

UK A-Z Part 1

Next month sees the start of a alphabetical journey around UK landmarks



Top: one of the two First Day Covers for the issue – this one carries the A to F stamps.

Above: the special Blackpool pictorial postmark

An A to Z of the UK landscape is the subject of a new series of 26 special-issue stamps launched next month, showing a different UK locations for each letter of the alphabet. UK A-Z Part 1 covers the letters A to L. The 26 different images featured in the series will celebrate a wide variety of landmarks that might be described as distinctively British – some scenes of exceptional natural beauty, some iconic architecture, some marvels of engineering, some ancient sites, some modern views and a few lesser known gems.

Stamp by stamp All 12 stamps in the Part 1 of this series are 1st Class. Alphabetically, and taking into consideration a desire to represent each of the four countries of the UK, the first set of the UK A-Z stamps show the following favourite views with names beginning with the letters A to L: the Angel of the North, Blackpool, Carrick-a-Rede, Downing Street, Edinburgh Castle, the Forth Bridge, Glastonbury Tor, Harlech Castle, Ironbridge, Jodrell Bank, Kursaal and Lindisfarne Priory.

Some of these sites are, of course, well known. But there are some surprising choices too. Carrick-a-Rede, for instance, may not be familiar to everyone – it is a town near Ballintoy, County Antrim and was chosen for its unusual rope suspension bridge. Now owned and maintained by the National Trust, the bridge was originally

UK A-Z Specifications

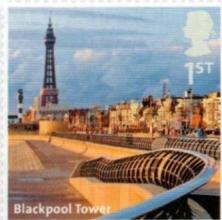
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| Issue date | 13 October |
| Number of stamps | Twelve |
| Size of sheet | 146mm x 74mm |
| Design | Robert Maude and Sarah Davies |
| Stamp format | Square |
| Stamp size | 35mm x 35mm |
| Printer | Cartor Security Print |
| Print process | Lithography |
| Number per sheet | 30/60 |
| Perforations | 14.5 x 14.5 |
| Phosphor | All over |
| Gum | PVA |

UK A-Z Part 1 Prices

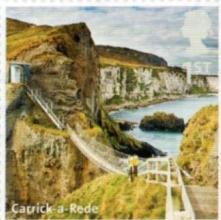
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| Set of Stamps | £5.52 |
| Presentation Pack | £6.05 |
| First Day Envelope | 30p |
| First Day Covers, A to F and G to L | £3.79 each |
| Stamp Cards (12 in set) | £5.40 |



Angel of the North



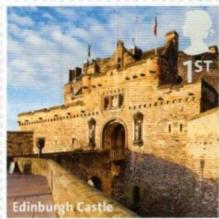
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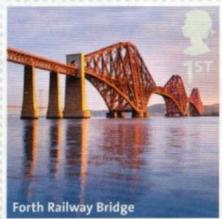
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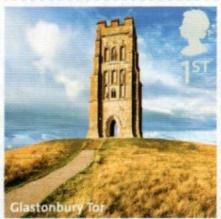
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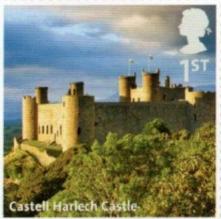
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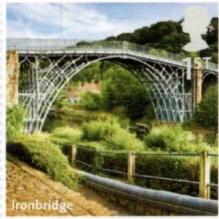
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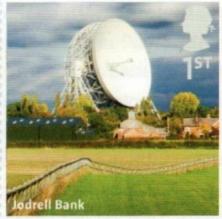
Glastonbury Tor



Castell Harlech Castle



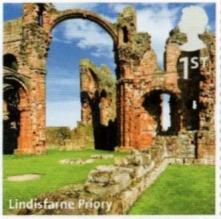
Ironbridge



Jodrell Bank



Kursaal



Lindisfarne Priory

constructed by local people to link the mainland to the tiny Carrick Island. Harlech Castle, built by Edward I during his conquest of Wales, is notable for its massive gatehouse and imposing construction of concentric circles, sited high upon a rocky outcrop close to the Irish Sea. And the Kursaal in Southend, Essex, was designed by Campbell Sherrin, who also designed the Brompton Oratory. The building saw its heyday in the 1920s and 1930s as a favourite seaside fairground for Londoners, with a reputation for being first with all the latest attractions •



UK A-Z : ANGEL OF THE NORTH • BLACKPOOL TOWER • CARRICK-A-REDE • DOWNING STREET
• EDINBURGH CASTLE • FORTH RAILWAY BRIDGE • GLASTONBURY TOR • HARLECH

PART 1 : CASTLE • IRONBRIDGE • JODRELL BANK • KURSAAL • LINDISFARNE PRIORY

ROYAL MAIL MINT STAMPS



Top: the new UK A-Z stamps
Above: the Tallents House postmark
Left: Presentation Pack, A to L