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How Queen Victoria made British postal history

Queen Victoria's ascension to the throne in 1837 ushered in an age of remarkable industrial progress. The steam engine transformed transport and trade. The electric lightbulb sparked a new age of productivity. And, perhaps with less fanfare, the Penny Black - the world's first adhesive stamp revolutionised communication across Britain and beyond, shaping the modern postal system we rely on to keep us connected.

This small square of paper made it secure and affordable for everyone to send letters. Today, it remains a prized collectible, and an enduring symbol of the social transformation that defined the Victorian period.

This commemorative set of stamps and souvenirs celebrates the craft and ingenuity that produced this communication innovation. Eight new stamps reprise the iconic designs featured on the Penny Black and its successive issues, from the striking Twopenny Blue to the rare 4d 'Jubilee'. A beautiful Miniature Sheet exploring Queen Victoria's fascination with early photography features four First Class stamps displaying rare portraits from her reign.

You'll also discover highly collectible keepsakes, including Royal Mint coins and a beautifully illustrated, full-colour publication charting the life and legacy of Queen Victoria and her influence on Britain's postal system.





(1) Mint Stamp Set | AS14000 £13.60

- Eight Special Stamps showcasing the origins and evolution of the world's first adhesive postage stamps.
- From the iconic Penny Black to the striking 4d Jubilee marking the 50th anniversary of Queen Victoria's accession, this commemorative collection brings together some of the most significant innovations in philatelic history.
- · A celebration of the craft and ingenuity that revolutionised Britain's postal service.
- Authentic Watermark Detail: Each stamp features a reverse-side watermark reproduced from the original Victorian issue, adding a unique philatelic touch and historical authenticity to the set.





Gum PVA

First Class Penny Black, 1840





2 Miniature Sheet | MZ216 £6.80

- Captivating, intimate portraits of Queen Victoria are captured on this striking souvenir honouring one of Britain's longest-serving monarchs and her pioneering contributions to postal progress.
- Four First Class stamps feature rarely seen photographs of Queen Victoria, tracing her remarkable 63-year reign from young sovereign to Empress of India.
- The stamps are set against a sepia-toned backdrop featuring the issue's title in elegant typography, alongside a striking portrait of Queen Victoria, framed by a decorative border reflecting the artistry of the age.

Technical details

Stamp format Portrait

Stamp size 27 x 37mm

Perforations 14 x 14

Miniature Sheet size 115 x 89mm

Design Steers McGillan Eves

Printer Cartor Security Printers

Print process Lithography

Phosphor Bars as appropriate

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(3) Presentation Pack | AP561 £21.30

- · A beautifully crafted keepsake honouring the Victorian stamps that changed the face of global communication - and the beloved monarch whose reign shaped that revolution.
- The eight First Class stamps celebrate the iconic Penny Black and more of Britain's first adhesive stamps that remain among the world's most coveted collectibles.
- · Inspired by her love of photography, the Miniature Sheet's four stamps feature evocative portraits of Queen Victoria - whose accession ushered in a period of growth and innovation that gave rise to the creation of the first modern stamp.
- · A fact-filled souvenir packed with stamps, images, and insight from Douglas N Muir, former Senior Curator of Philately at The Postal Museum.







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Royal Mail First Day Cover

(4) First Day Cover | AF541 £17.00

- A unique, time-limited commemorative collectible personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The eight mint stamps are cancelled with your preferred special-edition postmark on the first day of issue, 27 November 2025.
- The stamps celebrate the origins and evolution of Victorian philately in honour of the trailblazing monarch whose reign shaped modern postal history.
- Your First Day Envelope contains an information card with an overview of the subject and stamp details.

(5) First Day Cover Miniature Sheet | MF206 £8.80

- The Stamps of Queen Victoria Miniature Sheet on an envelope personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The four First Class stamps featuring striking photographs of Queen Victoria are cancelled with your preferred special-edition postmark on the first day of issue, 27 November 2025.
- Inside is the information card containing details of the stamp issue.



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The Tallents House postmark features an image of the distinctive 'Penfold' hexagonal pillar box used during Queen Victoria's reign. The alternative postmark features Queen Victoria's Royal Cypher and includes the post town East Cowes - the home of Osborne House. Queen Victoria's favoured royal retreat on the Isle of Wight.



6 Prestige First Day Cover | HF116 £4.80

- A time-limited, personalised souvenir celebrating Queen Victoria's impact on British postal history.
- The unique pane of definitive stamps from this issue's Prestige Stamp Book is affixed to a special-edition envelope personalised with the name, address and postmark of your choice on the first day of issue.
- Inside is an information card with the stamps' specifications and an overview of the issue.
- Available to order until the first day of issue, 27 November 2025.

7 First Day Envelope | AE497 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope includes the issue's title and a black and white threequarter profile portrait of Queen Victoria.
- Inside is the information card with an overview of the theme and specifications of the stamps.

8 Stamp Book | UB474 £6.80

- A new commemorative stamp book in honour of the world's first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, issued in May 1840.
- Contains four self-adhesive First Class stamps which reprise the original Penny Black stamp, and featuring a profile of Queen Victoria based on William Wyon's City Medal.



9 Collectors Sheet | AT174 £18.20

- A unique collectible commemorating the first monarch to appear on Britain's stamps – and her dedicated contributions to the development of our modern postal service.
- Ten self-adhesive mint stamps appear alongside labels telling the story of how Britain's first modern stamps were designed – from diagrams to sketches and early dies.
- The stamps and labels are set against a backdrop of a Penny Black sheet.
- A captivating keepsake celebrating the craft and artistry that defined early Victorian philately.



(10) Stamp Souvenir | AW305 £17.00

- A non-personalised version of your The Stamps of Queen Victoria First Day Cover featuring all eight new stamps cancelled with the alternative East Cowes postmark.
- The First Day Envelope contains the issue's information card.
- On sale until 27 November 2026.

(11) Stamp Sheet Souvenir | AW306 £8.80

- A non-personalised First Day Cover Miniature Sheet cancelled with the alternative East Cowes postmark on a First Day Envelope containing the information card.
- On sale until 27 November 2026.

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The Stamps of Queen Victoria Coin Covers

Unique, limited-edition souvenirs pairing the Royal Mint's official Queen Victoria £5 coin with Royal Mail's stamps honouring one of our nation's longest-serving monarchs and her remarkable contributions to British philatelic history.

- The Royal Mint's official Queen Victoria £5 Brilliant Uncirculated, Silver Proof and Gold Proof coins are beautifully presented on individually numbered, limited-edition souvenirs featuring the commemorative issue's stamps.
- The coin cover handstamp features an outline of William Wyon's original portrait of Queen Victoria. The location of East Cowes is where she died in 1901.

- The reverse of the coin features double portraits of Queen Victoria as a young monarch, and as the dignified figure of her Diamond Jubilee.
- Your limited-edition souvenirs include artwork and editorial giving fascinating insight into how images of Queen Victoria became emblematic of a period of rapid change and growth during her reign.
- Prestigious keepsakes perfect for collectors of stamps, coins or royal memorabilia – available exclusively through Royal Mail.



12) Brilliant Uncirculated Coin Cover | AN274 £23.99

 The Royal Mint's official Queen Victoria £5 coin struck to an immaculate Brilliant Uncirculated condition beneath all eight commemorative stamps celebrating the origins and evolution of Victorian philately.

Coin specifications

Quality Brilliant Uncirculated
Alloy Cupro-nickel
Weight 28.28g
Diameter 38.61mm

3 Silver Proof Coin Cover | AN275 £115.00

- The Royal Mint's official Queen Victoria £5 coin struck from 925 Ag Silver to a flawless proof finish, presented beneath all eight commemorative stamps.
- Hand-finished dies remove imperfections to give a stunning 'proof' finish favoured by collectors.
- Blanks are fed into the coin press by hand before being struck up to six times, at a lower speed and with less pressure than other finishes, to preserve the finer details of the design.

Coin specifications

Limited

to only 750

individually

numbered

Quality Silver Proof Alloy 925Ag Weight 28.28g

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Diameter 38.61mm

(4) Gold Proof Coin Cover | AN276 £4,160.00

- A special gold edition of The Royal Mint's Queen Victoria £5 coin struck from 22 carat gold to a flawless proof finish.
- Proof coins are among the finest commemorative coins produced by The Royal Mint and feature a sharpness of detail like no other.
- A superior collectible keepsake that features all eight stamps alongside striking images and stories celebrating Queen Victoria's extraordinary legacy and impact on Britain's postal service.

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Limited

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Coin specifications

Quality Gold Proof **Alloy** 916.7Au

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Weight 39.94g

Diameter 38.61mm

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(15) Framed Stamps | N3410 £39.99

- A fantastic framed collectible showcasing this issue's eight stamps in honour of the craft and ingenuity of Victorian philately.
- The eight stamps capturing iconic innovations from the Penny Red to the Twopenny Blue appear against a striking backdrop of a Penny Black stamp sheet.
- Mounted in a premium black frame, this is a handsome gift for stamp collectors and royal enthusiasts to display and treasure.
- Dimensions: 32 x 20cm.

(16) Framed Collectors Sheet | N3418 £39.99

- This issue's Collectors Sheet professionally mounted in a premium black frame.
- Ten stamps from the main set appear alongside self-adhesive labels bringing to life how Britain's first modern stamps were designed – from diagrams to sketches and early dies.
- The stamps and labels appear against a Penny Black sheet in a nod to the remarkable innovation that shaped the future of Britain's postal service.
- Dimensions: 34 x 44cm.
- · A stunning framed souvenir celebrating the first monarch to appear on our nation's stamps.



(17) Prestige Stamp Book | YB130 £25.35

- This stylish 24-page publication charts the remarkable life and legacy of Queen Victoria - from her sheltered childhood to her central role in the birth of the modern postal stamp.
- British historian Dr Helen Rappaport's fascinating insights sit alongside a carefully curated selection of photographs bringing to life the people and places that defined the transformative Victorian period.
- This comprehensive commemorative keepsake includes all 12 mint stamps from this issue, plus a pane of definitive stamps available only in this book - it's the ultimate collectors' item.

Celebrating Britain: Jane Austen 250th anniversary

Marking the 250th anniversary of the birth of one of Britain's most beloved literary figures, this exquisitely designed Jane Austen Collectors Sheet is a tribute to her enduring legacy. The thoughtful design reflects the elegant world she so brilliantly captured in her novels. Austen's wit, insight, and cultural influence are beautifully honoured in this special edition.

(18) Jane Austen Collectors Sheet | AT176 £18.20

- A stunning special-edition collectible marking the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth and honouring her extraordinary contributions to British literature.
- As the first Collectors Sheet in our new series Celebratina Britain, this fascinating keepsake features Union Flag stamps alongside self-adhesive labels showing Austen's treasured Hampshire cottage, now a popular museum, and fascinating personal artefacts.











From fungi to fantasy: 2025 in stamps

We rocked the world of AC/DC fans. We captured cult comedy classics from Monty Python to The Vicar of Dibley. We celebrated rail trailblazers, magical mythology, creatures, critters and the wonder of our native wildlife. The Royal Mail 2025 Special Stamp calendar is packed with an eclectic selection of commemorative issues honouring British culture, nature and history. And now you can own them all with one of our stunning annual collectibles - each a compendium of this year's stamps, souvenirs and stories. They are available to pre-order now:

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(19) 2025 Yearbook | AY133 £295.00

- This full-colour, limited edition of only 5,000 individually numbered publications includes a chapter featuring fascinating insights into Queen Victoria's involvement in the curation and circulation of the world's first adhesive stamp.
- The Yearbook is a carefully curated compendium of the year's Special Stamp issues, with a chapter dedicated to each one and written by a specially commissioned expert in the field.
- This stunning 64-page publication is presented in an illustrated protective box and contains every stamp and Miniature Sheet issued in 2025 - a total of 165 Special Stamps.
- Every chapter includes integrated clear plastic strips to display and protect your stamps.

20) 2025 Yearpack | AR078 £275.00

- · A superb souvenir containing every 2025 Special Stamp and Miniature Sheet - a total of 165 stamps - along with images of all First Day Cover alternative postmarks for the year.
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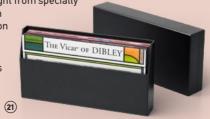






(21) Year of Presentation Packs | PC039 £283.00

- · Every 2025 Presentation Pack presented in a stylish leather-effect presentation case.
- · Discover images and insight from specially commissioned experts on the reasons and inspiration behind each issue.
- A beautifully presented collectible for completists and enthusiasts.



22) 2025 Stamp and Coin Pack | PC040 £75.00

- An exclusive, first-of-its-kind souvenir bringing together stunning stamps and uncirculated coins issued by the Royal Mint in 2025; Red Arrows, Stories of the Second World War, Royal Observatory Greenwich, Steam Locomotives and Monopoly.
- Each coin is struck to an immaculate Brilliant Uncirculated finish by The Royal Mint and displayed alongside the corresponding stamp issue.
- Your Stamp and Coin Pack is presented in a stylish, dual-branded slipcase - it's the ultimate collector's item.

Please note; stamps are affixed to this pack.







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- · Perfect for collecting, framing or sending.

(24) Press Sheet | PZ090 £102.00

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- A limited edition of just 200 individually numbered souvenirs, each containing 15 The Stamps of Queen Victoria Miniature Sheets.

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