

Classic Locomotives of Scotland

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Royal Mail First Day Cover

Classic Locomotives of Scotland come steaming into view as a special issue next month

The Miniature Sheet's border carries a 1949 image of Glenfinnan Viaduct, and crossing it is a Fort William-to-Mallaig train, the LNER Class K2260

Four powerful old Scottish locomotives are brought together in a new Miniature Sheet released on 8 March. This is the welcome sequel to the series of Classic Locomotives of England stamps (see page 145, Volume 48) and celebrates the unsung heroes of the steam age, many of which had working lives of several decades before diesel and electric trains came into general use in the 1960s.

The two First Class stamps show two locomotives of class D34, Numbers 62471 and 62496. Both of these trains are former North British Railway (NBR) 4-4-0 locomotives and both are named after Scottish glens: 'Glen Falloch' (Number 62471) and 'Glen Loy' (Number 62496). They were built by

Classic Locomotives of Scotland Prices

Miniature Sheet	£3.24
Presentation Pack	£3.75
First Day Cover UK	£4.36
First Day Cover non-UK	£3.64
First Day Cover Envelope	30p
Name Plate Cover	£14.95
Stamp Cards (five in set)	£2.25

Classic Locomotives of Scotland Miniature Sheet Specifications

Issue date	8 March
Size of Miniature Sheet	179mm x 74mm
Number per sheet	Four
Design	Delaney Design Consultants
Stamp format	Landscape
Stamp size	41mm x 30mm
Printer	Cartor Security Printing
Print process	Lithography
Perforations	14.5 x 14
Phosphor	All over
Gum	PVA

the NBR at Cowlairs between 1920 and 1921, to the design of WP Reid and the photographs used on the stamps were taken on 9 May 1956 at Ardlui on the West Highland Line from Glasgow to Fort William and Mallaig.

The 68p stamp shows a class D40, also a 4-4-0, of the type that the Great North of Scotland Railway (GNSR) used for most of its traffic. The 'Andrew Bain' was built in 1921 by the NBR, to the design of TE Heywood, and has the Number 62276.

'Bon Accord' is the name of the train on the £1 stamp. Built in 1897 by Andrew Barclay Sons and Company of Kilmarnock, 'Bon Accord' (Number 8078) belonged to the Aberdeen Gas Works. The image on the stamp shows the train working along Miller Street, Aberdeen, in the June of 1962.

Among the last of the Highland Railway locomotives to remain in active service was the 'Clan Mackinnon', seen on the £1.10 leading a fish train at Kyle of Lochalsh. This is a class 4-6-0 locomotive, LMS and BR, Number 54767. Its designer was Christopher Cumming and it was built by Hawthorn Leslie.

The starting point for the design of the stamps involved close collaboration between railway experts Professors Dugald Cameron and Colin Divall and designer Brian Delaney. They trawled through thousands of photographs of trains to establish a shortlist of the best ones for the stamp design. The Presentation Pack is designed by Tayburn and is written by Dugald Cameron. Also available is a Classic Locomotives Name Plate Cover, containing an enamelled replica of the 'Flying Scotsman' name plate •



Above from top: alternative first-day pictorial location postmark and Talents House first-day postmark.

Below: postmark for the Classic Locomotives Name Plate Cover, with the LNER logo



Below: the Classic Locomotives Name Plate Cover, which includes an enamelled miniature version of the 'Flying Scotsman' name plate (left)

