

## April update New Union Flag Post & Go stamp, sports covers and framed stamps



**Flagging up new Post & Go stamps** The year of the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games is a most appropriate time for Post & Go machines to fly a patriotic flag: 21 May sees the release of the new Post & Go stamp shown above. It features the Union Flag fluttering against a blue background, a design adapted from an original by Dick Davis and printed in gravure by Walsall Security Printers.

The Union Flag stamp, with overprinted 1st Class rate indicator of up to 100g value, is also available in a card carrier, which has been designed by The Chase and carries a brief history of Post & Go stamps, with an explanation of the different elements of overprinting.

A First Day Cover is also available. The First Day envelope carries the stamp with philatelic code overprinted in gravure, alongside the Post & Go motif – a map of the UK. Both the stamp and First Day Cover are available from Tallents House at the Edinburgh address given on page 226.

Orders for serviced First Day Covers have to reach the Royal Mail by 21 May 2012. Or you can send stamped envelopes on the day of issue to Royal Mail, Tallents House for the Tallents House, Edinburgh postmark. Customers who hand in or post Post & Go stamped envelopes at main Post Offices® on the day of issue will receive the alternative pictorial first day postmark. Alternatively, customers can send stamped envelopes to any of the Special Handstamp Centres. All Post & Go stamps can be obtained from the machines with six different service indicators, as single stamps or in strips of up to five of the same value or various values • ▶



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Above: the new Post & Go Union Flag stamp.  
Below left: alternative pictorial First Day of Issue postmark (FD12 30) and Tallents House, Edinburgh First Day of Issue postmark (FD12 29)

### Post & Go Union Flag – Specifications

Date of issue	21 May
Number of stamps	One
Stamp design	Adapted from a design by Dick Davis
Stamp illustration	Anton Morris
Stamp format	Landscape
Stamp size	56mm x 25mm
Printer	Walsall Security Printers
Print process	Gravure with thermal overprint
Perforations	Die-cut simulated
Phosphor	Bars
Gum	Self-adhesive
First Day Cover design	The Chase