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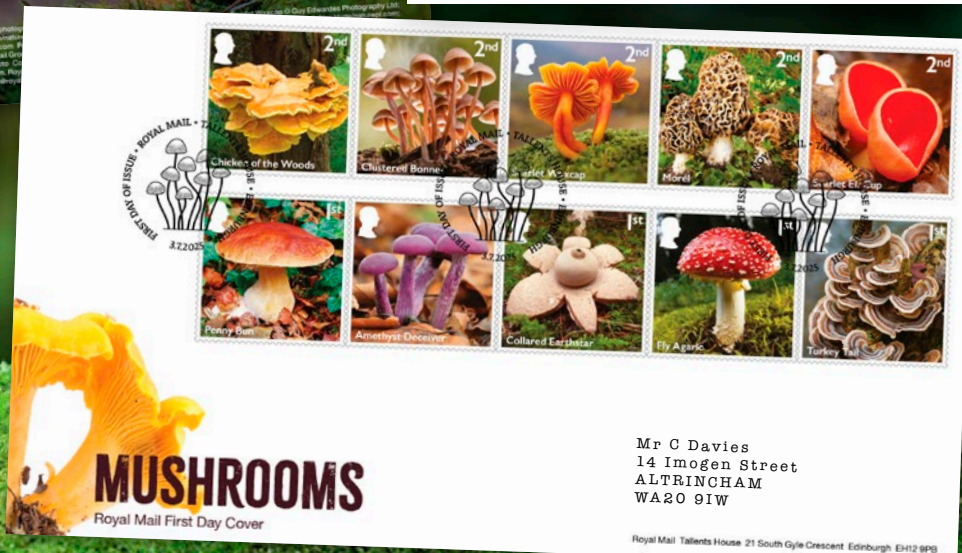
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## MUSHROOMS

The fungi that we generally call mushrooms and toadstools come in an amazing diversity of shapes, colours and textures. From the bizarre earthstars, which open to reveal a ball-like structure full of spores, to the sponge-like and very edible morels, there are over 4,000 mushrooms in the UK. These range from the highly esteemed edibles such as the penny bun to decidedly toxic species such as the fly agaric, with its distinctive white-spotted red cap. The often startling colours of fungi can be surprising, such as the intense violet of the amethyst deceiver, a common species in autumn woodlands everywhere.

Not all mushrooms have a cap and a stem. Many form simple cups, of which arguably the most beautiful is the scarlet elf cup, while

others are tough and bracket-shaped, such as the colourful turkey tails or the often large and striking chicken of the woods. Fallen logs are a good place to search for mushrooms. A common species on oak logs is the clustered bonnet, known for its unusual but difficult-to-define smell resembling that of paint, flour or cucumber. In undisturbed old meadows, you can find the beautiful scarlet waxcap, one of several species used by ecologists and nature agencies as indicators of nationally important grasslands. The variety of fungi is astonishing, and we are only now learning of their importance in our world's ecology.





# Dazzling diversity in the secret world of mushrooms

A wonderful world of fabulous fungi thrives across the woodlands, fields and even garden lawns of the UK. Often overlooked, our dazzlingly diverse mushrooms and toadstools reveal a hidden kingdom of beauty, colour and form, with jewel-like colours and intricate shapes. From the iconic red-and-white Fly Agaric to the delicately sculpted Scarlet Elf Cup, fungi are a vital and varied part of our biosphere.

Ten new stamps celebrate some of the extraordinary members of a complex and captivating world, with striking photography capturing these colourful mushrooms in stunning depth of detail, while a Presentation Pack offers a wealth of information about these charming contributors to our natural landscape.

Find out how fungi, the original environmental activists, have intricate, supportive relationships with plants, and even help to recycle organic matter. Some are edible and delicious – others are toxic, even fatal; but all are fascinating in their own right.

## ① Mint Stamp Set | AS13400 £12.85

- A set of 10 Special Stamps featuring striking photographs of some of the extraordinary species of mushroom found across the United Kingdom.
- While these often-overlooked marvels of nature reveal a hidden kingdom of beauty, colour and form, with jewel-like colours and spectacular shapes; they also play a vital role in our natural ecosystem.
- Five Second Class and five First Class square stamps.  
**Second Class** Chicken of the Woods *Laetiporus sulphureus*  
**Second Class** Clustered Bonnet *Mycena inclinata*  
**Second Class** Scarlet Waxcap *Hygrocybe coccinea*  
**Second Class** Morel *Morchella vulgaris*  
**Second Class** Scarlet Elf Cup *Sarcoscypha austriaca*  
**First Class** Penny Bun *Boletus edulis*  
**First Class** Amethyst Deceiver *Laccaria amethystina*  
**First Class** Collared Earthstar *Geastrum michelianum*  
**First Class** Fly Agaric *Amanita muscaria*  
**First Class** Turkey Tail *Trametes versicolor*

It's all in the details  
**Stamp format** Square  
**Stamp size** 35mm x 35mm  
**Number per sheet** 25/50  
**Design** Studio Up  
**Printer** Cartor Security Printers  
**Print process** Lithography  
**Perforations** 14.5 x 14.5  
**Phosphor** Bars as appropriate  
**Gum** PVA



## ② Presentation Pack | AP555 £13.75

- Discover the fascinating world of mushrooms in this fold-out souvenir, offering a glimpse of the amazing diversity of fungi.
- The five Second Class and five First Class Special Stamps, presented in mint condition, highlight just 10 of the UK's 4,000+ species of mushroom.
- The stunning stamps are complemented by more striking photos of fungi in their natural habitats, plus a host of interesting detail.
- The perfect gift for any nature lover.







③ **Framed Stamp Set | N3401 £39.99**

- The complete set of 10 Mushrooms Special Stamps individually mounted in a premium black frame.
- The 10 stamps feature stunning photos of just 10 of more than 4,000 species of mushroom in the UK alone, captured in dazzling detail. The stamps are individually mounted in apertures set against a woodland scene.
- Dimensions: 34 x 21cm.
- A stunning souvenir for collectors and nature enthusiasts to treasure and display.



④ **First Day Cover | AF535 £16.10**

- A unique, time-limited commemorative collectible personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The 10 Mushrooms stamps are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 3 July 2025.
- The stamps showcase the diverse world of fungi in the United Kingdom, highlighted in a series of stunningly detailed photographs.
- The envelope contains an information card including an overview of this issue.

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⑤ **Stamp Souvenir | AW296 £16.10**

- A non-personalised version of the Mushrooms First Day Cover featuring all 10 new Special Stamps cancelled with the alternative Gills Green postmark.
- The First Day Envelope contains the issue's information card.
- On sale until 3 July 2026.

⑥ **First Day Envelope | AE491 £0.30**

- Your First Day Envelope includes the issue's title alongside a photo of chanterelle mushrooms.
- Inside is the information card with an overview of the theme and specifications of the stamps.

Choose your postmark

The Tallents House postmark features an illustration of clustered bonnet mushrooms. The alternative postmark includes an illustration of the underside of a mushroom cap, showing the mushroom's gills, and the postmark of Gills Green, Cranbrook, as a nod to this.



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**7 Set of 10 Postcards | AQ371 £4.50**

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- Perfect for collecting, framing or sending to nature lovers.



**8 Full First Class Sheet | AS13400AFS £85.00**

- A Full Sheet containing 50 First Class stamps featuring a variety of British mushroom species.

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