



## Historic journey Anniversary stamps tell the extraordinary story of London Underground

A special issue launching on 9 January marks the 150th anniversary of the Tube, the London Underground series comprises six individual stamps and a four-stamp Miniature Sheet. Through images of stations, people and advertising posters, the issue tell the Tube's colourful history – from the first route of the Metropolitan line in 1863 to the Jubilee Line's modern Canary Wharf station, designed by Sir Norman Foster.

**Stamp by stamp** *Second Class – 1863: Metropolitan Railway Opens* A contemporary lithograph of a steam locomotive on the Metropolitan Line near Paddington Station.

*Second Class – 1869: Tunnelling Beneath London* Railway construction workers, known as navvies, shown excavating a 'deep cut' tube tunnel.

*First Class – 1909: Commute from the Suburbs* A carriage of Edwardian ladies



Above: First Day Cover  
Tallents House postmark

### London Underground Stamps – Specifications

Date of issue	9 January
Number of stamps	Six
Stamp design	Hat-trick Design
Stamp format	Square
Stamp size	35mm x 35mm
Printer	Cartor Security Printing
Print process	Lithography
Number per sheet	25/50
Perforations	14.5 x 14.5
Phosphor	All over
Gum	PVA

### London Underground – Prices

Stamps	£6.74
Presentation Pack	£8.80
First Day Cover UK	£6.19
First Day Cover overseas	£4.95
Miniature Sheet	£3.52
First Day Cover Miniature Sheet UK	£4.70
First Day Cover Miniature Sheet overseas	£3.76
Stamp Book, 6 x 1st Class	£3.60
Stamp Cards	£4.95
Coin Cover	£19.95



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and gentlemen illustrated on their commute to work from the suburbs.  
*First Class – 1933: Boston Manor Art Deco Station* Piccadilly Line expansion led to the building of landmark art deco stations.

£1.28 – 1938: *Classic Rolling Stock* The new trains introduced in 1938 became London icons.

£1.28 – 1999: *Jubilee Line to Canary Wharf* One of the network's newest stations.

Orders for serviced FDCs must reach Royal Mail by 9 January 2013. Or you may send stamped envelopes on the day of issue to Tallents House (address, page 66) for the Tallents House postmark.

**Miniature world of posters** The fascinating Miniature Sheet, shown below, focuses on the design heritage of London Underground posters. Read more about the Miniature Sheet stamps, Presentation Pack, Coin Cover and Stamp Book in December *Bulletin* ●

Above: the W2 postmark was chosen because Paddington W2 was one of the first Tube terminals.

Below: Miniature Sheet with posters so evocative of London life

**London Underground Miniature Sheet – Specifications**

Number of stamps	Four: 1st, 77p, 87p, £1.28
Size of Miniature Sheet	183mm x 74mm
Design	NB Studios
Stamp format	Landscape
Stamp size	60mm x 30mm
Printer	Cartor Security Printing
Print process	Lithography
Perforations	14.5 x 14.5
Phosphor	All over
Gum	PVA



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