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ROYAL OBSERVATORY GREENWICH

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The 350th anniversary of the home of modern British astronomy



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A journey through time and space

Royal Observatory Greenwich has been at the heart of global time, navigation and astronomy for 350 years. This commemorative collection of stamps and souvenirs pays tribute to a worldrenowned scientific institution founded in 1675 and celebrated as the birthplace of modern British astronomy.

Six new stamps chart the history of Royal Observatory Greenwich's foundation and achievements – including its search for the key to measuring longitude at sea. A Miniature Sheet celebrates pioneering clockmaker John Harrison's marine timekeepers and a 24-page Prestige Stamp Book reveals historical insights into the discoveries of the Astronomers. Royal, fascinating tales of the first female astronomers, and the origins of Greenwich as the 'Home of Time'.

Embark on an eye-opening voyage to the stars, across oceans and through time, as we honour Royal Observatory Greenwich's role at the forefront of research into the nature of the universe.



(1) Mint Stamp Set | AS13300 £10.20

- Six Special Stamps celebrate the rich history and scientific endeavours of Royal Observatory Greenwich on its 350th anniversary.
- Its origins and innovations are showcased through photography and illustrations capturing key aspects of its foundation and its groundbreaking work on astronomy, navigation and timekeeping.
- Six First Class landscape stamps:

Flamsteed House, 1676 Home of the Astronomer Royal completed

Airy Transit Circle Telescope, 1851 Observations made to define Meridian

Shepherd Gate Clock, 1852 The Observatory's first public clock

Prime Meridian, 1884 Greenwich chosen as the centre of time and longitude

Great Equatorial Telescope, 1893 Large refracting telescope installed

Annie Maunder Astrographic Telescope, 2018 New telescope installed for astrophotography

It's all in the details

Stamp format Landscape Stamp size 60mm x 30mm Number per sheet 30/60 Design Steers McGillan Eves Printer Cartor Security Printers Print process Lithography Perforations 14.5 x 14.5 Phosphor Bars as appropriate Gum PVA

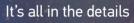


John Harrison's Marine Timekeepers



2 Miniature Sheet | MZ213 £6.80

- A fascinating collectible honouring prize-winning clockmaker John Harrison's perseverance, determination and ingenuity.
- The Miniature Sheet's four First Class stamps showcase Harrison's marine timekeeper prototypes for measuring longitude at sea, including H4 with its convention-defying watch design.
- A superb souvenir celebrating a pioneer whose ideas would be adopted by future clockmakers and would inspire the marine chronometer that would revolutionise 18th-century celestial navigation.



Stamp format Portrait Stamp size 27mm x 37mm Miniature Sheet size 115mm x 89mm Design Steers McGillan Eves Printer Cartor Security Printers Print process Lithography Perforations 14 x 14 Phosphor Bars as appropriate Gum PVA

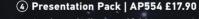


③ First Day Cover | AF534 £12.90

- A unique, time-limited commemorative collectible personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The six Royal Observatory Greenwich stamps are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 12 June 2025.
- The stamps celebrate the origins and achievements of this iconic institution in its 350th anniversary year.
- Your First Day Envelope comes with an information card including an overview of this issue.

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 An elegantly illustrated fold-out souvenir celebrating the 350th anniversary of Royal Observatory Greenwich - one of our nation's oldest institutions.

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- The six First Class stamps highlight key milestones spanning four centuries.
- The John Harrison Miniature Sheet is presented in a separate carrier and features four stamps honouring the pioneering clockmaker's role in solving the problem of finding longitude at sea.
- This commemorative collectible charting Royal Observatory Greenwich's important role in the history of astronomy, timekeeping and navigation includes archival photographs, fascinating facts and remarkable stories of endurance and innovation.



(5) First Day Cover - Miniature Sheet | MF203 £8.80

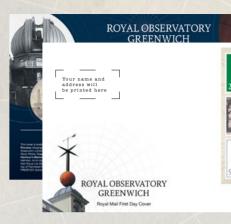
- The John Harrison Miniature Sheet on a First Day Cover envelope, personalised with the name and address of your choice.
- The four stamps honouring Harrison's groundbreaking work are cancelled with your preferred special edition postmark on the first day of issue, 12 June 2025.
- Included is the information card containing details of the stamp issue.

Choose your postmark

The Tallents House postmark features an illustration of the Great Equatorial Telescope. The alternative postmark includes an illustration of Roval Observatory Greenwich's weathervane. modelled on the depiction of Halley's Comet in the Bayeux Tapestry.

Choose your handstamp Standard Alternative





available until 12 June 2025

(6) Prestige First Day Cover | HF115 £3.95

- A personalised keepsake containing the unique pane of definitive stamps from the Royal Observatory Greenwich Prestige Stamp Book.
- The pane is cancelled with your choice of postmark and affixed to a special edition envelope personalised with the name and address of your choice on the first day of issue.
- Included is an information card with the stamps' specifications and an overview of the issue.
- This time-limited commemorative collectible is only available to order until the first day of issue, 12 June 2025.

(7) First Day Cover Envelope | AE490 £0.30

- Your First Day Envelope includes the issue's title alongside an image of the Flamsteed House time ball and weathervane.
- Included is the information card with an overview of the theme and specifications of the stamps.



(8) Prestige Stamp Book | YB129 £24.79

- This beautifully presented 24-page publication charts Royal Observatory Greenwich's rich history at the heart of global time, navigation and astronomy.
- The six main stamps depicting its origins and achievements are included in the book, along with the Miniature Sheet's four stamps celebrating pioneering clockmaker John Harrison.
- The Prestige Stamp Book also contains an additional pane of definitive stamps unique to this issue.
- This richly detailed commemorative collectible has been written by Dr Louise Devoy, Senior Curator of Royal Observatory Greenwich. It is packed with historical insights into the discoveries of the Astronomers Royal, fascinating tales of the first female astronomers and archive images.
- A superb souvenir honouring the anniversary of Britain's oldest purposebuilt scientific institution and the birthplace of modern British astronomy.

(9) Brilliant Uncirculated Coin Cover | AN265 £19.99

- This unique limited edition souvenir honouring Royal Observatory Greenwich's 350th anniversary commemorates the significance of the quest for a way to measure a ship's longitude.
- The six main stamps are paired with The Royal Mint's new £2 Brilliant Uncirculated coin featuring the Prime Meridian and a 24-hour dial representing the Shepherd Gate Clock.
- The stamps are postmarked with a special edition handstamp on an individually numbered cover that includes the issue's title.
- Inside are stories and images revealing the
 history and significance of Royal Observatory Greenwich.
- A high-quality commemorative souvenir limited to 10,000 individually numbered editions.

Coin specifications **Quality** Brilliant Uncirculated Alloy Cupro-nickel Weight 12g Diameter 28.4mm



10 Silver Proof Coin Cover | AN266 £85.00

• A stunning Silver Proof Coin Cover commemorating the 350th anniversary of the home of Greenwich Mean Time and the Prime Meridian.

Coin specifications

Quality Proof

Alloy 925Ag

Weight 12g

Diameter 28.4mm

- The six Royal Observatory Greenwich stamps appear above The Royal Mint £2 coin struck from sterling silver using specially polished dies to achieve an exceptionally detailed and high-quality finish.
- The stamps are postmarked with the special edition handstamp featuring the Prime Meridian on an individually numbered cover.
- Stories and images bring to the life the origins and history of this unique institution.
- A limited edition of just 750 individually numbered souvenirs.



(1) Gold Proof Coin Cover | AN267 £1,635.00

- A superior souvenir commemorating Royal Observatory Greenwich's 350 years as a centre of excellence for astronomy, navigation and timekeeping.
- The Royal Mint's new £2 coin has been struck to a flawless Gold Proof finish using high-quality hand-finished dies to remove imperfections and create a stunning sharpness of detail.
- The coin is set beneath the issue's six stamps depicting historical milestones.

• This remarkable collectible keepsake is packed with expert insights.

Coin specifications

- Quality Proof Alloy 916.7 Au Weight 15.98g Diameter 28.4mm
- A limited edition of only 50 individually numbered souvenirs.

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(12) Framed Stamp Set | N3399 £39.99

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- The complete collection of Royal Observatory Greenwich stamps individually mounted in a premium black frame.
- The six stamps feature images representing key aspects of Royal Observatory Greenwich's 350-year history – from its foundation to innovations that secured its status as one of the most important scientific sites in the world.
- Dimensions: 35cm x 20cm.
- A unique souvenir for collectors and science enthusiasts to treasure and display.



(13) Framed Miniature Sheet Stamps | N3400 £39.99

- An elegant framed souvenir celebrating pioneering clockmaker John Harrison's marine timekeepers.
- All four Miniature Sheet stamps featuring images of Harrison's prototypes for measuring longitude at sea are affixed to a backdrop depicting his prize-winning watch.
- Dimensions: 35cm x 20cm.
- The combination of style and science creates a framed souvenir with visual, historical and educational appeal.



(14) Set of 11 Postcards | AQ370 £4.95

- A set of 11 postcards featuring enlarged reproductions of the six main stamps, the John Harrison Miniature Sheet's four stamps plus the composite Miniature Sheet.
- Perfect for collecting, framing or sending.

(15) Stamp Souvenir | AW294 £12.90

- A non-personalised version of the Royal Observatory Greenwich First Day Cover featuring all six new stamps cancelled with the alternative London SE10 postmark.
- The First Day Envelope includes the issue's information card.
- On sale until 12 June 2026.

(16) Stamp Sheet Souvenir | AW295 £8.80

- A non-personalised First Day Cover Miniature Sheet containing four stamps charting John Harrison's quest to find a way to measure longitude at sea.
- The stamps are cancelled with the alternative London SE10 postmark on a First Day Envelope containing the information card.
- On sale until 12 Jun<u>e 2026.</u>

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(17) Press Sheet | PZ088 £102.00

- An exceptional, highly collectible keepsake, direct from the printing press.
- A limited edition of just 200 individually numbered press sheets, each containing 15 John Harrison Miniature Sheets, celebrating his award-winning work in marine timekeeping.

(18) Half First Class Sheet | AS13300AHS £51.00

 A Half Sheet containing 30 First Class stamps commemorating the 350th anniversary of Royal Observatory Greenwich featuring Flamsteed House and the Prime Meridian.

(19) Full First Class Sheet | AS13300AFS £102.00

 A Full Sheet containing 60 First Class Roval Observatory Greenwich stamps featuring Flamsteed House and the Prime Meridian.

20 Half First Class Sheet | AS13300BHS £51.00

 A Half Sheet containing 30 First Class Roval Observatory Greenwich stamps featuring the Airy Transit Circle Telescope and the Great Equatorial Telescope.

(21) Full First Class Sheet | AS13300BFS £102.00

 A Full Sheet containing 60 First Class Royal Observatory Greenwich stamps featuring the Airy Transit Circle Telescope and the Great Equatorial Telescope.

(22) Half First Class Sheet | AS13300CHS £51.00

 A Half Sheet containing 30 First Class Royal Observatory Greenwich stamps featuring the Annie Maunder Astrographic Telescope and Shepherd Gate Clock.

23 Full First Class Sheet | AS13300CFS £102.00

 A Full Sheet containing 60 First Class Royal Observatory Greenwich stamps featuring the Annie Maunder Astrographic Telescope and Shepherd Gate Clock.

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	– Standard postmark	HF115	£3.95		£
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7	First Day Cover Envelope	AE490	£0.30		£
8	Prestige Stamp Book	YB129	£24.79		£
9	Brilliant Uncirculated Coin Cover	AN265	£19.99		£
10	Silver Proof Coin Cover	AN266	£85.00		£
11	Gold Proof Coin Cover	AN267	£1,635.00		£
12	Framed Stamp Set	N3399	£39.99		£
13	Framed Miniature Sheet Stamps	N3400	£39.99		£
14	Set of 11 Postcards	AQ370	£4.95		£

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20	Half First Class Sheet	AS13300BHS	£51.00		£
21	Full First Class Sheet	AS13300BFS	£102.00		£
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23	Full First Class Sheet	AS13300CFS	£102.00		£
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