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## SECTION 6

### Double Heads (Penny Black Anniversary Stamps)



The 150th anniversary of Penny Post with its later introduction of adhesive postage stamps was celebrated in January 1990 with a set modified from the Machin design. Jeffery Matthews's skilful adaptation incorporates the classic Wyon head of Queen Victoria, the resulting stamps being known as Double Heads by philatelists. The set replaced the corresponding ordinary definitives (and in the same colours) until the postal rate change in September 1990 and they were termed special definitives by the Post Office. Black and blue for the inland letter rates of 20p and 15p were chosen in honour of the Penny Black and Twopenny Blue of 1840.

Extensive use was made of the new design during its short life. Sheet stamps were produced photogravure by Harrisons: see Section 13(n) for cylinder blocks. On 30.1.90 this printer also used Double Heads for its two machine booklets (50p Aeroplanes 2 and £1 Mills 2), while Walsall reissued the £1 Mills 1 as a litho trial. Three values also appear in the London Life prestige booklet of 20.3.90 and all these booklets are listed in Section 21A.

Between January and June 1990 Harrison, Walsall and Questa produced window booklets of Double Heads (Section 24), so giving photo and litho stamps. The 20p design was also featured photogravure on the miniature sheet issued on 3.5.90 for the Stamp World London 90 exhibition.

#### CATALOGUE NUMBERING





Stamps are prefixed DH (Double Head) plus P (Photo) or L (Litho) and numbered at ten times face value. Straight edges and short bands are designated as previously.

## SCREENED VALUES



This issue is notable for prominently screened value tablets in the photogravure denominations, as listed.

## VALUE TYPES AND SETTINGS

In addition to screening variations the 15p, 20p and 29p show various types and settings in the numerals:

<b>15p</b>	<b>Photo sheet stamps</b>	<b>Photo booklet panes except DP147</b>	<b>Photo booklet pane DP147 (s/t London Life)</b>	<b>Litho booklet panes</b>
				
	Normal, close to LH	Normal	Thin p	Thick

<b>20p</b>	<b>Photo sheet &amp; miniature sheet stamps; photo booklet panes except DP147</b>	<b>Photo booklet pane DP147 (s/t London Life)</b>	<b>Litho booklet panes</b>
			
	Normal	Thin value closer to foot	Thin value closer to LH

<b>29p</b>	<b>Photo sheet stamps</b>	<b>Photo booklet pane DP147 (s/t London Life)</b>
		
	Close to LH	Close to foot

## CENTRE BAND

The phosphor band on the 15p sheet stamp (DHP150SCR) is normally offset to the left of centre; the further displacement listed is a variety.

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Paper/Gum</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>First Issued</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>	
<b>PHOTO. Harrison perf.15 x 14.</b>							
<b>DHP150SCR</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, scr value	FCP/DEX	CB(OL)	10.1.90*	cyl 3(41)	1.00
		DHP150SCR/BL	Band displaced 4mm left			cyl 3 (XP) Dot	2.25
		DHP150SCR/IMP	Imperforate			cyl 3 (hor or vert pair)	£1500
<b>DHP150SET</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, s/e top	FCP/DEX	CB	30.1.90	£1.50 Harrison Window pane DP140	4.00
<b>DHP150SCR/SET</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, scr value, s/e top	FCP/DEX	CB	30.1.90	£1.50 Harrison Window pane DP140	1.00
<b>DHP150SEB</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, s/e bottom	FCP/DEX	CB	30.1.90	£1.50 Harrison Window pane DP140	4.00
<b>DHP150SCR/SEB</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, scr value, s/e bottom	FCP/DEX	CB	30.1.90	£1.50 Harrison Window pane DP140	1.00
<b>DHP151SCR</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, scr value & scr LH border	FCP/DEX	CB(OL)	10.1.90	cyl 3 No Dot	2.25
<b>DHP152</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, inset band	FCP/DEX	SBL(I1)	30.1.90	50p pane DP137	3.00
<b>DHP152A</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, DHP152A/NB	FCP/DEX	SBL	30.1.90	50p pane DP137 pane DP137	2.75 5.00
<b>DHP153</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue, notched band	FCP/DEX	SBL(N1)	30.1.90	50p pane DP137	10.00
		DHP153/2B	Two narrow bands (S12)			pane DP137	20.00
<b>DHP154</b>	<b>15p</b>	Bright blue	FCP/DEX	SBR	20.3.90	£5 London Life s/t pane DP147	3.25
<b>DHP200</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, thin value, 4.5mm right band**	FCP/DEX	2B	20.3.90	£5 London Life s/t pane DP147	4.50
<b>DHP200A</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, thin value, 5.5mm right band**	FCP/DEX	2B	20.3.90	£5 London Life s/t pane DP147	6.50
<b>DHP201</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff	FCP/DEX	2B(I1) 2B(S16)(I1)	30.1.90	50p pane DP137 pane DP137	2.50 3.50
<b>DHP201A</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff	FCP/DEX	2B	30.1.90	50p pane DP137	2.00
<b>DHP202</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff	ACPB/DEX		20.3.90	£5 London Life panes DP146, 148	1.00
<b>DHP202SCR</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, heavy scr value	ACPB/DEX		10.1.90*	cyl 1A1B	1.10
		DHP202SCR/IMP	Imperforate			cyl 1A1B (hor pair)	£1200
<b>DHP202SEL</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, s/e left	ACPB/DEX		30.1.90	£1 pane DP138	1.50
<b>DHP202SER</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, s/e right	ACPB/DEX		30.1.90	£1 pane DP138	3.00

**6 : Double Head Stamps**

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Paper/Gum</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>First Issued</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>	
<b>DHP202SET</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, s/e top	ACPB/DEX	30.1.90 17.4.90	£2.00 Harrison Window pane DP141 80p H/W Window pane DP149	1.25	
<b>DHP202SEB</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, s/e bottom	ACPB/DEX	30.1.90 17.4.90	£2.00 Harrison Window pane DP141 80p H/W Window pane DP149	1.25	
<b>DHP202SCR/SET</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, scr value, s/e top	ACPB/DEX	30.1.90 17.4.90	£2.00 Harrison Window pane DP141 80p H/W Window pane DP149	3.75	
<b>DHP202SCR/SEB</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, scr value, s/e bottom	ACPB/DEX	30.1.90 17.4.90	£2.00 Harrison Window pane DP141 80p H/W Window pane DP149	3.75	
<b>DHP202SRT</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, s/e right & top	ACPB/DEX	17.4.90	80p H/W Window pane DP149	2.00	
<b>DHP202SRB</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, s/e right & bottom	ACPB/DEX	17.4.90	80p H/W Window pane DP149	2.00	
<b>DHP202SCR/SRT</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, scr value, s/e right & top	ACPB/DEX	17.4.90	80p H/W Window pane DP149	4.00	
<b>DHP202SCR/SRB</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, scr value, s/e right & bottom	ACPB/DEX	17.4.90	80p H/W Window pane DP149	4.00	
<b>DHP202A</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff, very dull paper	ACPD/DEX	20.3.90	£5 London Life pane DP146A	90.00	
<b>DHP203SCR</b>	<b>20p</b>	Black & buff heavy scr value	ACPD/DEX	10.1.90*	cyl 1A1B No Dot	2.00	
<b>DHP290SCR</b>	<b>29p</b>	Reddish violet, scr value	ACPB/DEX	10.1.90*	cyl 1	1.50	
<b>DHP291</b>	<b>29p</b>	Reddish violet	FCP/DEX	2B	20.3.90	£5 London Life s/t pane DP147	6.00
<b>DHP340SCR</b>	<b>34p</b>	Slate-blue, scr value	ACPB/DEX	10.1.90*	cyl 1	1.50	
<b>DHP341SCR</b>	<b>34p</b>	Slate-blue, scr value	ACPD/DEX	10.1.90*	cyl 1 Dot	2.00	
<b>DHP370SCR</b>	<b>37p</b>	Bright rose-red, scr value	ACPB/DEX	10.1.90*	cyl 1	1.50	

\* Pre-released 12.12.89

<i>CC</i>	<i>Value</i>		<i>Paper/Gum</i>	<i>Bands</i>	<i>First Issued</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Price</i>
<b>LITHO. Walsall perf.14 or Questa perf.15 x 14. All are on Coated Papers Paper [CPP].</b>							
DHL150SET	15p	Bright blue, s/e top	FCP/PVA*	CB	30.1.90	60p Walsall Window pane DP142	1.25
DHL150SEB	15p	Bright blue, s/e bottom	FCP/PVA*	CB	30.1.90	60p Walsall Window pane DP142	1.25
DHL150SRT	15p	Bright blue, s/e right & top	FCP/PVA*	CB	30.1.90	60p Walsall Window pane DP142	1.25
DHL150SRB	15p	Bright blue, s/e right & bottom	FCP/PVA*	CB	30.1.90	60p Walsall Window pane DP142	1.25
DHL151SET	15p	Bright blue, s/e top	FCP/DEX*	CB	12.6.90	£1.50 Walsall Window pane DP152	1.75
DHL151SEB	15p	Bright blue, s/e bottom	FCP/DEX*	CB	12.6.90	£1.50 Walsall Window pane DP152	1.75
DHL151SRT	15p	Bright blue, s/e right & top	FCP/DEX*	CB	12.6.90	£1.50 Walsall Window pane DP152	1.75
DHL151SRB	15p	Bright blue, s/e right & bottom	FCP/DEX*	CB	12.6.90	£1.50 Walsall Window pane DP152	1.75
DHL152	15p	Bright blue	FCP/PVA	CBr	17.4.90	£1.50 Questa Window pane DP150	2.00
				CB (S1)		pane DP150	8.50
				CB (S2)		pane DP150	8.50
DHL200SEL	20p	Black & buff, s/e left	PCP/PVA		30.1.90	£1 trial pane DP139	1.50
DHL200SER	20p	Black & buff, s/e right	PCP/PVA		30.1.90	£1 trial pane DP139	1.25
DHL200SET	20p	Black & buff, s/e top	PCP/PVA		30.1.90	80p Walsall Window pane DP143	2.00
DHL200SEB	20p	Black & buff, s/e bottom	PCP/PVA		30.1.90	80p Walsall Window pane DP143	2.00
DHL200SRT	20p	Black & buff, s/e right & top	PCP/PVA		30.1.90	80p Walsall Window pane DP143	2.00
DHL200SRB	20p	Black & buff, s/e right & bottom	PCP/PVA		30.1.90	80p Walsall Window pane DP143	2.00
DHL201SET	20p	Black & buff**, s/e top	ACPB/DEX	no tint	12.6.90	£2.00 Walsall Window pane DP153	1.50
DHL201SEB	20p	Black & buff**, s/e bottom	ACPB/DEX	no tint	12.6.90	£2.00 Walsall Window pane DP153	1.50
DHL201SRT	20p	Black & buff**, s/e right & top	ACPB/DEX	no tint	12.6.90	£2.00 Walsall Window pane DP153	2.50
DHL201SRB	20p	Black & buff**, s/e right & bottom	ACPB/DEX	no tint	12.6.90	£2.00 Walsall Window pane DP153	2.50

\* Complete booklets best distinguish DHL150 & 151: gums unhelpful.

\*\* Background colour flat grey-black, contrasting with deep black of DHL200.

CC	Value	Paper/Gum	Bands	First Issued	Source	Price
DHL202	20p Black	ACPD/PVA		17.4.90	£2.00 Questa Window pane DP151A	1.75
DHL203	20p Black	ACPB/PVA		?17.4.90	£2.00 Questa Window pane DP151	70.00



**MINIATURE SHEET. Harrison, perf.15 x 14, photo & recess.**

Contains 20p Double Head (photo), also an imperf replica of Penny Black (recess). Sheet surround based on 1913 Seahorse high values. Sheet designed by Sedley Place, engraver Christopher Matthews. Photo cyls 2C 1A, recess plates 1E and 1G (none shown).

DHS200	20p	Black & buff	ACPB/DEX	3.5.90	£1 miniature sheet	4.00
		DHS200IMP	Imperforate		£1 miniature sheet	£8000
		DHS200INV	Recess printing inverted*		£1 miniature sheet	£15000
		DHS200MCa	Black recess printing omitted**		£1 miniature sheet	£35000
		DHS200MCb	Cream recess printing omitted***		£1 miniature sheet	£4000

\* Viewed normally, the perforated 20p Double Head appears inverted over the Seahorses at foot of sheet. The cream background is also inverted

\*\* Shows perforated (photogravure) 20p Double Head only.

\*\*\* Missing background tint to sheet.

For Double Head stamps with Security Features see chapter 6A.

