

# News Release

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## **SPECIAL ROYAL MAIL PHILATELIC PRODUCTS CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVESTITURE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES**

As part of its celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales, Royal Mail is to issue special products featuring the stamps, showing paintings by His Royal Highness.

In addition to the usual First Day Cover and Presentation Pack, a Philatelic Medallion Cover, a limited edition book and a set of Stamp Pyramids are to be made available from March 1 when the stamps go on sale.

The stamps show landscape views of: Chirk Castle, Wales [19p]; Ben Arkle, Scotland [25p]; The Mourne Mountains, Northern Ireland [30p]; Dersingham, Norfolk [35p]; Dolwyddelan, Wales [41p].

### **STAMP PYRAMIDS**

A set of Stamp Pyramids - high quality, optical glass paperweights - are available individually for £29.95 or as a set of five for £125, compared to the usual price of £34.95 each or £175 for the set. Each Stamp Pyramid contains one of the five stamps.



They can be ordered through the British Philatelic Bureau, 20 Brandon Street, EDINBURGH, EH3 5TT [Customer Helpline: 031-550 8989] and will be on sale in PostShops.

#### **PHILATELIC MEDALLIC COVER**

The Royal Mint has produced a special commemorative medal to mark the anniversary and is linking up with Royal Mail to issue a unique Philatelic Medalliac Cover [PMC]. It is a specially designed envelope with a mount for the medal and features all five stamps.

Issue of the medal has been sanctioned by Her Majesty the Queen and HRH The Prince of Wales, who had a personal sitting with leading coinage artist Michael Rizzello to enable him to put the finishing touches to his work.

The medal will be similar in size to a Crown coin, struck to proof quality and will only be available in the PMC format. This product follows the success of a Philatelic Numismatic Cover - which uses a coin in place of the medal - issued in 1993 to mark the 40th anniversary of the Coronation. All 20,000 copies were snapped up in a very short time.

The edition limit for the PMC is 25,000, with each cover bearing its unique number. They will cost £14.95 and a proportion of the proceeds will go to a charity nominated by HRH The Prince of Wales. PMCs can be ordered from the British Philatelic Bureau.

#### **INVESTITURE ANNIVERSARY EDITION BOOK**

A nationwide exhibition tour of watercolours by HRH The Prince of Wales, sponsored by Royal Mail, features many of the paintings included in the book, "HRH The Prince of Wales Watercolours".

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A special Investiture Anniversary Edition will be available exclusively to British Philatelic Bureau customers and visitors to the exhibition venues. It has a specially designed jacket and there will be a complete set of the mint stamps mounted inside. It will cost £25, the same price as the standard edition, and only a limited number will be made available.

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In addition to the usual five presentation packs, a Philatelic Medallic Cover, a limited edition book and a set of Stamp Pyramids are also available from March 1 when the stamps go on sale.

The stamps show landscape views of: Llyn Celyn, Wales (10p); Ben A'Chle, Scotland (2p); The Palace, Northern Ireland (30p); Llanidloes, North Wales (15p); Dolwyddelan, North Wales (15p).

STAMP PYRAMIDS

A set of Stamp Pyramids - high quality, optically clear paperweights - are available individually for 10.00 or as a set of five for £25, comprising the entire set of 1974-75 issues of 10p, 2p, 30p, 15p and 15p. Each Pyramid contains one of the five stamps.