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In later traditions, 'Maid' Marian is a nobleman's daughter whom Robin helps escape when her father attempts to force her into life as a nun. Instead, Marian joins Robin's band of outlaws. Marian and Robin fall in love, and they marry.

Robin and his comrades steal valuables from those who, like the monks from St Mary's Abbey, hoard wealth they do not need. The outlaws redistribute the riches to those – from all walks of life – who *do* need them. The Sheriff becomes Robin's sworn enemy, a superb archer. Robin shames the Sheriff by winning the golden arrow in his archery contest. Sometimes the Sheriff is lured into the forest by Robin (or sometimes by Little John), where he is captured, tied up, stripped and mocked by the outlaws, while in other stories he is killed, either for his bad faith or because he is their enemy.

Eventually, the King, disguised as an abbot, contrives to meet the outlaws in Sherwood Forest. He removes his disguise, the outlaws pledge their loyalty and he pardons them. Robin goes to serve the King, but he later returns to the forest.

Robin Hood represents the powerless. Corrupt authority steals his power and agency, but he gradually takes them back – and helps others to do the same. In the end, he is bled to death by his king.

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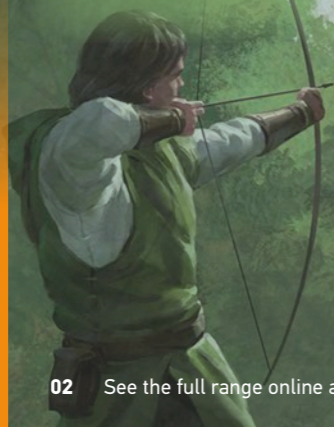
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First Class Robin Hood meets Little John

First Class Friar Tuck carries Robin Hood

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First Class Robin Hood wins the archery contest

First Class Robin Hood captures the Sheriff

First Class Robin Hood helps Maid Marian escape

First Class Robin Hood marries Maid Marian

First Class King Richard removes his disguise

First Class Robin Hood shoots his last arrow

Technical Details

Stamp format Square

Stamp size 35mm x 35mm

Number per sheet 25/50

Design Godfrey Design Illustrations

Printer Cartor Security Printers

Print process Lithography

Perforations 14.5 x 14.5

Phosphor Bars as appropriate

Gum PVA

2 First Day Cover Envelope AE456 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope features an illustration of Robin Hood by this issue's artist, Jon McCoy, alongside the title.
- Inside is the information card containing an overview of the Robin Hood legend and stamp details.

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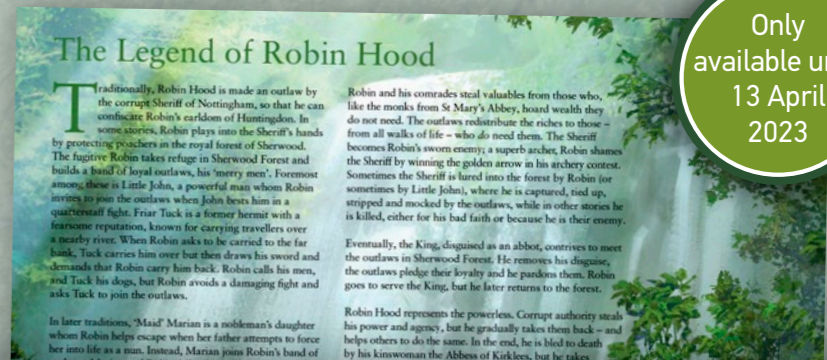
The Tallents House handstamp features an arrow illustration. The alternative handstamp includes the location of Wakefield, representing Robin Hood's West Yorkshire connections.

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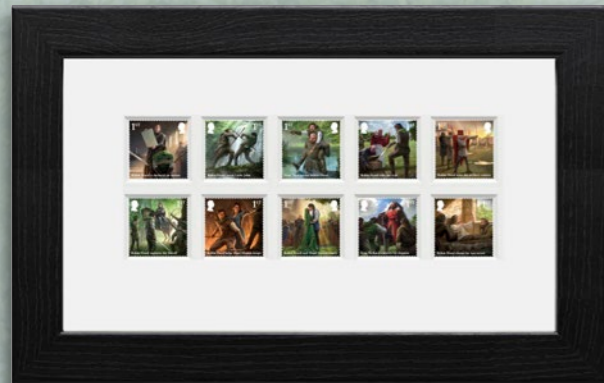
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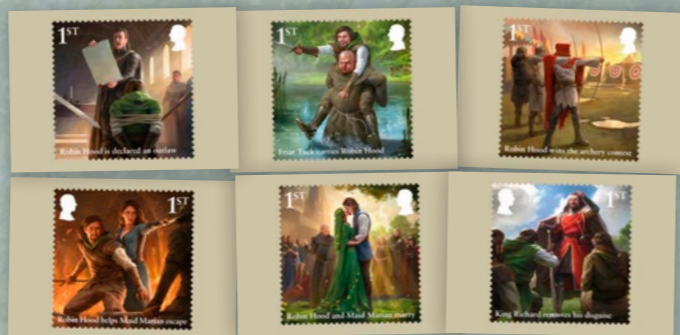
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