

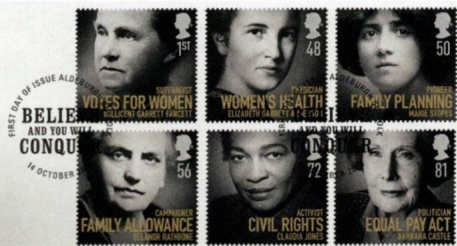
## Women of Distinction Royal Mail honours the achievements of six outstanding women



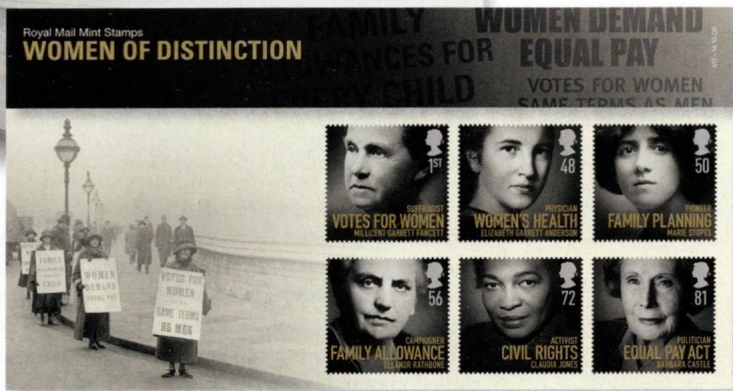
Six stamps featuring women of great achievement in their respective fields go on sale at Post Office branches and philatelic outlets and Royal Mail Tallents House on 14 October. The stamps portray: Millicent Garrett Fawcett (1847-1929, suffragist), 1st class; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (1836-1917, physician), 48p; Marie Stopes (1880-1958, family planning pioneer), 50p; Eleanor Rathbone (1872-1946, family allowance campaigner), 56p; Claudia Jones (1915-64, civil rights activist), 72p; and Barbara Castle (1910-2002, politician), 81p. The stamps were designed by Together Design, and printed in gravure by Walsall.

**FIRST DAY FACILITIES** Orders for serviced FDGs must reach Tallents House (see address below) by the day of issue. Collectors may send stamped covers on the day of issue to: Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB (for the Tallents House postmark), or to their nearest Special Handstamp Centre (for the Aldeburgh postmark), marking the outer envelope 'FD0825' (for Tallents House) or 'FD0826' (Aldeburgh). Covers can be posted or handed in at main Post Office branches for the Aldeburgh postmark.

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The presentation pack, below, and first day cover, left, with first day of issue postmarks.



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**Women of Distinction prices**

Set of stamps	£3.43
Presentation pack	£3.95
First day cover envelope	£0.30
Serviced first day cover (UK customers)	£4.51
Serviced first day cover (overseas customers)	£3.84
Stamp cards set	£2.40

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**Women of distinction on stamps** Previous stamp issues have also honoured important women in British history: Emmeline Pankhurst (1968 and 2006); Florence Nightingale (1970); Charlotte and Emily Brontë, George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans) and Mrs Gaskell (1980); Vivien Leigh (1985); Dorothy Hodgkin, Dame Margot Fonteyn, Dame Elisabeth Frink, Dame Daphne du Maurier and Dame Marea Hartman (1996), Joyce Grenfell (1998); and Virginia Woolf, Mary Seacole, and Dame Cicely Saunders (2006).

The 1st class and 48p stamps feature sisters – Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the first British lady to qualify as a doctor, and her younger sister Millicent Garrett Fawcett. Elizabeth Garrett was proposed to by Henry Fawcett, a Liberal MP and Postmaster General in Gladstone's government 1880-84. She decided however to pursue her medical studies and turned him down. Later Fawcett married her sister Millicent. Henry Fawcett is remembered as the 'Blind Postmaster General' who introduced postal orders and the Parcel Post. His memorial in Victoria Embankment Gardens, London, was shown in the *Bulletin* in October 1990 (page 33) •

