

Prince William of Wales A new stamp issue



Technical details

Printer Walsall Security Printers

Process Gravure

Stamp size 35 x 35mm

Sheet size 50

Perforation 14.5

Phosphor Background

Gum PVA

Gutter pairs Horizontal

FOUR STAMPS GO ON SALE ON 17 June to mark the 21st birthday of HRH Prince William of Wales on 21 June. The stamps – 28p, E, 47p and 68p feature photographs of the Prince at the start of his gap year before going to university, on an official visit to Scotland just before going to university, and on his first day at St Andrew's. The stamps were designed by Madeleine Bennett, who designed last year's Commonwealth Games stamps. They feature: 28p Prince William on his first day at St Andrew's University, September 2001 (photograph by Brendan Beirne); E stamp at Highgrove, September 2000 (Tim Graham); 47p at Anchor Mills, Paisley, September 2001 official visit (Camera Press); and 68p on visit to Glasgow, September 2001 (Tim Graham).

Cylinder numbers & colours

28p W1 silver ● W1 black ● W1 dark grey ● W1 bright green

E W1 ash pink ● W1 dark grey ● W1 bright green

47p W1 turquoise-green ● W1 brown-black ● W1 dark grey ● W1 bright green

68p W1 sage green ● W1 black ● W1 bright green

Phosphor cylinder W1 all values

FIRST DAY FACILITIES Unstamped Royal Mail FDC envelopes will be available from main Post Office branches and philatelic outlets about a week before 17 June, price 25p. The text on the cover is in English and Welsh. Orders for FDCs with the four stamps cancelled by a pictorial first day postmark of Tallents House or Cardiff must reach Royal Mail (address below) by the day of issue. Price £2.54 UK or £2.17 overseas.

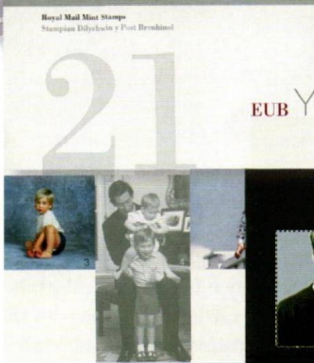
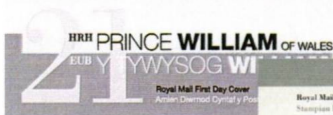
Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: Royal Mail Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB (Tallents House postmark), or Special Handstamp Centre, Royal Mail, Penarth Road, Cardiff CF11 8TA (Cardiff postmark), marking the outer envelope 'FD0327' (Tallents House), or 'FD0328' (Cardiff). Covers can be posted or handed in at main Post Office branches for the Cardiff postmark. Details of other handstamps will be announced in the *British Postmark Bulletin* – available on subscription from Tallents House (£12.25 UK/Europe; £24.95 elsewhere). For a sample copy write to: The Editor, British Postmark Bulletin, Royal Mail, 148 Old Street, London EC1V 9HQ.

PHILATELIC PRODUCTS A well-illustrated pack containing the four stamps (price £2.20) and stamp cards (25p each) will be available from main Post Office branches and philatelic outlets. The pack, written by Fay Sweet, includes photographs of Prince William taken in each year from 1982 to 2002. His coat of arms, granted for his 18th birthday, is reproduced. The text of the pack is bilingual (English and Welsh) ●

to mark the Prince's 21st birthday on 21 June



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The presentation pack (right) includes photographs of Prince William with his brother Harry and his father, with The Queen, playing sports, and at school at Eton.



Prince William stamps The Prince made his British stamp debut in 2000 on one of four stamps in a miniature sheet marking the 100th birthday of his great-grandmother, the late Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. His birth and christening in 1982 were commemorated by special postmarks.

Prince William's 18th birthday in 2000 was commemorated by an 'omni-bus' series of stamps issued by Crown Agents territories, Jersey, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, and elsewhere. He has also featured on issues from Barbuda (1984), Guinea (1985), New Zealand (1985), and Turks & Caicos Is (1999). Stamps issued in 1982 by Mauritius and North Korea showed him as a baby leaving the hospital with his parents a few days after his birth •