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100 YEARS OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

For 100 years, commemorative stamps have helped to celebrate and mark some of the most significant events in the United Kingdom's history and national life. The everyday, definitive stamps are where it all began – in 1840, with the launch of the famous Penny Black – but it is commemorative stamps that have been bringing colour and interest to people's post since 1924. That year, on 23 April, the first UK special stamp was issued to commemorate the opening of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley Park in London – and the rest is history.

Commemorative stamps are works of art in miniature. Much of the artwork that goes into their design begins at a much larger scale, and it is part of the stamp designer's task to ensure that it can be successfully reduced to the small size of a postage stamp. Over the past century, the General Post Office and, more recently, Royal Mail have worked with some of the leading artists and designers to commemorate and celebrate important anniversaries and events.

The themes and topics covered range from the tiniest of insects to far reaches of outer space. Over the past century, popular subjects have included literature, science and television, music, transport, the natural world and educational topics, including royalty. Major sporting events have been celebrated, perhaps most exceptionally in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. With these stamps available to the public within hours after the win, this was Britain's fastest design and production turnaround for new stamps.

As commemorative stamps celebrate their 100 years, it is rather fitting that a special stamp issue should celebrate them.

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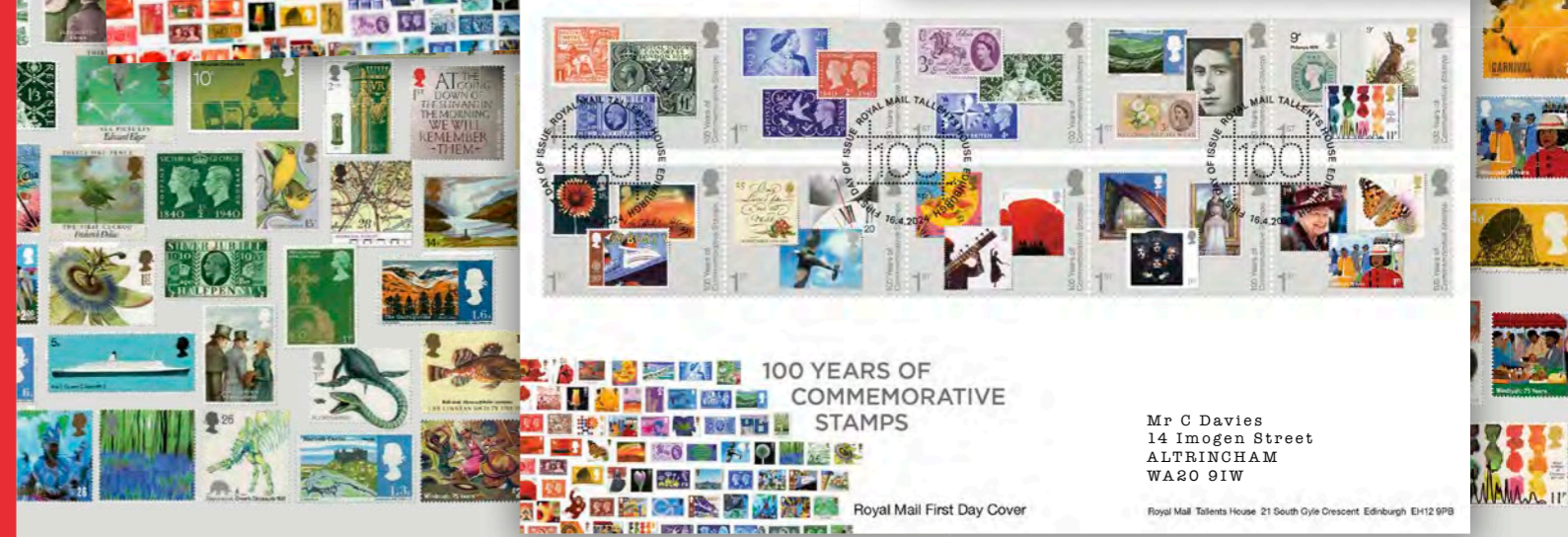
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A celebration of commemorative stamp collections

From milestone moments in our nation's history to the beauty of our natural world, from feats of innovation to homegrown legends of music and literature – commemorative stamps have beautifully captured UK culture, heritage, wildlife and scientific endeavours for 100 years.

This special issue celebrates the centenary of commemorative stamps, miniature works of art featuring landmark events and astonishing accomplishments that have often touched our lives and shaped our world.

Ten new First Class stamps each feature images from three commemorative issues spanning the past century. From Royal coronations, jubilees and weddings to the 75th anniversary of Windrush, author Jane Austen to rock icons Queen, each theme includes intricate artwork or iconic photography.

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- Ten new stamps feature imagery from 100 years of special issues.
- The designs capture aspects of our nation's history, culture, natural world, scientific endeavours and feats of innovation.
- Ten First Class landscape stamps.

Technical Details

Stamp format Landscape
Stamp size 41mm x 30mm
Number per sheet 25/50
Design Hat-trick Design
Printer Cartor Security Printers
Print process Lithography
Perforations 14.5 x 14

First Class

- British Empire Exhibition, Postal Union Congress, Silver Jubilee
- Royal Silver Wedding, Centenary of First Adhesive Postage Stamps, Peace and Reconstruction
- Tercentenary of 'General Letter Office', Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, Festival of Britain
- Landscapes, Investiture of HRH The Prince of Wales, National Nature Week
- Philypia 70 Stamp Exhibition, British Wildlife, British Achievement in Chemistry
- Flowers, Halley's Comet, Transport and Communications
- Robert Burns: The Immortal Memory, Millennium, Architects of the Air
- The Weather, Lest We Forget, Sounds of Britain
- Landmark Buildings, Jane Austen, Queen
- Platinum Jubilee, Brilliant Bugs, Windrush: 75 Years

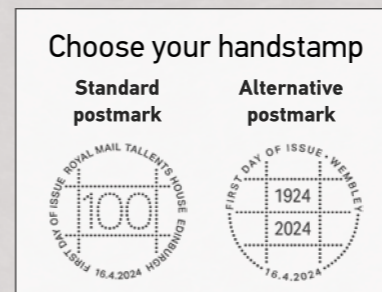
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Choose your postmark

The Tallents House handstamp's design features the number 100 within a design representing the perforations of a landscape stamp. The alternative handstamp includes the dates 1924 and 2024 with the location of Wembley, the setting for the British Empire Exhibition of 1924.



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- All 10 stamps professionally mounted in a premium black frame beneath the issue's title.
- Each stamp contains three designs from issues spanning a century of UK commemorative philately – from landmark anniversaries to cultural icons, from national celebrations to our natural world.
- A superb souvenir for collectors to display and treasure.
- Dimensions: 33.5cm x 20.5cm.



5 Collectors Sheet | AT156 £14.70

- A beautifully designed souvenir containing all 10 First Class stamps alongside labels depicting handstamps from each stamp's time period.
- The self-adhesive stamps and labels are set against a backdrop featuring a handstamp collage and the issue's title.



6 Presentation Pack | AP535 £14.40

- This colourful, fact-filled fold-out collectible contains all 10 stamps from the 100 Years of Commemorative Stamps issue in mint condition.
- The stamps feature images from iconic issues spanning a century of UK philately.
- Our nation's culture, nature, heritage, accomplishments and milestone moments are celebrated in intricate illustrations and evocative photography.
- The Presentation Pack charts the history of commemorative stamps, from the first set issued for 1924's British Empire Exhibition to recent collections celebrating modern society and culture.
- A stylish souvenir bringing together images, insights and stories to create a collectible commemorative compendium to treasure.





7 Framed Collectors Sheet | N3360 £34.99

- All 10 First Class stamps alongside labels depicting historic handstamps mounted in a premium black frame.
- The souvenir's background features a handstamp collage and the issue's title.
- A colourful collectible charting the history of commemorative stamps.
- Dimensions: 33.5cm x 43.5cm

8 Stamp Souvenir | AW265 £16.85

- A non-personalised version of the 100 Years of Commemorative Stamps First Day Cover cancelled with the alternative Wembley postmark.
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