

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	Old Post Office Building, Wind Street
Grade:-	II
Date of Notification:-	30.03.87
National Grid Reference:-	SS 6579092985
O.S. 1:10000 Sheet No:-	SS 69 SE
CADW Reference No:-	11660
C & C of S Reference No:-	LB:162

Notes:-

Prominent building on the corner with Green Dragon Lane.

1898-1901. Designed by "a government architect"; David Jenkins & Sons, contractors; enlargement to building 1916 and 1924.

Jacobethan style, detailing much simplified to Wind Street. Symmetrical three-storey attic and basement ashlar front (heavily cemented), two advanced gabled bays flank narrow entrance bay with porch. High slated roof with two-stage openwork classical cupola and weathervane. Steep, partly shaped gables with pedimented tops, ball-finials over attached granite columns to attic windows. Moulded cornice and parapets, clasping pilaster treatment to angles, faceted strips to first and second floors, moulded cill and cornice bands.

One and two-light mullioned windows (grouped 1-3-1-3-1), small oculus front floor left. Enriched four-bay ground floor right with arched windows, swags, winged heads and mythological spandrel figures. Porch with Royal Arms to aedicule set in pediment, doorpiece with granite columns and surround (much simplified capitals and entablature), double panelled doors. Good area railings.

Massive side elevation to lane with advanced gabled centre topped by pilastered chimney, detailing as before. Ground floor cartouches with "VR". Left hand stair tower with ovoid upper lights. Ling three storey and basement, pilastered extension in yellow brick runs through to gable end facing Strand.

Group value.

References:-

"Postal History of Swansea and District", Swansea Philatelic Society (1984), pages 52-53.