

## What's new? Machins go self-adhesive • New postal rates • 2012 special issues



Right: the 2011 Definitive Stamps Presentation Pack, issued on 29 March, includes the four new tariff values and the five Make-up varieties

**New 2011 Machin definitives** New postal rates come into effect on Monday 4 April and four new definitives, as shown above, will go on sale this month, on Tuesday 29 March: 68p Sea green, 76p Pink, £1.10 Lime Green and £1.65 Sage. The new stamps are self-adhesive, with iridescent print and will be gravure printed by De La Rue in sheets of 25.

Also issued this month, on 29 March and in sheets of 25, are new Royal Mail Country values of 68p and £1.10. They will be issued for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales in existing designs and colours.

These stamps will remain PVA-gummed but the printer changes from De La Rue to Cartor and the print process from gravure to litho. ●

### New value definitive sheets

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| Issue date            | Stamps available 29 March<br>New tariff applies from 4 April   |
| Purpose               | Introduction of new sheet specification for the Machin Definitive overseas rates                                 |
| Values                | 68p, 76p, £1.10p and £1.65   |
| Printer               | De La Rue  |
| Print process         | Gravure, as before   |
| Sheet size and detail | Self-adhesive sheets of 25<br>The sheets will adopt the Cylinder Position Grid System and full security features |

### New Country stamps

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Issue date            | 29 March                 |
| Values                | 4 x 68p, 4 x £1.10       |
| Printer               | Cartor                   |
| Print process         | Litho                    |
| Sheet size and detail | Sheets of 25, PVA gummed |

**New specifications on five make-up values** In new self-adhesive sheet format of 25 and with no iridescent print are the New Make Up Value Sheets issued on Tuesday 8 March, formerly PVA-gummed and in sheets of 200. The values affected here are the 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p. Thus, the use of the Security Features introduced in 2009 is extended to include these 2011 Machin definitives.

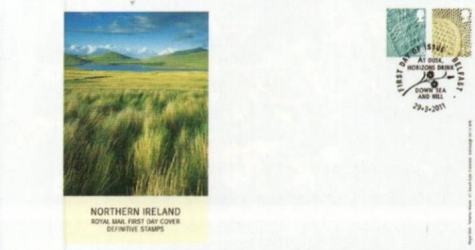
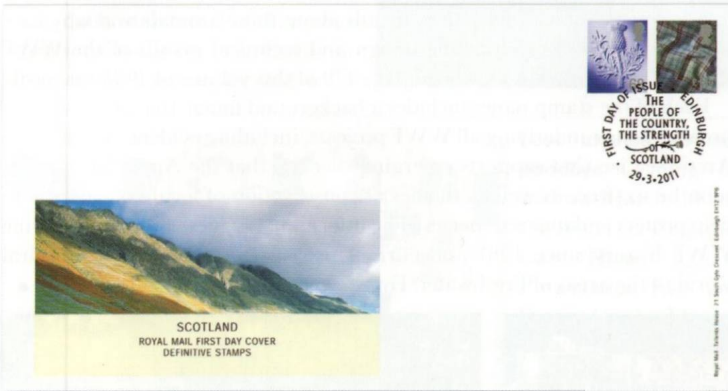
The 8th of March is classed as a First Day of Availability for the modified definitives sheets, as they are not classified as a new issue, so there will be no First Day Cover, Envelope or Presentation Pack. Nevertheless a number of permanent philatelic postmarks are available for those who wish to mark the occasion with a cover dated on the first day of availability ● ▶

### Changes to Machin Definitives March 2011

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| Values affected                | 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p   |
| Security slits                 | Each stamp will contain two small oval security slits, of the type introduced as a security feature in 2009  |
| Self-adhesive                  | Converted from PVA gummed  |
| Sheet size and detail          | Self-adhesive sheets of 25 will adopt the Cylinder Position Grid System with oval slits. Dot and No Dot sheets will no longer exist for these values   |
| Cylinder positions             | The 2p, 5p and 20p values will be printed from one cylinder which will limit the cylinder positions to four each.<br>The 1p and 10p will be printed on individual cylinders so each will be available in 12 cylinder positions |
| Availability of previous issue | All the old-style Machin definitives will be available at Tallents House until 2012 depending on stock levels  |



Above: definitive postmarks of Windsor and Tallents House are available from Tallents House



Royal Mail First Day Covers and First Day Envelopes are available with images of Cymru/Wales, England, Northern Ireland and Scotland