PO when he appeared in court in November 2006.

The case was then dealt with under the Proceeds of Crime Act and an initial payment of £3,600.00 from Mr Thomas was returned by the bank annotated "payment stopped".

In November 2007 a cheque for £5,996.68 was received via the Investigation Team but no further repayments has been made since.

On 24 January 2008 a bankruptcy order was made against the former subpostmaster and Post Office Limited has been added to the list of creditors. However, we have now received a copy of the creditors report from the Official Receiver's Office which states that Mr Thomas has no assets (although enquiries are continuing into the valuation of the bankrupt's motor vehicle) but liabilities estimated at £99,37.00.

Mr Thomas is **GRO** with no realistic means of employment and, therefore, the Official Receiver have concluded that there appears to be no prospect of a distribution to creditors.

No further action can be taken in pursuit of this debt and write off would now seem appropriate to clear the debt from POL's accounts.

Authorised Signatory.

Signed _____	GRO	_____ Former Agents Debt Team Leader
Signed _____		_____ Branch Accounting Analyst
Signed _____		_____ Branch Accountant
Signed _____		_____ Head Of Product & Branch Accounting
Signed _____		_____ Finance Director