Something Wonderful Has Happened

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This morning I was poking around in **Google Search Console** and realised I still had a **property** listed for **valar.uk.net**.

I checked my DNS records and found that for **valar.uk.net** there was no **Google Site Verification** TXT record present. This is one method to verify with Google that you have administrative access to a particular domain from a DNS perspective.

From what I can tell **Google Search Console** and **Google Postmaster Tools** are not linked, however Google Search Console still said the property of **valar.uk.net** was verified even though I must've deleted that verification TXT record some time ago.

I decided to add the TXT record again and so copied the TXT record value from **Settings - Users and Permissions - Ownership Verification Details** in Google Search Console to the zone file for **valar.uk.net**. I removed and added the property back in again using Google Search Console and sure enough I was re-verified.

Additionally in a text book style 'blunderbuss' troubleshooting procedure, I also removed **valar.uk.net** from the Google Postmaster Tools site although I'm pretty sure I sent a test email to a GMail contact before this deletion; I cannot be 100% sure I sent the test mail beforehand as I wasn't expecting any of my actions this morning to make even the slightest bit of difference. Ahem.

It was at this point I realised I hadn't received a bounce email (NDR) !! … !!!

I sent another test email to another GMail contact and incredibly there was still no whiff of a rejection. I checked my mail server's logs and found that my network cup had runneth over when I saw the successful deliveries to GMail contacts!

Phew. I'm very pleased now.

So to recap here are the main steps I took:

1. Added a Google Verification TXT record copied from Google Search Console back in to DNS for the domain of **valar.uk.net**.
2. Deleted the domain of **valar.uk.net** from Google Postmaster tools.

One point remains: did Google fix the issue I've been waffling on about here before I even started this morning, or was it one of the steps above that resolved the issue (**maybe number 2**)? I don't gamble but if I did I'd go with Google fixing the problem before I started but that's just me.

Any road up, all's well that ends well.

Thanks very much to those that helped and of course thanks to Google for the challenge. 😐

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