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Welcome to the London 2012 Paralympic Games  
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Welcome to the  
**London 2012  
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**Miniature Sheet**  
Welcome to the London  
2012 Paralympic Games

**Design**  
Pearce Marchbank

**Size of sheet**  
192mm x 74.25mm

**Stamp format/size**  
Landscape  
60mm x 30mm

**Printer**  
Cartor Security Printing

**Print process**  
Lithography

**Perforation**  
14.5 x 14.5

**Phosphor**  
All over

**Gum**  
PVA

**Number of stamps**  
4

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# The Paralympics return to where it all began

On 29 August, the London 2012 Paralympic Games will open, bringing together more than 4,000 athletes from 160 countries. In addition to having the strength, endurance and talent required of every world-class athlete, it is worthy to note that these competitors must also possess the courage and determination to overcome obstacles that most of us would consider insurmountable.

It is therefore with great pride that we announce a Special issue to welcome the world to this spectacular event, which also bears the distinction of being the first stamp issue marking the opening of a Paralympic Games to be offered by any postal administration in the world.

In similar fashion to the Welcome to the London 2012 Olympics Special issue, this striking Miniature Sheet blends photography of famous London landmarks with the Paralympic sports of Powerlifting, Athletics, Wheelchair Basketball and Cycling; creating stamps that are imposing and dramatic in equal measure.

They are also highly appropriate, as the Paralympic Games were effectively born during the London Olympics of 1948, when the inspirational Ludwig Guttmann of the Stoke Mandeville Spinal Injuries Centre organised an archery competition for wheelchair-bound veterans of WWII. So in addition to marking this great occasion, we are actually celebrating a very welcome return.



## Miniature Sheet

**Price** £3.76  
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### Landmark events

The stunning Miniature Sheet blends St Paul's Cathedral and the Millennium Bridge, the Olympic Stadium, the Palace of Westminster and the London Eye with four Paralympic sports. It also features the London 2012 Paralympic Emblem in its border.

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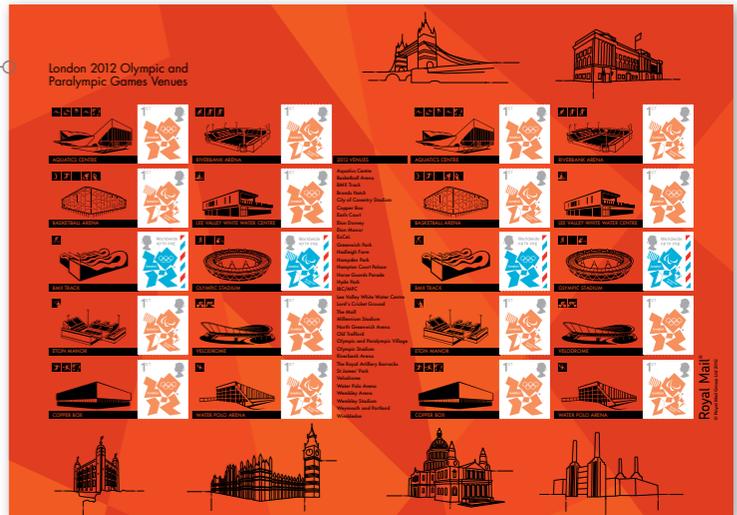
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