

Variety Club News

Xtra

Autumn 2009



Outstanding Olympians

2008 Olympic Handover miniature sheet missing the shiny uv varnished Olympic rings that normally stretch over the background of the entire sheet, affecting every stamp. Previously unrecorded and possibly unique, making it amongst the rarest of all GB missing colour errors £6,500

Bonkers Booklet

Type 7(10) Olympic cover, Qesta 10 x 2nd booklet, pane shows a slightly diagonally downwards perforation shift of between 6.5 and 8mm on every stamp. A few minor wrinkles, presumably occurring when the pane was misperforated, but barely detracting from a spectacular exhibition quality item £950



Peachy Pane



OCP/PVA 1p +1p/1½p + 1½p, missing phosphor. Previously unrecorded and possibly unique, perfs are good all around apart from the lower-left corner of one 1½p which is slightly trimmed. A very important find [DP2/N] £2950



Birds Bonanza

2003 Birds of Prey 1st AOP se-tenant block of 10, bottom row of 5 stamps missing brownish grey Queen's heads and values, all stamps also missing phosphor. One stamp in the top row has a bonus error of a small oval litho flaw! Rare [2327ab] £1750

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Welcome to Variety Club News Xtra. The list is split into two main parts, the latest issues as supplied on our recent S distribution new issue sendings towards the back and nearer the front a selection of items chosen from stock including interesting and better items, most of which are more elusive, and some of which are one off pieces that do not fall within the scope of standard catalogues, making them highly desirable and extremely unlikely to be offered again. Prices range from just a few pounds to several hundreds, hopefully offering a little something for every collector, whatever their budget or interest.

This selection represents just a small selection of many similar items from our stock, so if you don't see what you are looking for here, why not let us know? It's quite possible we might have that special item you have been hunting for, tucked away in one of our stockbooks.

Condition

All items offered in this list are offered in fresh and fine mint condition, unless otherwise stated. Single stamps, coil strips and booklets are all supplied unmounted mint, with good perfs all round.

Catalogue Numbering

Catalogue numbers for each item are included in italic type contained in square brackets at the end of each description. Dependent upon the category, different catalogues have been used to aid identification. The relevant catalogues are detailed below:

Commemoratives: Stanley Gibbons GB Concise 2009 unless prefixed "Spec" when GB Specialised Vol 3 (11th edition) or Vol 5 (3rd Edition) have been used.

Wildings & pre-decimal Regionals: Stanley Gibbons GB Specialised Vol 3 (11th Edition)

Machins, Booklets, Castle High Values & Decimal Regionals: Connoisseur Catalogue Online edition

Key

☉ An illustration of this item is included.

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We are always keen to purchase similar items to those included in this list to add to our extensive stocks. We are particularly on the look out for errors and unusual items, or earlier key printings, major errors, booklets and collections – we make immediate, highly competitive offers and ensure prompt settlement. If you have something that you think we might be interested in, why not give us a call – we would be delighted to hear from you.

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We are happy to consider spread payment on orders in excess of £500.00 to assist larger purchases **from the special items section only**. Payment would normally be split over 2 or 3 months, dependent on the items and value involved, and the goods would be despatched upon receipt of the final payment. For further details, or to discuss specific requirements, please call us.

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Improved Security 1st All Over Phosphor Error

A few of the Series SAM 16 British Design Classics 2 Mini mixed commem definitive booklets have been found with a very good all over phosphor wash affecting the left vertical pair of the Improved Security 1st stamps. The remaining stamps in the booklet are normal. This is the first error of this type we have seen in many years. Stock is extremely limited and we can offer both single stamps from the booklet and a few complete booklets in both plain and cylinder configuration.

- 1st 2B Gold All over phosphor, supplied in a horizontal pair with normal copy (FIW1AOP)..... 35.00
- 1st x 6 booklet, containing two copies of the AOP error
- Plain book 70.00
- Cyl W1W1W1W1W1W1 book 72.50



**Improved Security Code R
1st & 2nd Self-adhesive Coils**



Despite Royal Mail's insistence that coil issues of the improved security 1st and 2nd NVI stamps would not be issued, rolls of 10,000 stamps, intended for large mail order houses, went on sale during July.

The rolls, only available from Royal Mail Direct at a cost of £6,900, include stamps unique to this source. They show the hidden code letter "R" for Roll in the top right corner. Like previous self-adhesive rolls of 10k, they are on a yellow waxy backing paper and have a number inkjet printed on the reverse, once every 10 stamps counting down as you get nearer the centre of the roll to let the user now how stamps remain.

The stamps are printed by De La Rue and, for the first time for this printer have Type 2 security slits, with the interruption at top and bottom of the "U" shape.

Improved Security Code Letter R –De La Rue Gravue, OFNP/SAN

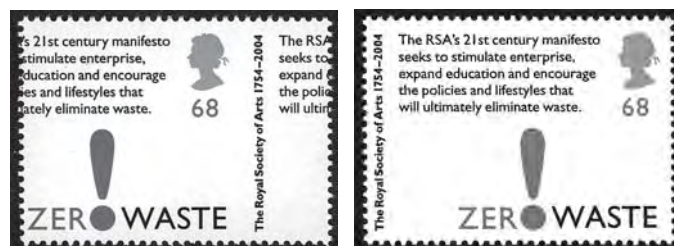
- 1st 2B & 2nd CB Pair of mint singles [FID4 & SID3] 3.50
- Pair of coil strips of 5 [CISAF1, CISAS1] 14.00
- Pair of coil strips of 5, with inkjet number printed on reverse of fifth stamp [CISAF1a, CISAS1a]..... 16.00



Guernsey Perf Comb Jump

Guernsey 2003 Europa Poster Art 45p sheetlet of 10, where the perforations for the stamps in row 4 have been misaligned upwards and to the right by approx 7mm as the result of a perforation comb jump so that the leave the bottom of row 4 and top of row apparently imperforate and encroach on to stamps in row 3. Striking [995var]

- Sheetlet of 10 150.00



2004 Royal Society of Arts 68p Perf Shift

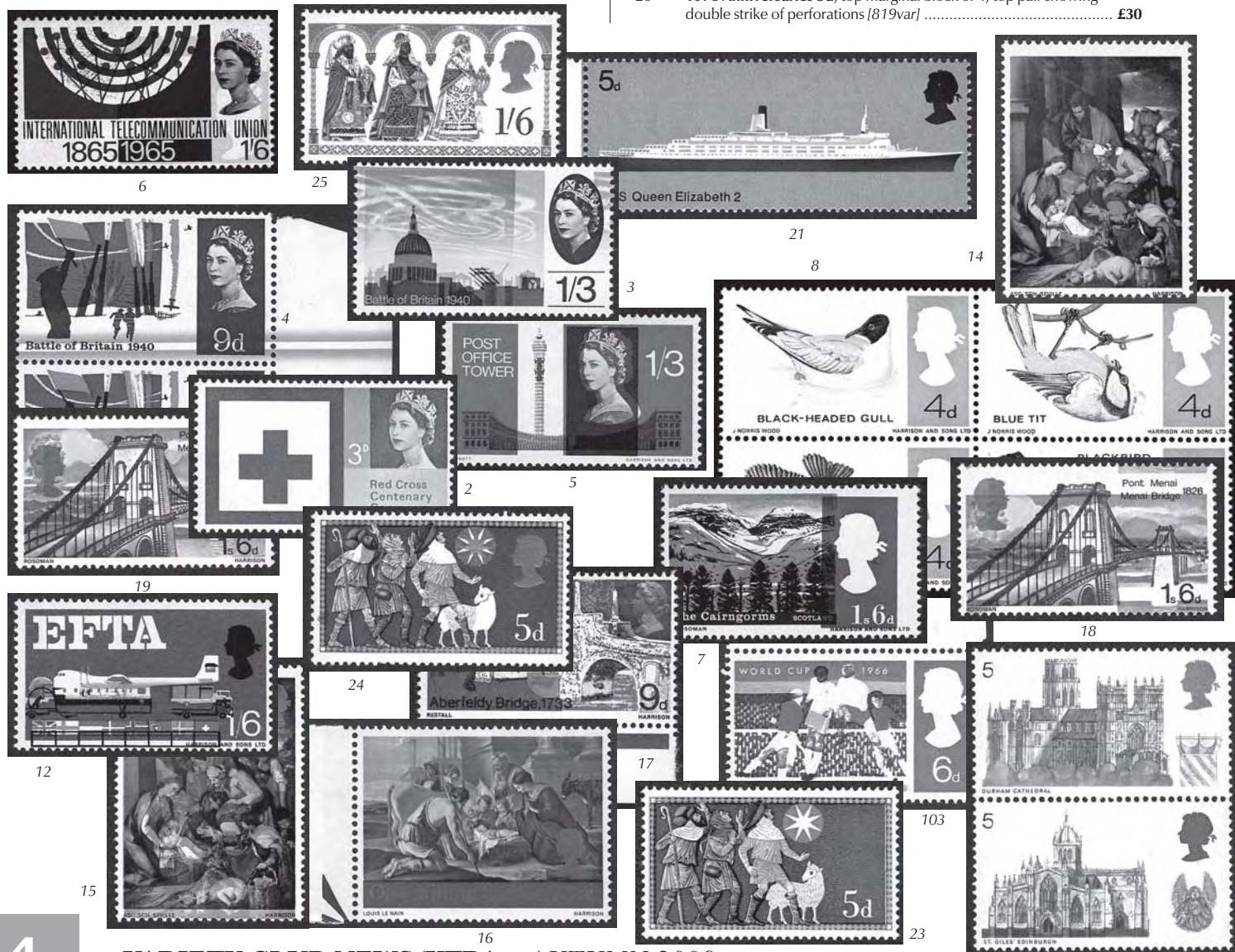
We are pleased to have acquired a limited number of copies of a stunning and previously unrecorded perforation shift on a relatively recent GB commemorative. The perforations on the Walsall Litho printed 2004 Royal Society of Arts 68p stamp are shifted approximately 11mm to the right, bisecting the descriptive text and leaving the issue title at the right instead of at left. In addition, the Queen's head and value, which normally appear at the left have now moved to the centre of the stamp. Just one sheet of 50 stamps was discovered, of which approximately have been damaged, in the post office, leaving just 43 examples in good condition.

- Single showing 11mm shift 80.00

Commemoratives

- 1 **1963 Paris 6d** (phos), left marginal copy, showing narrow phosphor band at left [WP31c] £7.50
- 2 **1963 Red Cross 3d** (ord), red printing shifted down by approx 3mm, leaving cross at bottom of box [642var] ♣ £25
- 3 **1965 Battle of Britain 9d** (ord), right marginal vertical pair showing prominent horizontal orange blade flaw affecting base of top stamp and sheet margin [677var] ♣ £30
- 4 **1965 Battle of Britain 1/3** (ord), 5mm shift of bright blue colour to left, doubling vapour trails in sky and encroaching on Queen's head at right [678var] ♣ ♣ £40
- 5 **1965 Post Office Tower 1/3** (ord), bronze-green colour shifted approximately 2mm to the left, obscuring the front of the Queen's profile and leaving a large silhouette around the back of the head [680var] ♣ £25
- 6 **1965 I.T.U. 1/6** (ord), large 7mm downwards shift of pink printing,, now overprinting value, dates and imprint [684var] ♣ £40
- 7 **1966 Landscapes 1/6** (ord), Prussian blue side bar shifted 2.5mm to the left, moving Queen's head and value almost onto the illustration [692var] ♣ £40
- 8 **1966 Birds 4d s/t block of 4** (ord), missing bright blue colour from Blue Tit and Gull, perfs folded down centre but fine [696g, 697g] ♣ .. £700
- 9 **1966 Hastings 1/3** (ord), 2mm downwards shift of rosine, affecting shields and armour [712var] £20
- 10 **1966 Christmas 3d** (phos), right marginal block of 4, top-right stamp showing part of Queen's head omitted due to inaccurate placement of resuede god foil, which has already had part of one Queen's head already removed from it. Very interesting, telling the tale of re-use of gold foil [713p/var] £30
- 11 **1967 EFTA 9d** (phos), brown printing shifted upwards by approximately 2mm, leaving brown truck contents floating above white outlines [715p/var] £20

- 12 **1967 EFTA 1/6** (phos), black printing shifted downwards by approx 3mm dropping Queen's head, plane undercarriage and lorry chassis and flag to frames into bottom margin [716p/var] ♣ £30
- 13 **1967 Paintings 1/6**, missing phosphor [750Ey] £200
- 14 **1967 Christmas 3d**, missing gold Queen's head and value [756a] ♣ .. £85
- 15 **1967 Christmas 3d**, rose printing shifted down by approx. 2mm, leaving many of the characters with bright pink faces and colouring the bottom margin entirely pink. Striking [756var] ♣ £45
- 16 **1967 Christmas 1/6**, missing ultramarine. Scarce [758b] ♣ £450
- 17 **1968 Bridges 9d**, gold Queen's head shifted 3mm to the left, leaving the underprinted head visible [764var] ♣ £30
- 18 **1968 Bridges 1/6**, dramatic downwards shift of the turquoise background colour by approximately 4mm radically affecting the design. Unfortunately the stamp has been lightly hinged but still a striking visual error [765var] ♣ £30
- 19 **1968 Bridges 1/6**, 2mm downwards shift of gold queen's head, so that it is now resting on the bridge suspension [765var] ♣ £20
- 20 **1968 Paintings 1/9**, black printing shifted approximately 1mm to right, leaving the image appearing as if affected by double print and totally blurred. A remarkable affect of a relatively small shift [774var] £20
- 21 **1969 Ships 5d**, left marginal copy, missing red Cunard name [778c] ♣ £150
- 22 **1969 Cathedrals 5d Durham Cathedral and 5d St Giles Cathedral** in vertical pair both stamps missing "d" after value. Rare [W159d, W161d] ♣ £375
- 23 **1969 Christmas 5d** missing gold Queen's head and star. Scarce [813c] ♣ £675
- 24 **1969 Christmas 5d**, light blue shifted 4mm to the left, leaving sheep missing most of his coat, the first shepherd with a white snood and the other two with similar changes to the colour of their attire [813var] ♣ £25
- 25 **1969 Christmas 1/6**, missing new blue [814e] ♣ £90
- 26 **1970 Anniversaries 5d**, top marginal block of 4, top pair showing double strike of perforations [819var] £30





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| <p>27 1970 Anniversaries 1/-, missing gold Queen's head [821a] ⚡ £85</p> <p>28 1970 Anniversaries 1/6 missing emerald, tiny gum adhesion on reverse, but otherwise fine and a very useful spacefiller [822b] £40</p> <p>29 1970 Wordsworth 1/6, missing silver "Grasmere" inscription [828b] ⚡ £125</p> <p>30 1971 Literary Anniversaries 3p, missing gold Queen's head [884a] ⚡ .. £175</p> <p>31 1972 Christmas 3p, downwards shift of bright green colour, hiding most of it beneath the gold printing. This shift is sometimes mistaken for the missing green error [914var] £20</p> <p>32 1973 Paintings 3p, perforations shifted 6mm to the right, leaving value at right instead of at left and Queen's head in centre [931var] ⚡ £50</p> <p>33 1973 Explorers 9p, missing gold Queen's head [927a] ⚡ £140</p> <p>34 1973 Christmas 3½p [DEX], missing salmon-pink from faces, hands, etc. [948c] ⚡ £75</p> <p>35 1973 Christmas 3½p [PVA], black printing shifted to the left by approximately 3mm, leaving faces floating in air, etc. [948var] ⚡ £25</p> <p>36 1975 Sailing 8p, missing black intaglio printing from rigging, etc [981a] £70</p> <p>37 1975 Christmas 6½p, top marginal single with spectacular downwards shift of top horizontal perfs by approx 14mm as a result of a perf comb jump, bisecting the stamp and leaving the top part imperforate between stamp and sheet margin [993var] ⚡ £90</p> <p>38 1976 Social Reformers 10p, upwards shift of perfs by approximately 9mm, leaving value at top of stamp instead of at bottom [1002var] ⚡ ... £60</p> <p>39 1978 Cycling 10½p, traffic light gutter pair, showing downwards shift of gold by approx 3mm, affecting Queen's head and moving the gold traffic light partly out of the box [1068var] £45</p> <p>40 1980 London Landmarks 15p, perforations shifted approximately 4mm to right, cutting into value and design at left [1123var] ⚡ £30</p> <p>41 1980 London Landmarks 17½p, vertical pair, bottom stamp showing heavy horizontal blade flaw of the slate-blue colour running beneath Queen's head [1124var] £35</p> <p>42 1981 Butterflies 18p, gold Queen's head shifted 6mm to right [1152var] £20</p> <p>43 1982 Youth Organisations 26p Scouts, deep green doctor blade flaw extended out of taller scout's shoulder and running through background [1181var] £15</p> <p>44 1982 Textiles 29p, 4mm perforation shift to the right, bisecting "2" in value [1195var] £25</p> | <p>45 1982 Cars 29p, gutter pair showing upwards shift of the slate colour by approximately 2mm, resulting in an apparent ghostly doubling of the bottom Rolls Royce, exceedingly appropriate in view of it's name, the "Silver Spirit". Singles also available at £35 [1201var] £75</p> <p>46 1983 Christmas 12½p with a multiple downwards colour shift, leaving much heavier snowcap on the pillar box and obscuring birds [1231var] ⚡ £50</p> <p>47 1984 Urban Renewal 16p with a 3mm upwards shift of the perforations, leaving inscription at top of stamp instead of at bottom as normal [1245var] ⚡ £25</p> <p>48 1985 Famous Trains 17p, showing downwards perforation shift of 4mm, bisecting Queen's head and value. Dramatic [1272var] ⚡ £85</p> <p>49 1985 Films 34p showing silver Queen's head shifted downwards by approx 15mm, below value. Striking [1302var] £45</p> <p>50 1986 Industry Year 22p, perforations shifted approximately 5mm to the right, bisecting Queen's head and value [1309var] ⚡ £60</p> <p>51 1986 Queen's 60th Birthday 17p se-tenant pair, upwards shift of perforations by 3mm, bisecting value and inscription that is normally at the bottom [1316avar] £30</p> <p>52 2009 Industrial Pioneers 72p se-tenant pair, lower-left corner examples, showing perforations misaligned by approx 4mm to the right, bisecting the value on the ft stamp and Queen's head on the right copy. This is the result of a comb jump, which is shown to be even more misaligned in the sheet margin. This spectacular pair is the only example of this shift we have heard of ⚡ £160</p> |
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Smilers Sheets

- 53 **2005 Classic ITV sheet**, showing errors on two labels (incorrect date on one and incorrect time sequence on another) – this printing was thought to have been withdrawn prior to release but a few sheets escaped into general circulation. [LS26var] £850

Pre-decimal Machins

- PVA**
- 54 **1d Yellow-olive**, head B1, missing phosphor, ex £1 Stamps for Cooks pane OB19 [O25NP] £15
- 55 **1d Yellow-olive 2B**, head B1, 250 screen, printed on uncoated paper, ex £1 Stamps for Cooks pane OB19 [O25UC] £90

- 56 **4d Vermilion**, head B1, one broad band at left, ex £1 Stamps for Cooks pane OB18. Scarce [O51BB] ⚡ £225
- 57 **4d Vermilion**, SBL, head B1, 250 screen, printed on uncoated paper, ex £1 Stamps for Cooks pane OB19. Scarce [O51UC] ⚡ £225
- 58 **4d Vermilion**, missing phosphor, ex £1 Stamps for Cooks pane OB19 [O59NP] £17.50
- 59 **4d Vermilion**, SBR, head B1, 250 screen, printed on uncoated paper, ex £1 Stamps for Cooks pane OB19. Scarce [O52UC] ⚡ £225
- 60 **5d Deep blue**, 2B, head B1, 250 screen, printed on uncoated paper. Ex £1 Stamps for Cooks book [O59UC] £20
- 61 **5d Deep blue**, 2B + PCP, Head B1. The rare experimental printing that was issued in error. Ex cyl 15 [O60] ⚡ £250
- 62 **6d Reddish purple** 2B, right margin block of 6 showing "Ph1" phosphor cylinder number. Rare [O61] £100
- 63 **7d Emerald** 2B, right margin block of 6 showing "Ph1" phosphor cylinder number [O66] £30
- 64 **10d Drab** 2B, heavy all over phosphor, so strong that the bands cannot be seen separately with the naked eye. Previously unrecorded and possibly unique. Ex cyl 1 [O70AOP] ⚡ £550

Decimal Machins

OCP/PVA

- 65 **1p Crimson**, sideways right booklet printing, missing phosphor, ex pane DP2. Previously unrecorded and one of only two copies from a possibly unique pane. A very important new stamp [26NP]* £950
 - 66 **1½p Black**, sideways right booklet printing, missing phosphor, ex pane DP2. Previously unrecorded and one of only two copies from a possibly unique pane. A very important new stamp [30NP]* £950
- * The above two stamps are offered only subject to the complete pane, illustrated on the front cover, being unsold*
- 67 **3p Deep ultramarine**, thin value, missing phosphor, ex DP6 from 30p booklet [39NP] ⚡ £65
 - 68 **3½p Deep olive-green**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [43NP] £8
 - 69 **6p light green**, thick value, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1 [46NP] ⚡ £55
 - 70 **6p Light green**, 2B, printed on uncoated paper, ex cyl 1 [46UC] £12
 - 71 **9p Orange & black**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 3A2B [49NP] £80
 - 72 **9p Orange & black**, screened value, missing phosphor, ex cy 3A2B [49A/NP] ⚡ £100

FCP/PVA

- 73 **½p Deep bright turquoise**, thick value, broad phosphor band at right, ex pane DP11 [52BB] £30
- 74 **1½p Charcoal**, 2B, perfs shifted upwards by 8mm, bisecting head and leaving value at top instead of at bottom of stamp. Striking, ex cyl 4 [58var] ⚡ £75
- 75 **2½p pale pink**, very thin value, missing phosphor, ex £1 Wedgwood pane DP19 [66NP] ⚡ £200
- 76 **3p Ultramarine**, 2B, thin value, on uncoated paper, ex cyl 8 [72UC] £35
- 77 **9p Bright orange and deep sepia**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 3A3B [88NP] ⚡ £75
- 78 **10p orange & flesh-pink**, 2B, missing flesh-pink colour, ex cyl 3A3B [89MC] ⚡ £135

FCP/DEX

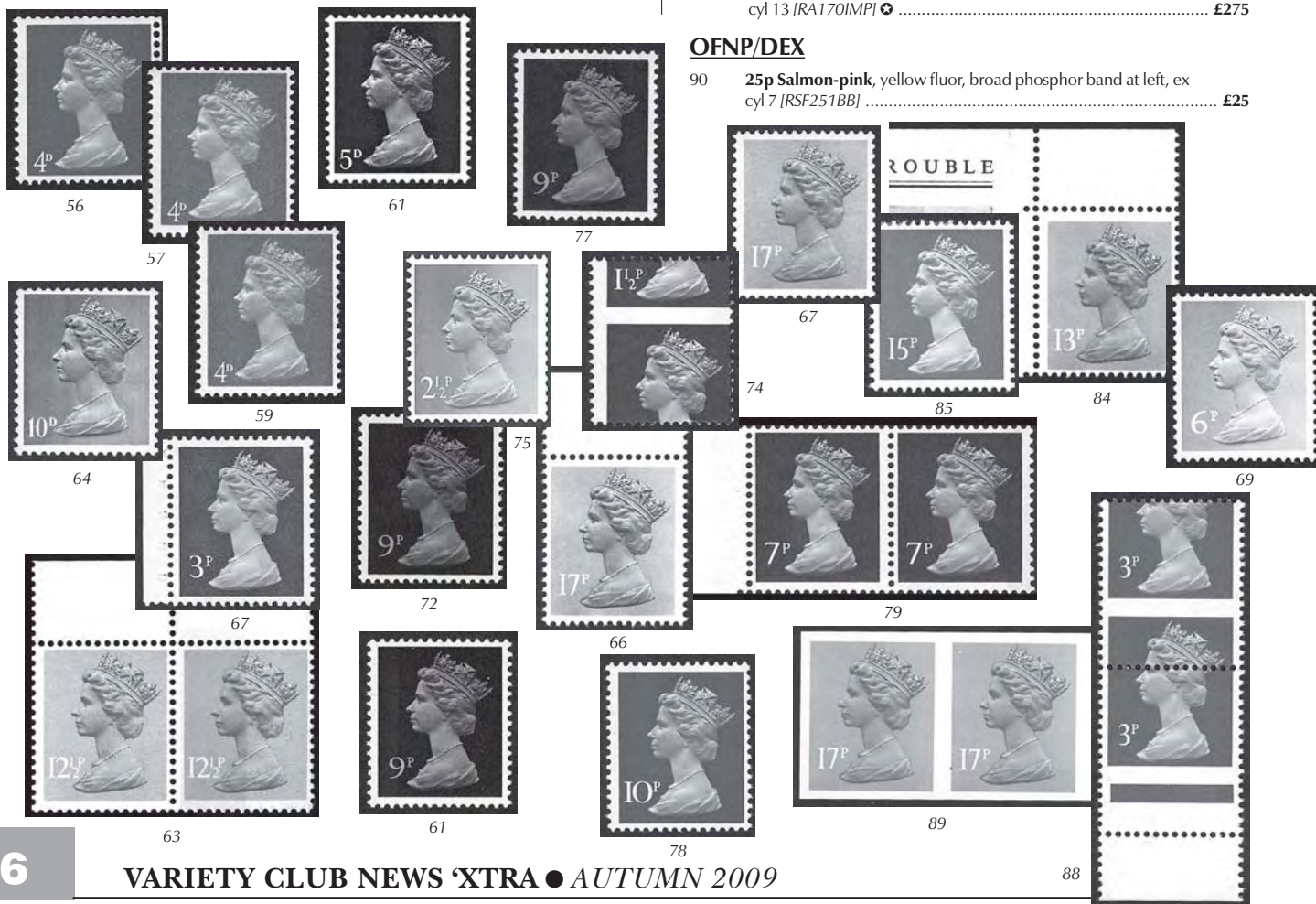
- 79 **7p Reddish brown**, head B1, missing left phosphor band, in left marginal pair with missing phosphor stamp at left. Previously unrecorded and rare. Ex cyl 3 [151MLB] ⚡ £135
- 80 **9p Bright orange & black**, left band omitted, ex cyl 8A6B [173MLB] £90
- 81 **9p Bright orange & black**, right band omitted, ex cyl 8A6B [173MRB] ⚡ £80
- 82 **12p Lime-green**, missing phosphor, ex £3 Wedgwood pane DP40 [204NP] £8
- 83 **12½p light emerald**, horizontal pair, right stamp with one broad band at left, left stamp missing phosphor. Ex SG pane DP57 [210BB, 210NP] ⚡ £75
- 84 **13p Chestnut**, missing phosphor, ex Times pane DP79, scarce [RF132NP] ⚡ £40
- 85 **15p bright blue**, missing phosphor, sideways printing, ex 50p pane DP132. Scarce [RFA151NP] ⚡ £150
- 86 **17p Grey-blue**, patchy image, missing phosphor, ex Times pane DP79. Rare [RF170NP] ⚡ £250
- 87 **17p Grey-blue**, star underprint, right band omitted, ex pane DP82 [RF173MRB] ⚡ £75

ACP/DEX

- 88 **3p Bright pink**, vertical bottom marginal pair showing downwards shift of perfs by 8.5mm, bisecting Queen's head and leaving jubilee bar in bottom stamp. Ex cyl 46 [RA30var] £95
- 89 **17p grey-blue**, imperforate right marginal horizontal pair, ex cyl 13 [RA170IMP] ⚡ £275

OFNP/DEX

- 90 **25p Salmon-pink**, yellow fluor, broad phosphor band at left, ex cyl 7 [RSF251BB] £25





De La Rue OFNP/PVA

- 91 **Computer Engraved 26p Reddish brown 2B**, right marginal block of 6, top pair becoming increasingly imperforate towards top of stamps, others normal. A nice cheap proving piece to show progression of imperforate although not classifiable as an imperf itself [RCF261var] ⚡ **£30**
- 92 **Byfleet 7p bright magenta 2B**, blue gum, imperforate horizontal pair. Ex cyl D1 [DBG70IMP] ⚡ **£175**
- 93 **Dunstable £1 Ruby 2B**, dull fluor, left marginal block of 6, lower-left copy showing prominent dust ring flaw in top left corner, ex cyl D1 [DDG1003var] ⚡ **£17.50**
- 94 **Dunstable £1 Ruby 2B**, cream gum, smooth phosphor, bright fluor, inset right phosphor band. Ex Making of a Masterpiece prestige book, pane DP376. Very scarce [DDG1005(1)] **£40**
- 95 **Dunstable Machin 40th Anniversary miniature sheet**, short phosphor at bottom. Rare [DDGMS1 (S17)] **£50**

Other Printers

- 96 **Enschedé OFNP/PVA 6p lime green**, missing phosphor, ex cyl 1. Rare [E61NP] ⚡ **£175**
- 97 **Questa – Litho ACP/DEX 20p dull purple**, vertical pair, one stamp showing double impression, the other normal. This error is the result of where the press stops and restarts creating a double image that affects two rows in the sheet where the shutdown took place. Rare [Q200DI] ⚡ **£450**
- 98 **Questa – Litho ONP/PVA 26p Red-brown**, ES ellipse, missing phosphor, ex pane DP244A [Q261NP] **£30**
- 99 **Questa – Litho FCP/PVA 2nd bright blue**, missing phosphor, ex 1992 Wales prestige booklet, pane DP181. In a se-tenant pair with the Welsh dragon label from the pane. Very rare, only 10 copies known [SQ3NP] ⚡ **£600**
- 100 **Walsall – Gravure OFNP/SA 1st orange-red 2B** (7mm phos), imperforate pair, wider 6mm spacing between stamps and unprinted backing paper proving source as being from Type 1 business sheets. One of only 50 pairs discovered [FWV1/IMP] **£225**
- 101 **Walsall PIP OFNP/SA 2nd bright blue CB**, imperforate horizontal pair. One of just 50 pairs from the sole Type 5 business sheet of 100 stamps discovered with the matrix still intact. Rare [PSW2IMP] ⚡ **£225**

Post & Go

- 102 **Walsall Thermographic printing, se-tenant strip of 4** that became stuck in machine, resulting in an increasingly skewed printing and leaving the Worldwide 20g stamp only partly printed, missing the bottom line of diagnostic text [PGTW201 (S17) var] ⚡ .. **£100**

High Values

- 103 **1970 Recess 20p olive-green** on glazed paper, ex cyl 4. scarce and much sought after [H6] ⚡ **£80**
- 104 **1988 First issue Castles £2 pale indigo** Edinburgh Castle on highly glazed paper with low OBA content. This is now an extremely elusive printing which we haven't been able to supply for many years. [LR2001] **£150**
- 105 As above but in a horizontal gutter pair [LR2001] **£325**
- 106 **1992 Second Issue Castles £1 deep green**, cream gum, upwards shift of perforations leaving castle name at top instead of at bottom of stamp [LRO1001var] ⚡ **£75**
- 107 **1992 Second issue Castles £2 indigo** Edinburgh Castle, on white paper, showing a superb full offset of both the design and Queen's head. A very fine example of this type of error [LRO2000var] ⚡ **£200**
- 108 **1994 Re-engraved Castles £3 greyish violet**, white translucent paper, dextrin gum, plate block 1H with both left hand stamps showing a missing perf pin immediately below the left ellipse. Unusual [LRO3001var] **£50**
- 109 **1994 Re-engraved Castles £5 dark brown** Windsor Castle, on white translucent paper, dextrin gum, showing a magnificent complete and very strong offset of both the brown and bronze Queen's head on reverse. Simply the best example of this sort of error you will ever see [LRO5004var] ⚡ **£400**



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Harrison & Sons
(High Wycombe)
Limited

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Booklets & Panes

Folded Booklets

- 110 **£1.30 Postal History 1 Penny Black, left selvedge** – Pane showing huge paper join affecting all 10 stamps in the pane resulting being on double thickness paper [DB11(1) var] ⚡ **£100**
- 111 **£1.30 Postal History 1 Penny Black, left selvedge** – booklet and pane miscut so that the top edge runs 4mm lower than it should do, cutting through the text and design on the booklet cover and the top of the pane, although it would appear that the corresponding section which should have appeared at the bottom of pane has been separated during the guillotining process. Very unusual and attractive [DB11(16) var] **£45**
- 112 **£1.50 Write Now, left selvedge** – Pane showing huge paper join affecting all 10 stamps in the pane, and also with black marker pen marking to indicate the problem, which still went unnoticed in checking! [DB11(16) var] ⚡ **£100**
- 113 **50p Orchids No.1** – Cover missing the lilac colour. This is a cover colour omission that we have never seen before [DB9(27) var] ⚡ **£150**
- 114 **50p Pond Life 2** – Pane and cover misguillotined, so that the label now appears at the centre of the pane and parts of adjoining 17ps are at both left and right. Truly spectacular [DB9(33)A var] ⚡ **£325**

Window Booklets

- 115 **Type 4 Questa 10 x 1st booklet**, pane shows a 4mm downwards shift of the perforations, affecting all ten stamps. The bottom stamps in the row are clearly from the bottom of the primary sheet as, instead of showing the top of the design from the stamp below, the bottom 4mm is unprinted. A dramatic, exhibition quality item ⚡ **£495**

Prestige Booklets

- 116 **1982 Stanley Gibbons prestige booklet**, 15 1/2p pane of 9 showing centre column of 3 stamps with heavy all over phosphor coating, also covering half of stamps in right column. Rare [DP58 var] **£650**
- 117 **2008 RAF Uniforms booklet**, booklet missing pane 3 **£75**
- 118 As above but booklet missing pane 4 **£75**
- 119 As above but booklet missing both panes 3 and 4 and the interleaving between those panes **£125**
- 120 As above but booklet missing interleaving between panes 3 and 4 **£30**
- 121 **2008 50th Anniversary of Regionals booklet**, panes 2, 3 and 4 have been misguillotined upwards by 4mm so that the top of the pane is much narrower than the bottom. One effect of this is that the bottom of each pane contains extraneous solid colour bars that would normally appear in the uncut sheet margins. Unusual **£35**

Self-adhesive Booklets

- 122 **Series SAO1 – 2002 6 x E Airmail rate booklet**, a plain copy with a notch in the top-right of the tab. These were issued in error in very small quantities and immediately replaced with versions without the notch as standard **£45**
- 123 **As above but 6 x 42p booklet** with notched tab, plain copy **£45**
- 124 **As above but 6 x 42p booklet** with notched tab, plate W1 (W1) copy ... **£65**
- 125 **As above but 6 x 68p booklet** with notched tab, plain copy **£45**
- 126 **As above but 6 x 68p booklet** with notched tab, plate W1 (W1) copy ... **£80**

Regionals

Harrison Photogravure

- 127 **Isle of Man OCP/PVA 7 1/2p Chestnut, 2B**, phosphor printed both front and back. Ex cyl 4, rare [M4FB] ⚡ **£425**

Questa Litho

- 128 **Scotland FCP/PVA 17p Deep blue, CB** – A seemingly impossible top marginal strip of 13 1/2 stamps, which includes a gutter pair with the jubilee bar running down the centre, the result of a misguillotined sheet, where several rows of stamps were folded back behind others after perforation but before the Q1 and Q2 panes were guillotined apart. Also supplied is a top marginal strip of 6 1/2 stamps, all that was left of the other pane, which has a very wide right margin, also bearing a jubilee bar but in a paler tint of the deep blue colour, which would normally be trimmed off. Very dramatic exhibition quality error [LS174 var] **£550**
- 129 **Wales OFNP/PVA 63p light emerald, 2B**, ER ellipse, supplied in a vertical pair with ES ellipse version of stamp attached – it would appear that this scarce ellipse shape was used on only one or two rows in a sheet for a short print run, presumably as a result of a repair to the perforating comb [LW631] **£175**

Emblems Issues

- 130 **England White border 1st Lion & Cross of St. George 2B**, blue gum, deep terracotta shade, very dull fluor in paper coating – Imperforate horizontal pair, ex cyl D1D1 [EEWF7IMP] ⚡ **£200**
- 131 **Scotland – Celebrating Scotland miniature sheet** – every stamp has short phosphor bands at bottom – the only source of SEF2 (S17) and SEPF1 (S17). Scarce [SEWMS2 (S17)] **£90**

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1984 British Cattle

Cattle 16p showing an upwards shift of perforations by approximately 2mm, leaving horizontal perfs bisecting value and inscription.

This is a new discovery which has stayed with the original finder since issue. Unfortunately he decided to tear off all sheet margins, leaving just the stamps, but it is possible to identify the top marginal copies as the shift leaves them missing half the value and inscription which is visible at the top of the non-top marginal examples. A nice cheap perf shift.



Single 25.00 ...
 Pair from top of sheet, top stamp with no trace of the value and inscription at the top, bottom stamp with the bottom of value and inscription visible at top 50.00 ...

2004 Ocean Liners

De La Rue – OFNP/SA

Ex SAM12 Mixed Commem Definit Ocean Liners 1st x 6 booklets.

1st Queen Mary 2 2B – Inset left band
 Single 12.50 ...

Small Format Pictorial For Smilers Series 1

Walsall Gravure – ONP/SA with elliptical perfs.

Ex Series SAA10 – 2008 Valentines Promotion 1st x 6 booklet

1st Love 2B – with pictorial Smilers label attached
 Short phosphor bands at bottom 8.50 ...
 Very coarse phosphor screen 5.00 ...

Small Format Pictorial Stamps For Smilers Series 2

Walsall Gravure – OFNP/SA, no elliptical perfs

Ex SAA6 booklet and supplied as a book. Rare, less than 10 copies discovered

1st New Baby 2B, 1st Best Wishes 2B, 1st Thank You 2B,
 1st Balloons 2B, 1st Fireworks 2B, 1st Champagne 2B
 All with short phosphor bands at bottom 45.00 ...

Beside The Seaside Self-Adhesive

Walsall Gravure – OFNP/SA

Ex Series SAM14 – Seaside 1st x 6 booklet

1st Ice Cream Cone 2B
 Short phosphor bands at bottom 11.00 ...

Beijing 2008 Olympic Expo Smilers (Issued 5.8.08)

Issued to coincide with the Beijing 2008 Olympic exhibition where they were represented, Royal Mail issued the fifth in their series of Exhibition based Smilers sheets on 5th August. As has now become familiar the sheet contains 20 copies of the “Hello” 1st Greetings stamp with generic labels attached, this time depicting a series of Chinese lanterns. The sheet selvedge is similar to previous exhibition Smilers, with a blue cloudy sky background and an inscription “Hello from Royal Mail Beijing 2008” in English and an untranslated (presumably similar) one in Chinese. However it doesn’t bear an exhibition or Olympic logos nor the airplane image.

The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and stamps are all but indistinguishable from those in the Washington 2006 and Belgica '06 sheets. Only generic versions of this sheet exist.

Generic Label Version – Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

Hello Greetings 1st with Beijing generic labels attached

Single 1.50 ...
 Vertical strip of 5 4.30 ...
 Complete sheet of 20 13.65 ...
 P.O. FDC – Set of 5 Hello 1st with generic labels
 attached, split over 3 covers 6.75 ...
 Single copy showing inset left phosphor band 12.50 ...





Olympic Flag Handover miniature sheet (Issued 22.8. 08)

Printed in litho by Walsall, with the Olympic Rings silk screen printed in a spot varnish. The sheet contains 4 stamps, each measuring 33mm square. The sheet itself measures 116 x 76mm. The stamps have an all over phosphor coating, are perforated 14½ on both edges and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum. Although the phosphor is intended to cover the entire area of the stamps, on over 95% of the sheets we have seen, the phosphor stops appreciably short of the top of the two stamps in the top row of the sheet leaving them with short phosphor. A few well synchronised phosphor sheets have been found, which are also offered below.

The sheet was issued at the end of the Olympic Games in Beijing to mark the handover of the Olympic flag from Beijing to London, the next Summer Olympic host city in 2012. The sheet shows two landmarks in Beijing – the iconic Bird’s Nest Stadium and the Forbidden City – and two from London – the London Eye and the Tower of London. It is a joint issue with the same stamps issued by China but with Chinese inscriptions. The sheet has a latent image of the Olympic Rings symbol across the sheet printed in a glossy varnish and an inscription in the sheet margin.

Mint (Phosphor short at top)	2.85 ...
Used	3.50 ...
Presentation Pack	4.30 ...
P.O. FDC	3.80 ...
Cotswold FDC	4.85 ...
Stuart FDC	4.85 ...
PHQ Mint (5 cards including 1 for m/s & 1 for each of the component stamps)	4.40 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	11.50 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	11.50 ...
Sheet with all over phosphor correctly positioned to the top of each stamp	
Mint	7.00 ...

RAF Uniforms (Issued 18.9.2008)

Sheet Stamps (6v in 2 s/t strips of 3)

Printed in litho by Walsall in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter in two panes of 30, separated by a horizontal gutter. Each double pane sheet contains 20 se-tenant strips of 3. The stamps are rectangular in format, each measuring 27 x 36mm. Each bears twoside phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. They are perforated 14 x 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

This set is the second in the series featuring the uniforms from our three senior services, past and present. It is similar in design and layout to last year’s Army Uniforms, being based on illustrations by Graham Turner. The stamps each show a uniform from the RAF’s 90 years of service, set against a white background. A final set covering Navy Uniforms is scheduled for release in September 2009.

RAF Uniforms (Continued)

Mint	5.80 ...
Used	7.30 ...
Gutter Pairs	13.40 ...
Traffic Light Gutter Pairs	26.80 ...
Due to the positioning of the traffic lights it is necessary to supply these in blocks of two pairs	
Presentation Pack	7.15 ...
P.O. FDC	7.95 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.95 ...
Stuart FDC	8.95 ...
PHQ Mint	5.25 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	13.60 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	13.60 ...
1st Drum Major 2B, 1st Helicopter Winchman 2B, 1st Hawker Pilot 2B in se-tenant strip of 3 – all with short phosphor bands at top	18.00 ...
Plate blocks of 12 comprising 4 s/t strips (Walsall)	
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.	
1st 2B strip of 3 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	7.70 ...
81p 2B strip of 3 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	17.25 ...
Traffic Light blocks of 9 comprising 3 s/t strips	21.00 ...



Booklet Stamps

Ex Pilot to Plane RAF Uniforms prestige booklet. The 81p pane shows brighter fluor than seen on sheet stamps and is paler in colour. Otherwise the stamps are a very close match for stamps from sheets.

Walsall, Litho – OFNP/PVA

1st Drum Major 2B, 1st Helicopter Winchman 2B, 1st Hawker Pilot 2B in sheetlet	2.35 ...
81p Lancaster Gunner 2B, 81p Plotter WAAF 2B, 81p Pilot 2B in sheetlet – bright fluor	5.05 ...

50th Anniversary of Regional Stamps (Issued 29.9.2008)

Miniature sheet

Printed in gravure by De La Rue, the sheet contains 9 definitive sized stamps measuring 20 x 24mm plus one label. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 13mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. The sheet itself measures 124 x 70mm and has an overall beige wash in an attempt to create an aged appearance to the paper. The paper and gum is the standard OFNP/PVA combination.

2008 marks the 50th Anniversary of release of the classic Regional issues from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Like previous retro issues to mark the 50th anniversaries of both Wildings and Castles, these stamps reproduce the original designs in their original colours but are all redenominated 1st. The purple stamps were originally 3d values, the claret 6d and green 1/3d. Although very nicely printed, the beige wash gives the stamps something of an artificial appearance. What is slightly surprising is that no stamps from Guernsey, Isle of Man or Jersey are featured and when queried on this, Royal Mail claimed that, because they were now autonomous postal authorities, they didn’t merit inclusion!



Thanks Hallmark RAF Stampex Smilers (Issued 17.9.08)

The second of the 2008 Stampex exhibition sponsored sheets features the Thanks Hallmark 1st design from the 2001 Greetings Occasions issue. Sheets are of ten stamps, each with a different label attached. The sheet coincides with the Royal Mail RAF Uniforms issue, with each label depicting one of ten different aircraft that have been used by the service during its existence attached to a 1st stamp. The background of the sheet features an image of the Euro Fighter, the RAF's latest and greatest combat plane, set against a graduated blue sky. The Stampex logo appears in the bottom sheet margin.

The stamps are printed in litho by Cartor, as were those in the Spring 2007 Stampex sheet, but they can still be distinguished by the duller violet fluor and the slightly duller shade. They are significantly different from the Questa Litho Smilers issue of 2001.



Mint	5.95 ...
Used	7.20 ...
Presentation Pack	6.60 ...
P.O. FDC	7.70 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.50 ...
Stuart FDC	8.50 ...
PHQ Mint (10 cards incl one for the miniature sheet)	8.00 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	23.15 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	23.15 ...

Glorious United Kingdom Smilers (Issued 29.9.08)



The final instalment in the series of "Glorious" Smilers sheets, *Glorious United Kingdom* was issued on 29th September. It rounds up the series by including 5 x 1st stamps from each of the four regions of the UK. Like the previous sheets, each stamp is accompanied by a pictorial label alongside – however, on this sheet these labels are different from those on the individual country versions. The sheet has a background of the Union flag, in common with all bar the Northern Ireland sheet. This sheet is only available in a generic version – no photo-label types exist, despite originally being announced.

The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and is self-adhesive. In addition, they also show ellipses along each vertical edge, making the stamps fundamentally different from those from the individual country sheets and unique to this source. Due to the format of the sheet it is not possible to supply them in the familiar vertical strips of 5. Instead we are supplying a horizontal strip of 4, containing one stamp and label from each country.

Generic Sheets

Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

England 1st 2B, Northern Ireland 1st 2B, Scotland 1st 2B and Wales 1st 2B with pictorial labels attached	
Horizontal strip of 4	4.75 ...
Complete sheet of 20	13.65 ...
P.O. FDC	4.70 ...

Cartor Litho – OFNP/PVA

Cheers Hallmark 1st 2B single with RAF Aircraft label attached	
Single	1.85 ...
Complete sheet of 10	14.00 ...
Official FDC cover with official Stampex handstamp	4.15 ...

Red White & Blue Smilers

This was originally issued as one of the initial photo-label sheets of the Small Format Pictorial stamps range and features 20 x 1st Union Jack stamps. It has just been reprinted, however, with a change to the copyright notice, which now reads "© Royal Mail Group Ltd 2005". Initial printings were inscribed "© Royal Mail Group PLC 2005". This is the second reprint from this series, the "In The Post..." sheets having been reprinted last year. As with that sheet, the stamps also vary from the initial versions having a much duller fluor with a violet tint – singles of these are offered under the Printings category below.

Photo Label Version – Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

1st Union Jack 2B sheet with "© Royal Mail Group Ltd 2005" inscription. Dull fluor with a violet tint	
Single	2.50 ...
Complete sheet of 20	26.00 ...

Architects Of The Air

Booklet Stamps

Walsall, Litho – OFNP/PVA

Ex the Pilot to Plane RAF Uniforms prestige booklet. This stamp differs markedly from the 1997 sheet stamp, which was printed in gravure by Harrisons. That stamp had a narrow single phosphor band offset from the centre, with a bright turquoise tinted fluor. It was also appreciably deeper in colour and had a dark grey shadow behind the value to make it stand out. The new booklet stamp has two side phosphor bands, vignettted towards the middle, measuring approximately 16mm in total width, and have a dull violet tint to the fluor. It is perforated 14 ½ x 14 and is conventionally PVA gummed. The shade is paler and has no shadow behind the value, which is somewhat indistinct against the background.

20p Spitfire 2B – Perf 14 x 14 ½, No shadow behind value	
Mint	1.65 ...
Used	1.85 ...
P.O. FDC also bearing Air Displays 1st – Issued 18.9.08	3.55 ...

Air Displays

Booklet Stamps

Walsall, Litho – OFNP/PVA

Ex the Pilot to Plane RAF Uniforms prestige booklet. This stamp can be readily distinguished from the De La Rue Gravure printed sheet stamps and the Cartor Litho versions. It is similar in shade to the Cartor version with a similar dull violet tinted fluor. However the 2 side phosphor bands are narrower at approximately 16mm and are heavily vignettted towards the centre whereas the Smilers types have solid phosphor over their entire width.

1st Red Arrows 2B	
Mint	1.65 ...
Used	1.85 ...

Women of Distinction (6v – Issued 14.10.08)



Printed in gravure by Walsall in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25, separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are in the off-square format, measuring 37 x 35mm. Each bears an all over phosphor coating to ensure sufficient phosphor response to trigger automatic letter facing machinery, due to their dark background. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The set honours six women for their great achievements in the fields of social and sexual equality, women's rights and healthcare. They show moody monochrome portraits of the six honourees, highlighted by large gold typography beneath, listing their achievements.

Mint	6.00 ...
Used	7.65 ...
Gutter Pairs	13.20 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...
P.O. FDC	7.75 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.85 ...
Stuart FDC	8.85 ...
PHQ Mint	5.25 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	13.50 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	13.50 ...

Cylinder blocks of 8 (Walsall)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run. However, 48p and 56p have the right boxes greyed out and the 72p and 81p have the left boxes similarly greyed, implying that these values were printed in pairs of double pane sheets.

1st 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	5.10 ...
48p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	6.85 ...
50p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	7.15 ...
56p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	8.00 ...
72p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	10.25 ...
81p 2B W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	11.50 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6	41.00 ...

Smilers For Kids (Issued 28.10.08)

In a new development in the Smilers saga, Royal Mail launched a new product range targeted at a younger audience. Smilers for Kids are available in two formats – as sheets of 10, supplied in a pack which contains supplementary materials such as labels, stickers, games, bookmarks, postcards and envelopes – and



also as sheets of 20, unencumbered by any supplementary material. Sheets of 20 are not the same as sheets of 10 – they use the same backgrounds but are redesigned to the larger format. The initial issue contains four separate sheets, each themed to well loved characters from children's literature – Noddy, The Flower Fairies, Mr Men Little Miss and Peter Rabbit.

Each stamp in the sheets are chosen from the Small Format Pictorial for Smilers range and selected to be as appropriate as possible to the subject. – Noddy and Mr Men sheets use the 1st Balloons, Flower Fairies uses the 1st Flower and Peter Rabbit the 1st New Baby stamps. Each is adjoined by a circular Smilers label depicting an image of the subject matter to which the sheet is devoted.

The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor and are self-adhesive. In addition, the stamps show ellipses along each vertical edge. Although both the Balloons and Flower stamps have appeared with elliptical perfs before, the New Baby stamps are fundamentally different from those from Generic sheets and booklets and are unique to this source.

Only generic versions of these sheets exist – there are no photo-label types possible. Due to the arrangement of stamps and labels in the sheet it is not possible to supply them in the familiar vertical strips of 5. Therefore, in this case we are supplying them as horizontal pairs.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

Noddy 1st Balloons 2B, Mr Men Little Miss 1st Balloons 2B, Flower Fairies 1st Flower 2B and Peter Rabbit 1st New Baby 2B

Horizontal pair of each design with pictorial labels attached	8.50 ...
Used singles supplied on piece	4.75 ...
Set of 4 complete sheets of 20	56.00 ...
Any individual sheet of 20	16.00 ...
The 4 sheets of 10 in packs	56.00 ...
Any individual pack of 10	16.00 ...
P.O. FDC – two copies of each, with circular labels attached on 4 separate covers	12.00 ...

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Christmas 2008 – British Pantomime (Issued 4.11.08)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 50 comprised of two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. As has been the case for the last two years, there are two formats of stamps: 2nd, 1st, 50p and 81p are in the standard definitive size format (measuring 20 x 24mm), and 2nd Large and 1st Large values are in the large definitive format (30 x 24mm). The 2nd class value has a single 4.5mm centre phosphor band, whilst 1st, 50p and 81p have two side bands, measuring approximately 13mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. 2nd Large and 1st Large also have two bands measuring 13mm in width, vignettted towards the centre but although one band is at the right side, the other is aligned to the left edge of the illustration, but inset from the left edge of the stamp by 9mm, leaving the value panel uncovered by phosphor. The year of issue (2008) is reversed out of the phosphor bands at the bottom of the CB and the lower-left corner of the left band on 2B stamps. The stamps are self-adhesive and have simulated die-cut perforations measuring 15 x 14.

Royal Mail's policy of alternating between secular and religious themes means that this year's subject is on British Pantomimes. The four designs (repeated on 1st and 1st Large and 2nd and 2nd Large) stamps are bright and colourful depictions of well known pantomime characters – the Ugly Sisters, Aladdin, Captain Hook and the Wicked Queen. The result is one of the better Christmas offerings in recent years



Mint	5.00 ...
Used	6.60 ...
P.O. FDC	6.70 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.80 ...
Stuart FDC	7.80 ...

Booklet Stamps (2v)

Although the 1st and 2nd Pantomime stamps from these booklets are very similar to sheet stamps, they can be distinguished by the silicon coated backing paper. On booklet stamps this backing is opaque and has printing on the reverse whereas sheet stamps have a translucent, unprinted backing.

1st 2B & 2nd CB, both with opaque backing paper	1.65 ...
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Staff Sheet Stamps (1v)

As a small thank you for the extra work they put in over the hectic Christmas period, Royal Mail give every member of their staff, from postmen to sub-postmasters, free Christmas 1st class stamps with which to post their Christmas Cards. Similar to recent years, there is a difference between these gifts and those commercially available. Each employee has been given 50 copies (in the form of a sheet guillotined in two across the gutter) of the Pantomime 1st design. But rather than standard matrix stripped sheets, the staff versions have the matrix between the stamps still present, making them an instantly collectible variation. As well as having the matrix present, the waxed backing paper, which is normally rouletted so that individual stamps can be torn from the sheet for counter sales, is imperforate on this version. In all other aspects the stamps are identical to the commercially available type. These sheets are invariably the first printed from the run, and, rather extraordinarily, the printing of these began as early as 17th May. This year, due to their format, no gutter pairs are available.

1st 2B with matrix present, backing paper imperforate	
Pair, without rouletting on reverse	5.00 ...
Marginal block of 4	10.00 ...
Date block of 6 – 02/07/08	17.50 ...
D1 Cyl block of 8 (very few available)	27.50 ...
Traffic light block of 6	17.50 ...
P.O. FDC 1st pair with matrix present – Very rare, just 50 covers are thought to exist	22.50 ...



Mint	5.00 ...
Used	6.70 ...

Due to a change in the self-adhesive gum, it has been become almost impossible to soak the four lower values off paper. Therefore these four are supplied on cut-square backing.

Gutter Pairs	11.10 ...
Presentation Pack	6.00 ...
P.O. FDC	6.70 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.80 ...
Stuart FDC	7.80 ...
PHQ Mint (7 cards including one for the miniature sheet)	6.15 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	20.15 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	20.15 ...

Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)

Small format stamps have dots positioned in one of six boxes, indicating a a six up print run. Large format stamps, however, only bear four boxes and thus were printed four up on a single printer's sheet.

2nd CB D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	3.85 ...
1st 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	5.10 ...
2nd Large 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	5.95 ...
50p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	7.15 ...
1st Large 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	7.40 ...
81p 2B D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	11.50 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6	34.85 ...
2nd Large 2B – Short phosphor bands at top	
Single	8.25 ...
Gutter pair	16.50 ...

Miniature sheet

Printed in gravure by De La Rue. These sheets have identical phosphor banding to the sheet stamps and the same perforations – 15 x 14. The significant difference is that they are conventionally gummed with layflat PVA on OFNP paper. The sheet measures 115 x 102mm and shows a background of a proscenium arch and stage curtains from a theatre.





Christmas 2008 Smilers (Issued 4.11.08)

Issued on the same day as the sheet stamps (4th November), Royal Mail have produced an accompanying Smilers sheet to this year's Christmas issue, using the small format 2nd and 1st designs, and the 81p overseas rate value. The sheet background uses an illustration of some of the characters featured on the stamps on stage against a typical Pantomime stage set. As in previous years there are both generic and photo-label versions of the sheet. Generic sheets bear 8 copies each of 1st and 2nd Christmas stamps and 4 copies of the 81p, arranged in alternating vertical columns containing 4 x 2nd and 1x 81p values and 4 x 1st and 1 x 81p values. Each has a generic label that is part of the sheet background some of which also contain well known catch phrases from Pantomimes such as "He's behind you", "Hiss!" and "Oh yes it is".

There are five different photo-label sheets, one for each of the three values featured in the generic sheet with rectangular labels attached, the 1st and 2nd in sheets of 20 and the 81p in sheets of 10 in an A5 format, and then the 2nd and 1st in sheets of 20 with circular labels. The backgrounds to the sheets are different to the generic sheets, and each is subtly colour coded to match the colour of the stamp it bears. They all have the overall theme of being a stage with the proscenium arch and a pantomime backdrop. The labels on photo-label sheets with a rectangular label bear an image of stage curtains and are inscribed "Christmas 2008", in text colour coded to match the colour theme on the relevant values. The circular labels bear an image of Aladdin's lamp and are inscribed "Xmas 2008" again colour coded to the stamp.



Rectangular label



Round label

Photo labels from Christmas Smilers Sheets

The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor, as opposed to the De La Rue sheet stamps which are gravure, and despite both being self-adhesive, the stamps from the two sources are identifiable. Although similar in width, the phosphor bands on Smilers versions are much more heavily applied, and on 1st and 81p values are solid across their width (as opposed to vignettted on sheet versions). The fluor is also very much duller and paler in appearance. Due to the arrangement of the sheet we are supplying generic issues in blocks of ten containing 4 copies each of both 1st and 2nd class values and 2 copies of the 81p design.

Cartor, Litho – OFNP/SA

Generic Label Version

Christmas 2008 2nd CB x 4, 1st 2B x 4 and 81p 2B x 2 arranged in a block of 10, with generic labels attached ... 9.00 ...
 Used singles 3.95
 Complete sheet of 20 15.30 ...

P.O. FDC bearing 2nd CB, 1st 2B and 81p 2B with generic labels attached 4.55 ...

Photo Label Versions

Complete sheets of 1st x 20, 2nd x 20 and 81p x 10 with rectangular labels and 2nd x 20 and 1st x 20 with circular labels 110.00 ...

In a surprise move a further Smilers photo-label Smilers sheet was issued by Royal Mail prior to Christmas that received very limited publicity. It is a 1st Christmas sheet featuring the same background as found on previous 1st sheets of 20 with rectangular labels, but it is in a sheet of 10 like the 1st with round labels. In all other aspects of design and production it is identical to other sheets previously issued.

Christmas 2008 1st x sheet of 10 with rectangular labels 16.00 ...

Lest We Forget III (Issued 6.11.08)

Miniature sheet

Printed in litho by De La Rue. The 1st stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring pproximately 18mm in total, solid across their width, whereas the 81p stamps each bear two side bands measuring 13mm in width, also solid across their width. The 1st stamp is in the off-square size and perforated 14½ in both dimensions, whereas the 81p stamps are in the conventional definitive size and perforated 15 x 14. The sheet is printed on OFNP/PVA and measures 124 x 71mm.

This is the third and final in the series of sheets marking the 90th anniversaries of significant events in the First World War and is issued to coincide with Remembrance Sunday. This sheet marks the 90th Anniversary of the Armistice – the End of the War and, like it's predecessors, is set against a monochrome image, this time in bluey-green but instead of showing a battlefield this depicts one of the huge number of military cemeteries that litter northern France and southern Belgium.

The Poppy design on this sheet, shows a single bloom, but cunningly includes a latent images of one of the fallen soldiers in it's petals. Again, rather lazily but altogether predictably in view of the previous two sheets – the four 81p stamps are the four overseas rate Country Emblem designs from each of the four regions, which, according to Royal Mail, are intended to honour servicemen from all four regions who perished in the conflict.

Mint	6.25 ...
Used	8.00 ...
Presentation Pack	7.20 ...
P.O. FDC	8.05 ...
Cotswold FDC	9.05 ...
Stuart FDC	9.05 ...
PHQ Mint (6 cards – one for each of the Poppy stamps and one for each of the 3 miniature sheets)	5.25 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	29.75 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	29.75 ...



Sheet Stamps (3v in s/t strip)

Printed in litho by De La Rue in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter in two panes of 30 separated by a horizontal gutter. The stamps are in the off-square format, measuring 35 x 37mm. Each bears two

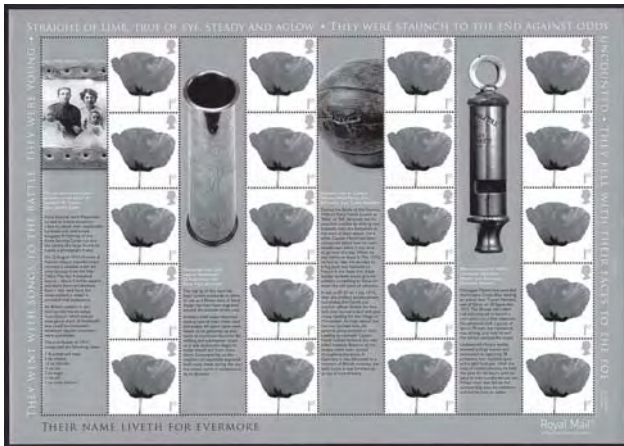
Lest We Forget III (Continued)

sides phosphor bands, measuring 18mm in total width. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The strip contains one each of the three Poppy designs found in the Lest We Forget miniature sheets issued over the past three years. The 2007 design stamp is very similar to that issued in the miniature sheet (although possibly a little deeper in colour), whereas the 2006 version is entirely different being litho printed whereas the miniature sheet version was gravure printed.

Mint	1.95 ...
Used	3.00 ...
Gutter Pairs	4.20 ...
Traffic Light Gutter Pairs	8.35 ...
<i>Due to the positioning of the traffic lights it is necessary to supply these in blocks of two gutters</i>	
P.O. FDC	3.55 ...
Plate blocks of 12 comprising 4 s/t strips (<i>De La Rue</i>)	
<i>Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.</i>	
1st 2B strip of 3 D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	7.70 ...
Traffic Light block of 9 comprising 3 s/t strips	5.55 ...

Their Name Liveth For Evermore Smilers (Issued 6.11.08)



As well as a miniature sheet, 6th November also saw the release of a final Smilers sheet to mark the 90th Anniversary of the End of World War 1. The sheet features 20 copies of the 2008 1st Poppies design, with generic labels featuring photographs of four items brought home by soldiers that served on the front that bring back poignant memories of the individual's experiences during this terrible conflict and includes text describing the items. As with previous matching sheets, the labels are not individually perforated to match their adjoining stamps, but are perforated around the edge of a vertical strip of 5. The sheet borders (and labels) are printed in a copper colour and contain yet a further stanza from the famous poem "For The Fallen" by Laurence Binyon.

The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor. Although both 1st Poppy stamps are printed by the same production method, the Smilers versions are identifiable from the miniature sheet and sheet stamps by the flour in the phosphor – Miniature sheet and sheet versions have a dull flour additive, whereas Smilers stamps use an even duller flour. The phosphor is also more heavily applied and is very obvious when viewed from the front. Only generic versions of this sheet exist.

Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

Their Name Liveth For Evermore 1st Poppy with generic labels attached

Single	1.50 ...
Used single	1.65 ...
Vertical strips of 5	4.30 ...
Complete sheet of 20	13.65 ...
P.O. FDC 1st Poppy with a set of 5 generic labels attached, split over 2 covers	5.75 ...

Their Name Liveth For Evermore Smilers (Continued)

Commemorative cover cancelled with special handstamp on 11.11.08 – the 90th Anniversary of Armistice Day 4.50 ...
We prepared only 10 copies of this cover with an Armistice Day Anniversary handstamp, in view of the import of the event.

Prince Charles 60th Birthday Commemorative Smilers (Issued 14.11.09)

This is the third in Royal mail's new series, marking anniversaries that were not considered quite sufficient to warrant a full issue. This sheet marks the 60th Birthday of the Prince of Wales, H.R.H. Prince Charles. Actually issued on his birthday, this sheet is identical in format to the previous two in that it is A4 in size and contains 10 stamps, this time, appropriately, the Welsh Regional Emblems 1st value with pictorial labels alongside each showing black and white images of the Prince's life to date. A major difference to the previous two sheets in this series is that the sheet is self-adhesive as opposed to being conventionally gummed.

As this is considered by Royal Mail a "Philatelic Document" it is sold at a significant premium over face value. To justify this, the sheet is sold in a presentation pack type folder. Unlike the previous two sheets in the series, this one is not ostensibly a limited edition – the sheets are not individually numbered.

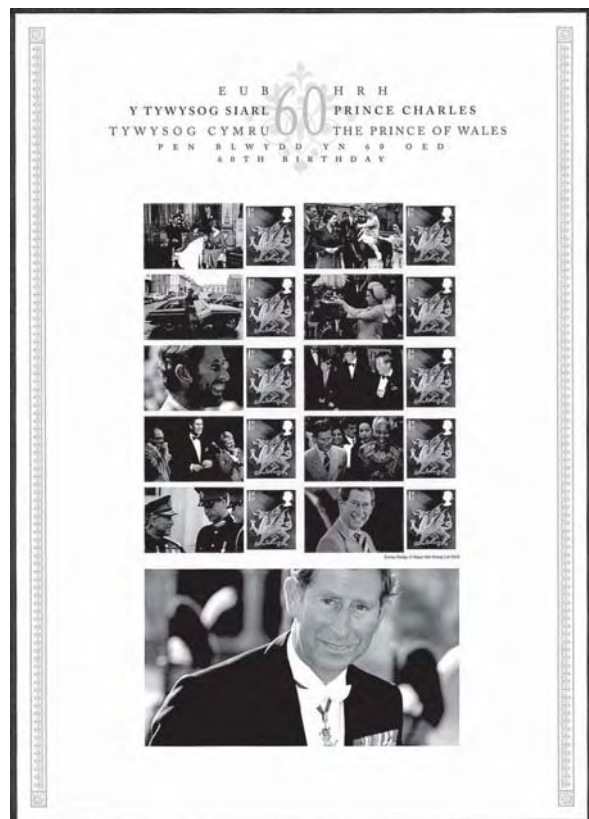
The sheet is set against a white background but bears a silver border at left and right. Above the stamp and label block is an inscription stating that the sheet is issued to mark Prince Charles's 60th Birthday in both English and Welsh. At the foot of the sheet is a further large portrait of the birthday boy!

The stamps are printed in litho by Cartor and bear elliptical perfs on each edge. They are very similar in appearance to the Welsh self-adhesive 1st stamps that appeared in the Glorious United Kingdom Smilers sheet. We are supplying sheets of 10 to all Smilers sheet collectors and as pairs to match the previously adopted style for these sheets.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

Wales Emblem 1st Dragon 2B with pictorial labels attached

Pair	4.70 ...
Complete sheet of 10	23.00 ...
P.O. FDC bearing two copies with labels attached	6.25 ...





2008 Year Packs

Stamps Year Pack	85.00 ...
Miniature Sheet Year Pack	52.50 ...

British Design Classics (Issued 13.1.09)

Sheet Stamps (10v in s/t block)

Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter in two panes of 30, separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are square in format, measuring 34.5 x 34.5mm. Each bears an all over phosphor coating but avoids the featured design object and the Queen's head. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

As is common with initial issues of the year, Royal Mail try to make this a blockbuster, in an attempt to attract the uncommitted into stamp collecting. To this end this set features 10 images of iconic designs that have become synonymous with Britain, including the Mini, Concorde, a red London Routemaster Bus, the Mini Skirt, a Red Telephone box, etc. The images are set against a plain white background and only go partway to fulfilling the brief, as they are rather uninspiring in stamp design terms, if not the subject matter. Royal Mail are going full out with their marketing on this issue as stamps from it feature on two Smilers sheets, a prestige booklet and, later in the year, four self-adhesive retail books.

Mint	6.30 ...
Used	7.65 ...
Gutter Pairs	13.40 ...
Presentation Pack	7.20 ...
P.O. FDC	8.40 ...
Cotswold FDC	9.40 ...
Stuart FDC	9.40 ...
PHQ Mint	8.00 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	16.70 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	16.70 ...
Stamp & Postcard set	13.50 ...

In addition to the normal PHQ card set, Royal Mail have released the second in the series of Stamp Postcard sets. The postcards, are slightly larger than a standard PHQ card in size, bearing an image of the stamp but set against a Union Jack rather than the standard ochre coloured surround. The cards are sold in a sealed pack with a complimentary backing card that illustrates the stamps and also continues the Union Jack background design. Also contained in the packet is a set of the 10 different stamp designs to affix to the cards, rather than being sold separately in a sachet as was the case with last year's Carry On Hammer set

FDI Obverse	16.70 ...
FDI Reverse	16.70 ...

British Design Classics (Continued)

Plate blocks of 20 comprising 2 s/t blocks (Cartor)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a a four up print run.

1st AOP C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	14.05 ...
Traffic light block of 20 – comprising 2 s/t blocks	14.05 ...

Booklet Stamps

All ex British Design Classics prestige booklet.

1st Concorde 2B	
Single, bright fluor in phosphor	1.00 ...
Single, dull fluor in phosphor	2.25 ...

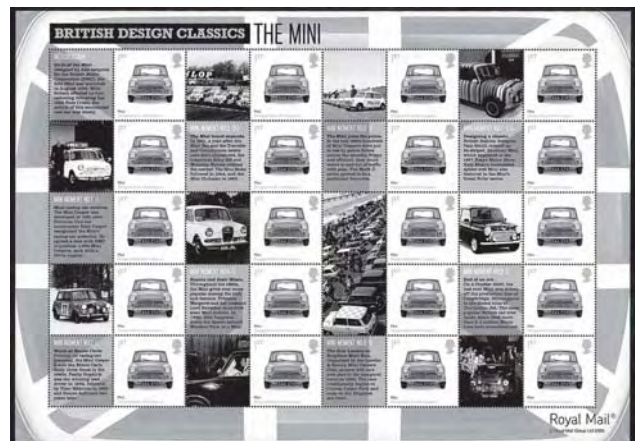
1st Tube Map 2B, 1st Phone Box 2B, 1st Penguin Book 2B, 1st Anglepoise Lamp 2B, 1st Polypropylene Chair 2B & 1st Mini Skirt 2B,	
Sheetlet of 6, bright fluor	4.65 ...
Sheetlet of 6, dull fluor	6.75 ...

1st Tube Map 2B, 1st Phone Box 2B and 1st Penguin Book 2B – all with short all over phosphor at top	25.00 ...
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1st Spitfire 2B, 1st Routemaster Bus 2B x 2, 1st Mini Sheetlet of 4	3.05 ...
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British Design Classics – Mini Smilers (Issued 13.1.09)

This first Smilers sheet of 2009 coincides with the Design Classics issue and uses the iconic Mini as it's subject. It features 20 copies of the Mini design 1st with generic labels showing further images throughout the cars history along with a narrative pointing out various significant moments in it's development. The sheet background depicts the roof of one of the limited edition Union Jack Mini's in silver.



British Design Classics – Mini Smilers (Continued)

The sheets are litho printed by Cartor and therefore you would expect the stamps to be identical or at least closely match the sheet stamps from the same printer. However, there are differences, one quite marked, that enable you to distinguish individual copies. The shade of the Smilers version is deeper and the silver value and inscription appear to have been printed on top of the phosphor, whereas on the sheet stamp this appears to be beneath the phosphor. However, the most striking difference can be seen in the levels of fluor added to the phosphor. On the sheet stamps there appears to be very little fluor additive, leaving it very dull under UV, whereas on the Smilers versions there is a very bright reaction where the fluor has been included at an extremely high level.

Only generic versions of this sheet exist.

Cartor, Litho – OFNP/PVA

British Design Classics – The Mini – 1st Mini with generic label attached

Single	1.50 ...
Used single	1.65 ...
Vertical strips of 5	4.30 ...
Complete sheet of 20	13.65 ...
P.O. FDC Mini1st with a set of 5 generic labels attached, split over 3 covers	6.60 ...

Airliners

Ex British Design Classics prestige booklet. The 2002 sheet version of this stamp was printed by De La Rue in gravure and the booklet version was self-adhesive and printed by Questa in gravure. It has a violet tinted fluor, whereas the De La Rue version had bright turquoise blue tinted fluor. The shade of the stamp has a greater magenta content and the paper is less glossy than De La Rue versions.

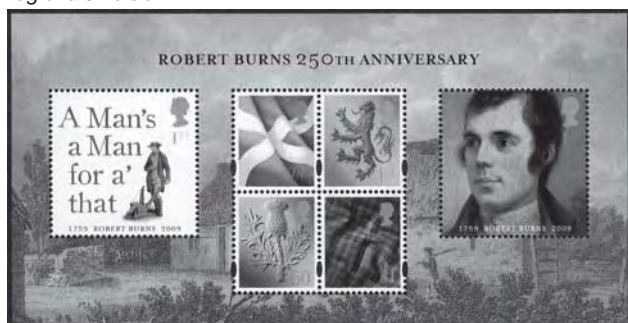
Cartor, Litho – OFNP/PVA

Concorde 1st 2B	
Mint, bright fluor in phosphor bands	1.20 ...
Mint, dull fluor in phosphor bands	2.25 ...
Used	1.30 ...

Robert Burns miniature sheet (Issued 22.1.09)

Printed in gravure by Enschedé. The two 1st commemoratives bear two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total, solid across their width. The Scotland Emblem 2nd value has a 4.5mm CB and the higher values bear two side bands, measuring approximately 13mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre. The Commemorative 1st stamps measure 34.5mm square and are perforated 14½ in both dimensions, whereas the Scotland Emblem stamps are in the conventional definitive size and perforated 15 x 14, with a single ellipse on each vertical edge. The sheet is printed on OFNP/PVA paper and measures 146 x 74mm.

The sheet marks the 250th Anniversary of Robert Burns' birth and coincides with the Burns Night celebrations that are held every year around the world by Scotsmen and Scotophiles. The sheet features two new commemorative stamps, one in the style of the 1996 Burns Poems set, and features the famous line "A Man's a Man for a' that". The other shows a contemporary portrait of Burns. The four stamps in the centre are all the current Scotland Emblem regionals value.



Robert Burns miniature sheet (Continued)

Mint	5.20 ...
Used	6.00 ...
Presentation pack	6.10 ...
P.O. FDC	6.20 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.35 ...
Stuart FDC	7.35 ...
PHQ Mint	2.65 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	10.70 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	10.70 ...

Robert Burns Single Stamps

1st A Man's A Man For A That 2B	
Mint	1.15 ...
Inset right phosphor band	5.50 ...
Short phosphor bands at top	8.25 ...
1st Burns Portrait 2B	
Mint	1.15 ...
Inset right phosphor band	5.50 ...
Short phosphor bands at top	8.25 ...

Charles Darwin (Issued 12.2.09)



Sheet Stamps (6v)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25, separated by a horizontal gutter. The stamps are basically off-square in format, measuring 30 x 33mm, but in a first the stamps have been die cut to resemble pieces of a jigsaw puzzle with an interlocking tab at the right and matching hole at the left. Each bears an all over phosphor coating, with the year of issue reversed out of the phosphor in the lower-right corner of each stamp. They are perforated 14 in both directions (excluding the tab and hole) and are self-adhesive, being printed on OFNP/SA paper and gum. The stamps have had the matrix surround stripped away, as is currently normal for self-adhesives.

The issue pays homage to the Victorian Naturalist who was born 200 years ago and was instrumental in forming the theory of evolution, widely (although not universally) held as how animals develop and change to meet the challenges of their environment. The stamps were released on 12th February, Darwin's birthday.

The six stamps from sheets show a portrait of Darwin, and illustrations representing the five branches of natural science that his theories most significantly impacted – Zoology, Ornithology, Geology, Botany and Anthropology. They are photographic in design but do not hang together too well in style. The jigsaw feature is an unusual and amusing experiment that will appeal to those collectors who enjoy stamps in unusual shapes and formats.

Mint	6.00 ...
Used	7.40 ...
Gutter Pairs	13.20 ...
Presentation Pack (including miniature sheet)	11.10 ...
P.O. FDC	7.75 ...
Cotswold FDC	8.80 ...
Stuart FDC	8.80 ...
PHQ Mint (11 cards including one for miniature sheet and each card it contains)	8.80 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	26.50 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	26.50 ...

Charles Darwin (Continued)

Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)

Dots are positioned in one of six boxes, indicating a six up print run. However, 48p and 50p have the right boxes greyed out and the 56p and 72p have the left boxes similarly greyed, implying that these values were printed in pairs of double pane sheets.

1st 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	.....	5.10	...
48p 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	.....	6.85	...
50p 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	.....	7.15	...
56p 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	.....	8.00	...
72p 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	.....	10.25	...
81p 2B	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	.....	11.50	...

Traffic light blocks of 6 41.00 ...

Miniature sheet

Printed in litho by De La Rue. The four stamps in the sheet bear two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total, solid across their width. They are in a landscape rectangular format measuring 40.5 x 30mm and are perforated 14½ x 14. The sheet is conventionally gummed and printed on OFNP/PVA paper and measures approximately 115 x 90mm.

This is an adjunct to the sheet stamps above and features a map of the Galapagos Islands, taken from a contemporary survey by Captain Fitzroy of the HMS Beagle, where Darwin first found significant evidence to support his evolutionary theories. Each individual stamp features one of the creatures that showed significant development on the specific island it is depicted alongside.

Mint	.....	4.10	...
Used	.....	5.25	...
P.O. FDC	.....	5.50	...
Cotswold FDC	.....	6.60	...
Stuart FDC	.....	6.60	...



Booklet Stamps

As well as the sheet versions, the same six designs were printed in se-tenant format in a prestige booklet. The stamps are virtually identical in appearance and characteristics but differ in one very significant feature – they are conventionally gummed as opposed to self-adhesive. This will give them full catalogue status.

De La Rue, Gravure OFNP/PVA AOP

Charles Darwin 1st, 72p and 81p in sheetlet of 3	.....	4.30	...
Charles Darwin 48p, 50p & 56p in sheetlet of 3	.....	3.30	...
Used set of 6	.....	8.00	...
P.O. FDC bearing Conventionally gummed set of 6 supplied in two s/t strips of three	.....	9.00	...

56p Geology AOP

Inset phosphor at right 10.50 ...
AOP is inset from right edge. Supplied in a complete or part booklet pane with normal 48p and 50p.

Charles Darwin (Continued)

Booklet miniature sheet

This sheet is similar in most respects to the standard issue but emanates from the prestige booklet. There are two differences, however. The phosphor bands measure approximately 19mm from booklets, whereas the standalone types measure 18mm in total width. In addition the booklet sheet is larger, measuring approximately 120 x 96mm, as opposed to 115 x 90mm..

De La Rue, Litho OFNP/PVA

Charles Darwin miniature sheet 4.85 ...

Cheers Hallmark Cricket

Stampex Smilers (Issued 25.2.09)



The first of the 2009 Stampex exhibition sponsored sheets features the Cheers Hallmark 1st design from the 2001 Greetings Occasions issue. The sheet features Test Cricket Record Breakers, tying in with the Ashes series against Australia that will take place later in the summer this year. Each label attached to a 1st stamp depicting a record breaking test cricketer, both male and female, and an umpire, Steve Bucknor of the West Indies, who has just stood in his last Test. The sheet background shows a village green Cricket match with the Stampex logo in the bottom sheet margin.

The stamps are printed in litho by Cartor and are virtually indistinguishable from the same stamps that appeared in previous Stampex sheets.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/PVA

Cheers Hallmark 1st 2B single with Cricket label attached

Single	.....	1.85	...
Complete sheet of 10	.....	14.00	...
Official FDC cover with official Stampex handstamp	.....	4.15	...

Celebrating Wales miniature sheet (Issued 26.2.09)

Printed in litho by De La Rue. The sheet measures approx 123 x 70mm and bears four stamps — two 1st definitive sized stamps measuring 20 x 24mm and two elongated 81p pictorial issues in the commemorative landscape format, measuring 60 x 24mm. All stamps have two side phosphor bands that are solid across their width, the 1st values measuring approximately 13mm in total width and the 78p values 18mm. The sheet is printed on OFNP/PVA gummed paper.

This is the fourth and (presumably) final sheet in the series issued to mark the Saint's days of the respective countries, although this sheet does not exactly coincide with St. David's day (1st March) as this year it falls on a Sunday. The sheet follows the now familiar format of it's predecessors, set against a background of Harlech Castle perched on a hilltop and dominating the surrounding countryside. Unlike last year's Northern Ireland issue, this sheet reverts to the format of the England and Scotland issues by featuring the current Country Emblem 1st stamp – the dragon – and the flag of the country on the other 1st value.

Also included in the sheet are two newly designed large commemoratives 81p values – one showing St. David with a dove on his shoulder, making his way through Snowdonia in a style similar to that adopted for early Christian art, the other a panoramic photograph of the Welsh Assembly building in Cardiff Bay. Like the previous sheets, this is attractively designed and should appeal to both commemorative and regional collectors alike.

Mint 4.10 ...



Used	5.10 ...
Presentation pack	4.65 ...
P.O. FDC	5.05 ...
Cotswold FDC	6.40 ...
Stuart FDC	6.40 ...
PHQ Mint (5 cards including one for miniature sheet)	4.40 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	15.50 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	15.50 ...
Panoramic Format Stamps	
81p St.David 2B	1.65 ...
81p Cardiff 2B	1.65 ...

British Design Classics – Concorde Smilers (Issued 2.3.09)

This sheet is the second of the year to feature a stamp from the Design Classics issue of January, this time using that iconic aircraft, Concorde, as it's subject. It features 20 copies of the Concorde design 1st with generic labels showing further images of the plane and it's instrumentation along with a narrative telling the tale of it's development. The sheet background depicts the control panel to be found in the aircraft's cockpit

These generic sheets are litho printed by Cartor and although this is the same printer and process as used to print conventional sheet issues, the levels of fluor added to the phosphor are significantly different. On the sheet stamps there appears to be very little fluor additive, leaving it very dull under UV, whereas on the Smilers versions there is a very bright reaction where the fluor has been included at an extremely high level.

Only generic versions of this sheet exist.

Cartor, Litho OFNP/SA

British Design Classics 1st Concorde with generic label attached

Single	1.50 ...
Used single	1.65 ...
Vertical strips of 5	4.30 ...
Complete sheet of 20	13.65 ...
P.O. FDC Mini1st with a set of 5 generic labels attached, split over 3 covers	6.60 ...



British Design Classics (Issued 10.3.08)

Ex Series SAM 15 British Design Classics mixed commem definitive book. Previous versions were conventionally gummed and printed in litho by De La Rue.

Walsall Gravure – OFNP/SA

1st Telephone Box & 1st Routemaster Bus – AOP
Gravure printed self-adhesives

Mint	2.80 ...
Used	3.50 ...
P.O. FDC bearing both stamps	4.25 ...

Pioneers of the Industrial Revolution

(8v in 4 s/t pairs – Issued 17.3.09)



Printed in litho by Enschedé in sheets of 30 and 60, the latter in two panes of 30, separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps are off-square in format, measuring 36.5 x 35mm. Each bears an all over phosphor coating, with the year of issue reversed out of the phosphor in the lower-right corner of each stamp. They are perforated 14½ in both directions and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The set continues the Victorian theme that started with the Darwin set in February, and honours eight of the leading figures responsible for making Britain the industrial powerhouse it became during the 19th century. The stamps feature portraits of the innovators, alongside an image of their chief invention or development, and set against a background of an engineering drawing, map, or manuscript.

Mint	7.45 ...
Used	9.05 ...
Gutter Pairs	16.50 ...
Presentation Pack	8.40 ...
P.O. FDC	8.80 ...
Cotswold FDC	10.20 ...
Stuart FDC	10.20 ...
PHQ Mint	7.00 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	16.95 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	16.95 ...

Plate blocks of 8 containing 4 s/t pairs (Enschedé)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a a four up print run.

1st AOP E1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	5.10 ...
50p AOPE1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	7.15 ...
56p AOPE1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	8.00 ...
72p AOPE1 E1 E1 E1 E1 (E1)	10.25 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6	25.90 ...





Castles of Northern Ireland Smilers (Issued 17.3.09)

This sheet is first in a new series of generic Smilers sheets showing Castles from around the four Regions of the United Kingdom, presumably intended to replace the "Glorious" sheets of the last two years. Similar to the Glorious Northern Ireland sheet, it contains 20 x 1st class Northern Ireland Emblem stamps each with a pictorial label alongside. There are 10 different designs of label repeated on the left and right halves of the sheet, each featuring one of 10 different castles from across the Province. A large image of Stormont Castle under floodlights, acts as the sheet's background. The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and is self-adhesive and is only available in generic format.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

Northern Ireland 1st Fields 2B with Castles pictorial labels attached

Single	1.50 ...
Used single	1.65 ...
Vertical strips of 5	4.30 ...
Complete sheet of 20	13.65 ...
P.O.FDC bearing two copies of the stamp each with different labels attached	4.15 ...

The House of Tudor (Issued 21.4.09)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 25 and 50, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a horizontal gutter. The stamps are in a smaller than standard rectangular format, measuring 27 x 37mm. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width and vignettted towards the centre. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

The stamps depict the six Kings and Queen's of England running from Henry VII who came to the throne in 1485 to Elizabeth I who died in 1603, and cover an incredibly rich period of English history, in terms of flourishing arts, enlightenment and international influence. They depict portraits of the various monarchs that are contemporary and bear the monarch's name and dates in a grey-green panel at the bottom of each stamp.

This is the second instalment in an ongoing series that features Great British Monarchs, and has been handled in almost identical fashion as accorded the Houses of Lancaster & York issue of 2008 – the next instalments feature the Stuarts and the Stewarts, both due next year.



The House of Tudor (Continued)

Mint	6.35 ...
Used	7.75 ...
Gutter Pairs	14.50 ...
Traffic light gutter pairs	29.00 ...
<i>Due to the location of the traffic lights being spilt between two pairs, these are supplied in a block of 4</i>	
Presentation Pack (set & miniature sheet)	11.95 ...
P.O. FDC	8.15 ...
Cotswold FDC	9.25 ...
Stuart FDC	9.25 ...
PHQ Mint (11 cards including one for miniature sheet and each stamp in it)	8.80 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	28.50 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	28.50 ...

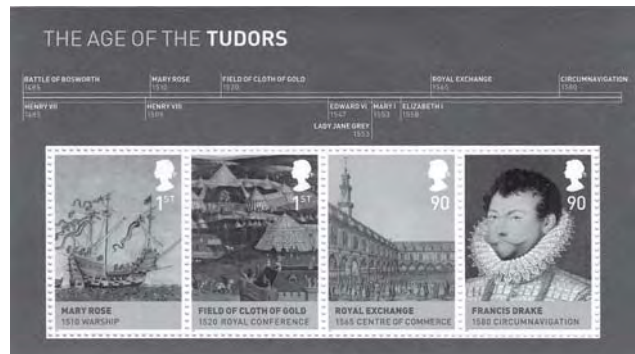
Plate blocks of 8 (Cartor)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a a four up print run. However, either the top or bottom two boxes in one design of each of the values is greyed out, suggesting that the two designs for each value were actually printed in pairs of double pane sheets.

1st Henry VII 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	5.15 ...
1st Henry VIII 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	5.15 ...
62p Edward VI 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	8.20 ...
62p Lady Jane Grey 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	8.20 ...
81p Mary I 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	10.65 ...
81p Elizabeth I 2B	C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	10.65 ...

Traffic light blocks of 6

The Age of the Tudors Miniature Sheet



Printed in litho by Cartor, the sheet measures 123 x 70mm and contains 4 stamps in the same format as the above sheet stamps. They show very similar features, each bearing 2 phosphor bands measuring approximately 18mm in width but these are not vignettted towards the centre, are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper. The majority of sheets we have seen show a bright fluor additive to the phosphor bands when viewed under UV. However a small quantity have been found with a much duller fluor.

This miniature sheet is an interesting adjunct to the Monarchs from standard sheets and mimics their style. However, rather than showing more monarchs' portraits the stamps illustrate four of the most significant developments, events or personalities from the same time period – in this case the Mary Rose, the Field of the Cloth of Gold, The Royal Exchange and Francis Drake. In the sheet margin above the stamps, there is a timeline showing where the featured stamps fall within the reigns of the Tudor Monarchs.

Mint, bright fluor in phosphor	4.50 ...
Mint, very dull fluor in phosphor	9.50 ...
Used	5.60 ...
P.O. FDC	5.95 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.00 ...
Stuart FDC	7.00 ...

British Design Classics

Ex Series SAM 16 British Design Classics 2 mixed commemorative definitive book. The previous versions were conventionally gummed and printed in Litho by De La Rue.

Walsall Gravure – OFNP/SA

1st Mini – AOP Gravure Self-adhesive

Mint	1.50 ...
Used	1.75 ...
P.O. FDC	3.80 ...
Phosphor inset at left	4.95 ...

The phosphor is significantly inset at left, leaving a wide non-phosphor strip at left and the cut-out of the Queen's head also well out of alignment.

Castles of England Smilers (Issued 23.4.09)



This sheet is the second in the series of generic Smilers sheets showing Castles from around the four Regions of the United Kingdom. Similar to the March issued Castles of Northern Ireland sheet, there are 10 different designs of label repeated on the left and right halves of the sheet, each featuring one of 10 different castles from across the country. However, rather than matching these up with 20 1st class Emblem stamps as was the case on the Northern Ireland sheet, the England version uses the Pictorial Emblem 1st design showing the St. George's Cross, as first seen in the Celebrating England miniature sheet. Presumably the use of these designs will continue when the Wales and Scottish sheets are issued in the future. The sheet's background features a Bear-skin wearing guardsman standing in front of a sentry box with a castle wall background, presumably at Windsor.

The sheet is printed in litho by Cartor and is self-adhesive and is only available in generic format.

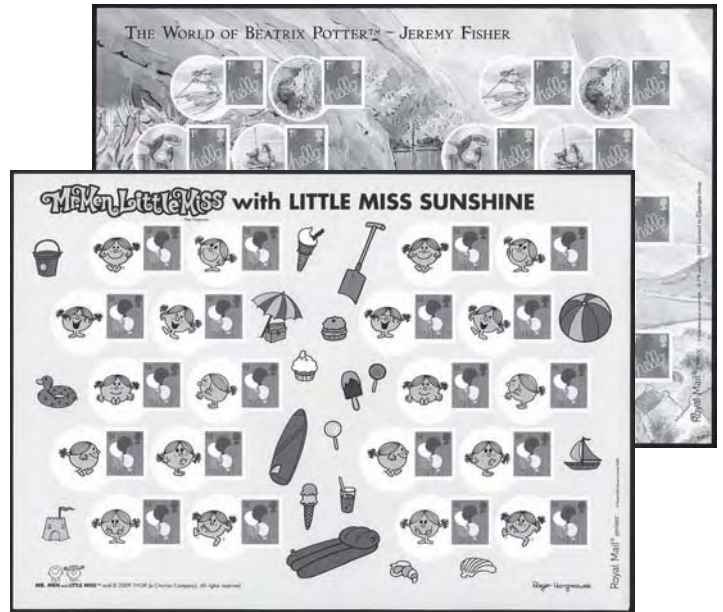
Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

England 1st St. George's Cross 2B with Castles pictorial labels attached

Single	1.50 ...
Used single	1.65 ...
Vertical strips of 5	4.30 ...
Complete sheet of 20	13.65 ...
P.O.FDC bearing two copies of the stamp each with different labels attached	4.15 ...

Smilers For Kids II (Issued 30.4.09)

A second set of 4 sheets in the Smilers For Kids series was released on 30th April. As with the first series from last October, Smilers for Kids II are available in two formats – as sheets of 10, supplied in a pack which contains supplementary materials such as labels, stickers, masks, colouring pages, postcards, writing paper and envelopes – and also as sheets of 20, unencumbered by any supplementary material. Sheets of 20 are not the same as sheets of 10 – they use the same backgrounds but are redesigned to cater for the larger format. This issue continues to feature the



same children's literary franchises as used in the first series but feature different characters. This time round they depict (franchise is mentioned in brackets after the featured character) – Big Ears (Noddy); Wild Cherry (The Flower Fairies); Little Miss Sunshine (Mr Men Little Miss) and Jeremy Fisher (Beatrix Potter).

Each stamp in the sheets are chosen from the Small Format Pictorial for Smilers range and selected to be as appropriate as possible to the subject, using the same designs for the franchise as before, with one exception – Big Ears and Little Miss Sunshine sheets use the 1st Balloons and Flower Fairies uses the 1st Flower. However, on this occasion Jeremy Fisher from the Beatrix Potter series uses the 1st Hello stamp rather than the 1st New Baby stamps. Each is adjoined by a circular Smilers label depicting an image of the character to which the sheet is devoted. The number of different label designs varies from sheet to sheet, ranging from 2 to 10 different designs.

The sheets are printed in litho by Cartor and are self-adhesive. Individually the stamps are virtually identical to those previously issued. Only generic versions of these sheets exist.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

Big Ears 1st Balloons 2B, Little Miss Sunshine 1st Balloons 2B, Wild Cherry 1st Flower 2B and Jeremy Fisher 1st New Baby 2B

Horizontal pair of each design with pictorial labels attached	8.50 ...
Used singles supplied on piece	4.75 ...
Set of 4 complete sheets of 20	56.00 ...
Any individual sheet of 20	16.00 ...
The 4 sheets of 10 in packs	56.00 ...
Any individual pack of 10	16.00 ...
P.O. FDC – two copies of each, with circular labels attached on 4 separate covers	12.00 ...





Plants (Issued 19.5.09)

Sheet Stamps (Se-tenant block of 10)

Printed in litho by Cartor in sheets of 30 and 60 containing 3 or 6 se-tenant blocks respectively, the latter in two panes of 30 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps measuring 35mm square, each bear an all over phosphor coating covering the white background but not the Queen's head, value or plants. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum.

This is the latest in the Action for Species series that started with the 2007 Birds set. It depicts 10 different plants that have been threatened with extinction from the 450 plants on the at risk register, but that have started to see a resurgence through the actions of conservation groups. They show drawings of the plants in the traditional botanical illustration style, set against a white background, with the common and Latin names at the left.

Mint	6.85 ...
Used	8.35 ...
Gutter Pairs	14.25 ...
Presentation Pack (set & miniature sheet)	11.90 ...
P.O. FDC	8.50 ...
Cotswold FDC	9.40 ...
Stuart FDC	9.40 ...
PHQ Mint (15 cards including 1 for miniature sheet & each stamp in it)	12.40 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	30.90 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	30.90 ...

Plate blocks of 20 comprising 2 s/t blocks (Cartor)
Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run.

1st 2B C1 C1 C1 C1 C1 (C1)	14.95 ...
Traffic light block of 20 – comprising 2 s/t blocks	14.95 ...

Kew Gardens Miniature Sheet

Printed in litho by Cartor, the sheet measures 115 x 89mm and contains 4 stamps in the same format as the above sheet stamps. Instead of an all over phosphor coating, however, every stamp bears 2 phosphor bands measuring approximately 18mm in width, vignettted towards the centre, are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper.

Although issued alongside the Plants set above and related in subject matter, the sheet and it's stamps bear no relation in design terms. The 4 stamps depict photographic images of three landmark structures in the Gardens and a fourth of the seed bank at Wakehurst Place, an adjunct to Kew. They are set against a sheet background of a palm leaf, with the text "Kew 250, Royal Botanical Gardens", indicating that Kew is celebrating it's 250th Anniversary

in 2009. The sheet is very attractive and celebrates the fascinating gardens and the invaluable botanical research facility, not just in national, but also in international terms.

Mint	4.50 ...
Used	5.60 ...
P.O. FDC	5.95 ...
Cotswold FDC	7.00 ...
Stuart FDC	7.00 ...

Flowers Greetings (Issued 21.5.09)

Ex NAFAS 1st x 6 mixed commem/definitive booklet. These are the 1997 Flowers Greetings stamps, reprinted in gravure with self-adhesive gum for the first time. Each stamp bears two side phosphor bands, measuring approximately 18mm in total width, vignettted towards the centre.

Walsall Gravure – OFNP/SA

1st Iris 2B and 1st Tulip 2B	
Mint	2.80 ...
Used	3.50 ...
P.O. FDC bearing both stamps	4.25 ...
Both stamps with short phosphor bands at top	9.00 ...
Both stamps with short phosphor bands at bottom	13.00 ...
Both stamps with inset right phosphor bands	13.00 ...





Mythical Creatures (6v – Issued 16.6.09)

Printed in gravure by De La Rue in sheets of 25 and 50 containing 3 or 6, the latter in two panes of 25 separated by a vertical gutter. The stamps measuring 35mm square, each bear an all over phosphor coating. They are perforated 14½ and are printed on OFNP/PVA paper and gum. For the first time, Royal Mail have added a decorative element to the sheet borders, which bear eyes of some of the creatures featured, poking out through simulated holes in the paper. This seems likely to feature on future sheets in an attempt to encourage collectors to buy multiples or even complete sheets.

The stamps feature illustrations of six mythical creatures that feature in British Legends – dragons, unicorns, giants, pixies, mermaids and fairies. They are illustrated in a style that is common to fantasy art and are the work of Dave McKean, one of the foremost exponents of the genre.

Mint	6.70 ...
Used	8.00 ...
Gutter Pairs	14.70 ...
Presentation Pack	7.65 ...
P.O. FDC	8.50 ...
Cotswold FDC	9.40 ...
Stuart FDC	9.40 ...
PHQ Mint	5.00 ...
PHQ FDI Obverse	14.20 ...
PHQ FDI Reverse	14.20 ...

Cylinder blocks of 8 (De La Rue)

Dots are positioned in one of four boxes, indicating a four up print run. However, both 62p values have the right boxes greyed out and the 90ps have the left boxes similarly greyed, implying that these values were printed in pairs of double pane sheets.

<u>1st Dragons</u>	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	5.15 ...
<u>1st Unicorns</u>	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	5.15 ...
<u>62p Pixies</u>	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	8.20 ...
<u>62p Giants</u>	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	8.20 ...
<u>90p Fairies</u>	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	11.80 ...
<u>90p Mermaids</u>	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	11.80 ...
Traffic light blocks of 6		45.00 ...

**Journey To The Moon
Commemorative Smilers (Issued 21.7.09)**

The latest in Royal Mail's commemorative sheet series celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the first manned moon landing. The sheet features 10 iconic photographs taken throughout the historic mission, on labels that adjoin the small format Smilers 1st Union Jack stamp. The sheet background features a 17th century sketch of the moon by Thomas Harriot, the first to map the lunar surface. Alongside each label is a description of the events that it depicts.

As this is considered by Royal Mail a "Philatelic Document" it is sold at a significant premium over face value. And to mitigate the price, the sheet is sold in a presentation pack style folder, giving additional information and illustrations on the Apollo space programme.

The self-adhesive stamps are printed in litho by Cartor and bear elliptical perfs on each edge. They are very similar in appearance to the Union Jack stamps that appeared in the I Wrote To Say Smilers sheet, but the small unperforated section which is designed to ensure the label stays attached to the stamp is positioned differently, being on the top and bottom perforation of the stamp, whereas on the previous version it affected the third perforation from the top and bottom, due to the circular shape of those labels.

Cartor Litho – OFNP/SA

Small Format Smilers 1st Union Jack 2B with pictorial labels	
Pair	4.70 ...
Complete sheet of 10	23.00 ...
P.O. FDC bearing two copies with labels attached	6.25 ...



New Issues – Where Do You Get Yours?

We are frequently approached by collectors looking for those elusive items they haven't been able to buy in their local post office, through their local stamp dealer, the regional post shop or the philatelic bureau. 99 times out of 100, we can help them fill those elusive and important gaps. When we ask them where they normally get their new issues, the answers are varied but mostly come back to the same sources as above. It is only when we send them a copy of this list do they realise what other items they have missed out on.

The items listed in this section of VCN Xtra have all been distributed to new issue customers over the past 9 months.

In fact there were actually other items, not listed here because these were scarce and have now sold out, with priority being given to new issue customers. What's more almost all the items distributed were sold at prices below these listed here – one of the key benefits we offer to loyal new issue customers.

We have literally hundreds of satisfied collectors on our new issue service, many of whom have been subscribing for decades. If you want to find out how to join the contented throng, please ask for our new issue brochure and application form.

Can you really afford not to?

PRE-SECURITY ISSUES

We are pleased to uncover a few more new printings from earlier issues that were previously uncatalogued. They now appear in the Connoisseur Catalogue and we are therefore offering them here as new items.

Harrison, Photogravure – FCP/DEX

- 1p CB Crimson – 4mm phosphor
Additional narrow short phosphor bands at top (RF10AB) 7.50 ...
Two copies contained in a complete 50p Orchids No.1 booklet 15.00 ...
Ex 50p Orchids No. 1 booklet – DP70. The top 1p stamps adjoining the selvedge have one or more short additional phosphor bands that are narrower than normal, irregularly positioned, presumably the result of a phosphor spillage. An unusual & interesting modestly priced error.
- 4p CB Pale milky blue
Mint (RF43) 8.50 ...
Ex 50p Orchid booklets (DP70). Just a few panes were found in a strikingly different shade that is a pale milky blue colour, missing much of the deep bluish green hue of the standard DP70 stamp.

- 13p CB Chestnut
Additional horizontal phosphor band (RF130HB) ... 8.50 ...
A few £1.30 Trams no. 4 (London) booklets – DP 68 – have been found with one left selvedge copy showing one or more additional phosphor bands printed horizontally as opposed to vertically, presumably as the result of a phosphor spillage. To prove the source the stamps are supplied joined to the selvedge, which is still affixed to the inside front cover of the booklet.

Harrison, Photogravure – ACP/DEX

- 24p Bright red-brown, straight edge left
Mint (RA245SEL) 4.00 ...
- 24p Bright red-brown, straight edge right
Mint (RA245SER) 4.00 ...
Ex £1 Shrievally booklets (DP174). Some panes from this booklet show the 24p stamps in a brighter more red shade than the normal duller browner shade of other DP174 panes.

YELLOW FLUOR PHOTOGRAVURE ISSUES

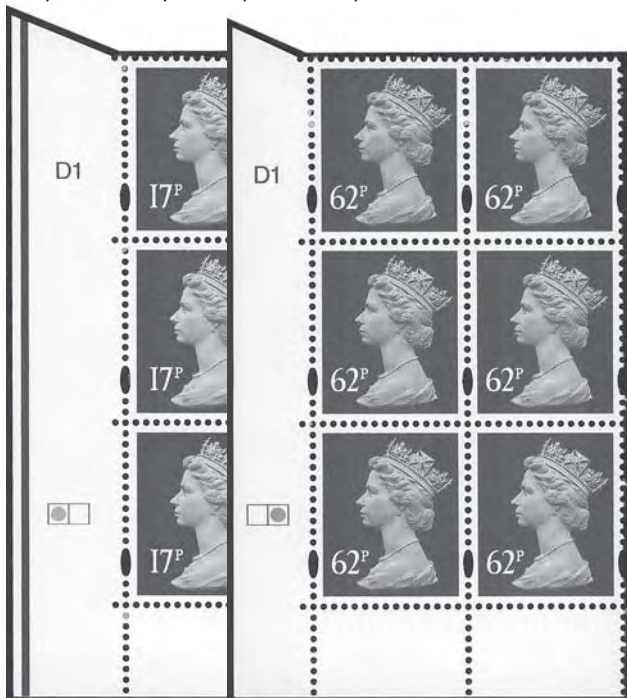
Harrison – OFNP/DEX

- 19p CB Olive-green
Warrant 64 9.50 ...
This is a very old warrant block, with the “0” missing from the front of the following two digits, that we have never, until now, been able to supply!

BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

New Tariff Issues

Newly made cylinders for the rate change stamps result in a revision to sheet markings. Sheets still contain two hundred stamps and are printed two panes up. The left pane still has a wider sheet



Left Dot cylinder

Right Dot cylinder



Left pane date block

Right pane date block (Note barcode below)

margin and contains a jubilee bar in the colour of the stamp that runs all the way up the selvedge. The right pane has a narrower selvedge, without the jubilee bar. However, gone are the Dot and No Dot designations alongside the cylinder number. In their place is a pair of boxes in one of which is positioned a large dot. The pane from the left of the pair of sheets contains a dot in the left and box – this was previously the No Dot sheet. The pane from the right of the sheet contains a dot in the right and box – this was previously the Dot sheet. We can supply both dot positions to specialised customers, in lieu of Dot and No Dot blocks as before.

Printing dates are now positioned in the left hand margins on both Left and Right dot panes. Those who have previously collected dates from both sides will still be able to obtain blocks from both panes as right dot pane blocks can be distinguished by the narrower selvedge and the lack of bar in it.

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Blue gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface

1p 2B	Bright reddish crimson		
	No warrant	13/04/04	7.15 ...
		23/05/07	2.65 ...
5p 2B	Pinkish claret		
	No warrant	16/04/04	7.15 ...
40p 2B	Greenish blue		
	No warrant	04/04/05	13.20 ...
46p 2B	Deep yellow		
	No warrant	01/04/05	15.50 ...

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

1p 2B	Bright crimson, deep Queen's head		
	No warrant	05/10/06	5.50 ...
		20/03/07	2.75 ...
		21/03/07	2.50 ...
2p 2B	Dark green, deep Queen's head		
	No warrant	30/03/07	4.25 ...
		03/03/08	3.30 ...
10p 2B	Deep bright orange, deep Queen's head		
	No warrant	14/03/07	4.25 ...
		02/04/07	4.25 ...
		04/03/08	4.25 ...
17p 2B	Olive Green		
	Mint (DDG170)		0.50 ...
	Used		0.60 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6		
	D1 (D1) left dot		2.75 ...
	D1 (D1) right dot		2.75 ...
	No warrant	23/01/09 left or right pane	3.50 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6		2.75 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)		3.50 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 17p Olive Green 2B, 22p Stone 2B, 62p Red 2B, 90p Ultramarine – Issued 31.3.09		4.75 ...
20p 2B	Very deep bright green, deep Queen's head		
	No warrant	07/03/08	5.30 ...
		10/03/08	5.30 ...
22p 2B	Stone		
	Mint (DDG220)		0.60 ...
	Used		0.70 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6		
	D1 (D1) left dot		3.15 ...
	D1 (D1) right dot		3.15 ...
	No warrant	22/01/09 left or right pane	3.90 ...
		23/01/09 left or right pane	3.90 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6		3.15 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)		3.90 ...
50p 2B	Grey		
	No warrant	05/03/08	10.50 ...
		06/03/08	10.50 ...
54p 2B	Rust		
	No warrant	04/04/07	10.50 ...
54p 2B	Deep rust, pale Queen's head		
	Mint (DDG541)		1.95 ...
	No warrant	21/01/09	11.20 ...
	<i>This not long withdrawn value was re-issued with the April revised tariff, notionally in the same colour. However, the shade of the reprint is distinctive – not as reddish, but deeper in shade and with a paler Queen's head.</i>		

In addition to the printing date and sheet serial numbers, inkjet printed barcodes also appear in the left hand selvedge in two positions – alongside stamps in rows 5 and 15. We do not anticipate supplying these markings.

56p 2B	Lime green		
	No warrant	18/03/08	10.50 ...
	Inset left band (DDG560 (11))		30.00 ...
	<i>Ex cyl D1 09/01/08 printing.</i>		
62p 2B	Red		
	Mint (DDG620)		1.10 ...
	Used		1.25 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6		
	D1 (D1) left dot		7.50 ...
	D1 (D1) right dot		7.50 ...
	No warrant	24/01/09 left or right pane	11.00 ...
		25/01/09 left or right pane	9.00 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6		7.50 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)		9.00 ...
90p 2B	Ultramarine		
	Mint (DDG900)		1.60 ...
	Used		1.70 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6		
	D1 (D1) left dot		10.90 ...
	D1 (D1) right dot		10.90 ...
	No warrant	25/01/09 left or right pane	13.50 ...
		26/01/09 left or right pane	14.50 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 6		10.90 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)		13.50 ...
£1 2B	Ruby		
	No warrant	17/09/07	16.30 ...
		18/03/08	16.30 ...
	Presentation Pack containing De La Rue 17p Olive Green 2B, 22p Stone 2B, 62p Red 2B, 90p Ultramarine 2B in new rate pack (Pack no. 84)		
			4.35 ...

PHQ Cards

Machin, PIP NVI Large and Universals – set of 24 stamp cards covering the then current entire range of definitives including high values to £5.

Mint	20.50 ...
FDI Obverse, each card with relevant stamp affixed to front – bearing FD cancellation of the date of issue of cards, 29.9.08	57.50 ...
FDI Reverse, as above but cancelled on reverse	57.50 ...



BLUE FLUOR LITHO ISSUES

Walsall – OFNP/PVA prestige booklet issues

Ex Pilot to Plane RAF Uniforms prestige booklet.

1st 2B	Gold	
	Main (FSW6)	1.25 ...
	Used	1.40 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/2nd CB vert pair	2.70 ...
	2nd CBI/1st 2B vert pair	2.70 ...
	1st 2B/2nd CB horiz pair	2.70 ...
	2nd CB/1st 2B horiz pair	2.70 ...
	P.O. FDC supplied on cover with 2nd CB (4.5mm) – Issued 18.9.08	3.75 ...
2nd CB	Pale bright blue, dull violet tinted fluor, 4.5mm phos	
	Mint (SSW4)	1.15 ...
S/t pairs	2nd CB/Label vert pair	1.80 ...
	Label/2nd CB vert pair	1.80 ...
	2nd CB/Label horiz pair	1.80 ...
	Label/2nd CB horiz pair	1.80 ...

This is entirely different from previous Walsall Litho 2nd values. The appearance of the stamp is much finer and closer to the look of a gravure printed stamp due to the use of fine screen lithography, which reveals immensely more detail. The phosphor band is 4.5mm wide with a dull violet fluor additive whereas previous litho stamps had 4mm phosphor with a very dull bluish tinted fluor.

Cartor – OFNP/PVA prestige booklet issues

Ex British Design Classics prestige booklet. These are the first Cartor printed Machins.

16p 2B	Bright Pink	
	Mint (CL160)	1.20 ...
	Used	1.35 ...
S/t pairs	16p 2B/50p 2B vert pair	2.95 ...
	50p 2BI/16p 2B vert pair	2.95 ...
	16p 2B/50p 2B horiz pair	2.95 ...
	50p 2B/16p 2B horiz pair	2.95 ...
	P.O./Printings FDC bearing 16p pink and 50p grey– Issued 13.1.09	4.65 ...
50p 2B	Grey	
	Mint (CL500)	1.50 ...
	Used	1.60 ...
S/t pairs	50p 2B/Label vert pair	2.00 ...
	Label/50p 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	50p 2B/Label horiz pair	2.00 ...
	Label/50p 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...

SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

Walsall – OFNP/SA business sheet issues

Type 7 – PIP rates, standard NVI stamps

2nd CB	Pale bright blue, dull fluor	
	Top panel of 4 with date on reverse	
	25/05/07	9.00 ...
	27/07/07	9.00 ...
	30/07/07	9.00 ...
	31/07/07	9.00 ...
	13/12/07	9.00 ...
	10/03/08	9.00 ...
	11/04/08	9.00 ...



De La Rue – OFNP/PVA prestige booklet issues

Ex Charles Darwin prestige booklet. These are the first denominated Machins printed in litho by De La Rue. The shades of the stamps are dramatically different from their gravure printed counterparts and depart significantly from the Jeffrey Matthews colour standard.

5p 2B	Dark claret	
	Mint (DDL50)	1.05 ...
	Used	1.25 ...
S/t pairs	5p 2B/10p 2B horiz pair	2.60 ...
	10p 2B/5p 2B horiz pair	2.60 ...
	5p 2B/1st 2B vert pair	2.60 ...
	1st 2B/5p 2B horiz pair	2.60 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 5p Dark claret, 10p Bright brownish orange, 48p Bright rhododendron & 1st deep yellowish gold– Issued 12.2.09	5.75 ...
10p 2B	Bright brownish orange	
	Mint (DDL100)	1.25 ...
	Used	1.35 ...
S/t pairs	10p 2B/48p 2B horiz pair	3.15 ...
	48p 2B/10p 2B horiz pair	3.15 ...
	10p 2B/Label vert pair	1.80 ...
	Label/10p 2B horiz pair	1.80 ...
48p 2B	Bright rhododendron	
	Mint (DDL480)	1.60 ...
	Used	1.55 ...
S/t pairs	48p 2B/1st 2B vert pair	3.10 ...
	1st 2BI/48p 2B vert pair	3.10 ...
1st 2B	Deep yellowish gold	
	Mint (FSD2)	1.20 ...

2nd CB	Pale bright blue, dull fluor (continued)	
	Top panel of 4 with date on reverse	
	10/07/08	9.00 ...
	14/07/08	9.00 ...
	19/08/08	9.00 ...
	27/08/08	9.00 ...
	18/09/08	9.00 ...
	20/08/08	9.00 ...
	02/09/08	9.00 ...
	15/09/08	9.00 ...
	17/09/08	9.00 ...
	27/11/08	9.00 ...
1st 2B	Pale gold, bright fluor	
	Top panel of 4 with date on reverse	
	17/04/07	9.50 ...
	18/07/07	9.50 ...
	02/08/07	9.50 ...
	03/08/07	9.50 ...
	04/09/07	9.50 ...
	13/05/08	9.50 ...
	24/10/07	9.50 ...
	12/03/08	9.50 ...
	08/05/08	9.50 ...
	09/05/08	9.50 ...
	20/05/08	9.50 ...
	21/05/08	9.50 ...
	08/07/08	9.50 ...
	09/07/08	9.50 ...
	10/07/08	9.50 ...
	11/07/08	9.50 ...
	14/07/08	9.50 ...
	16/07/08	9.50 ...

UNIVERSAL AIRMAIL STAMPS

Walsall – Gravure, OFNP/SA

Booklet Issues – Cut square backing paper

“Postcard” 2B	Deep brownish grey, snowy print – red & ultramarine lozenges – dull fluor	
	Very short phosphor bands at top (UPW5 (S16))	17.50 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAO3 booklets, from cylinder W2 W1 W1.</i>	
“Postcard” 2B	Olive-grey, snowy print – red & ultramarine lozenges – dull fluor	
	Short phosphor bands at bottom (UPW7 (S17))	30.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAO3 booklets, from cylinder W1 W1 W1.</i>	
“Postcard” 2B	Brownish grey, snowy print – red & ultramarine lozenges – very dull fluor	
	Short phosphor bands at bottom (UPW11 (S17))	30.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAO3 booklets, from cylinder W2 W1 W1.</i>	
“Postcard” 2B	Brownish grey – red & ultramarine lozenges – bright fluor	
	Very short phosphor bands at bottom, inset right band (UPW12 (S17)(I2))	25.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAO3 booklets, from cylinder W2 W1 W1.</i>	
“Europe” 2B	Pale bright blue – red & ultramarine lozenges – bright fluor	
	Inset right band (UEW5 (I2))	35.00 ...
	<i>Ex SAO3 booklets, cyl W2W2 (W1).</i>	

Walsall – OFNP/SA booklet issues

2nd CB	Bright blue, pale Queen’s head, very dull fluor	
	Mint (SWV23)	3.25 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC11 12 x 2nd booklets.</i>	
2nd CB	Pale bright blue, pale Queen’s head, very dull fluor, short band at bottom	
	Mint (SWV24 (S2))	7.25 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC11 12 x 2nd booklets.</i>	
2nd CB	Bright blue, dull fluor	
	Mint (SWV25)	2.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC11 2nd x 12 PIP cover booklets.</i>	
1st 2B	Gold, pale Queen’s head, 9.5mm phosphor, bright fluor	
	Short phosphor bands at bottom (FWV20 (S17))	15.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC12 1st x 6 booklet (SP82).</i>	
1st 2B	Yellowish gold, dull fluor	
	Short phosphor bands at bottom (FWV23 (S17))	19.50 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAA10 – 2008 Valentines Promotional booklet</i>	
1st 2B	Pale yellowish gold, pale Queen’s head, 9.5mm phosphor, bright fluor, opaque backing	
	Short phosphor bands at bottom (FWV24(S17))	15.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAM14 Seaside booklets. These stamps have red backing paper.</i>	
1st 2B	Pale gold, pale Queen’s head, 9.5mm phosphor, very dull fluor, weak background and frame doubled at the bottom	
	Mint (FWV26)	8.25 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC13 6 x 1st booklets. This shows a very weak, patchy background and traces of the ink in the value tablet and a doubling of the frame at the bottom. A possible cause could be over thinning of the ink causing it to run and spread further than intended.</i>	
1st 2B	Pale gold, bright fluor	
	Mint (FWV27)	2.75 ...
	Short phosphor bands at top (FWV27 (S16)) ..	13.75 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC13 1st x 6 PIP Cover with Postcode Notice in England and Wales and Series SAC11 1st x 12 PIP cover booklets.</i>	
1st 2B	Yellowish gold, 9.5mm phosphor, dull fluor – Very coarse phosphor screen	
	Mint (FWV28)	5.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAA10 – 2008 Valentines Promotional booklet</i>	
1st 2B	Gold, 9.5mm phosphor, dull fluor	
	Mint (FWV29)	3.50 ...
	Short bands at bottom (FWV29 (S17))	13.75 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAA9 1st x 6 Harry Potter booklets. This is a different shade than previous Potter books with an appreciably duller fluor additive to phosphor.</i>	
Unprinted	dummy stamp, but fully perforated and with ellipses at sides	
	1st version (gold backing)	2.50 ...
	2nd version (blue backing)	2.50 ...
	<i>Ex Dummy booklets of 1st x 12 and 2nd x 12 which were presumably intended for training purposes, as printer’s samples or for marketing purposes. An unusual and cheap adjunct to a Machin collection.</i>	

De La Rue – OFNP/SA booklet issues

1st 2B	Deep gold	
	Inset left phosphor band (FDV2 (I1))	30.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAM12 Ocean Liners 1st x 6 booklet.</i>	

PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

1st 2B	Gold		
	No warrant	22/01/07	7.95 ...
1st 2B	Gold, bright fluor – very shiny gum		
	Mint (PFD4)		3.00 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6†		
	D1 (D1) Dot		18.00 ...
	No warrant	21/01/07	18.00 ...
	Lower-right corner control block of 6		18.00 ...
	<i>Ex part of 21/01/07 printing. The gum on these stamps is very shiny almost akin to early gum arabic issues.</i>		
2nd Large 2B	Bright blue		
	No warrant	27/02/08	8.20 ...
		12/03/07	8.20 ...
		16/04/07	8.80 ...
1st Large 2B	Gold		
	No warrant	12/11/07	10.75 ...
		26/02/08	9.70 ...

Walsall – OFNP/SA business sheet issues

Type 6 – Large PIP Business Sheets

2nd Large 2B	Top panel of 5 with date on reverse		
		04/07/07	11.50 ...
		05/07/07	11.50 ...
		11/06/08	11.50 ...
		12/06/08	11.50 ...
1st Large 2B	Top panel of 5 with date on reverse		
		07/12/07	12.00 ...
		17/03/08	12.00 ...
		18/03/08	12.00 ...
		22/05/08	12.00 ...
		23/05/08	12.00 ...
		27/05/08	12.00 ...
		12/08/08	12.00 ...
		13/08/08	12.00 ...
		15/08/08	12.00 ...

Walsall – OFNP/SA booklet issues

1st 2B	Deep gold, bright fluor		
	Short phosphor bands at bottom (PFW9 (S17))		10.00 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC10 1st x 6 booklets, W1 (W1)</i>		

IMPROVED SECURITY ISSUES

Over recent years Royal Mail have battled the twin problems of postal forgery and, perhaps more significantly with ever rising postal rates, the fraudulent re-use of stamps. To try and prevent the former problem a series of security features – elliptical perforations, optical brightener free paper and fluorescent additives to the fluor in phosphor bands – were added to definitive issues in 1993. They succeeded in slowing down the forgery problem but improvements in digital reproduction technology has meant that these have now been largely overtaken.

Royal Mail have long suggested that they lose a considerable sum by the fraudulent re-use of stamps that have already passed through the mail, but have either remained uncanceled or had their cancellation illicitly removed. The chances of this occurring seem to increase year on year as more and more mail seems to slip through the postal streams without bearing any sort of handstamp – on average we estimate that we receive at least one or two items of mail per week that have uncanceled stamps. If you multiply this up by the 28 million postal addresses within the UK, the potential scale of the problem becomes obvious. A legitimate response to this problem might be to suggest that Royal Mail ensure more items are properly cancelled. However, all this costs money and with postal transmission of stamp mail already making a loss, a cheaper alternative has been sought to minimise the problem and make forgery that much harder – by adopting new stamps that incorporate more up to date features designed to prevent forgery and re-use.

New Features

17th February saw the introduction of a new range of improved security definitives. Improved security issues have three distinct changes from their Security counterparts – U shaped slits, iridescent overprints and non-soakable self-adhesive gum. Each stamp has a series of four “U” shaped slits, arranged in pairs – one upright and the other inverted – at the left and right and positioned towards the bottom of the stamp. The slits are die-cut into the stamp at the time that the “perforations” are also die-cut. These have a similar function to slits that appear on price labels on goods in shops, to prevent peeling off one from a lower-price item and repositioning it on another more expensive one. When an attempt is made to peel the stamp from its envelope, the slits separate and tear the stamp showing that it has been tampered with, preventing its re-use. In the same vein, the self-adhesive gum (which is now appears to be the gum of preference, even on



sheet issues) is no longer water soluble. Previously a water soluble PVA layer between the stamp paper and the self-adhesive gum made it possible for stamps to be floated off their envelope after soaking making it feasible to collect used self-adhesive stamps in the same way as conventionally gummed versions. However, this is now not possible as the PVA layer has been removed and the self-adhesive gum doesn't dissolve in water. It is just about possible after a prolonged period of soaking to get the stamp to release, but this is because of the breakdown of the stamp paper, and when it eventually comes away it is in a severely weakened condition making it impossible to handle and re-use. This will require an adjustment in how used stamps are collected in the future, and as a consequence they are supplied on piece. Despite these alterations to the adhesive, it is still possible to peel a mint stamp off its silicon coated backing paper and position it on an envelope in the traditional manner.

The final improved security measure is an iridescent overprint, reversed out of which across the stamp's background is the wording “ROYAL MAIL” in a wavy pattern similar to that seen on the background of recent Post & Go Machins. Once again the “ROYAL MAIL” wording is used across the Queen's head, this

time in a positive image in smaller and more closely spaced type showing a less pronounced wavy pattern. This iridescent overprint makes it impossible to reproduce effectively with a standard desktop scanner and laser or inkjet printer. Other features of the stamps match existing self-adhesives closely. All stamps have simulated die-cut perforations at the gauge of 15 x 14 and show a single ellipse starting three perfs from the bottom on each vertical edge. The paper is a type with no or very low OBA and therefore is again designated OFNP. All stamps bear phosphor bands with a blue fluor additive – 2nd stamps have a single centre phosphor band measuring 4.5mm, others have two side bands measuring 9mm in total width. A single set of phosphor bands is allocated to each stamp rather than being printed continuously from top to bottom of the sheet. This can be confirmed as we have already discovered stamps with short bands from all sheet positions and seen others that are verging on inset at the sides.

Sheet Format & Markings

To cope with these changes and to allow for the self-adhesive format, Royal Mail have introduced smaller, more compact sheets. Stamps now come in sheets of 50, comprising two panes of 25, separated by an unprinted vertical gutter. This arrangement will be familiar to commemorative collectors who will note that it is the same layout as seen on recent self-adhesive Christmas issues. This marks the return of gutter pairs to definitive collecting, last seen on the Castle High values, and only seen once before on low value

Machins, back in 1979 for the Chambon printings of the 10p value. Previously it has not been necessary to be able to separate self-adhesive definitives as they have been sold in multiple unit items such as booklets or business sheets and are peeled from the backing paper to stick on an envelope or packet as required. However, it is necessary to be able to sell individual stamps from a sheet and therefore the backing paper is rouletted between stamps, making separation possible. This rouletting also runs through the top, bottom and side sheet margins. The matrix has been stripped away from between the stamps but is retained in the sheet margins to the left and right (but not at the top or bottom or in the gutter), enabling printing of marginal markings, many of which will be immediately recognisable and a couple of which are new to definitives.

The cylinder numbers remain in the lower-left corner, but gone are the extra dot and/or no dot notation to identify the left or right panes from the printing cylinder. Instead, as these compact sheets are printed 6 up for the standard sized Machins and 4 up for PIP Large stamps, a grid appears in the cylinder block of six in the margin alongside row 10. A dot is positioned in the box on the grid to indicate from where on the primary sheet it emanates. If you order a cylinder blocks the position of this dot will be allocated at random. However, if you require blocks with the dots positioned in specific places in the grid, please ensure you request this when you order.



The cylinder grids on new format sheets: Above - PIP large values
Right - Small format values

The cylinder numbers on these blocks is made up of three elements – the iridescent ink (given first as it is above the colour) the colour ink and the phosphor (given in brackets at the end, although this is normally positioned above the two numbers visible to the naked eye).

An inkjet printed serial number appears in the right sheet margin alongside row 9, with a printing date included alongside the row above. These date blocks are supplied in lower-right corner blocks of 6 as has been universally agreed as the format to be adopted by all collector groups and dealers.

In the top part of the sheet the stamp colour appears in the left selvedge alongside row 3. Two new markings appear in the right margin. A stock barcode, machine readable by the Post Office's Horizon system and similar to that recently introduced onto commemorative sheets is printed in black alongside row 2 and a coded description of the stamps in the sheet is positioned alongside the row below. This code is in the form of "Pxxx" where the xxx equates to the relevant stamp value in pence, or "NVly" where y equates to the NVI rate where "S" equals 2nd small, "F" equals 1st small, "SL" equals 2nd Large and "FL" 1st large.

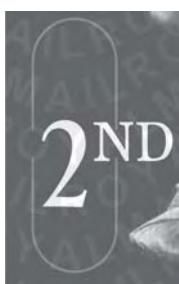
Scope of Issues

The 17th February date saw the release of 6 low value and 4 high value sheet stamps – 50p and £1, NVI 2nd, 1st, 2nd Large and 1st Large and £1.50, £2, £3 & £5. These are all in sheet format. As well as sheet printings, the Improved Security Issues were also issued from other self-adhesive sources – booklets, business sheets, and coils. The initial stamp, a small format 1st, emanates from the British Design Classics mixed commemorative/definitive booklet, officially released on 10th March, although copies are known pre-released on 4th March. Other booklet and business sheet stamps

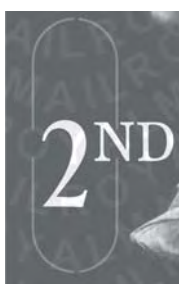
were originally due to be released along with sheet issues on 17th February, but, due to production difficulties, were delayed until 31st March, coinciding with the release of the new tariff definitives. Booklet issues to date have all been printed by Walsall Security Printers and apart from a generally different appearance from De La Rue issues that is difficult to describe in words, stamps from these two printers do have some immediately apparent visual differences. Coil issues from rolls of 10,000 first appeared in July, although no official release date was announced. These are printed by De La Rue.

Security Slits

The “U” shaped security slits on the Walsall stamps have a small interruption at the base of both of the “U”s, (to ensure that the stamps don’t tear when being removed from their backing paper), whereas the initial De La Rue sheet and business printings have a continuous and uninterrupted slit. However, later coil printings show the interrupted type of slits. The two types of slit are being designated as **Type 1** for the uninterrupted version and **Type 2** for the version showing the small break. Booklet stamps come in 1st books of 6 and 12, 2nd books of 12 and 1st Large and 2nd Large books of 4.



Type 1
Initial De La Rue Printings



Type 2
All Walsall & De La Rue coils

For the first time De La Rue have printed the business sheets, although there is no longer any printer designation in the top panel of the sheets to indicate this change. Business sheets exist in sheets of 100 for 1st and 2nd values and sheets of 50 for 1st Large and 2nd Large. Stamps from these Business Sheets have Type 1 slits, similar to the sheet printings, but are more closely spaced and have no rouletting between them to aid separation. We expect to offer top panels from these new sheets as soon as stocks appear in Post Offices.

Security Coding

A further unannounced security innovation appears on booklet, business sheets and coils. Cunningly hidden in the top right corner of every stamp amidst the iridescent security overprint is a code letter indicating the source of the stamp (no code lettering appears on standard sheet stamps). Each source has a different code letter which replaces another in the wavy “ROYAL MAIL” wording overprint. On small format stamps it replaces an “A” in “MAIL” and on large format stamps it replaces an “A” in “ROYAL” on business sheets and an “R” in “ROYAL” on booklet issues. The code letters adopted are fairly intuitive and are listed below:

- B** = Business sheet
- C** = Custom (Mixed Commem/definitive) booklet
- F** = Definitive booklet of **Four**
- S** = Definitive booklet of **Six**
- T** = Definitive booklet of **Twelve**
- R** = Stamp Rolls – coils

The location of these codings are illustrated in the diagrams below. The code letter is highlighted in darker type and the word it is contained in slightly paler lettering, but this is enhanced to show the positioning – on the actual stamp it is simply part of the normal iridescent overprint. This is a very interesting development and as they are readily identifiable with the naked eye, each will be treated

Small Format Code Letter Positioning



Code B
Business sheets



Code C
Custom books



Code R
Stamp Rolls



Code S
Books of 6



Code T
Book of 12

Large Format Code Letter Positioning



Code B
Business sheets



Code F
Books of 4

as a basic new stamp – it is expected that they will receive full catalogue status, even in non-specialised catalogues. Sheet stamps do not bear this coding.

The Future

Whether other values than those issued to date will change from their current format to the Improved Security style remains to be seen. It may be that to adopt this for all low value make-up values is too expensive and the additional costs outweighs any potential security issues. However, it would seem more logical to print higher rate values meeting current postal tariffs in this format, although again, as many of these prepay overseas mail, it may be seen that the risk to revenue is significantly diminished. Stamps from Prestige booklets are likely to retain their conventional gumming and therefore die-cutting slits would seem to serve little purpose. An iridescent overprint, however, is quite achievable and may appear on future releases, although nothing to this affect has been announced to date. The multicolour printing of Regional Emblem stamps make them a much less attractive target for forgery, although re-use still occurs here. No plans exist, at present, to change these either, although it is possible that they may adopt the new style of production if it becomes streamlined and effective on national issues.

De La Rue – OFNP/SAN sheet issues

Rouletted translucent backing paper – Type 1 Slits

No Code letters

50p 2B	Grey	
	Mint (DIG500)	0.90 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Vertical gutter pair	2.20 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1)	6.05 ...
	Any specified position	6.55 ...
	Set of all 6 positions	33.00 ...
	No warrant 08/12/08	6.05 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)	7.70 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 50p 2B, £1 2B – Issued 17.2.09	3.75 ...
£1 2B	Ruby	
	Mint (DIG1000)	1.75 ...
	Used	1.95 ...
	Vertical gutter pair	3.75 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1)	11.50 ...
	Any specified position	12.00 ...
	Set of all 6 positions	65.00 ...
	No warrant 08/12/08	11.50 ...
	09/12/08	13.25 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)	15.00 ...

Presentation pack containing Improved Security Machin 50p, £1, 2nd, 1st, 2nd Large & 1st Large (Pack no. 82)..... 6.25 ...

De La Rue – OFNP/SAN Business sheet issues

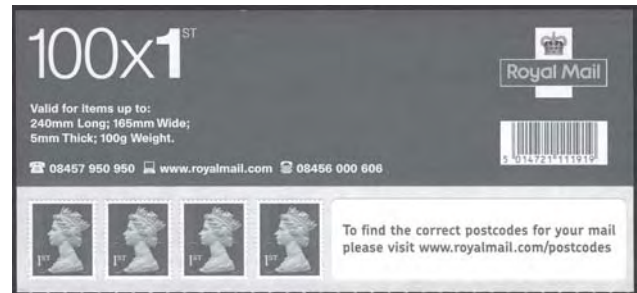
No rouletting to translucent backing paper – Type 1 Slits.

Type 8 Business Sheet Top Panels – Improved Security Stamps
The design has altered from previous Type 7 sheets. The barcode has now moved from the label into the panel at the top, with the label now bearing a postcode notice. There is no longer any printer's imprint, but these are the first business sheets to be printed by De La Rue.

Code B

2nd CB	Bright blue – dull fluor	
	Mint (SID2)	0.95 ...
	Top panel of 4	
	No specific date	9.00 ...
	13/01/09	9.00 ...
	15/01/09	9.00 ...
	17/01/09	9.00 ...
	Complete sheet of 100	45.00 ...
	Used	1.15 ...
	P.O. FDC 2nd CB, 1st 2B, PIP 2nd Large, PIP 1st Large – Issued 31.3.09†	7.95 ...
1st 2B	Gold – dull fluor	
	Mint (FID2)	1.15 ...
	Top panel of 4	
	No specific date	9.50 ...
	12/12/08	9.50 ...
	15/12/08	9.50 ...
	Complete sheet of 100	55.00 ...
	Used	1.35 ...
	Inset right band (FID2 (I2))	11.00 ...
	Ex 11/12/08 sheet.	
1st 2B	Gold – bright fluor	
	Mint (FID3)	2.25 ...
	Ex Type 8 business sheets of 100 – part of 15/12/08 printing.	

2nd CB	Bright blue	
	Mint (SID1)	0.60 ...
	Used	0.80 ...
	Vertical gutter pair	1.30 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1)	4.15 ...
	Any specified position	4.65 ...
	Set of all 6 positions	19.50 ...
	No warrant 04/12/08	4.15 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)	4.65 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd CB, 1st 2B, PIP 2nd Large, PIP 1st Large – Issued 17.2.09	4.25 ...
	Short phosphor band at top	
	Single (SID1 (S1))	11.00 ...
1st 2B	Gold	
	Mint (FID1)	0.75 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
	Vertical gutter pair	1.65 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1)	4.45 ...
	Any specified position	4.95 ...
	Set of all 6 positions	27.50 ...
	No warrant 03/12/08	4.45 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)	5.55 ...
	Short phosphor bands at top	
	Single (FID1 (S16))	14.00 ...
	Gutter pair	28.00 ...



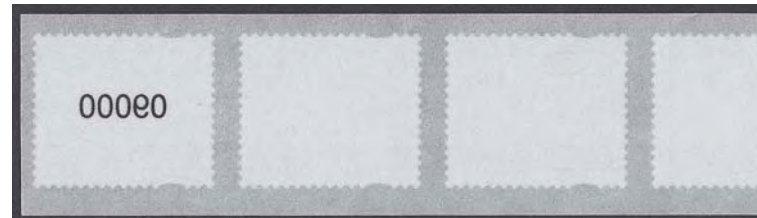
De La Rue – OFNP/SAN coil issues

No rouletting to translucent yellowish backing paper – Type 2 Slits. Ex rolls of 10,000

Code R

These rolls are similar to presecurity issues but instead of being printed by Enschedé, they are De La Rue printed. The Code R is unique to this source

2nd CB	Bright blue – dull fluor	
	Mint (SID3)	1.75 ...
	Coil strip of 5 (CISAS1)	7.00 ...
	Coil strip of 5 with inkjet number printed on back of backing paper of top stamp (CISAS1a). 8.00 ...	
1st 2B	Gold – bright fluor	
	Mint (FID4)	1.75 ...
	Coil strip of 5 (CISAF1)	7.00 ...
	Coil strip of 5 with inkjet number printed on back of backing paper of top stamp (CISAF1a). 8.00 ...	



Walsall– OFNP/SAN booklet issues

Opaque backing paper – Type 2 Slits

Code C

1st 2B	Gold – bright fluor	
	Mint (FIW1)	1.00 ...
	Used	1.15 ...
	P.O. FDC – Dated 4.3.09†	4.50 ...
	<i>This was pre-released by a week.</i>	
	Inset left band (FIW1 (I1))	7.50 ...
	All over phosphor, supplied in a horizontal pair with normal copy (FIW1AOP)	35.00 ...
	<i>This is the first AOP we have seen in years and shows a good all over phosphor wash on the left hand stamp</i>	
	<i>Ex Series SAM16 Design Classics I1 mixed commem/definitive booklet. This stamp has red reverse to backing.</i>	
1st 2B	Yellowish gold, deep Queen's head – bright fluor	
	Mint (FIW4)	1.40 ...
	Short phosphor bands at top, iridescent overprint also short at top (FIW4IST (S16))	7.50 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAM17 NAFAS 1st x 6 mixed commem definitive book. These stamps also show the iridescent security overprint short of the top of the stamp leaving a clear unoverprinted strip at the top of the printed design and the iridescence slipping into the white border at the bottom.</i>	

Code S

1st 2B	Gold – bright fluor	
	Mint (FIW2)	1.00 ...
	Used	1.15 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 31.3.09†	4.50 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC15 6 x 1st booklet.</i>	

Code T

2nd CB	Bright blue – dull fluor	
	Mint (SIW1)	0.80 ...
	Used	1.00 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd CB, 1st 2B – Issued 31.3.09†	
5.45	...	
	Short band at bottom (SIW1 (S2))	8.50 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC14 12 x 2nd booklets.</i>	
1st 2B	Gold, pale Queen's head – bright fluor	
	Mint (FIW3)	1.00 ...
	Used	1.15 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC14 12 x 1st booklets.</i>	

P.O.FDC set of 5 covers bearing all Code variants cancelled on first day of issue 27.50 ...
The 5 covers marked with † make a very interesting and possibly unique set containing all the Improved Security Issues with code letters in the top right corner. Approximately only 40 covers of each prepared.

IMPROVED SECURITY PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

De La Rue – OFNP/SAN sheet issues

Rouletted translucent backing paper – Type 1 Slits

No Code letters

2nd Large 2B	Bright blue	
	Mint (PISLD1)	0.90 ...
	Used	1.10 ...
	Vertical gutter pair	1.95 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1)	5.65 ...
	Any specified position	6.15 ...
	Set of all 4 positions	20.50 ...
	No warrant 10/12/08	5.65 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ..	6.95 ...
	Short phosphor bands at bottom	
	Single (PISLD1 (S17))	8.25 ...
	Gutter pair	16.50 ...
	Cylinder block of 6	47.50 ...
1st Large 2B	Gold	
	Mint (PIFLD1)	1.05 ...
	Used	1.25 ...
	Vertical gutter pair	2.25 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 (D1)	6.80 ...
	Any specified position	7.30 ...
	Set of all 4 positions	25.00 ...
	No warrant 09/12/08	6.80 ...
	Colour block (top-left corner block of 8) ..	8.05 ...
	Short phosphor bands at top	
	Single (PIFLD1 (S16))	12.50 ...
	Gutter pair	25.00 ...
	Date block of 6	70.00 ...
	Cylinder block of 6	70.00 ...
	<i>Ex 09/12/08 sheet printing.</i>	

De La Rue – OFNP/SAN business sheet issues

No rouletting to translucent backing paper – Type 1 Slits.

Type 6A Business Sheet Top Panels – Improved Security Stamps
The design is very similar to Type 6 sheets but there is no longer any printer's imprint.

Code B

2nd Large 2B	Bright blue – dull fluor	
	Mint (PISLD2)	1.15 ...
	Used	1.35 ...
	Top panel of 5	
	No specific date	11.50 ...
	Complete sheet of 50	39.50 ...
1st Large 2B	Gold – dull fluor	
	Mint (PIFLD2)	1.40 ...
	Used	1.60 ...
	Top panel of 5	
	No specific date	12.00 ...
	19/01/09	12.00 ...
	Complete sheet of 50	46.00 ...

Walsall– OFNP/SAN booklet issues

Opaque backing paper – Type 2 Slits

Code F

2nd Large 2B	Bright blue	
	Mint (PISLW1)	1.10 ...
	Used	1.30 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC15 4 x 2nd Large booklets.</i>	
	P.O. FDC bearing PIP 2nd Large 2B, PIP 1st Large 2B – Issued 31.3.09†	5.75 ...
1st Large 2B	Gold	
	Mint (PIFLW1)	1.35 ...
	Used	1.55 ...
	<i>Ex Series SAC15 4 x 1st Large booklets.</i>	

POST & GO MACHINS

In a fascinating development in the history of printing and selling stamps, Royal Mail have introduced a new concept to make stamp sales more convenient and faster. From the beginning of October they started installing a series of "Post & Go" automatic kiosks inside main post offices up and down the UK. The machines are totally automated and self-service, allowing you to weigh and then vend appropriate labels for application to both inland and overseas mail if you wish to post them immediately. Similar systems have been trialled at limited locations for some time. However, the difference with Post & Go is the possibility of buying stamps from the same system that can then be taken away and used in any post box at an unspecified time in the future. Sometimes these are also referred to as FastStamps.

The system thermographically prints the relevant NVI tariff onto a pre-printed base stamp – the stamp paper is actually thermographic which when passed over a heated print head turns black, leaving the text effectively "burnt" onto the stamp, much in the same way as the earliest forms of fax machines and some current shop tills and credit card voucher printers. The result is a sharper, cleaner image with little sign of blurring or dot pattern making up the characters. They come in five values: 1st Class, 1st Large, Europe up to 20g, Worldwide up to 10g and Worldwide up to 20g. These base stamps are gravure printed by Walsall and are panoramic in format, bearing a Machin head at the right, with a larger area to the left in which the tariff and other diagnostic information is printed by the vending machine. They bear a swirly security pattern which acts as an underprint as commonly seen on banknotes, made up from the words "Royal Mail", all in an olive-brown colour similar to that used for the Millennium Machins. There are two phosphor bands, positioned either side of the Queen's head, measuring approximately 9mm in total width, the right edge of which runs off into the right hand perforations. Surprisingly there is no obvious fluor additive in these bands, although this is difficult to determine for certain as the paper has a very bright fluor additive itself, something which could conceivably cause problems with automatic sorting and facing equipment. They are perforated all round at a gauge of 14½ and printed on self-adhesive stock, with a yellowish Kraft backing paper, which is similar to that seen on Machin self-adhesive coils. Stamps can be vended singly or in vertical strips of up to 5 in length. It is possible to produce multi-value coils if you select the correct rates.

Gravure Versions

In response to the huge interest in these stamps from collectors, Royal Mail decided that they would make them available from philatelic sources as well as from individual machines. However, to do this, it was deemed unviable to set up one or more Nixdorf ProPostal machines to simply churn out their philatelic requirements. Instead they took the chance to print the entire stamp, including the black tariff and codings at the foot entirely by photogravure as opposed to just the base stamp as found on stamps vended by machines. The result is a set of all five values, produced in a different printing method, making them entirely new and highly collectable.

The gravure printed versions are readily identifiable from thermographically printed Machine types by the make up of the characters which show the familiar gravure cell structure, with a

series of dots clearly visible around the edges of every character. The figures in the coding at the bottom of the stamps appear appreciable thicker and deeper in colour. The biggest giveaway of their source, however, is that being gravure printed it is not possible to change the coding information along the bottom so each value bears the same coding on every example – Royal Mail decided to use the code for the Bristol office as this was where Post & Go stamps were first issued – so they are instantly recognisable. We illustrate all five values so the coding can be seen.



In other respects the stamps are very similar to those currently available from machines. The paper is still thermographically sensitive and is supplied on the same yellowish coloured waxy backing. The stamp paper appears somewhat whiter to the naked eye than the initial machine issues but is duller in fluorescence under UV, allowing a clearer differentiation between the paper and the phosphor bands. This paper, however, is now also appearing in machines (we expect to supply this newer type thermographically printed, in due course). The colour of the Queen's head and underlying Royal Mail security pattern is also in a slightly deeper shade than found on initial machine versions.

The printers, Walsall, clearly had problems with phosphor band synchronisation as these vary wildly from well synchronised, to short at top and short at bottom. Those supplied herewith show a mixture of short top and bottom types that are most prevalent and this alignment is marked alongside each stamp accordingly. We hope to be able to supply alternate alignments of these bands in due course. The stamps are priced higher as individuals for those that wish to order them as individual items but are discounted as a set in a pack.

To date these gravure printed stamps are only available as individual stamps, guillotined apart. No coil strips, either as five of the same value or se-tenant, are known. To conveniently package the set of five they have been sold by Royal Mail in a presentation pack style folder and if ordered in a set of 5, we can also them in this container. However, more specialised supplies with different alignments of phosphor, will not be supplied in these packs.

Numbering

It has been necessary arrange the numbering of these stamps to take into account the two different print styles. The thermographically printed versions have a "T" in to the coding after the initial PG (Post & Go) and gravure printed stamps include a "G" after the initial PG.

For further information on Post & Go and it's development see the Connoisseur Catalogue online website at www.connoisseurcatalogue.net/catalogue/chapter6a.pdf page 6A/25



**Thermographically printed version
with no screening on edges**



**Gravure printed version
with screening dots clearly visible**

(Enlarged to 750% of original size)

Walsall, Thermographic –FCP/SAN coil issues

1st 2B	Olive-brown Mint (PGTF1) 1.10 ... Used* 1.30 ... Vertical coil strip of 5 (PGC1) 5.50 ...
1st 2B	Greyish olive Short bands at bottom (PGTF2 (S17)) .. 5.25 ...
1st Large 2B	Olive-brown Mint (PGTFL1) 1.50 ... Used* 1.70 ... Vertical coil strip of 5 (PGC2) 7.50 ...
1st Large 2B	Greyish olive Short bands at bottom (PGTFL1 (S17)) . 6.00 ...
Europe 20g 2B	Olive-brown Mint (PGTE200) 1.50 ... Used* 1.70 ... Vertical coil strip of 5 (PGC3) 7.50 ...
Europe 20g 2B	Greyish olive Short bands at bottom (PGTE201 (S17)) 5.50 ...
Worldwide 10g 2B	Olive-brown Mint (PGTW100) 1.70 ... Used* 1.90 ... Vertical coil strip of 5 (PGC4) 8.50 ...
Worldwide 10g 2B	Greyish olive Short bands at bottom (PGTW101 (S17)) 6.00 ...
Worldwide 20g 2B	Olive-brown Mint (PGTW200) 2.35 ... Used* 2.55 ... Vertical coil strip of 5 (PGC5) 11.75 ...
Worldwide 20g 2B	Greyish olive Short bands at bottom (PGTW201 (S17)) 6.75 ...
	Se-tenant vertical coil strip of 5 containing one copy of each of above values (PGCS1) 11.00 ...
	Se-tenant strip of 5 in greyish olive shade, each stamp with short bands at bottom 30.00 ...
	<i>*All supplied on cut square pieces – due to the change in self-adhesive gum, it is now impossible to soak these off without damaging the stamps or remove them with solvent without leaving all the gum present on reverse.</i>

Post & Go 1st on FDC dated 8th October and 2nd Large label on FDC posted 9th October 20.00 ...
 Post & Go 1st, 1st Large, Europe 10g & Worldwide 20g on FDC dated 10th October, Worldwide 10g and Label for 2nd Large on cover posted on 9th October 75.00 ...
Very few of these were produced on the two days of issue – four of the values were available on 8th October, but the Worldwide 10g only became available the following day when a further function in the machines software was enabled. Also on this day the initial Post & Go labels saw their introduction. A lot of interest is being shown in these items and therefore we are very fortunate to have been able to lay our hands on less than 10 sets of covers. We expect these to become highly sought after in the future. These have been prepared in two formats – a single 1st stamp on cover cancelled on 8th October, plus a single 2nd Large label on a cover on 9th October, and for those wanting a more comprehensive version a set of the four values cancelled on 8th October and a further cover posted on the 9th bearing a Worldwide 10g and a 2nd Large label. The 8th October have something of an indistinct handstamp – the result of no philatelic service being available to cancel these items – but it is still possible to make out the 8th October date. The 9th cover bears no datestamp on the label but it bears the fluorescent orange Royal Mail sorting bar marker and as the 2nd Large label is time delimited to validity of the next day, the fact that it bears the 10th October date, proves it must have been vended and posted on 9th October .

Walsall, Gravure – FCP/SAN pack issues

1st 2B	Olive-brown Synchronised bands (PGGF1) 8.25 ... Short bands at bottom (PGGF1 (S17)) 1.45 ...
1st Large 2B	Olive-brown Short bands at bottom (PGGFL1 (S17)) 2.25 ...
Europe 20g 2B	Olive-brown Short bands at bottom (PGGE200 (S17)) 1.95 ...
Worldwide 10g 2B	Olive-brown Short bands at top (PGGW100 (S16)) .. 2.20 ...
Worldwide 20g 2B	Olive-brown Short bands at top (PGGW20 (S16)) ... 2.50 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing all 5 values– Issued 31.3.09 8.25 ...

SMALL FORMAT – MACHIN HEAD

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA

Shiny blue gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface

£2 2B	Greenish slate-blue Mint (DGH2003) 14.00 ... <i>Ex 13/04/05 printing. This is similar to the previously supplied 2005 reprint, showing a smooth background to the stamp, but is in a greener shade with a deeper coloured Queen's head. It is also has duller fluor in the surface coating, known in some quarters as "intermediate" paper. Scarce.</i>
£5 2B	Grey-blue Short phosphor bands at top (DGH5000 (S16)) 40.00 ... <i>Ex 30/04/03 printing.</i>

SMALL FORMAT – MACHIN HEAD IMPROVED SECURITY ISSUES

These stamps were issued at the same time as the Improved Security issue low value Machins and carry exactly the same features and sheet layout – for details of this please see the Machin section on page 28. One consequence is that the stamps no longer have an Iriodin ink overprint as this is rendered unnecessary by the iridescent overprint (which might, of course, actually be printed using Iriodin ink, although at this stage this remains unconfirmed).

High value stamps have now re-appeared on Royal Mail's Horizon computer ordering system so it is possible for all Post Offices to now order them. They had been off general sale since March 2004, although they had been available through philatelic outlets, BFPOs and via Royal Mail Direct, but only in complete sheets of 200, the then current format. Royal Mail may have withdrawn them due to security concerns and now feel more comfortable in re-introducing them into general circulation. If this is the case, it is a policy that should be welcomed.

Cylinder blocks follow the same format as low values as detailed on page 29, with dots available in any one of six different positions. If you order a cylinder blocks the position of this dot will be allocated at random However, if you require blocks with the dots positioned

in specific places in the grid, please ensure you request this when you order.

Date blocks are supplied in lower-right corner blocks of 6 as has been universally agreed as the format to be adopted by all collector groups and dealers.

De La Rue Gravure – OFNP/SAN

£1.50 2B Terracotta	
Mint (D1H1500)	2.70 ...
Used	3.50 ...
Vertical gutter pair	6.00 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6	
D1 (D1)	16.50 ...
Any specified position	17.50 ...
Set of all 6 positions	90.00 ...
No warrant 20/01/09	16.50 ...
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)	21.00 ...
Short phosphor bands at top (DIH1500 (S16))	
Single	8.25 ...
Vertical gutter pair	16.50 ...
Cylinder block of 6	50.00 ...
P.O. FDC bearing £1.50, £2, £3 & £5	21.50 ...
£2 2B Slate-blue	
Mint (D1H2000)	3.50 ...
Used	4.50 ...
Vertical gutter pair	7.75 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6	
D1 (D1)	22.00 ...
Any specified position	23.00 ...
Set of all 6 positions	120.00 ...
No warrant 20/01/09	22.00 ...
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)	27.00 ...
Short phosphor bands at top (DIH2000 (S16))	
Single	13.75 ...
Vertical gutter pair	27.50 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6	75.00 ...



£3 2B Purple	
Mint (D1H3000)	4.80 ...
Used	5.75 ...
Vertical gutter pair	10.50 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6	
D1 (D1)	33.00 ...
Any specified position	34.00 ...
Set of all 6 positions	180.00 ...
No warrant 20/01/09	33.00 ...
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)	39.00 ...
£5 2B Grey-blue	
Mint (D1H5000)	8.00 ...
Used	8.95 ...
Vertical gutter pair	17.50 ...
Cylinder blocks of 6	
D1 (D1)	55.00 ...
Any specified position	56.00 ...
Set of all 6 positions	300.00 ...
No warrant 20/01/09	55.00 ...
Colour block (top-left corner block of 8)	65.00 ...
Presentation pack containing £1.50 £2, £3 & £5 (Pack no. 83)	21.00 ...

COUNTRY EMBLEM DEFINITIVES WITH WHITE BORDER SURROUNDS

New Tariff Regionals

As with the 50p and 81p values from last year's rate change, the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish regional issues no longer appear in No Dot and Dot format – only No Dot blocks exist. However, they were not printed in a single pane. Instead two different values were printed side by side – not the two values from the same country but those where similar quantities are required. You can work out which values were printed with which by looking at the printing dates below. As with the new tariff national definitives, in the place of the Dot and No Dot, we have a Left Dot or a Right Dot, contained in a box. However, with the Scottish Welsh and Northern Irish values which were only printed from one pane, the box not containing the dot is greyed out. Other features also identify which values were printed on the left and on the right – the width of the

selvedge (wide on left and narrow on right panes) – and by the fact that only left pane printings show the now familiar jubilee bar in the sheet margin. It is conceivable that in the future these may be printed on the other side of the sheet and therefore we have identified the jubilee bar issues with a (J) in brackets. Should alternative pane printings occur in the future, we will endeavour to supply these as specialised blocks. English values, however, exist in both Left Dot and Right Dot versions.

Similar to National Definitives above, date blocks are now all printed in the left selvedge, irrespective of whether the stamps emanate from the left or right hand pane. For English issues, dates occur in both panes and we will continue to supply dates from both panes, wherever possible, for those who collect them.

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

England

2nd CB Three Lions	
No warrant 19/03/07	6.25 ...
19/09/07 Left or right selvedge	7.95 ...

1st 2B Lion – Deep brownish terracotta	
Inset right phosphor band (EEWF5(I2))	17.50 ...
Ex 06/07/06 printing.	
No warrant 11/05/07 Left or right selvedge ..	9.25 ...

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA sheet issues (Continued)

England

56p 2B	English Oak	
	Mint (EEW560)	1.00 ...
	Used	1.20 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 (D1) left dot	6.85 ...
	D1 D1 (D1) right dot	6.85 ...
	No warrant 28/01/09 left or right pane	8.60 ...
	29/01/09 right pane	10.75 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 8	8.60 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 56p 2B & 90p 2B – Issued 31.3.09	4.50 ...
78p 2B	Tudor Rose	
	No warrant 12/01/07	20.00 ...
90p 2B	Tudor Rose	
	Mint (EEW900)	1.65 ...
	Used	1.85 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 (D1) left dot	10.95 ...
	D1 D1 (D1) right dot	10.95 ...
	No warrant 28/01/09 left or right pane	13.85 ...
	Lower-right corner control blocks of 8	13.85 ...

Scotland

1st 2B	Lion	
	No warrant 21/04/05	8.30 ...
56p 2B	Thistle	
	Mint (SEW560)	1.00 ...
	Used	1.20 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) left dot (J)	6.85 ...
	No warrant 29/01/09	8.60 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 56p 2B & 90p 2B – Issued 31.3.09	4.50 ...
68p 2B	Tartan	
	Short phosphor bands at top (SEW680 (S16))	35.00 ...
81p 2B	Tartan	
	Short phosphor bands at top (SEW810 (S16))	27.50 ...
	Ex 18/01/08 printing.	
90p 2B	Tartan	
	Mint (SEW900)	1.65 ...
	Used	1.85 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) left dot (J)	10.95 ...
	No warrant 04/02/09	13.85 ...

De La Rue – Litho, OFNP/PVA booklet stamps

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface.

Ex "The Regional Definitives: Heraldry and Symbol" prestige booklet.

Scotland

1st 2B	Lion	
	Mint (SEWF4)	1.15 ...
	Used	1.35 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 29.9.08	3.75 ...

Wales

1st 2B	Dragon	
	Mint (WEWF4)	1.15 ...
	Used	1.35 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 29.9.08	3.75 ...

N. Ireland

1st 2B	Fields – no micro date in value	
	Mint (NEWF4)	1.15 ...
	Used	1.35 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 29.9.08	3.75 ...

This is the first instance of a litho printed version of this stamp without a micro date printed in the base of the value. Previously only gravure issues existed without this date.

N.Ireland

56p 2B	Irish Linen	
	Mint (NEW560)	1.00 ...
	Used	1.20 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 (D1) right dot	6.85 ...
	No warrant 03/02/09	8.60 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 56p 2B & 90p 2B – Issued 31.3.09	4.50 ...
90p 2B	Parian China	
	Mint (NEW900)	1.65 ...
	Used	1.85 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) right dot	10.95 ...
	No warrant 04/02/09	13.85 ...

Wales

2nd CB	Leek CB	
	Short phosphor band at bottom (WEWS1 (S2))	25.00 ...
	Cylinder block of 6 containing two copies with short bands	52.50 ...
	Ex 25/06/03 printing.	
56p 2B	Daffodil	
	Mint (WEW560)	1.00 ...
	Used	1.20 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 (D1) left dot (J)	6.85 ...
	No warrant 03/02/09	8.60 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 56p 2B & 90p 2B – Issued 31.3.09	4.50 ...
81p 2B	Prince of Wales Feathers	
	Inset left band (WEW810 (I2))	16.50 ...
	Ex 15/01/08 printing.	
90p 2B	Prince of Wales Feathers	
	Mint (WEW900)	1.65 ...
	Used	1.85 ...
	Cylinder blocks of 6	
	D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1) right dot	10.95 ...
	No warrant 29/01/09	15.80 ...
	30/01/09	13.85 ...

Presentation Pack

Four Regions Pack containing the current range of 2nd, 1st, 50p and 81p for each country. *Pack Number 81* 13.75 ...

Four Regions Pack containing new rate 56p & 90p stamps for each country combined in one pack –
Pack No. 85



Walsall – Gravure, OFNP/PVA sheet issues

Scotland

42p 2B	Thistle	
	No warrant 19/12/04	11.50 ...

De La Rue – Litho, OFNP/PVA miniature sheet issues

The following 4 stamps are Ex Lest We Forget III miniature sheet. This is the first time that the 81p Emblems stamps have been printed in litho. They can be most easily recognised by the very dull fluor in the phosphor bands.

England

81p 2B	Tudor Rose	
	Mint (EEW811).....	1.55 ...
	Used.....	1.80 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 6.11.08.....	3.50 ...

N. Ireland

81p 2B	Parian China	
	Mint (NEW811).....	1.55 ...
	Used.....	1.80 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 6.11.08.....	3.50 ...

Cartor – Litho, OFNP/SA Smilers sheet issues

Elliptical perfs on each vertical edge.

Unless stated, the stamps below are ex Glorious United Kingdom Smilers sheet. Unlike the individual country Glorious Smilers sheets, the stamps from this sheet all have elliptical perfs on their vertical edges. Previous self-adhesive stamps had no ellipses. They are supplied with a Smilers label attached.

England

1st 2B	Lion & Cross of St.George	
	Mint (EESAF2).....	1.25 ...
	Used.....	1.40 ...
1st 2B	St George's Cross – with Castles Smilers label attached	
	Mint (EPPF2).....	1.65 ...
	Used.....	1.85 ...
	P.O.FDC bearing two copies with different labels attached – Issued 23.4.09.....	4.15 ...

Ex Castles of England Smilers Generic sheet.



N. Ireland

1st 2B	Patchwork of Fields – bright fluor	
	Mint (NESAF2).....	1.25 ...
	Used.....	1.40 ...
1st 2B	Patchwork of Fields 2B – dull fluor, with Castles Smilers label attached	
	Mint (NESAF3).....	1.65 ...
	P.O.FDC bearing two copies with different labels attached – Issued 17.3.09.....	4.15 ...

Ex Castles of N.Ireland Smilers sheet.

Scotland

1st 2B	Lion	
	Mint (SESAF2).....	1.25 ...
	Used.....	1.40 ...

Wales

1st 2B	Dragon	
	Mint (WESAF2).....	1.25 ...
	Used.....	1.40 ...
1st 2B	Dragon with Prince of Wales 60th Birthday Smilers label attached	
	Mint.....	2.50 ...

Ex the Prince of Wales 60th Birthday Commemorative Smilers sheet. The stamp is almost identical to that found in the Glorious UK Smiler sheet.

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

Scotland

81p 2B	Tartan	
	Mint (SEW811).....	1.55 ...
	Used.....	1.80 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 6.11.08.....	3.50 ...

Wales

81p 2B	Prince of Wales Feathers	
	Mint (WEW811).....	1.55 ...
	Used.....	1.80 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued 6.11.08.....	3.50 ...

Ex Celebrating Wales miniature sheet.

1st 2B	Welsh Flag	
	Mint (WEPF1).....	1.65 ...
1st 2B	Dragon 2B – Aquamarine coloured background	
	Mint (WEWF5).....	1.40 ...

The previous litho printed 1st had a turquoise colour background and is quite distinctive.

Enschedé – Gravure, OFNP/PVA miniature sheet issues

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

Scotland

2nd CB	Saltire – Thin value	
	Mint (SEWS3).....	0.90 ...
	Used.....	1.00 ...
	Short phosphor band at top (SEW3 (S1)).....	12.50 ...
	Additional narrow phosphor band at right (SEWS3/2B).....	9.00 ...
	P.O. FDC bearing 2nd, 1st, 50p and 81p below – Issued 22.1.09.....	5.00 ...
1st 2B	Lion – Thin value	
	Mint (SEWF5).....	1.00 ...
	Used.....	1.10 ...
	Short phosphor bands at top (SEW5 (S16)).....	12.50 ...
	Inset right phosphor band (SEWF5 (I2)).....	9.00 ...
50p 2B	Thistle – Thin value	
	Mint (SEW501).....	1.20 ...
	Used.....	1.30 ...
	Short phosphor bands at top, additional short centre band at top (SEW501AB (S16)).....	12.50 ...
81p 2B	Tartan – Thin value	
	Mint (SEW812).....	1.60 ...
	Used.....	1.70 ...
	Inset right phosphor band (SEW812 (I2)).....	9.00 ...

Lest We Forget III miniature sheet (Issued 6.11.08)

De La Rue – Litho, OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

This sheet, issued to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the Armistice, marking the end of World War 1, contains both 81p Regionals from all 4 and a 1st Commemorative.

£3.60	Miniature sheet (REWMS3)	
	Mint.....	6.25 ...
	Used.....	8.00 ...
	P.O. FDC – Issued. 6.11.08.....	8.05 ...

Celebrating Wales miniature sheet (Issued 26.2.09)

De La Rue Litho – OFNP/PVA

This is the last in the Saints series – containing Wales 1st Dragon, 1st Welsh flag and two 81p commemoratives.

£2.34	Miniature sheet	
	Mint (WEWMS2).....	4.10 ...
	Used.....	5.10 ...

Robert Burns miniature sheet (Issued 22.1.09)

Enschedé – Gravure, OFNP/PVA

This sheet, issued to mark 250th Anniversary of Burns' Birth contains Scotland Emblems 2nd, 1st, 50p & 81p plus two 1st special commemoratives. Values of stamps from the Burns sheet are thinner and weaker than from De La Rue sheet printings.

£2.66	Miniature Sheet	
	Mint (SEWMS3)	4.65 ...
	Used	6.00 ...
	Both commemoratives and Emblems 1st and 81p with inset right bands, 2nd with additional narrow band at right (SEWMS3 (I2))	35.00 ...

Both commemoratives and Emblems 2nd CB and 1st 2B with short bands at top, 50p with short bands at top, additional narrow centre band at top (SEWMS3 (S1/S16)) 45.00 ...

Both commemoratives and Emblems 1st 2B with short bands at top and inset at right, the 2nd CB with short band at top and with narrow additional side band at right, 50p with short bands at top, additional narrow centre band at top and 81p with inset right band. (SEWMS3 (S1/S16)(I2)) 65.00 ...

CLASSIC REGIONAL DESIGNS REPRINTED WITH NVI VALUES

To mark the 50th Anniversary of first Regionals, Royal Mail reissued the classic Regional designs for 3d, 6d and 1/3 from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales in their original colours, but redenominated 1st, much in the same way as they handled the 50th Anniversary of the Wilding and Castle issues. There are two distinct issues – the ninestamps in a gravure printed miniature sheet, all of which have a beige wash over the background to simulate the ageing of the paper, which was distinctly creamy coloured when originally issued – and the same values litho printed from a prestige stamp booklet, which do not have the beige wash and are instantly distinguishable. Both versions were printed by De La Rue.

De La Rue, Litho – OFNP/PVA booklet issues

No tint to background

N.Ireland

1st 2B	Purple (3d) (NCF4)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/1st Wales purple 2B horiz pair .	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/1st NI green 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
1st 2B	Claret (6d) (NCF5)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/1st Wales claret 2B horiz pair .	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
1st 2B	Green (1/3) (NCF6)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/1st Wales green 2B horiz pair .	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/1st NI claret 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B vert pair	2.00 ...

Scotland

1st 2B	Purple (3d) (SCF4)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/1st Scot green 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
1st 2B	Claret (6d) (SCF5)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
1st 2B	Green (1/3) (SCF6)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/1st Scot claret 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B vert pair	2.00 ...

Ex "The Regional Definitives: Heraldry and Symbol" prestige book!

Wales

1st 2B	Purple (3d) (WCF4)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/1st Scot purple 2B horiz pair ...	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/1st Wales green 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
1st 2B	Claret (6d) (WCF5)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/1st Scot claret 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
1st 2B	Green (1/3) (WCF6)	
	Mint	0.85 ...
	Used	0.95 ...
S/t pairs	1st 2B/1st Scot green 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/1st Wales claret 2B vert pair .	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B horiz pair	2.00 ...
	1st Emblem 2B/ 1st 2B vert pair	2.00 ...
	1st 2B/ 1st Emblem 2B vert pair	2.00 ...

P.O. FDC bearing above 9 stamps on 3 separate covers (one for each region cancelled in the appropriate capital) – Issued 29.9.08 11.50 ...



De La Rue, Gravure – OFNP/PVA miniature sheet issues

Beige tinted background

Ex 50th Anniversary of Regionals miniature sheet.

N.Ireland

1st 2B	Purple (3d) (NCF1)	0.65 ...
1st 2B	Claret (6d) (NCF2)	0.65 ...
1st 2B	Green (1/3) (NCF3)	0.65 ...

Scotland

1st 2B	Purple (3d) (SCF1)	0.65 ...
1st 2B	Claret (6d) (SCF2)	0.65 ...
1st 2B	Green (1/3) (SCF3)	0.65 ...

Wales

1st 2B	Purple (3d) (WCF1)	0.65 ...
1st 2B	Claret (6d) (WCF2)	0.65 ...
1st 2B	Green (1/3) (WCF3)	0.65 ...

50th Anniversary of Country Definitives miniature sheet containing above nine stamps and a label

Mint (RCMS1)	5.95 ...
Used	7.20 ...

PRESTIGE BOOKLETS

Pilot To Plane R.A.F. Uniforms – Walsall Litho

£7.15	Prestige booklet	12.60 ...
	<u>Pane 1</u>	R.A.F. Uniforms 81p 2B x 3 designs 5.05 ...
	<u>Pane 2</u>	R.A.F. Uniforms 1st 2B x 3 designs 2.35 ...
	<u>Pane 3</u>	Architects of the Air 20p 2B x 2, Air Displays 1st 2B x 2 3.20 ...
	<u>Pane 4</u>	Machin 1st gold 2B x 4, 2nd blue CB x 4 plus label 5.20 ...
	P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers, each with a different handstamp – Issued 18.9.08 21.95 ...	

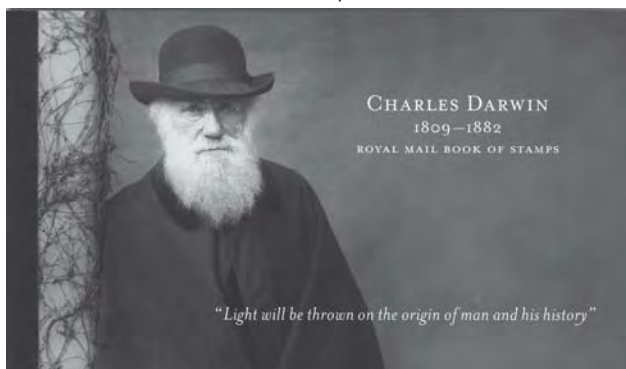
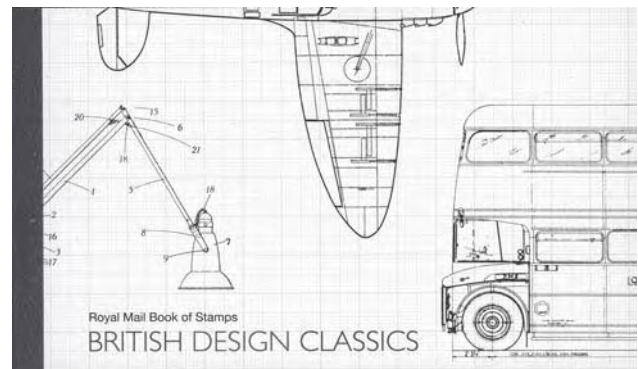


Regionals: Heraldry And Symbol – De La Rue Litho

£9.72	Prestige booklet	16.75 ...
	<u>Pane 1</u>	Classic Regional NVIs: N.Ireland 1st x 3, Scotland 1st x 3, Wales 1st x 3 6.50 ...
	<u>Pane 2</u>	Scotland Classic Regional 1st x 3; Emblem 1st x 3 4.40 ...
	<u>Pane 3</u>	N.Ireland Classic Regional 1st x 3; Emblem 1st x 3 4.40 ...
	<u>Pane 4</u>	Wales Classic Regional 1st x 3; Emblem 1st x 3 4.40 ...
	P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers, each with a different handstamp – Issued 18.9.08 24.95 ...	

British Design Classics – Cartor Litho

£7.68	Prestige booklet	13.50 ...
	<u>Pane 1</u>	Machin 16p bright pink 2B x 4, 50p grey 2B x 4 plus label 5.50 ...
	<u>Pane 2</u>	Design Classics 1st Spitfire, 1st Buses x 2, 1st Mini 3.05 ...
	<u>Pane 3</u>	Design Classics 1st Tube Map, 1st Phone Box, 1st Penguin Book, 1st Anglepoise Lamp, 1st Polypropylene Chair, 1st Mini Skirt ... 4.65 ...
	<u>Pane 4</u>	Design Classic 1st Concorde x 2, Airliners 1st Concorde x 2, Bright fluor additive to phosphor 3.30 ... Dull fluor additive to phosphor 6.60 ...
	P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers, each with a different handstamp – Issued 13.1.09 23.75 ...	



Charles Darwin – De La Rue Gravure/Litho

£7.75	Prestige booklet	13.70 ...
	<u>Pane 1</u>	Darwin 48p, 50p & 56p 3.30 ...
	<u>Pane 2</u>	Darwin miniature sheet (litho) 4.85 ...
	<u>Pane 3</u>	Darwin 1st, 72p & 81p 4.30 ...
	<u>Pane 4</u>	Machin 5p Dark claret 2B x 2, 10p Bright brownish orange 2B x 4, 48p Bright rhododendron 2B x 2, 1st deep yellowish gold 2B x 2 plus label (litho) 6.05 ...
	P.O. FDCs of above panes on 4 covers, each with a different handstamp – Issued 12.2.09 25.15 ...	

SELF-ADHESIVE BOOKLETS

Christmas 2008

De La Rue

This year's Royal Mail's Christmas booklets continue in the more traditional format as used for current counter booklets. They are similar to series SAC11 books, but bear the wording "Christmas Stamps" on the front cover and a last posting date on the back cover, with a further notice on how to find postcodes replacing the PIP weight validity notice. The tab is also printed with part of the background used on the stamp, although there is still room on the tab inside to show a cylinder number. For each booklet there are two separate inscriptions on the tab, featuring familiar cries from pantomimes – each starts with "Pantomime" and then adds Oh No it isn't!, Oh Yes it is!, It's behind you! or Abracadabra!, creating two separate books for each value. 1st class booklets have a bright red cover and 2nd booklets a bright blue cover.

2nd CB x 12 Christmas 2008 stamps	
Plain – Oh No it isn't! on tab	5.95 ...
Cyl D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	6.50 ...
Plain – Oh Yes it is! on tab	5.95 ...
Cyl D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	6.50 ...
1st 2B x 12 Christmas 2008 stamps	
Plain – It's behind you! on tab	7.95 ...
Cyl D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	8.45 ...
Plain – Abracadabra! on tab	7.95 ...
Cyl D1 D1 D1 D1 D1 (D1)	8.45 ...
FDCs of 2nd CB x 12 & 1st 2B x 12 Christmas 2008 stamps on 2 cover – Issued 4.11.08	32.50 ...
Complete set of 4 FDCs showing both different tab strips (very few)	65.00 ...
<i>Approx only 35 covers of each pane were prepared showing the full booklet on a Special Delivery first day cover, very scarce.</i>	

**Series SAC9 – Pricing in Proportion
Cover containing PIP stamps**

Walsall

2nd x 12 – 2nd pale bright blue CB, bright fluor	
Plain	45.00 ...

**Series SAC10 – Pricing in Proportion cover with
Postcode Notice in English only, containing PIP NVIs**

Walsall

1st x 6 – 1st deep gold, bright fluor	
Every stamp with short phosphor bands at bottom	
W1 (W1)	45.00 ...
<i>Only cylinder booklets of this are known.</i>	

**Series SAC11 – Pricing in Proportion
Cover containing standard NVI Machins**

Walsall

2nd x 12 – 2nd bright blue CB, very dull fluor	
Plain	8.75 ...
Cyl W4 (W1)	9.35 ...
2nd x 12 – 2nd pale bright blue, pale Queen's 2B – very dull fluor	
Every stamp with short bands at bottom.	
W3 (W2) (No plain books found)	65.00 ...

**Series SAC12 – Pricing in Proportion cover with Postcode
Notice in English only, containing standard NVIs**

Walsall

1st x 6 – 1st gold, pale Queen's 2B – bright fluor	
Plain	11.00 ...
W4 (W1)	12.50 ...
<i>Previous examples of this booklet had dull fluor.</i>	



**Series SAC13 – PIP cover with
Postcode Notice in English and Welsh**

Walsall

1st x 6 – 1st gold, pale Queen's 2B – bright fluor	
Plain	11.00 ...
W4 (W1)	12.00 ...
1st x 6 – 1st pale gold, pale Queen's head, dull fluor	
W4 (W2 weak phosphor number)	8.20 ...
W5 (W2 weak phosphor number)	6.15 ...
<i>Both the above books have a very weak phosphor cylinder number but which can be seen under UV light.</i>	
1st x 6 – 1st pale gold, pale Queen's 2B, very dull fluor	
Stamps with weak background and frame doubled at the bottom	
Plain	35.00 ...

Series SAA9 – Advertising Covers – Harry Potter booklet

Walsall

1st x 6 – 1st 2B gold – dull fluor	
Every stamp with short phos bands at bottom	
Plain	60.00 ...

Series SAA10 – 2008 Valentines Promotional Booklet

Walsall

1st x 6 – containing Machin 1st 2B x 4 plus label and Smilers Love 1st 2B x 2 plus two Smilers labels.	
All stamps with short bands at bottom	
Plain	50.00 ...

**Series SAC15 – PIP cover with Postcode notice in
English & Welsh containing Improved Security Machins**

These covers are identical to Series SAC13 books but contain Improved Security Machins. Stamps marked with Code S in iridescent overprint.

Walsall

1st x 6 – 1st gold 2B, bright fluor	
Plain	4.15 ...
W5 W1 (W2)	4.65 ...
P.O. FDC – Dated 4.3.09*	15.00 ...

Series SAC14 – PIP cover containing Improved Security NVI Machins

These covers are identical to Series SAC11 books but contain Improved Security Machins. Stamps with Code T in iridescent ovpt.

Walsall

2nd x 12 – 2nd bright blue CB, dull fluor	
Plain	6.05 ...
W4 W1 (W2)	6.95 ...
P.O. FDC – Issued 31.3.09*	15.00 ...
Every stamp with short phos bands at bottom	
Plain	55.00 ...
W4 W1 (W2)	57.50 ...
1st x 12 – 1st gold 2B, bright fluor	
Plain	7.95 ...
W5 W1 (W1)	8.85 ...
P.O. FDC – Issued 31.3.09*	15.00 ...

Series SAC16 – PIP cover containing Improved Security PIP NVI Machins

These covers are identical to Series SAC9 books but contain Improved Security PIP Machins. Stamps with Code F in iridescent ovpt.

Walsall

2nd Large x 4 – 2nd Large bright blue 2B, bright fluor	
Plain	3.35 ...
W1 W1 (W1)	5.40 ...
P.O. FDC – Issued 31.3.09*	15.00 ...
1st Large x 4 – 1st Large Gold 2B, bright fluor	
Plain	3.95 ...
W1 W1 (W1)	6.00 ...
P.O. FDC – Issued 31.3.09*	15.00 ...

*The marked booklet FDCs are all prepared as complete booklets on Special Delivery covers with additional postage to make up the minimum postage required to meet the fee. Approximately only 35 copies of each cover were prepared, making them scarce.

Series SAM15 – British Design Classics Mixed Commem/Defin Booklet 1

This is the first will be a series of four of the re-introduced Mixed Commemorative & Definitive booklet series to feature Design Classics stamps. Like last year's Seaside booklet, they have a red cover rather than the standard gold. The tab bears part of the Union Jack and is inscribed British Design Classics. In other respects the cover matches current counter booklets. The two commemoratives have a matrix surround, printed with a Union Jack across them. Beneath the right stamp the pane is inscribed "To find out about BRITISH DESIGN CLASSICS visit www.royalmail.com/classics". The Machin 1st's are the newly introduced Improved Security issues and are the first to appear in a booklet. Cylinder numbers have been reintroduced to these booklets. However, it is no longer positioned on the tab, but is now beneath the right hand commemorative. Machin stamps with Code C in iridescent ovpt.

Walsall

1st x 6 – 4 x 1st gold Improved Security Machins 2B, 1 x Design Classics 1st Phone Box & 1 x 1st London Bus	
Plain	4.15 ...
W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	4.65 ...
P.O. FDC – Issued 10.3.09*	15.00 ...



Series SAM16 – British Design Classics Mixed Commem/Defin Booklet 11

Walsall

1st x 6 – 4 x 1st gold Improved Security Machins 2B, 2 x Design Classics 1st Mini	
Plain	4.15 ...
W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	4.65 ...
P.O. FDC – Issued 21.4.09*	15.00 ...
Every stamp with inset left phosphor band	
Plain	17.50 ...
W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	20.00 ...

All Over Phos Error

Two left hand copies of the Machin 1st showing good all over phosphor wash, in every book, the right pair and both commemoratives being normal.

Plain	70.00 ...
cyl W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	72.50 ...



Series SAM17 – NAFAS Mixed Commem/Defin Booklet

This book marks 50 years of the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies. Like recent mixed commem/definitive booklets, this has a red cover rather than the standard gold. The tab is inscribed "Celebrating 50 years of NAFAS" and bears part of the Lily background that appears inside the booklet. In other respects the cover matches current counter booklets. The two commemoratives have a matrix surround, printed with a Lily across them. (presumably part of the image of the Lily from the 1997 Flowers Greetings set from which the two Flowers stamps in this booklet come). Beneath the right stamp the pane is inscribed "To find out about Royal Mail Special Stamps visit www.royalmail.com/stamps". Machin stamps marked with Code C in iridescent overprint.



1st x 6 – 4 x 1st gold Improved Security Machins 2B, 1 x Flowers Greetings 1st Iris, 1 x 1st Tulip	
Plain	4.15 ...
W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	4.65 ...
P.O. FDC – Issued 21.5.09*	15.00 ...
Flower stamps only with short phos bands at top	
Plain	10.00 ...
W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	12.50 ...
All stamps only with short phos bands at top	
Plain	30.00 ...
W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 W1 (W1)	32.50 ...
Flowers stamp only with short phosphor bands at bottom	
Plain (no cyls found)	14.00 ...
Flowers stamp only with inset right phos bands	
Plain (no cyls found)	14.00 ...

Series SAC11/14 – PIP Cover Dummy Booklets

Walsall printed dummy books of the PIP style cover containing unprinted, non-phosphor stamp sized perforated labels. The purpose of these books is not known but it is assumed they are some sort of promotional item. We are able to offer two variants, 1st x 12 and 2nd x 12 books, which make an unusual and interesting adjunct to a booklet collection.

Walsall

1st x 12 dummy booklet	17.50 ...
2nd x 12 dummy booklet	17.50 ...



Series SA03 – Overseas Rate

Universal covers – Real Network Removed

Walsall

Postcard x 4 – olive-grey shade, dull fluor, snowy print	
All stamps with short bands at bottom	
Plain	80.00 ...
W1 W1 W1 (W1)	82.50 ...
Postcard x 4 – deep brownish grey shade, dull fluor, snowy print	
All stamps with very short bands at top	
Plain	50.00 ...
W2 W1 W1	52.50 ...
Postcard x 4 – deep grey shade, dull fluor, snowy print	
All stamps with short bands at bottom, and inset right band	
Plain	80.00 ...

Aurigny 40 (Issued 30.10.08)

<u>Sheet Stamps (6v)</u>	
Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	52.00 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation Pack	6.60 ...

Miniature Sheet

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
FDC	6.60 ...

Alderney Bees (Issued 26.2.09)

<u>Sheet stamps (6v)</u>	
Mint	5.55 ...
Used	5.85 ...
Sheetlets of 10	53.00 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation pack containing stamp & sheet	12.70 ...

Alderney Bees

Miniature sheet

Mint	5.55 ...
Used	5.85 ...
FDC	6.95 ...

Resident Birds Part 4 – Waders (Issued 28.5.09)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	5.55 ...
Used	5.85 ...
Sheetlets of 10	53.00 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation pack	6.95 ...

Prestige Booklet

Complete booklet	22.30 ...
6 panes from above booklet	22.30 ...
Above panes on set of 6 FDCs	29.55 ...

Model T Ford Centenary (6v – Issued 31.7.08)

Mint	4.95 ...
Used	4.83 ...
Sheetlets of 10	47.50 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation Pack	6.60 ...

Prestige Booklet

Complete booklet	19.75 ...
Six panes from above booklet	19.75 ...
FDC of above panes on six covers	27.00 ...

Booklet Error

Model T Ford Centenary prestige booklet – complete booklet but missing pane 4 from the book.	45.00 ...
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Guernsey Granite at St Paul’s Cathedral (6v – Issued 30.10.08)

The value tablets on these stamps are actually printed in an innovative compound that is actually made out of powdered Guernsey granite, creating a textured effect. This is the first time this technique has been used in stamp printing.

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.60 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation Pack	6.60 ...

Christmas 2008 – Festive Foliage (12v – Issued 30.10.08)

Mint	8.25 ...
Used	8.90 ...
FDC – set on 2 covers	11.00 ...
Presentation Pack	9.45 ...

Endangered Species:

Amur Leopard miniature sheet (Issued 26.2.09)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.30 ...
FDC	6.60 ...
Presentation Pack	6.60 ...

Darwin’s Discoveries (Issued 26.2.09)

Sheet Stamps (6v)

Mint	5.55 ...
Used	5.85 ...
Sheetlets of 10	53.00 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation pack containing stamp & m/s	12.70 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	5.55 ...
Used	5.85 ...
FDC	6.95 ...

Raymond Evison’s Wild Flora Defins Part 2 (10v – Issued 28.5.09)

Mint	6.10 ...
Used	6.60 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation pack	6.95 ...

Europa – Astronomy (6v – Issued 28.5.09)

Mint	5.55 ...
Used	5.85 ...
Sheetlets of 10	53.00 ...
Europa values only in sheetlets of 10	16.55 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation pack	6.95 ...

Interceltique Festival (Issued 1.8.08)

Mint sheet of 8	7.35	...
Used	7.80	...
Pre-stamped stamp cards (set of 8)		
Mint	12.00	...
FDC	12.00	...

Manx Worthies (10v in 2 s/t strips of 5 – Issued 1.8.08)

Mint	7.10	...
Used	7.60	...
FDC	8.35	...
Presentation Pack	8.35	...

Beijing Olympilex miniature sheet (Issued 8.8.08)

Mint	1.95	...
Used	2.15	...

Beijing Olympics Cyclists miniature sheet (Issued 9.8.08)

Mint	1.95	...
Used	2.15	...

A Walk In The Ballaugh Curragh (6v – Issued 1.10.08)

Mint	7.00	...
Used	7.30	...
FDC	8.25	...
Presentation Pack	8.25	...

Letters Home – The End Of World War I (6v – Issued 1.10.08)

Mint	5.90	...
Used	6.25	...
Sheetlets of 6	35.00	...
FDC	7.15	...
Presentation Pack	7.15	...

Lest We Forget miniature sheet (Issued 1.10.08)

Mint	3.50	...
Used	3.55	...
FDC	4.80	...
Presentation Pack	4.80	...

The Jolly Christmas Postman (6v – Issued 20.10.08)

Mint	6.50	...
Used	6.80	...
FDC	7.70	...
Presentation Pack	7.80	...

100 Years of Naval Aviation (Issued 15.1.09)

Sheet stamps (6v in 2 s/t strips of 3)		
Mint	7.95	...
Used	8.25	...
Sheetlets of 12 comprising 4 x s/t strips of 3	31.70	...
FDC	9.15	...
Presentation Pack	9.15	...

Prestige Booklet

Complete booklet	18.05	...
4 panes from above booklet	18.05	...
FDC of above panes on four covers	26.60	...

Lewis Hamilton – Formula 1

World Champion (6v in 3 s/t pairs – Issued 15.1.09)

Mint	7.80	...
Used	8.05	...
Sheetlets of 10 comprising 5 x s/t pairs	38.00	...
FDC	9.00	...
Presentation Pack	9.00	...

500th Anniv of Henry VIII (8v in 2 s/t strips of 4 – Issued 18.2.09)

Mint	7.05	...
Used	7.35	...
Sheetlets of 16 comprising 4 x s/t strips of 4	27.50	...
FDC	8.25	...
Presentation Pack	8.25	...

Peony Flower Festival

miniature sheet (8v in sheet – Issued 10.4.09)

Mint	1.50	...
Used	1.70	...
FDC	2.65	...
Presentation Pack	2.70	...

Mills & Millers (Issued 1.4.09)

Sheet stamps (8v in 4 s/t pairs)

Mint	6.80	...
Used	7.10	...
FDC	8.05	...
Presentation Pack	8.05	...

32p and 33p self-adhesives (Issued 1.4.09)

Ex IOM and UK rate booklets of 10. Due to the interlocking perforations it is necessary to supply a complete pane of each.

Mint	11.50	...
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Counter Booklets

£3.20 (IOM Rate) 32p x 10 self-adhesive book of 10	5.65	...
£3.30 (UK Rate) 33p x 10 self-adhesive book of 10	5.85	...
Above two panes on 2 FDCs	15.90	...

40th Anniversary of Man on the Moon (Issued 12.4.09)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	8.05	...
Used	8.25	...
Europa values (33p & 56p) in sheetlets of 10	15.60	...
FDC	9.25	...
Presentation Pack	9.25	...

Miniature sheet

Mint	4.40	...
Used	4.45	...
FDC	5.60	...
Presentation Pack	5.60	...

Honda – 50 Years of

World Championship Racing (6v – Issued 1.4.09)

Mint	7.90	...
Used	8.15	...
FDC	9.10	...
Presentation Pack	9.10	...

**2001 Tastes of The Isle of Man 26p Queenies
White Paper & Gum**

It would appear that towards the end of the run, printers BDT used a different batch of paper to finish off this print job. The paper on all other values and the vast majority of the 26ps has a creamy tinted gum and is dull under the UV, when viewed from both front and back. However, for these few sheets the paper is brighter both to the naked eye and under UV, is more translucent and has a white gum.

We have been fortunate to obtain just a few of these exceedingly scarce stamps including just two copies of the sought after lilac bottom panel stamp on this paper/gum variation. The serial number in the sheet margin confirms that these were printed late in the run.

White paper & gum printing (All supplied with normal cream gum stamps to highlight the difference)

Single	8.50	...
Block of 4	34.00	...
Cylinder 1A 1A 1A 1A block of 4	37.50	...
Top left block of 4, one stamp showing the error of the lilac panel at the foot	75.00	...
Complete sheet of 25 stamps including above error (just one copy available)	175.00	...

**2002 Photography – The People's Choice
£2.70 self-adhesive booklet Flaw**

It would seem that a few of these booklet show a striking constant flaw on the 27p Groudle Railway stamp (R2/2). The red-brown frame to the left of the photograph has suffered a major break which has been rather crudely repaired. This must have occurred as a result of damage to the printing plate. This is a huge constant error which is clearly visible to the naked eye without the need for a magnifier. Just a handful of booklets have been found showing this repaired frame.

Booklet showing repaired frame error	25.00	...
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Man On The Moon overprint miniature sheet (Issued 20.7.09)

Mint	4.40	...
Used	4.45	...

Cricket – The Ashes miniature sheet (Issued 29.6.09)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.35 ...
FDC	6.45 ...
Presentation Pack	6.45 ...

Festival of Speed miniature sheet (Issued 23.8.08)

Mint	4.40 ...
Used	4.45 ...
FDC	6.00 ...
Presentation Pack	6.00 ...

Farm Animals NVI s (5v in s/t strip – Issued 26.8.08)

Mint	3.05 ...
Used	3.30 ...
FDC	4.65 ...
Presentation Pack	4.65 ...

Nature – Insects II (6v – Issued 8.9.08)

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	50.00 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...

Jersey Transport II – Buses with WIPA08 Exhibition overprint miniature sheet (Issued 18.9.08)

Mint	4.40 ...
Used	4.45 ...
FDC	6.00 ...

Migrating Birds (Issued 21.10.08)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	50.00 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	5.60 ...
FDC	6.95 ...

Souvenir sheet

Mint	3.30 ...
Used	3.45 ...
FDC	4.80 ...
Presentation Pack	4.80 ...

60th Birthday of Prince of Wales £4 Def (Issued 14.11.08)

Sheet stamps (1v)

Mint	7.05 ...
Used	7.10 ...
Sheetlets of 4	27.00 ...
FDC	8.55 ...
Presentation Pack	8.55 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	7.05 ...
Used	7.10 ...
FDC	8.55 ...
Presentation Pack	8.55 ...

Christmas Carols NVIs with 2008 imprint (10v in 2 se-tenant strips – Issued 14.11.08)

Mint	6.50 ...
Used	6.90 ...

Aviation History X (Issued 13.1.09)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	50.00 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...

The Bee Gees 50th Anniversary (8v – Issued 1.7.09)

Mint	8.65 ...
Used	9.00 ...
Sheetlets of 16 containing 4 sets	34.20 ...
FDC	9.90 ...
Presentation Pack	9.90 ...

Aviation History X

Miniature sheet

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.35 ...
FDC	6.90 ...
Presentation Pack	6.90 ...

Europa 2009 – Astronomy (4v – Issued 10.2.09)

Mint	3.40 ...
Used	3.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	32.50 ...
Europa values (39p & 43p) in sheetlets of 10	15.00 ...
FDC	5.05 ...
Presentation Pack	5.05 ...

Endangered Species – Durrell (6v – Issued 10.03.09)

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	50.00 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...

Island Views NVIs – 2009 Reprint (4v in strip – Issued 10.03.09)

These stamps show the 2009 imprint date at bottom

Mint	3.35 ...
Used	3.60 ...

Spring Flowers (6v – Issued 1.4.09)

Mint	5.30 ...
Used	5.60 ...
Sheetlets of 10	50.00 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...

Railways III (6v – Issued 6.5.09)

Sheet stamps (6v)

Mint	5.70 ...
Used	5.95 ...
Sheetlets of 10	54.00 ...
FDC	7.25 ...
Presentation Pack	7.25 ...

Miniature sheet

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.35 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...

Prestige booklet

Complete booklet	22.05 ...
4 panes from above booklet	22.05 ...

Railways III mini sheet with IBRA exhibition ovpnt (Issued 6.5.09)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.35 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...

Surfing miniature sheet (Issued 2.6.09)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.35 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...

Postal History III – Post Office Buildings miniature sheet (Issued 21.6.09)

Mint	5.25 ...
Used	5.35 ...
FDC	6.95 ...
Presentation Pack	6.95 ...
FDC of above panes on four covers	22.30 ...

PRE-SECURITY ISSUES

Harrison, Photogravure – FCP/DEX

RF10AB	1p CB (4mm), crimson, addtnl short bands top	7.50 ...
RF43	4p CB, pale milky blue	8.50 ...
RF130HB	13p CB, chestnut, addtnl horiz band	8.50 ...

Harrison, Photogravure – ACP/DEX

RA245SEL	24p bright red-brown, straight left	4.00 ...
RA245SER	24p bright red-brown, straight right	4.00 ...

BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

De La Rue (Dunstable) – OFNP/PVA

Cream gum, no fluorescence in coating to paper surface

DDG170	17p 2B, olive green	0.50 ...
DDG220	22p 2B, stone	0.60 ...
DDG541	54p 2B, deep rust, pale head	1.95 ...
DDG560 (I1)	56p 2B, lime green, inset left band	30.00 ...
DDG620	62p 2B, red	1.10 ...
DDG900	90p 2B, ultramarine	1.60 ...

BLUE FLUOR LITHO ISSUES

Walsall – OFNP/PVA

FSW6	1st 2B, gold	1.25 ...
SSW4	2nd CB (4.5mm), pale bright blue, dull violet fluor	1.15 ...

Cartor – OFNP/PVA

CL160	16p 2B, bright pink	1.20 ...
CL500	50p 2B, grey	1.50 ...

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA

DDL50	5p 2B, dark claret	1.05 ...
DDL100	10p 2B, bright brownish orange	1.25 ...
DDL480	48p 2B, bright rhododendron	1.60 ...
FSD2	1st 2B, deep yellowish gold	1.20 ...

SELF-ADHESIVE BLUE FLUOR GRAVURE ISSUES

Walsall – OFNP/SA

SWV23	2nd CB, bright blue, pale head, very dull fluor.	3.25 ...
SWV24 (S2)	2nd CB, pale bright blue, pale head, very dull fluor, short band bottom	7.25 ...
SWV25	2nd CB, bright blue, dull fluor	2.00 ...
FWV20 (S17)	1st 2B (9.5mm), gold, pale head, bright fluor, short bands bottom	15.00 ...
FWV23 (S17)	1st 2B, yellowish gold, dull fluor, short bands bottom	19.50 ...
FWV24(S17)	1st 2B (9.5mm), pale yellowish gold, pale head, bright fluor, short bands bottom	15.00 ...
FWV26	1st 2B (9.5mm), pale gold, pale head, very dull fluor, weak background & frame doubled at bottom	8.25 ...
FWV27	1st 2B, pale gold, bright fluor	2.75 ...
FWV27(S16)	1st 2B, pale gold, bright fluor, short bands top	13.75 ...
FWV28	1st 2B (9.5mm), yellowish gold, dull fluor, coarse phos screen	5.00 ...
FWV29	1st 2B (9.5mm), gold, dull fluor	3.50 ...
FWV29(S17)	1st 2B (9.5mm), gold, dull fluor, short bands bottom	13.75 ...

PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

De La Rue – OFNP/PVA

PFD4	1st 2B, gold, bright fluor, shiny gum	3.00 ...
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Walsall– OFNP/SA

PFW9 (S17)	1st 2B, deep gold, bright fluor, short bands bottom	10.00 ...
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UNIVERSAL AIRMAIL STAMPS

Walsall – Gravure, OFNP/SA

UPW5 (S16)	Postcard 2B, deep brownish grey, snowy print, dull fluor, short bands top	17.50 ...
UPW7 (S17)	Postcard 2B, olive-grey, snowy print, dull fluor, short bands bottom	30.00 ...
UPW11 (S17)	Postcard 2B, brownish grey, snowy print, very dull fluor, short bands bottom	30.00 ...
UPW12 (S17)(I2)	Postcard 2B, brownish grey, bright fluor, short bands bottom, inset right	25.00 ...
UEW5 (I2)	Europe 2B, pale bright blue, bright fluor, inset right band	35.00 ...

De La Rue – OFNP/SA booklet issues

FDV2 (I1)	1st 2B, deep gold, inset left band	30.00 ...
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IMPROVED SECURITY GRAVURE ISSUES

De La Rue – OFNP/SAN

No Code letters

DIG500	50p 2B, grey	0.90 ...
DIG1000	£1 2B, ruby	1.75 ...
SID1	2nd CB, bright blue	0.60 ...
SID1(S1)	2nd CB, bright blue, short band top	11.00 ...
FID1	1st 2B, gold	0.75 ...
FID1 (S16)	1st 2B, gold, short bands at top	14.00 ...

Code B

SID2	2nd CB, bright blue	0.95 ...
FID2	1st 2B, gold, dull fluor	1.15 ...
FID2(I2)	1st 2B, gold, dull fluor, inset right band	11.00 ...
FID3	1st 2B, gold, bright fluor	2.25 ...

Code R

SID3	2nd CB, bright blue, yellowish backing	1.75 ...
FID4	1st 2B, gold, yellowish backing	1.75 ...

Walsall– OFNP/SAN

Code C

FIW1	1st 2B, gold	1.00 ...
FIW1(I1)	1st 2B, gold, inset left band	7.50 ...
FIW1AOP	1st 2B, gold, all over phosphor	35.00 ...
FIW4	1st 2B, yellowish gold, deep head	1.40 ...
FIW4IST (S16)	1st 2B, yellowish gold, deep head, short bands top, iridescent short top	7.50 ...

Code S

FIW2	1st 2B, gold	1.00 ...
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Code T

SIW1	2nd CB, bright blue	0.80 ...
SIW1 (S2)	2nd CB, bright blue, short band bottom	8.50 ...
FIW3	1st 2B, gold, pale head	1.00 ...

IMPROVED SECURITY PIP GRAVURE MACHINS

De La Rue – OFNP/SAN

No Code letters

PISLD1	2nd Large 2B, bright blue	0.90 ...
PISLD1 (S17)	2nd Large 2B, bright blue, short bands at bottom	8.25 ...
PIFLD1	1st Large 2B, gold	1.05 ...
PIFLD1 (S16)	1st Large 2B, gold, short bands top	12.50 ...

Code B

PISLD2	2nd Large 2B, bright blue	1.15 ...
PIFLD2	1st Large 2B, gold	1.40 ...

Walsall– OFNP/SAN booklet issues

Code F

PISLW1	2nd Large 2B, bright blue	1.10 ...
PIFLW1	1st Large 2B, gold	1.35 ...

POST & GO MACHINS

Walsall, Thermographic –FCP/SAN

PGTF1	1st 2B, olive-brown	1.10 ...
PGTF2 (S17)	1st 2B, greyish olive, short bands bottom	5.25 ...
PGTFL1	1st Large 2B, olive-brown	1.50 ...
PGTFL1(S17)	1st Large 2B, greyish olive, sht bands bottom	6.00 ...
PGTE200	Europe 20g 2B, olive-brown	1.50 ...
PGTE201(S17)	Europe 20g 2B, greyish olive, short bands bottom	5.50 ...
PGTW100	Worldwide 10g 2B, olive-brown	1.70 ...
PGTW101(S17)	Worldwide 10g 2B, greyish olive, short bands bottom	6.00 ...
PGTW200	Worldwide 20g 2B, olive-brown	2.35 ...
PGTW201(S17)	Worldwide 20g 2B, greyish olive, short bands bottom	6.75 ...

Walsall, Gravure – FCP/SAN

PGGF1(S17)	1st 2B, olive-brown, short bands bottom	1.45 ...
PGGF1	1st 2B, olive-brown, synchronised bands	8.25 ...
PGGFL1(S17)	1st Large 2B, olive-brown, sht bands bottom	2.25 ...
PGGE200(S17)	Europe 20g 2B, olive-brown, short bands bottom	1.95 ...
PGGW100(S16)	Worldwide 10g 2B, olive-brown, short bands top	2.20 ...
PGGW200(S16)	Worldwide 20g 2B, olive-brown, short bands top	2.50 ...

HIGH VALUES

Small Format Machin Head – De La Rue Gravure, OFNP/PVA

Shiny blue gum, fluorescence in coating to paper surface

DGH2003	£2 2B, greenish slate-blue	14.00 ...
DGH5000(S16)	£5 2B, grey-blue, short bands top	40.00 ...

Small Format – Machin Head Improved Security Issues –

De La Rue Gravure – OFNP/SAN

D1H1500	£1.50 2B, terracotta	2.70 ...
DIH1500(S16)	£1.50 2B, terracotta, short bands top	8.25 ...
D1H2000	£2 2B, slate-blue	3.50 ...
DIH2000(S16)	£2 2B, slate-blue, short bands top	13.75 ...
D1H3000	£3 2B, purple	4.80 ...
D1H5000	£5 2B, grey-blue	8.00 ...

COIL STRIPS

Improved Security Machins De La Rue – OFNP/SAN

CISAS1	2nd CB, bright blue, yellowish backing, strip of 5 ..	7.00 ...
CISAS1a	2nd CB, bright blue, yellowish backing, strip of 5 with inkjet number printed on back	8.00 ...
CISAF1	1st 2B, gold, yellowish backing, strip of 5	7.00 ...
CISAF1a	1st 2B, gold, yellowish backing, strip of 5 with inkjet number printed on back	8.00 ...

Post & Go Machins

PGC1	1st 2B, olive-brown	5.50 ...
PGC2	1st Large 2B, olive-brown	7.50 ...
PGC3	Europe 20g 2B, olive-brown	7.50 ...
PGC4	Worldwide 10g 2B, olive-brown	8.50 ...
PGC5	Worldwide 20g 2B, olive-brown	11.75 ...
PGCS1	Se-tenant vertical coil strip of 5 containing one copy of each value	11.00 ...

COUNTRY EMBLEM DEFINITIVES WITH WHITE BORDER SURROUNDS

De La Rue – Gravure, OFNP/PVA

England

EEWF5(I2)	1st 2B, deep brownish terracotta, inset right band	17.50 ...
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EEW560	56p 2B	1.00 ...
EEW900	90p 2B	1.65 ...

N.Ireland

NEW560	56p 2B	1.00 ...
NEW900	90p 2B	1.65 ...

Scotland

SEW560	56p 2B	1.00 ...
SEW680(S16)	68p 2B, short bands top	35.00 ...
SEW810(S16)	81p 2B, short bands top	27.50 ...
SEW900	90p 2B	1.65 ...

Wales

WEWS1 (S2)	2nd CB, short band bottom	25.00 ...
WEW560	56p 2B	1.00 ...
WEW810 (I2)	81p 2B, inset left band	16.50 ...
WEW900	90p 2B	1.65 ...

De La Rue – Litho, OFNP/PVA

England

EEW811	81p 2B	1.55 ...
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N. Ireland

NEWF4	1st 2B, no micro date in value	1.15 ...
NEW811	81p 2B	1.55 ...

Scotland

SEWF4	1st 2B	1.15 ...
SEW811	81p 2B	1.55 ...

Wales

WEWF4	1st 2B, turquoise background	1.15 ...
WEWF5	1st 2B, aquamarine background	1.40 ...
WEW811	81p 2B	1.55 ...
WEFP1	1st 2B, Welsh Flag	1.65 ...
WEWMS2	Celebrating Wales miniature sheet	4.10 ...

All Regions

REWMS3	Lest We Forget III miniature sheet	6.25 ...
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Cartor – Litho, OFNP/SA

Elliptical perms on each vertical edge

England

EESAF2	1st 2B, Lion & Cross of St.George	1.25 ...
EEPF2	1st 2B, St George's Cross	1.65 ...

N. Ireland

NESAF2	1st 2B, bright fluor	1.25 ...
NESAF3	1st 2B, dull fluor	1.65 ...

Scotland

SESAF2	1st 2B	1.25 ...
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Wales

WESAF2	1st 2B	1.25 ...
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Enschede – Gravure, OFNP/PVA

Scotland

SEWS3	2nd CB, thin value	0.90 ...
SEW3 (S1)	2nd CB, short band top	12.50 ...
SEWS3/2B	2nd CB, additional narrow band right	9.00 ...
SEWF5	1st 2B, thin value	1.00 ...
SEW5 (S16)	1st 2B, short bands top	12.50 ...
SEWF5 (I2)	1st 2B, inset right band	9.00 ...
SEW501	50p 2B, thin value	1.20 ...
SEW501AB(S16)	50p 2B, short bands at top, addtnl short cb top	12.50 ...
SEW812	81p 2B, thin value	1.60 ...
SEW812 (I2)	81p 2B, inset right band	9.00 ...
SEWMS3	Robert Burns miniature sheet	4.65 ...
SEWMS3 (I2)	Robert Burns m/s, inset right bands, 2nd with addtnl band right	35.00 ...
SEWMS3(S1/S16)	Robert Burns m/s, short bands top	45.00 ...
SEWMS3(S1/S16)(I2)	Robert Burns m/s, short bands top, inset right ..	65.00 ...

CLASSIC REGIONAL DESIGNS REPRINTED WITH NVI VALUES

De La Rue, Gravure – OFNP/PVA

Beige tinted background

N.Ireland

NCF1	1st 2B, purple	0.65 ...
NCF2	1st 2B, claret	0.65 ...
NCF3	1st 2B, green	0.65 ...

Scotland

SCF1	1st 2B, purple	0.65 ...
SCF2	1st 2B, claret	0.65 ...
SCF3	1st 2B, green	0.65 ...

Wales

WCF1	1st 2B, purple	0.65 ...
WCF2	1st 2B, claret	0.65 ...
WCF3	1st 2B, green	0.65 ...

Multiple Regions

RCMS1	50th Anniversary of Country Definitives miniature sheet	5.95 ...
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De La Rue, Litho – OFNP/PVA

No tint to background

N.Ireland

NCF4	1st 2B, purple	0.85 ...
NCF5	1st 2B, claret	0.85 ...
NCF6	1st 2B, green	0.85 ...

Scotland

SCF4	1st 2B, purple	0.85 ...
SCF5	1st 2B, claret	0.85 ...
SCF6	1st 2B, green	0.85 ...

Wales

WCF4	1st 2B, purple	0.85 ...
WCF5	1st 2B, claret	0.85 ...
WCF6	1st 2B, green	0.85 ...

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