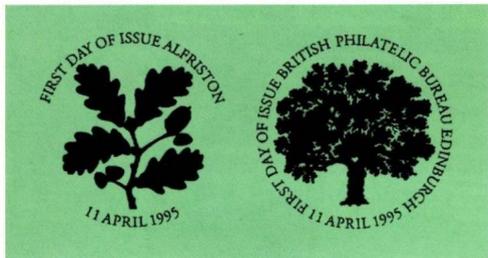


First Day Facilities

Unstamped Royal Mail first day cover envelopes will be available from main post offices, the British Philatelic Bureau and Post Office Counters philatelic outlets around a week before 11 April, price 25p.

The Bureau will provide a first day cover service – collectors may order the Royal Mail cover bearing the stamps, cancelled with a pictorial “First Day of Issue” postmark of the Bureau or Alfriston (East Sussex), price £2.18 (including VAT) to UK addresses, £1.86 to overseas addresses (no VAT). Orders for first day covers must be received at the Bureau by 11 April 1995.



Collectors may send their own stamped covers on the day of issue, for these cancels, to: British Philatelic Bureau, 20 Brandon Street, EDINBURGH EH3 5TT or Special Handstamp Centre, Royal Mail, Wexham Road, SLOUGH SL1 1AA (for Alfriston postmark). The outer envelope should be endorsed “FD9507” (Bureau), or “FD9508” (Alfriston). Alfriston has been selected as the Clergy House in the village was the first building acquired, in 1896, by the newly formed NT. It dates from c.1350, is half-timbered and thatched. The medieval living-room is noted for its cambered tie-beams and moulded crown-post.

First Day Posting Boxes will be provided at most main post offices for collectors who wish to post covers to receive the standard, non-pictorial “First Day of Issue” handstamps.

Details of other special handstamps, sponsored by Royal Mail, stamp dealers and others, will be found in the *British Postmark Bulletin* – the Royal Mail’s magazine for postmark collectors. It is available on subscription from the British Philatelic Bureau: £10 UK and Europe; £21.75 Rest of World (Airmail).

Collectors are reminded that it will be in order to affix just the 19p National Trust stamp to covers to receive all special cancels (“First Day

of Issue”, sponsored and philatelic counters), in use on 11 April. The minimum 1st class rule is suspended on this day as the NT set includes a 2nd class rate stamp. It should be noted that this concession applies only to the 19p NT stamp; covers bearing other than NT stamps must bear at least 1st class postage.

Presentation Pack and Stamp Cards

The usual pack (price £1.85) and stamp cards (25p each) will be available from the Bureau, Post Office Counters philatelic outlets and main post offices.

NT Stamp Packs

Packs containing ten 19p or ten 25p NT stamps have been produced for sale at NT shops at main NT properties, price £1.90 or £2.50 per pack. Collectors will be able to obtain these packs from the Bureau or PO Counters philatelic outlets.

Gift Pack

A special pack containing a presentation pack, set of maxicards (stamp cards with stamps affixed and cancelled) and a NT centenary book will be available from the Bureau, Post Office Counters philatelic outlets and selected retailers from 11 April, price £9.95. The NT Centenary Book is also available from NT shops.

NT “Images” Book

A lavish book, produced by the Trust and featuring colour photographs of many of its properties will be available from the Bureau and PO Counters philatelic outlets. This will contain a set of the NT stamps. Price £14.99. Limited number available – early ordering advised.

NT Prestige Stamp Book

The 1995 prestige stamp book, to be issued on 25 April, commemorates the NT centenary. This is the 16th in a series of prestige books dating back to the “Stamps for Cooks” book of December 1969.

This new book will cost £6 and contains £6 worth of stamps, in four panes:

1. Pane 1 – 6 x 25p NT stamps, 2 phosphor bands.
2. Mixed pane of definitives – top row 19p band right, 10p 2 bands, 19p band left; middle row 25p 2 bands, pictorial label, 25p 2 bands; bottom row 30p 2 bands, 35p 2 bands, 41p 2 bands.
3. 19p and 25p Country stamps of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, (one of each stamp). 19p one phosphor band right, 25p 2

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4. 6 x 19p definitives. One phosphor band right and left (3 pairs).

The book will be printed by the House of Questa except for the pane of 25p NT stamps which will be produced by Harrison. The book yields the following definitive and Country stamps - some new to this book, others exist elsewhere:

Stamp

10p Litho, 2 bands

19p Litho 1 band left

19p Litho 1 band right

25p Litho 2 bands (Questa)

30p Litho 2 bands

35p Litho 2 bands (Questa)

41p Litho 2 bands (Questa)

19p N Ireland 1 band right

25p N Ireland 2 bands

19p Scotland 1 band right

25p Scotland 2 bands

19p Wales 1 band right

25p Wales 2 bands

New/OtherSource

New

N Ireland
 prestige book

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Note: All the above-listed stamps have elliptical perfs on the vertical sides. The 35p and 41p definitives are similar to those in the £1.40 and

£1.64 stamp books, i.e. litho-printed with 2 bands, but for this issue printed by Questa instead of Walsall. The 25p definitives (litho 2 bands) are also similar to those in £1 books printed by Walsall (issued November 1993 and January 1994) but now printed by Questa.

The 25p NI stamp in sheets and the NT book have 9.5mm phosphor bands; the 25p stamp in the Northern Ireland prestige book had 8mm bands. The 19p definitives in this book (both right and left band) can be distinguished from each other since the phosphor bands on pane 2 are 8mm wide, those on pane 4 are 9.5mm wide.

The 25p NT stamps are the same as those issued in sheets (11 April 1995).

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Collectors may send their own stamped covers, on the day of issue, for the Bureau or



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Tintagel postmarks to: British Philatelic Bureau, 20 Brandon Street, EDINBURGH EH3 5TT or Wales & West SHC, Royal Mail, Penarth Road, CARDIFF CF1 1AA (Tintagel cancel). The outer envelope should be marked "FD9509" (Bureau), "FD95 10" (Tintagel). Tintagel has been chosen as the NT owns the Old Post Office in the centre of the village. This comprises a small 14th century stone house, with an ancient roof of thick uneven slates. It is called the Old Post Office as it served as the district's letter receiving office from 1844 to 1892; previously letters were brought by a foot messenger from Camelford. The property was acquired by the Trust in 1903 and subsequently restored.

First Day posting boxes will be provided at most main post offices for collectors who wish to post covers to receive the standard, non-pictorial "First Day of Issue" handstamps. Details of other special handstamps, sponsored by Royal Mail, stamp dealers and others will be announced in the *British Postmark Bulletin*.

Any of the stamps in the NT prestige book can be used, singly or in combination (subject to minimum 19p postage) of first day covers to qualify for "First Day of Issue", sponsored or philatelic country tourist handstamps in use on 25 April. The minimum 1st class rule will be waived for this day, i.e. 19p stamps from the book can be used on their own.

New Stamp Books

New 50p, £1 and £2 stamp books will be available from the British Philatelic Bureau and Post Office Counters philatelic outlets from 4

April. These will be number 2 in the Sea Charts, Inspiration for Victory, and Rowland Hill series. The cover of the 50p book features Land's End, the £1 Dame Vera Lynn, and the £2 Hill's educational reforms. The books will go into use in vending machines as earlier stocks are used up. All three books contain 25p stamps printed in photogravure by Harrisons, now with two phosphor bands instead of on Advanced Coated Paper. The 25p 2 band stamp already exists in sheet format.

Also on 4 April will be issued a 10 x 1st NVI book printed by Harrisons, again with two phosphor bands instead of on ACP. This will yield a new stamp variety. Please note that no first day of issue facilities will be offered.

Books of four 35p, 41p and 60p stamps with the new cover designs will be available from the Bureau and philatelic outlets from 16 May. The stamps will be the same as those in earlier books, issued 1 November 1993 (35p, 41p), 9 August and 4 October 1994 (60p). The new cover designs for books of 1st and 2nd class NVI stamps were introduced on 10 January 1995.

Definitive Changes

A new £1 stamp in the low value Machin series will be issued on 22 August. At the same time the Carrickfergus Castle design of the current £1 stamp will be used for a new £3 High Value definitive. Details will be published nearer the time.

Postal Stationery Update

A new Scottish aerogramme, commemorating