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Welcome to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games Miniature Sheets are coming!

Olympic sports and London landmarks come together on four striking stamps released on 27 July to welcome the world to the London 2012 Olympic Games on the day of the spectacular opening ceremony. And on 29 August, with the issue of a second miniature sheet showing sports merged with London locations, Royal Mail become the first postal administration whose country is hosting the Games to issue a set of stamps celebrating the start of Paralympic Games. To achieve maximum impact from these striking composite images, Royal Mail is using one of its widest formats for the minisheets, which contain two first class stamps and two £1.28 stamps.

Top, four very special postmarks, left to right: first day of issue pictorial and Tallents House postmarks for the Welcome to London 2012 Olympic Games issue; first day of issue pictorial postmark and (facing page) Tallents House postmark for the Welcome to London 2012 Paralympic Games issue. LONDON E20 was chosen because it is the location of the Olympic Park

Welcome to the London 2012 Olympic Games Miniature Sheet - stamp by stamp

£1.28, Diving and Tate Modern: stamp shows a diver's arrow-like vertical descent mirroring Tate Modern's imposing 325-foot chimney.

1st Class, Fencing and Tower Bridge: a fencer's lunge mirrors the angle of the walkway at the upper level of Tower Bridge.

1st class, Athletics and Olympic Stadium: runners take the curve of the track as it

Prices of Welcome to London 2012 Olympic Games Miniature Sheet and Welcome to London 2012 Parlaympic Games Miniature Sheet

Miniature Sheets	£3.76 each
Presentation Packs	£4.30 each
First Day Envelope	30p each
First Day Cover	£4.99, £X.xx overseas
Stamp Cards	£2.25 each (sets of 5)

merges into the new purpose-built Olympic Stadium in Stratford.

£1.28, Cycling and London Eye: London's iconic Ferris wheel completes the front wheel of a racing bike in the final stamp.

Sets of five postcards featuring all five stamps and the Miniature Sheets will be available a few days before the issue date of 27 July.





Welcome to the London 2012 Paralympic Games Miniature Sheet - stamp by stamp

£1.28, Powerlifting and the Millennium Bridge: the athlete is shown juxtaposed with a view of St Paul's Cathedral and the Millennium Bridge from the South Bank of the Thames.

1st Class, Athletics and Olympic Stadium: an amputee athlete on running blades is shown with an aerial view of the Olympic Stadium where many of the track and field events will take place.

1st Class, Wheelchair Basketball and The Palace of Westminster and Big Ben: a Wheelchair Basketball athlete takes a throw beside the Thames, with lights of the Houses of Commons and Big Ben reflected in the river

£1.28, Cycling and The London Eye: a cyclist on his specially adapted bicycle passes by London's iconic Ferris wheel and a blazing Waterloo sunset beyond.

Watch out for more details of the Welcome to the London 2012 Paralympic Games Presentation Pack in the August issue of Bulletin •

Welcome to London 2012 Miniature Sheets -Specifications

Number of stamps	Four per sheet
Size of sheet	192mm x 74.25mm
Design of Welcome to the London 2012 Olympic Games	Hat-trick design
Design of Welcome to the London 2012 Paralympic Games	Pearce Marchbank
Stamp format	Landscape
Stamp size	60mm x 30mm
Printer	Cartor Security Printing
Print process	Lithography
No. of mini-sheets per A4 sheet	4
Perforations	14.5 x 14.5
Phosphor	All over
Gum	PVA

Below: Welcome to the London 2012 Olympic Games Presentation Pack carries informative text by Jim Davies

