

Bulletin

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER
POSTMARKS**

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SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRES — ADDRESSES

London Special Handstamp Centre

Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, Farringdon Road, LONDON, EC1A 1BB.

Northern Special Handstamp Centre

Royal Mail Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, EDINBURGH EH12 9PB

Midland Special Handstamp Centre

Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street, BIRMINGHAM, B6 4AA.

Wales & The West Special Handstamp Centre

Royal Mail, 220-228 Penarth Road, CARDIFF, CF11 8TA.

Phone Enquiries

If you have an enquiry about the postmark information or other contents of this Bulletin then please contact us on 0345 071 2000. If you are enquiring about covers, which you have sent for postmarking, then please contact 0345 071 2000 where our customer care team will be pleased to help and arrange for a replacement if necessary.

Sponsoring Handstamps

To sponsor a special handstamp contact Handstamp Liaison, Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB. Telephone: 0345 071 2000.

SPECIAL NOTICE

NORTHERN ENGLAND SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Please note that The Northern England Special Hand Stamp Centre, South Shields DO, Keppel Street, South Shields NE33 1AA has now relocated to Tallents House, Edinburgh.

All items for cancellation must now be submitted to.....

Northern Special Handstamp Centre

Royal Mail Tallents House

21 South Gyle Crescent

EDINBURGH

EH12 9PB

SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRES — ADDRESSES

Sponsors of special handstamps may, for an additional fee, have the handstamps on their own covers applied in coloured inks. Unless otherwise stated in this Bulletin, covers sent in under the reposting service will have the postmarks applied in black ink. Indication of the use of any coloured inks will be given and readers interested in acquiring covers bearing these coloured postmarks should contact the sponsor for further information.

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL HANDSTAMPS

Items for reposting, individually addressed and bearing at least the 1st class postage rate should be sent to the reposting address given. To ensure prompt handling please mark the outer cover 'Special Handstamp' and state clearly the serial number(s) of the handstamp(s) required. On the first day of issue of new stamps items not clearly marked will receive the 'First Day of Issue' cancellation. The outer cover must bear normal postage and only those items bearing the postmark on or before the date of the special handstamp will be eligible for the cancellation. Collectors who want their covers/cards returned under cover after handstamping should enclose a suitable self-addressed envelope. This need not bear additional postage stamps, the postage being already paid by the stamp affixed to the covers for postmarking. The handstamp illustrations in this bulletin are approximately full size; we regret we cannot guarantee that the actual postmark impressions will be the same size as the illustrations. The handstamps are announced in sections for each of the Special Handstamp Centres, and where relevant Royal Mail Talents House, Forces Post Office, and other handstamping places. They are shown in date order with the name and address of the sponsor given at the end of each section.

For customers submitting covers/cards for more than one postmark, please use/provide a separate envelope for each postmark. Customers are also asked to clearly mark/identify the postmark number required. This will help us process the covers/cards more efficiently.

LONDON SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Reposting Address: London SHC, Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, Farringdon Road,
LONDON EC1A 1BB



14303 - 12 October 2017



14304 - 12 October 2017



14305 - 12 October 2017



14306 - 12 October 2017



14307 - 12 October 2017



14308 - 12 October 2017



14309 - 12 October 2017



14310 - 12 October 2017



14311 - 15 October 2017

Sponsors:

- 14303 - FDCovers, Proper Goose, Karno House, Hampton Court Road, EAST MOLESLEY KT8
- 14304 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, Folkestone, KENT CT19 4B
- 14305 - Benham (VF) Ltd, 16-18 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, KENT CT20 1DZ
- 14306 - Benham (VF) Ltd, 16-18 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, KENT CT20 1DZ
- 14307 - Benham (VF) Ltd, 16-18 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, KENT CT20 1DZ
- 14308 - Benham (VF) Ltd, 16-18 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, KENT CT20 1DZ
- 14309 - Benham (VF) Ltd, 16-18 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, KENT CT20 1DZ
- 14310 - Benham (VF) Ltd, 16-18 Guildhall Street, Folkestone, KENT CT20 1DZ
- 14311 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

LONDON SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE CONTINUED

Reposting Address: London SHC, Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, Farringdon Road,
LONDON EC1A 1BB



HAREFIELD,
MIDDLESEX,
UB9 6DG

14312 - 30 October 2017



WATFORD,
HERTFORDSHIRE,
WD17 3EX

14313 - 30 October 2017



Royal Albert Hall, London
31. 10. 2017

14314 - 31 October 2017



14315 - 7 November 2017



14316 - 7 November 2017



MAIDSTONE,
KENT,
ME15 ORR
07.11.17

14317 - 7 November 2017



14318 - 11 November 2017



14319 - 11 November 2017

Sponsors:

14312 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

14313 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

14314 - John Chapman Associates, 10 Chantry Drive, HALESOWEN B62 9DE

14315 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, Folkestone, KENT CT19 4BF

14316 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, Folkestone, KENT CT19 4BF

14317 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

14318 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

14319 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

MIDLAND SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Reposting Address: Midland SHC, Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street,
BIRMINGHAM B6 4AA



WORCESTER,
WORCESTERSHIRE,
WR1 2EY
09.10.17

14320 - 9 October 2017



STOKE-ON-TRENT,
STAFFORDSHIRE,
ST7 4QG
09.10.17

14321 - 9 October 2017



14322 - 7 November 2017



WALSALL,
WEST MIDLANDS,
WS1 3DG
17.11.17

14323 - 17 November 2017

Sponsors:

14320 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

14321 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

14322 - Midlands SHC, Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street, BIRMINGHAM B6 4AA

14323 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

NORTHERN SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Reposting Address: Talents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB



ST HELENS,
LANCASHIRE,
WA10 1HP
09.10.17

14324 - 9 October 2017



MOTHERWELL,
LANARKSHIRE,
ML1 1AB
09.10.17

14325 - 9 October 2017



CARNFORTH,
LANCASHIRE,
LA5 9LB
12.10.17

14326 - 12 October 2017



14327 - 12 October 2017



AYR,
AYRSHIRE,
KA7 1LU
26.10.17

14328 - 26 October 2017



LIVERPOOL,
MERSEYSIDE,
L2 3SW
27.10.17

14329 - 27 October 2017

Sponsors:

- 14324 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY
- 14325 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY
- 14326 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY
- 14327 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4BF
- 14328 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY
- 14329 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

NORTHERN SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Reposting Address: Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB



LIVERPOOL,
MERSEYSIDE,
L2 3SW
30.10.17

14330 - 30 October 2017



BANFF,
BANFFSHIRE,
AB45 2NA
06.11.17

14331 - 6 November 2017

Sponsors:

14330 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

14331 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

WALES & THE WEST SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Reposting Address: Wales & West SHC, 220-228 Penarth Road, CARDIFF, CF11 8TA



14332 - 12 October 2017



14333 - 12 October 2017



WEST HATCH,
SOMERSET,
TA3 5RJ
31.10.17

14334 - 31 October 2017



HOLYHEAD,
ANGLESEY,
LL65 1HN
06.11.17

14335 - 6 November 2017

Sponsors:

14332 - Royal Mail, 100 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0HQ

14333 - Royal Mail, 100 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0HQ

14334 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

14335 - The Westminster Collections, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE BH12 9FY

BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE

Reposting Address: BFPS, The Old Post Office, Links Place, Elie, LEVEN, Fife, KY9 1AX
(ALL ITEMS FOR REPOSTING MUST INCLUDE RETURN POSTAGE)

Reposting Guidelines

All items for reposting should include a self-addressed envelope with return postage (otherwise items will be posted back uncovered). Up to five items per person is permitted; due to lack of resources bulk or trade requests cannot be accepted. All postage stamps must be properly affixed to the cover, which must bear a clear address. No other previous cancellations may appear on the cover. Requests for advance cancellation and return may not be met. Whilst every care is taken, the Forces Philatelic Bureau cannot not be held responsible for failure to service repost items or for any damage to items.



14336 - 30 September 2017



14337 - 1 October 2017

Sponsors:

14336 - Forces Philatelic Bureau BFPO 707

14337 - Forces Philatelic Bureau BFPO 707

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS

The following first day of issue postmarks will be available for the Star Wars stamps to be issued on the 12 October 2017.



Ref: FD 17 21 TH

Reposting Address:

Royal Mail
Talents House
21 South Gyle Crescent
EDINBURGH
EH12 9PB



Ref: FD 17 21 PL

This postmark is available from all Special Handstamp Centres as follows:

Special Handstamp Centre, BIRMINGHAM
Special Handstamp Centre, LONDON
Special Handstamp Centre, CARDIFF
Special Handstamp Centre, NORTHERN

Covers posted into first day posting boxes at main Post Office branches will be given the postmark shown above. A non-pictorial postmark shown below is also available for those customers preferring a plain postmark. Covers for the plain postmark should be sent to one of the Handstamp Centres.



Ref: FD 17 21 NP

This postmark is available from all Special Handstamp Centres as follows:

Special Handstamp Centre, BIRMINGHAM
Special Handstamp Centre, LONDON
Special Handstamp Centre, CARDIFF
Special Handstamp Centre, NORTHERN

All Wookey, Wells postmarks are available from all four Special Handstamp Centres. Please send your covers to your nearest Centre. This will help Royal Mail staff manage a more even spread of work and we hope result in your covers being returned more quickly.

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS

The following first day of issue postmarks will be available for the Christmas Issue stamps to be issued on the 7th November 2017.



Ref: FD 17 22 TH

Reposting Address:

Royal Mail
Talents House
21 South Gyle Crescent
EDINBURGH
EH12 9PB




Ref: FD 17 22 PL

This postmark is available from all Special Handstamp Centres as follows:

Special Handstamp Centre, BIRMINGHAM
Special Handstamp Centre, LONDON
Special Handstamp Centre, CARDIFF
Special Handstamp Centre, NORTHERN

Covers posted into first day posting boxes at main Post Office branches will be given the postmark shown above. A non-pictorial postmark shown below is also available for those customers preferring a plain postmark. Covers for the plain postmark should be sent to one of the Handstamp Centres.



Ref: FD 17 22 NP

This postmark is available from all Special Handstamp Centres as follows:

Special Handstamp Centre, BIRMINGHAM
Special Handstamp Centre, LONDON
Special Handstamp Centre, CARDIFF
Special Handstamp Centre, NORTHERN

All Bethlehem, Llandeilo postmarks are available from all four Special Handstamp Centres. Please send your covers to your nearest Centre. This will help Royal Mail staff manage a more even spread of work and we hope result in your covers being returned more quickly.

FORTHCOMING STAMP PROGRAMME

2017 Special Stamps

17th Jan 2017 – Ancient Britain
15th Feb 2017 – Windsor Castle
14th Mar 2017 – Music Giants II
6th Apr 2017 – Racehorse Legends
4th May 2017 – Songbirds
5th Jun 2017 – The Machin Definitive Anniversary
20th Jun 2017 – Windmills and Watermills
13th Jul 2017 – Landmark Buildings
31st Jul 2017 – WWI (1917)
22nd Aug 2017 – Classic Toys
14th Sep 2017 – Ladybird Books
Oct 2017 – TBC
7th Nov 2017 – Christmas

Post & Go Stamps

15th Feb 2017 – Royal Mail Heritage – Mail By Rail
5th Jun 2017 – The Machin Definitive Anniversary
13th Sep 2017 – Royal Mail Heritage – Mail by Air

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that if you wish to sponsor a Special Postmark we require the artwork to be received 8 weeks prior to the date of sponsorship. If they are not received within this time frame any late submissions may be refused.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce that with immediate effect the Postmark Bulletin will be available free to all customers. Subscribers will no longer be charged for receiving their copies once their subscriptions run out. We will therefore continue to automatically post the Postmark Bulletin to subscribers and will also send the latest edition to anyone who requests a copy.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Star Wars Ultimate Sheet / Composite Sheet – Postmarking Guidelines

The Star Wars issue on the 12th October includes a Composite Sheet featuring both the eight new Star Wars stamps together with the 12 Star Wars stamps from the earlier 2015 issue to make a new souvenir sheet of all 20 Star Wars stamps. This is the first Composite Sheet of new and previously issued stamps since the Olympics Composite Sheet issued in 2012.

Postmark Bulletin users are reminded of the Postmarking policy for such products:

- The official First Day of Issue postmark cannot be used to cancel previously issued stamps as such they cannot be used to cancel any cover featuring this sheet.
- Un-cancelled Stamps on any cover can only be cancelled with a single Postmark design per day so all un-cancelled stamps on a cover must be cancelled with the same postmark.

Therefore, covers carrying this Composite Sheet can only be cancelled with any one of the Sponsored postmarks or the Coin Cover postmarks for the 12th October.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Postmarks Online

With effect from 3rd October 2017 new Postmarks will be announced online at www.royalmail.com/postmarks. New sponsored postmarks will be added each Monday during the month before being published in the Postmark Bulletin on the last Friday of each Month. The Postmark Bulletin will then be published online and the latest sponsored Postmarks will once again be added at the start of the following month. This ensures that Sponsored Postmarks are announced earlier throughout the month in which they're received by us, rather than waiting until the end of each month when they will be published officially in the Postmark Bulletin.

SOCIETY CONTACTS

Association of GB First Day Cover Collectors

The Association publishes an informative Newsletter, organises meetings and auctions. For details of Association pub meetings at The Ship & Shovel, Craven Passage, London WC2 contact Richard Park, 2 Chaffinch Close, Horsham RH12 5HA, Tel 01403 241825 (before 10pm), or e-mail rjpark@btinternet.com For details of meetings at The Bowling Green Pub, Shaw Lane, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire contact Joseph Adam Bevan on 07969 311 003 or 0121 477 9924 (weekdays 7-10pm). For details of Association membership contact Terry Barnett, 7 Mackets Lane, Hunts Cross, Liverpool L25 0QA or see www.gbfdc.co.uk

British Postmark Society

The Society was founded in 1958, and its Journal is essential reading for all serious collectors of British postmarks, old and modern. For BPS membership details contact Duncan James, 26 Redhall Crescent, Edinburgh EH14 2HU, the previous holder Mr. Strachan has now retired, or see website www.britishpostmarksociety.org.uk The well-designed website includes details of 11 highly useful BPS publications still available. These cover special event postmarks (special handstamps), slogans, and skeleton and First Day of Issue postmarks.

Postal Mechanisation Study Circle

The PMSC's monthly Newsletter includes numerous reports of value to collectors of postal mechanisation material in the UK and worldwide. For full details of our activities and membership rates (now including the key subscription rate reduced by 0% for new customers choosing to receive our publications electronically by email rather than printed), please contact Jeremy Meal, 41 Delfur Road, Bramhall, STOCKPORT, SK7 2HG, email Jeremy.Meal@btinternet.com

Great Britain Philatelic Society

The Society, founded in 1955, caters for serious collectors of GB stamps, particularly the older issues. It publishes a prestigious magazine, The GB Journal, and a highly informative and readable Newsletter, both of which sometimes include features of interest to postmark collectors. For details of GBPS membership & activities visit www.gbps.org.uk or email membership@gbps.org.uk

The TPO & Seapost Society

The society was founded in 1938, catering for all who are interested in Travelling Post Office (TPO) and Maritime (seapost/paquebot/naval) material, as a main collection or as part of some other collecting field. The Society publishes an award winning quarterly Journal, full of news and interesting information of TPO and Seapost matters. Postal auctions are held four times throughout the year and the exchange of news, views, and information between members is encouraged by means of meetings held periodically in regional centres and London. For a free copy of our magazine and a membership application form please contact: Keith Morris, TPO and Seapost Society, 1 St Marys Drive, FAIRFORD, GL7 4LQ www.tpo-seapost.org.uk Email TPO_Seapost@Hotmail.com

Railway Philatelic Group

The RPG, founded in 1966, caters for collectors of railway letter and parcel stamps, railway postmarks, and postage stamps with a railway theme. For details of the RPG and its activities contact F W Taylor, 5 Garth Lane, Widdrington, Morpeth NE61 5EN, Tel 01670 760 252.

Welsh Philatelic Society

The society, founded in 1971, publishes an excellent journal with features on Welsh postmarks past and present, runs several postal auctions and holds regular meetings, including a popular weekend. The annual subscription is £9. For details, contact the secretary, - Neil Prior, 20 Heol y Sheet, North Cornelly, Bridgend CF33 4EY or see the Society website: <http://www.wps.wales.org>

East Anglian Postal History Society

Members of the Study Circle collect and study the postmarks and postal history of Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk. Their findings are published in 'Eastern Angle', an informative and well-produced journal, ably edited by Barry R Reynolds. For details of the Study Circle contact the Secretary: John J W Copeland, 20 The Vale, Brentwood, Essex CM15 4UP.

The Midland (GB) Postal History Society

The society was formed in 1975 to promote interest in British Postal History, particularly (but not exclusively) of the English midland counties. Meetings are held monthly, on a Saturday, from September to May. A number of these meetings are in the Birmingham area, while others are held in the South Midlands. Members receive the Society's journal "Midland Mail" four times a year. This includes original articles on a wide range of topics relating to the postal history of the Midlands. For details of membership contact the Secretary: Mick Gill, 17 Strawberry Hall Lane, Newark, Notts, NG24 2EX, or visit www.midlandphs.org.uk

PERMANENT PHILATELIC POSTMARKS

The following pictorial postmarks are provided by Royal Mail for philatelic mail and can be obtained under the reposting service by sending covers/cards bearing at least 1st class postage to the relevant Special Handstamp Centre (SHC). Please quote the reference number given. The addresses of the SHCs are given elsewhere in this Bulletin. Eight of the handstamps are illustrated here.

Ref.	Location	SHC
4640	Bath	London
4641	Belfast	Tallent House, Edinburgh
4642	Birmingham	Midlands
4643	Brighton	London
4644	Bristol	Wales & West
4645	Cambridge	London
4646	Canterbury	London
5097	Cardiff	Wales & West
4648	Chester	Wales & West
4649	Colchester	London
4650	Coventry	Midlands
4651	Croydon	London
4652	Durham	Northern England
4653	Edinburgh	Tallent House, Edinburgh
4654	Exeter	Wales & West
4655	Gatwick	London
4656	Glasgow	Tallent House, Edinburgh
4657	Gloucester	Midlands
4658	Grimsby	Northern England
4659	Guildford	London
4660	Harrogate	Northern England
4661	Leeds	Northern England
4662	Leicester	Midlands
4663	Liverpool	Northern England
4664	London EC	London
4665	London EC3	London
4666	London SW	London
11067	London SW1	London
4667	London WC	London
4668	Manchester	Northern England
4669	Newcastle Upon Tyne	Northern England
4670	Norwich	London
4671	Nottingham	Midlands
4672	Oxford	London
4673	Plymouth	Wales & West
4674	Portsmouth	London
4675	Romford	London
4676	Southampton	London
4677	Southend on Sea	London
5096	Stevenage	London
4678	Stratford upon Avon	Midlands
4679	Truro	Wales & West
4680	Windsor	London
4681	York	Northern England



PERMANENT PHILATELIC POSTMARKS



6036



6038



10056



6043



4414



7667



9569



6039



6040



6041



6042

Special handstamps in permanent use for tourist/philatelic mailings. These are illustrated above with reposting number and addresses to which cards/covers should be sent for reposting. Cards/covers must bear at least the 1st class postage rate.

No 6036, 10056 - London SHC, Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, LONDON EC1A 1BB

No 6043 - Midlands SHC, Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street, BIRMINGHAM B6 4AA

No 6038 - Wales & West SHC, Royal Mail, Penarth Road, CARDIFF CF11 8TA

Nos 4414, 6039-42, 7667 - Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, EDINBURGH EH12 9PB

Readers are reminded that Royal Mail provides operational style datestamps for London EC (No 4178), London SW (4179), Heathrow Airport (4180), Birmingham (4181), Stratford-Upon-Avon (4182), Newcastle-Upon-Tyne (4183), York (4184), Edinburgh (4185), Glasgow (4186), Belfast (4187), Carrickfergus (4188), Windsor (4177), Slough-Windsor (4189), Cardiff (5107) and Caernarfon (4191). These were shown on page 10 of the 4 February 2011 Bulletin.

Please note that running postmarks 12120 - Concorde Filton Bristol and 12117 London SW1 will continue for an additional year.