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(ii) White Border Designs



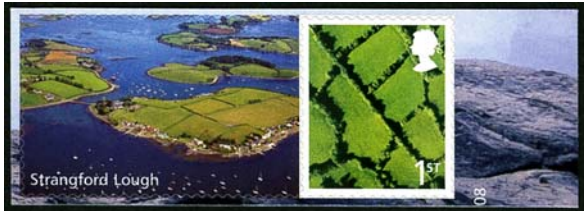
Despite being widely praised for their design, problems in getting sufficient phosphor signal due to the dark colour backgrounds forced Royal Mail to replace the existing full bleed designs for all four regions with stamps in the same design but with white borders surrounding the stamps in October 2003. The white background gave a better phosphor response and met Royal Mail's operational standards. Initial sheet values were printed by De La Rue at Byfleet (and then later at Dunstable) on the cream gum Tullis Russell paper, which has no fluorescence in the surface coating, although using up old stocks of paper did mean that similar variations as seen in the national definitives also appeared on some subsequent printings. Sheets showed similar markings to those found on national definitives apart from the initial Northern Ireland values, which were printed in litho and have no lower-right corner control block nor jubilee bars. In 2007 Northern Ireland issues changed to being printed in gravure, standardising the production processes for sheet stamps, although some booklet from all four regions printings are now litho printed. With rate change issues in April 2008, stamps from three of the regions (with the exception of England) were printed two values up on the same primary sheet in order to save costs. The result is that only no dot cylinders are known for all values. Details of which values were printed with which can be found in the cylinder and date block sections. English issues continue to be printed in the traditional double pane format.

E Values. In May 2004 Royal Mail dropped the “E” NVI value in favour of a denominated 40p issue and subsequently the current rate value for 1st step European mail. They claimed that this was because some postal users were confusing the “E” with “Euros”, but other, less charitable, commentators point out that it is more likely that they wished to push the use of the more expensive Universal Europe stamp, which covered the weight band for the first two steps, in its place as the NVI for this destination.

Miniature sheets. Royal Mail issued its first miniature sheet containing Emblem stamps to mark the opening of the new Scottish Parliament building in 2004. Since then there have been an increasing number of miniature sheets released, most of which contain stamps from just one region and these are listed in the relevant country sections. However, a series of sheets issued to commemorate significant battles in the First World War, contained stamps from all 4 regions. These sheets are listed under a multiple countries section and have a catalogue number beginning with “R” (for Regionals). The individual stamps that emanate from these sheets are still listed in their normal country designations.

Narrower Vignetted Area. Many Emblem issues from miniature sheets with 2 phosphor bands show a narrower area of vignetting than seen on sheet or booklet issues. Of the 6.5mm width of a single side phosphor band, normally 4.5mm is solid and 2mm is vignetted towards the centre. However on the affected miniature sheet issues bands have a 5mm solid area and 1.5mm vignetted section.

Self-adhesives. Starting in May 2007, Royal Mail started to issue a series of “Smilers” sheets, one for each region. These sheets used the current 1st class design for each value, alongside a rectangular label – on generic sheets these contained a photograph of a notable landmark; on personalised sheets they contained an image that was supplied by the purchaser. The stamps are printed in sheets of 20, using a self-adhesive gum. Apart from being self-adhesive, the initial stamps were also missing the now standard ellipse on each vertical edge. However, 1st values from all four regions in the Glorious UK sheet, issued in September 2008, reintroduced the ellipse. Self-adhesives are commonly collected cut from sheets on their backing paper as a rectangular piece containing the stamp and one label. Details of full sheets can be found in section J on page 25.



Byfleet & Dunstable. De La Rue stamps were printed at Byfleet up until December 2004. All subsequent issues were printed at Dunstable. The date of issue, however, is misleading in determining where stamps were printed as in most cases there is a lag of months or even years before some printings appeared in post offices. Where it is not obvious where a sheet printing has been made we include the letter **B**(yfleet) or **D**(unstable) in brackets after the cylinder number. If printed in both locations we list both letters (**BD**).

(E) England

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>		<i>Shade</i>	<i>Phos Bands</i>	<i>First Issued</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>
(a) CE Gravure De La Rue, printed at Byfleet or Dunstable. OFNP/PVA cream gum with no fluor in paper coating, unless stated. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2 (B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 4.5mm (2nd) or 13mm vignetted (others) phosphor bands.							
EEWS1	2nd	Three Lions	Grey-blue	CB	14.10.03	cyl D1D1 (BD)	0.50
EEWS2	2nd	Three Lions Blue gum, fluor in paper	Deep grey-blue	CB	17.8.04	cyl D1D1 (B)	1.00
EEWS5	2nd	Three Lions	Deep steel-blue	CB	9.05	cyl D1D1 (D)	2.25
EEWS6	2nd	Three Lions	Turquoise-blue	CB	2004?	cyl D1D1 (B)	10.50
EEWS7	2nd	Three Lions (B) Blue gum, fluor in paper	Pale greyish blue	CB	3.06	cyl D1D1 (B)	3.00
EEWS8	2nd	Three Lions EEWS8/2B	Pale steel-blue Additional narrow band at left	CB	17.5.07	Wembley Stadium M/S	1.10 35.00
EEWF1	1st	Lion & Shield	Brownish terracotta	2B 2B (S17)	14.10.03 14.10.03	cyl D1D1 (B) cyl D1D1	0.55 11.00
EEWF2	1st	Lion & Shield	Reddish terracotta	2B 2B (I1) 2B (I2)	2004 2004 2004	cyl D1D1 (B) cyl D1D1 cyl D1D1	2.00 11.00 15.00
EEWF3	1st	Lion & Shield Blue gum, fluor in paper	Terracotta	2B 2B (S16)	5.11.04 5.11.04	cyl D1D1 (B) cyl D1D1	1.10 35.00
EEWF4	1st	Lion & Shield Blue gum, fluor in paper	Bright terracotta	2B	6.05	cyl D1D1 (B)	2.50
EEWF5	1st	Lion & Shield EEWF5IMP	Deep brownish terracotta Imperforate horiz. or vert. pair	2B 2B (I1) 2B (I2)	2006 2006 2006	cyl D1D1 (D) cyl D1D1 cyl D1D1	3.00 17.50 17.50 325.00
EEWF6	1st	Lion & Shield, Bands with narrower vignetted area	Deep terracotta	2B	23.4.07	Celebrating England M/S	1.65
EEWF7	1st	Lion & Shield Blue gum, very dull fluor in paper EEWF7IMP	Deep terracotta Imperforate horiz. or vert. pair	2B	2007	cyl D1D1 (B)	2.50 225.00
EEWF8	1st	Lion & Shield Invisible phosphor*	Deep brownish terracotta	2B	8.07	cyl D1D1 (D)	2.75
EEWE1	E	English Oak		2B	14.10.03	cyl D1D1 (B)	1.50
EEW400	40p	English Oak Blue gum, fluor in paper		2B 2B (S16)	11.5.04 11.5.04	cyl D1D1 (B) cyl D1D1	1.00 17.50
EEW421	42p	English Oak		2B 2B (I2)	10.5.05 10.5.05	cyl D1D1 (D) cyl D1D1	1.00 10.00

* Ex part of 17/08/05 printing. The phosphor is invisible to the eye when held up to the light. However, when examined under UV light the bands are still clearly present and show a normal phosphor afterglow.

10B : Country Emblem Definitives – White Border Designs – England

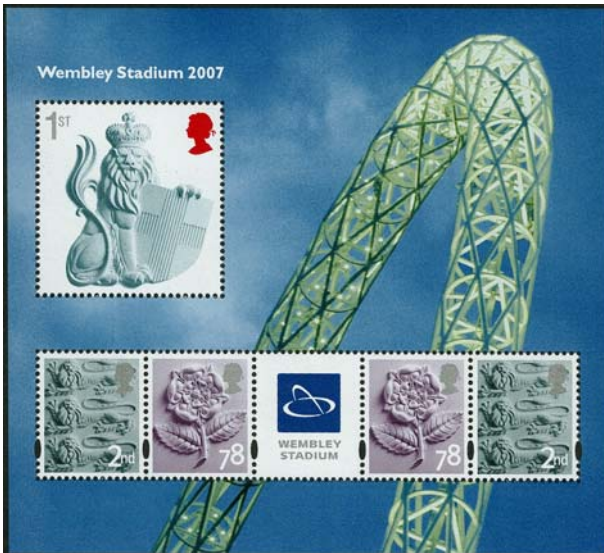
<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>		<i>Shade</i>	<i>Phos Bands</i>	<i>First Issued</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>
EEW440	44p	English Oak		2B	28.3.06	cyl D1D1, D1D2 (D)	1.00
				2B (S17)	28.3.06	cyl D1D1	30.00
				2B (I1)	28.3.06	cyl D1D1	17.50
EEW480	48p	English Oak		2B	27.3.07	cyl D1D2 (D)	1.00
EEW500	50p	English Oak		2B	1.4.08	cyl D1D2 (D)	0.95
				2B (S17)	1.4.08	cyl D1D2	30.00
EEW560	56p	English Oak		2B	31.3.09	cyl D1D1	1.00
EEW680	68p	Tudor Rose	Purple	2B	14.10.03	cyl D1D1 (B)	1.40
				2B (S17)	14.10.03	cyl D1D1	30.00
				2B (I2)	14.10.03	cyl D1D1	10.00
EEW681	68p	Tudor Rose	Reddish purple	2B	16.3.04	Letters pane DP347	1.75
				2B (I1)	16.3.04	DP347	25.00
EEW682	68p	Tudor Rose	Purple	2B	19.8.04	cyl D1D1 (B)	2.00
		Blue gum, fluor in paper					
EEW683	68p	Tudor Rose	Reddish purple	2B	2005	cyl D1D1 (B)	3.25
EEW720	72p	Tudor Rose		2B	28.3.06	cyl D1D1 (D)	1.50
				2B (I1)	28.3.06	cyl D1D1	12.50
EEW721	72p	Tudor Rose,		2B	9.11.06	Lest We Forget I M/S	2.00
		Bands with narrower vignetted area					
EEW780	78p	Tudor Rose	Purple	2B	27.3.07	cyl D1D1 (D)	1.65
				2B (I1)	27.3.07	cyl D1D1	30.00
				2B (I2)	27.3.07	cyl D1D1	30.00
EEW781	78p	Tudor Rose	Greyish purple	2B	17.5.07	Wembley Stadium M/S	1.75
				2B (I1)	17.5.07	Wembley Stadium M/S	25.00
		Bands with narrower vignetted area					
EEW810	81p	Tudor Rose		2B	1.4.08	cyl D1D1	1.60
EEW900	90p	Tudor Rose		2B	31.3.09	cyl D1D1	1.65



Celebrating England Miniature Sheet

One of a series of miniature sheets from each of the four regions, issued to coincide with the respective Saints days. The sheet contains two Emblem style 1st regionals, one the current style and the other depicting the St. George's Cross (See chapter 10C for stamp listing), plus two 72p panoramic format commemoratives, one depicting Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament, the other a stylised image of St. George, slaying the dragon. The sheet measures 123 x 70mm approximately.

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>		<i>Phos Bands</i>	<i>First Issued</i>	<i>Price</i>
EEWMS1	£2.24	Celebrating England Miniature sheet	2B	23.4.07	4.50



Wembley Stadium Miniature Sheet

The sheet was issued to mark the opening of the rebuilt Wembley Stadium, to coincide with it's first official match, the 2007 F.A.Cup Final. Due to delays in the construction of the stadium, the sheet was actually delayed for a year, having originally been scheduled for release in May 2006. The sheet contains two copies each of the Emblem 2nd CB and 78p 2B stamps, separated by a label depicting the stadium logo. In addition the sheet contains a revised version of the commemorative version of the Lion and Shield of St.George design as originally issued to coincide with the 2002 World Cup, but with the World Cup inscription removed. The sheet measures 113 x 103mm approximately.

CC	Value		Phos Bands	First Issued	Price
EEWMS2	£2.38	Wembley Stadium Miniature sheet	2B/CB 2B (11)	23.4.07 23.4.07	4.60 70.00

CC	Value	Design	Bands	Issued	Source	Price
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(b) CE Gravure. Walsall. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1) perfs. A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 4.5mm (2nd) or 13mm vignettted (1st) phosphor bands

EEWS3	2nd	Three Lions	CB	24.2.05	Brontë Sisters pane DP356	1.25
			CB (S1)	24.2.05		pane DP356
EEWS4	2nd	Three Lions, weak upper-right corner to design	CB	24.2.05	Brontë Sisters pane DP356	4.50
			CB (S1)	24.2.05		pane DP356
EEW401	40p	English Oak	2B	24.2.05	Brontë Sisters pane DP356	1.75
			2B (S16)	24.2.05		pane DP356
EEW420	42p	English Oak	2B	5.4.05	cyl W1W1	1.20

(c) Litho. Enschedé. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull fluor). 9mm (approx.) phosphor bands

EEWF9	1st	Lion & Shield, deep terracotta	2B	20.9.07	Army Uniforms pane DP382	1.25
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(d) Litho. De La Rue. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull violet tint). 13mm (approx.) phosphor bands

EEW782	78p	Tudor Rose EEW782MC	2B	8.11.07	Lest We Forget II M/S	1.50 —
EEW811	81p	Tudor Rose	2B	6.11.08	Lest We Forget III M/S	1.60

* A single miniature sheet was found that was missing the silver printing, on the Scotland 78p omitting the Queen's head and value. Unfortunately, however, by the time the finder noticed his momentous discovery, he had already split the sheet down and used the English and Welsh 78p values on mail. This left just the Poppy 1st and Scotland 78p missing the silver – the Northern Ireland 78p, although still present, does not have any silver printing. The English 78p, uncanceled but on a recorded delivery cover, was subsequently recovered.

For miniature sheets see page 24.

C	Value	Design	Bands	Issued	Source	Price
(e) Litho. Cartor. OFNP/SA. Perf 15 x 14 no ellipse or (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 13mm (approx.) vignetted phosphor bands						
EESAF1	1st	Lion & Shield, no ellipse, dull bluish tinted fluor	2B	23.4.07	Glorious England Smilers RSS2	1.25
EESAF2	1st	Lion & Shield, elliptical perfs, bright violet tinted fluor	2B	29.11.08	Glorious UK Smilers RSS5	1.25

For complete Smilers sheets see page 27.

(F) Northern Ireland

CC	Value	Design	Bands	Issued	Source	Price
(a) Litho. De La Rue, printed at Byfleet or Dunstable. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 4.5mm (2nd) or 13mm approx. (others) phosphor bands						
NEWS1	2nd	Giants Causeway	CB	14.10.03	plate D1a/D1b (B)	0.60
NEWF1	1st	Patchwork of Fields NEWF1SB 7mm upwards shift of phosphor*	2B	14.10.03	plate D1a/D1b (B) plate D1a	0.65 150.00
NEWF1a	1st	Patchwork of Fields, deep green shade of fields	2B	2006?	plate D2a/D2b (B)	3.00
NEWF4	1st	Patchwork of Fields, No micro date in base of value**	2B	29.9.08	Regional Defins pane DP393	1.25
NEWE1	E	Irish Linen	2B	14.10.03	plate D1a/D1b (B)	2.00
NEW400	40p	Irish Linen	2B	11.5.04	plate D1a/D1b (B)	1.00
NEW421	42p	Irish Linen	2B	26.7.05	plate D1a/D1b (D)	1.10
NEW440	44p	Irish Linen	2B 2B (S16) 2B (I2)	28.3.06 28.3.06 28.3.06	plate D1a (D) plate D1a plate D1a	0.90 25.00 22.50
NEW680	68p	Parian China	2B	14.10.03	plate D1a/D1b (B)	1.40
NEW681	68p	Parian China, yellowish shade	2B	10.03	plate D1a (B)	4.00
NEW720	72p	Parian China	2B 2B (11)	28.3.06 28.3.06	plate D1a (D) plate D1a	1.50 30.00
NEW781	78p	Parian China	2B	8.11.07	Lest We Forget II M/S**	1.50
NEW811	81p	Parian China	2B	6.11.08	Lest We Forget III M/S**	1.60

* These stamps come from the bottom of row of one sheet and show the phosphor bands shifted up the sheet, leaving the band 7mm short of the base of the stamp.

**Previous Litho printed versions of this value have a micro date positioned in the base of the "1" in the value. This stamp mirrors current gravure versions which have this date removed.

For miniature sheets see page 24 and chapter 10C.

CC	Value	Design	Bands	Issued	Source	Price
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(b) Litho. Walsall. OFNP/PVA, white gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 13mm (approx.) vignettted phosphor bands

NEW420	42p	Irish Linen	2B	5.4.05	plate W1W1W1	0.95
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(c) CE Gravure De La Rue, printed at Dunstable. OFNP/PVA cream gum with no fluor in paper coating. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2 (B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 4.5mm (2nd) or 13mm vignettted (others) phosphor bands.

NEWS2	2nd	Giants Causeway	CB	20.9.07	cyl D1D1D1D1	0.60
NEWF2	1st	Patchwork of Fields	2B	20.9.07	cyl D1D1D1	0.80
NEW480	48p	Irish Linen	2B	27.3.07	cyl D1D1	1.00
NEW500	50p	Irish Linen	2B	1.4.08	cyl D1D1	0.95
			2B (S16)	1.4.08	cyl D1D1	30.00
NEW560	56p	Irish Linen	2B	31.3.09	cyl D1D1	1.00
NEW721	72p	Parian China	2B	9.11.06	Lest We Forget I M/S	2.00
		Bands with narrower vignettted area	2B (S17)(I2)	9.11.06	Lest We Forget I M/S	17.50
			2B (I2)	9.11.06	Lest We Forget I M/S	10.00
NEW780	78p	Parian China	2B	27.3.07	cyl D1D1	1.65
NEW810	81p	Parian China	2B	1.4.08	cyl D1D1D1	1.55
			2B (S16)	1.4.08	cyl D1D1D1	18.00
NEW900	90p	Parian China	2B	31.3.09	cyl D1D1D1	1.65

(d) Litho. Enschedé. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull fluor). 9mm (approx.) phosphor bands

NEWF3	1st	Patchwork of Fields	2B	20.9.07	Army Uniforms pane DP382	1.25
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(e) Litho. Cartor. OFNP/SA. Perf 15 x 14 no ellipse or (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 13mm (approx.) vignettted phosphor bands

NESAF1	1st	Patchwork of Fields, no ellipse, dull bluish tinted fluor	2B	13.3.08	Glorious N.Ireland Smilers RSS4	1.25
NESAF2	1st	Patchwork of Fields, elliptical perfs, bright violet tinted fluor	2B	29.9.08	Glorious UK Smilers RSS5	1.25
NESAF3	1st	Patchwork of Fields, elliptical perfs, dull violet tinted fluor	2B	17.3.09	Castles of N.Ireland Smiler	1.65

For complete Smilers sheets see page 27.

(G) Scotland

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Design</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>
(a) CE Gravure De La Rue, printed at Byfleet or Dunstable. OFNP/PVA cream gum with no fluor in paper coating. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2 (B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 4.5mm (2nd) or 13mm vignettted (others) phosphor bands.						
SEWS1	2nd	Saltire	CB	14.10.03 16.3.04 5.10.04	cyl D1D1D1 (BD) Letters by Night pane DP347 Scottish Parliament M/S	0.50 1.10 1.00
			CB (S1)	14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1	22.50
SEWS2	2nd	Saltire, deep Royal blue shade	CB	1.3.07	World of Invention pane DP371	1.40
SEWF1	1st	Lion	2B	14.10.03 5.10.04	cyl D1D1D1D1 (BD) Scottish Parliament M/S	0.60 1.10
			2B (I2)	14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1D1	22.50
SEWF2	1st	Lion, Bands with narrower vignettted area	2B 2B (S17)	30.11.06 30.11.06	Celebrating Scotland M/S Celebrating Scotland M/S	1.65 35.00
SEWE1	E	Thistle	2B	14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1 (B)	1.70
SEW400	40p	Thistle	2B	11.5.04 5.10.04	cyl D1D1D1 (B) Scottish Parliament M/S	1.00 1.30
SEW421	42p	Thistle	2B 2B (I1)	10.5.05 10.5.03	cyl D1D1D1 (D) cyl D1D1D1	1.25 10.00
SEW440	44p	Thistle	2B 2B (S16) 2B (I1)	28.3.06 28.3.06 28.3.06	cyl D1D1D1 cyl D1D1D1 cyl D1D1D1	1.00 27.50 10.00
SEW480	48p	Thistle	2B	27.3.07	cyl D1D2D1	1.05
SEW500	50p	Thistle	2B	1.4.08	cyl D1D1D1	0.95
SEW560	56p	Thistle	2B	31.3.09	cyl D1D1D1	1.00
SEW680	68p	Tartan	2B 2B (S16) 2B (I2)	14.10.03 14.10.03 14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1D1D1 cyl D1D1D1D1D1 cyl D1D1D1D1D1	1.40 35.00 10.00
SEW720	72p	Tartan	2B 2B (I2)	28.3.06 28.3.06	cyl D1D1D1D1D1 cyl D1D1D1D1D1	1.75 35.00
SEW721	72p	Tartan, Bands with narrower vignettted area	2B 2B (S17)	9.11.06 9.11.06	Lest We Forget I M/S Lest We Forget I M/S	2.00 17.50
SEW780	78p	Tartan	2B	27.3.07	cyl D1D1D2D1D1	1.65
SEW810	81p	Tartan	2B 2B (S16)	1.4.08 1.4.08	cyl D1D1D1D1D1 cyl D1D1D1D1D1	1.55 27.50
SEW900	90p	Tartan	2B	31.3.09	cyl D1D1D1D1D1	1.65

Scottish Parliament Miniature Sheet



This, the first ever miniature sheet to contain regional stamps, was issued to coincide with the opening of the new Scottish Parliament Building in Edinburgh in October 2004. It contains the then current 2nd, 1st x 2 and 40p x 2 Emblem issues. The sheet measures 124 x 70mm approximately.

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>		<i>Phos Bands</i>	<i>First Issued</i>	<i>Price</i>
SEWMS1	£1.57	Scottish Parliament Miniature sheet	CB/2B	5.10.04	4.00

Celebrating Scotland Miniature Sheet



One of a series of miniature sheets from each of the four regions, issued to coincide with the respective Saints days. The sheet contains two Emblem style 1st regionals, one the current style and the other depicting the Saltire (See chapter 10C for stamp

listing), plus two 72p panoramic format commemoratives, one depicting Edinburgh Castle, the other a stylised image of St.Andrew, fishing. The sheet measures 124 x 71mm approximately.

SEWMS2	£2.08	Celebrating Scotland Miniature sheet	2B	30.11.06	4.15
			2B (S17)	30.11.06	90.00

CC	Value	Design	Bands	Issued	Source	Price
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(b) CE Gravure. Walsall. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1) perfs. A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 13mm vignetted phosphor bands

SEW420	42p	Thistle	2B	5.4.05	cyl W1W1W1	1.20
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(c) Litho. Enschedé. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull fluor). 9mm (approx.) phosphor bands

SEWF3	1st	Lion	2B	20.9.07	Army Uniforms pane DP382	1.25
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(d) Litho. De La Rue. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull violet tint). 13mm (approx.) phosphor bands

SEWF4	1st	Lion	2B	29.9.08	Regional Defins pane DP392	1.25
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SEW781	78p	Tartan SEW781MC	2B	8.11.07	Lest We Forget II M/S	1.50 —
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SEW811	81p	Tartan	2B	6.11.08	Lest We Forget III M/S	1.60
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* A single miniature sheet was found that was missing the silver printing, on the Scotland 78p omitting the Queen's head and value. Unfortunately, however, by the time the finder noticed his momentous discovery, he had already split the sheet down and used the English and Welsh 78p values on mail. This left just the Poppy 1st and Scotland 78p missing the silver – the Northern Ireland 78p, although still present, does not have any silver printing. The English 78p, uncanceled but on a recorded delivery cover, was also subsequently recovered.

For miniature sheets see page 22.

(e) Litho. Cartor. OFNP/SA. Perf 15 x 14 no ellipse or (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 13mm (approx.) vignetted phosphor bands

SESAF1	1st	Lion, no ellipse, dull bluish tinted fluor	2B	30.11.07	Glorious England Smilers RSS2	1.25
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SESAF2	1st	Lion, elliptical perfs, bright violet tinted fluor	2B	29.9.08	Glorious UK Smilers RSS5	1.25
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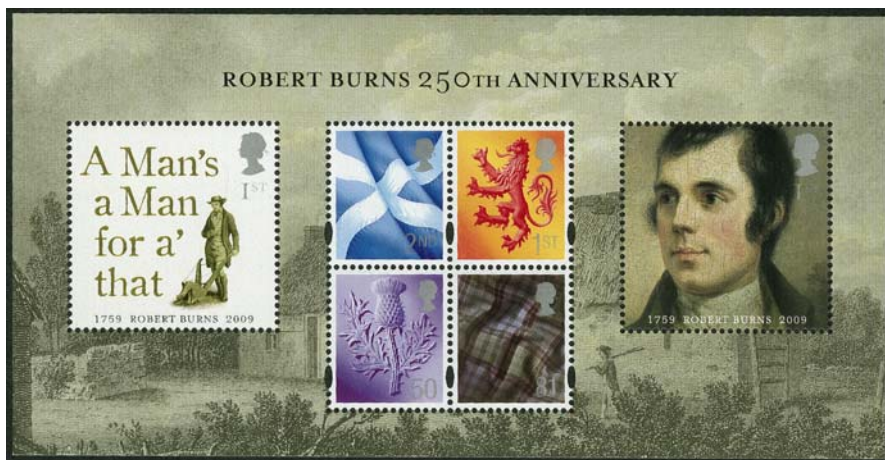
For complete Smilers sheets see page 27.

**(f) CE Gravure. Enschedé. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1) perfs.
A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull fluor). 4.5mm (2nd) or 13mm
vignetted (others) phosphor bands**

SEWS3	2nd	Saltire	CB	22.1.09	Burns M/S	0.90	
			CB (S1)	22.1.09	Burns M/S	12.50	
		SEWS3/2Ba	Additional narrow phosphor band at right			Burns M/S	9.00
		SEWS3/2Bb	Additional narrow phosphor band at right, centre band short at top			Burns M/S	–
SEWF5	1st	Lion	2B	22.1.09	Burns M/S	1.00	
			2B (S16)	22.1.09	Burns M/S	12.50	
			2B (S16)(I2)	22.1.09	Burns M/S	–	
			2B (I2)	22.1.09	Burns M/S	9.00	
SEW501	50p	Thistle	2B	22.1.09	Burns M/S	1.20	
			SEW501AB(S16)	Short bands at top, short additional centre band at top		Burns M/S	12.50
SEW812	81p	Tartan	2B	22.1.09	Burns M/S	1.60	
			2B (I2)	22.1.09	Burns M/S	9.00	

These stamps can be distinguished from De La Rue sheet printings by the dull fluor levels and the thinner values.

Robert Burns Miniature Sheet



This sheet was issued to mark the 250th Anniversary of the Birth of Robert Burns, the famous Scottish Bard. The sheet features all four Emblem regionals that were then current. It also includes two commemorative stamps, unique to the sheet, one a line from one of his most famous poems in a typographically inspired design similar to that used for the 1996 Death Bicentenary issue, the other on a contemporary portrait of the man. The sheet measures 146 x 74mm approximately.

CC	Value		Phos Bands	First Issued	Price
SEWMS3	£2.66	Robert Burns Miniature sheet	CB/2B	22.1.09	4.65
			CB/2B (S1/S16)	22.1.09	45.00
			CB/2B (S1/S16)(I2)	22.1.09	–
			2B (I2)	22.1.09	35.00

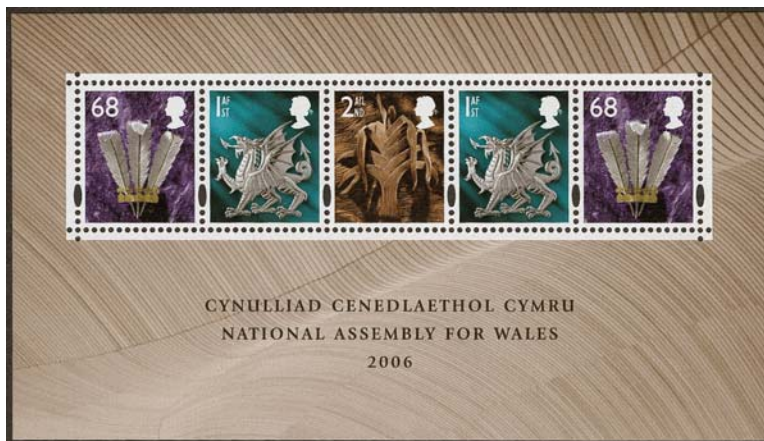
(H) Wales

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Design</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>
(a) CE Gravure De La Rue, printed at Byfleet or Dunstable. OFNP/PVA cream gum with no fluor in paper coating. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2 (B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 4.5mm (2nd) or 13mm vignettted (others) phosphor bands.						
WEWS1	2nd	Leek	CB	14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1 (BD)	0.50
				1.3.06	Welsh Assembly M/S	1.00
			CB (S2)	14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1	25.00
WEWF1	1st	Dragon	2B	14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1D1 (BD)	0.60
				1.3.06	Welsh Assembly M/S	1.10
WEWF1SCR	1st	Dragon, screening in value	2B	10.04	cyl D1D1D1D1 (B)	3.50
WEWF2	1st	Dragon, left phosphor band with narrower vignettted area*	2B	1.3.06	Welsh Assembly M/S	1.75
WEWE1	E	Daffodil	2B	14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1 (B)	2.00
WEW400	40p	Daffodil	2B	11.5.04	cyl D1D1D1 (B)	1.00
WEW421	42p	Daffodil	2B	10.5.05	cyl D1D1D1 (D)	1.25
WEW440	44p	Daffodil	2B	28.3.06	cyl D1D1D1	1.10
WEW441	44p	Daffodil, invisible phosphor**	2B	1.3.07	World of Invention pane DP371	1.65
			2B (I1)	1.3.07	World of Invention pane DP371	40.00
WEW480	48p	Daffodil	2B	27.3.07	cyl D1D1D1	1.05
WEW500	50p	Daffodil	2B	1.4.08	cyl D1D1D1	0.95
WEW560	56p	Daffodil	2B	31.3.09	cyl D1D1D1	1.00
WEW680	68p	Feathers	2B	14.10.03	cyl D1D1D1D1	1.40
				1.3.06	Welsh Assembly M/S	1.75
WEW681	68p	Feathers, left phosphor band with narrower vignettted area*	2B	1.3.06	Welsh Assembly M/S	2.00
WEW720	72p	Feathers	2B	28.3.06	cyl D1D1D1D1	1.75
WEW721	72p	Feathers, bands with narrower vignettted area	2B	9.11.06	Lest We Forget I M/S	2.00
			2B (I2)	9.11.06	Lest We Forget I M/S	10.00
WEW780	78p	Feathers	2B	27.3.07	cyl D1D1D1D1	1.65
			2B (S17)	27.3.07	cyl D1D1D1D1	35.00
WEW810	81p	Feathers	2B	1.4.08	cyl D1D1D1D1	1.55
			2B (I2)	1.4.08	cyl D1D1D1D1	16.50
WEW900	90p	Feathers	2B	31.3.09	cyl D1D1D1D1	1.65

* This affects only the right hand copy of the two in the miniature sheet.

** The phosphor is virtually invisible when examined with the naked eye and held up to the light. However, under UV light the bands show a bright fluorescent reaction and normal afterglow.

Welsh Assembly Miniature Sheet



This miniature sheet was issued to coincide with the opening of the new Welsh Assembly Building in Cardiff in March 2006. It contains the then current 2nd, 1st x 2 and 68p x 2 Emblem issues. The sheet measures 124 x 70mm approximately.

CC	Value		Phos Bands	First Issued	Price
WEWMS1	£2.17	Welsh Assembly Miniature sheet	CB/2B	1.3.06	4.00

CC	Value	Design	Bands	Issued	Source	Price
(b) CE Gravure. Walsall. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1) perfs. A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 13mm vignetted phosphor bands						
WEW420	42p	Daffodil	2B	5.4.05	cyl W1W1W1	1.20

(c) Litho. Enschedé. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull fluor). 9mm (approx.) phosphor bands						
WEWF3	1st	Dragon	2B	20.9.07	Army Uniforms pane DP382	1.25

(d) Litho. De La Rue. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull violet tint). 13mm (approx.) phosphor bands						
WEWF4	1st	Dragon, turquoise background	2B	29.9.08	Regional Anniv pane DP394	1.25
WEWF5	1st	Dragon, ultramarine background	2B	26.2.09	Celebrating Wales M/S	1.40
WEW781	78p	Feathers	2B	8.11.07	Lest We Forget II M/S*	1.50
WEW811	81p	Feathers	2B	6.11.08	Lest We Forget III M/S*	1.60

*For miniature sheets see page 24

Celebrating Wales Miniature Sheet



One of a series of miniature sheets from each of the four regions, issued to coincide with the respective Saints days. The sheet contains two Emblem style 1st regionals, one the current style and the other depicting the Welsh Flag (See chapter 10C for stamp listing), plus two 81p panoramic format commemoratives, one depicting the Welsh Assembly building in Cardiff Bay, the other a stylised image of St. David, with a dove on his shoulder. The sheet measures 123 x 70mm approximately.

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>		<i>Phos Bands</i>	<i>First Issued</i>	<i>Price</i>
WEWMS2	£2.34	Celebrating Wales Miniature sheet	2B	26.2.09	4.50

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Design</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>
(e) Litho. Cartor. OFNP/SA. Perf 15 x 14 no ellipse or (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 13mm (approx.) vignettted phosphor bands						

WESAF1	1st	Dragon, no ellipse, dull bluish tinted fluor	2B	1.2.07	Glorious Wales Smilers RSS1	1.25
WESAF2	1st	Dragon, elliptical perfs, bright violet tinted fluor	2B	29.9.08 14.11.08	Glorious UK Smilers RSS5 Prince of Wales Smilers RSS6	1.25 2.75

For complete Smilers sheets see page 27.

(I) Multiple Regions

Miniature Sheets containing stamps from two or more of the Regions

Lest We Forget Miniature Sheets

This is a series of three miniature sheets marking the 90th Anniversary of significant events from the First World War – 2006 Battle of the Somme, 2007 Battle of Passchendaele & 2008 Armistice. Each sheet contains the then current overseas rate 1st step value, along with a specially designed commemorative 1st stamp on a Poppy theme. Although all sheets have been printed by De La Rue, the initial sheet was printed in gravure whilst the latter two sheets were both litho printed. Sheets each measure 124 x 70mm approximately. Details of the stamps contained in these sheets can be found under their entries in the individual regions.

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Design</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Price</i>
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(a) CE Gravure De La Rue. OFNP/PVA cream gum with no fluor in paper coating. A2 (B) phosphor with blue fluor additive.

REWMS1	£3.20	Lest We Forget I Miniature sheet	2B	9.11.06	5.65
			2B (I2)		22.50
			2B (S17) (I2)		45.00



<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Design</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Price</i>
(b) Litho. De La Rue. OFNP/PVA, cream gum. Perf 15 x 14 (E1). A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive (dull violet tint).					
REWMS2	£3.46	Lest We Forget II Miniature sheet	2B	8.11.07	6.10
REWMS3	£3.60	Lest We Forget III Miniature sheet	2B	6.11.08	6.35

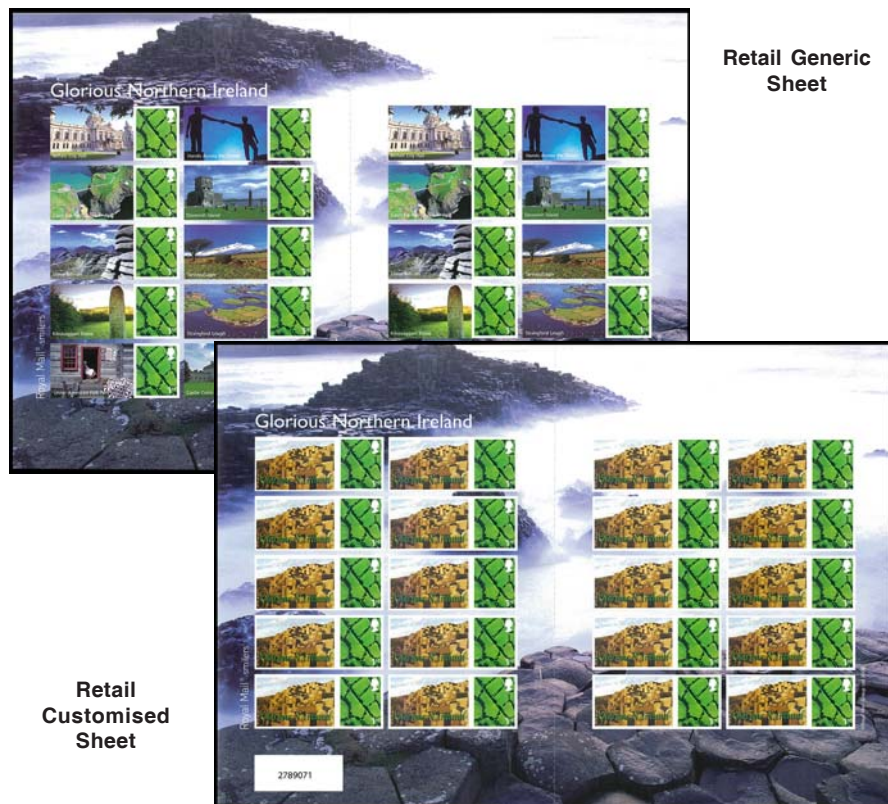


(J) Smilers Sheets

In 2007 Royal Mail expanded their already established range of Smilers sheet to include Regional stamps for the first time. Smilers are a premium priced product, originally intended to enhance business and social mail with a unique photograph or image on a label that sits alongside a stamp to which it is attached, chosen by the sponsor. This is the closest thing possible to a totally personalised stamp without actually being one. Images are supplied to Royal Mail in the form of a photograph or a digital file, which is then inkjet printed onto a series of blank labels adjoining stamps in specially prepared sheets of 10 or 20 stamps, usually A4 (297 x 210mm) in format. However, to meet philatelic demands, the same sheets are also available to order with specially pre-printed labels, available at a significantly reduced price. These sheets are referred to as generic sheets by Royal Mail, whereas the personalised versions are commonly known as customised or photo-label sheets.

There are three distinct ranges in the Smilers product portfolio:

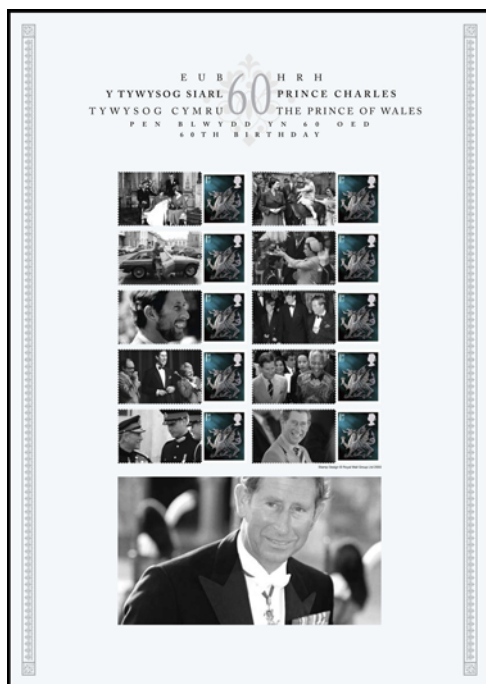
Retail Smilers, the most common which includes standard customised and generic sheets, usually in sheets of 20 stamps and labels (although some customised issues are known in sheets of 10, A5 –148 x 210mm – in size). Not every generic sheet



has a matching customised sheet, and there are some issues, where multiple stamp designs are featured on a generic sheet, which are then available as single design customised sheets, frequently with a sheet background unique to each sheet. These types are referred to as **RG** for retail generic sheets or **RC** for retail customised sheets.

Business Customised sheets bear 10 stamps and labels and are only available to order in significant quantities. Here the sheets have a totally customised design both on the labels and the sheet background, but use existing stamps that can be chosen from a range. Common usage is by stamp dealers or exhibitions wishing to create a commemorative product or for business wishing to promote a specific product or anniversary.

Commemorative sheets of 10, produced solely by Royal Mail. These are similar to Business Customised sheets but mark an anniversary or event that Royal Mail have considered not quite sufficiently important to merit an entire stamp issue, but which they still wish to mark in some other way. These only exist as pre-printed sheets, so no customisation is possible. They are commonly limited editions and supplied in a presentation pack style folder, and as such are sold at a significant premium over even a normal generic Smilers sheet. These types are referred to as **CS** for Commemorative Sheets.



Commemorative Sheet

To date only Retail Smilers and Commemorative Sheets are known with Regional Emblem stamps, all of which are self-adhesive in format and have been printed in litho by Cartor. However, it is quite possible that Business Customised sheets will feature Regional issues at some stage in the future.

<i>CC</i>	<i>Sheet Title</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Sheet Issued</i>	<i>Stamp Contents</i>	<i>Price</i>
Litho. Cartor. OFNP/SA. A2(B) phosphor with blue fluor additive. 13mm (approx.) vignetted phosphor bands						
RSS1	Glorious Wales	RG	20	1.2.07	WESAF1	12.50
		RC	20	1.2.07	WESAF1	25.00
RSS2	Glorious England	RG	20	23.4.07	EESAF1	12.50
		RC	20	23.4.07	EESAF1	25.00
		RSS2SE	RG sheet with Isle of Wight labels incorrectly spelt "Isle of White"			
RSS3	Glorious Scotland	RG	20	30.11.07	SESAF1	12.50
		RC	20	30.11.07	SESAF1	25.00
RSS4	Glorious Northern Ireland	RG	20	13.3.08	NESAF1	12.50
		RC	20	13.3.08	NESAF1	25.00
RSS5	Glorious United Kingdom	RG	20	29.9.08	EESAF2, NESAF2, SESAF2, WESAF2	13.50
RSS6	Prince of Wales 60th Birthday	CS	10	14.11.08	WESAF2	23.00
RSS7	Castles of Northern Ireland	RG	20	17.3.09	NESAF3	13.50
RSS8	Castles of England	RG	20	23.4.09	EEPF2*	13.50

* For stamp listing see page 10C/4