

# Bulletin

## OCTOBER 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

### 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 by phone or email at the number/email address given below. If you are enquiring about covers, which you have sent for postmarking, then please contact by phone or email where our customer care team will be pleased to help and arrange for a replacement if necessary.

Tel No: 0345 071 2000

Email: [os&chs\\_enquiries@royalmail.com](mailto:os&chs_enquiries@royalmail.com)

### 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.

### NORTHERN ENGLAND SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE

Please note that Birmingham Mail Centre, St Stephens Street, BIRMINGHAM, B6 4AA has now relocated to Tallents House, Edinburgh.

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

### Generic / Collectors Sheets A4 size

Would customers please note that if you are sending this type of item for cancellation, to please send these to the Northern SHC only were we will be able to apply The Alternative First Day of Issue Postmark. Due to the size of this type of item a 180-degree foil is required to ensure that no damage is caused to the sheets.

## Return of Stampex

Stampex returns on 29th September 2021, for the first time since Autumn Stampex 2019, and we are looking forward to seeing as many of our regular Stampex customers as possible.

Whilst there are still some challenges caused by Covid, some aspects of our service will be a little bit different for this show:

- There will be Stampex Postmarks, one for each day of the show, and these are published on page 5 of this edition of Postmark Bulletin. However, we are unable to provide handstamping on site. Instead all items posted at the show will be forwarded to the Special Handstamp Centre for processing and sent to the customers' address after the show.
- There will be no Trade area for this show, thereby providing a larger area for our team to work and socially distance.
- We are planning to bring as broad a range of products as possible, these will be focused predominantly on single products and individual sets i.e. Stamp Books, Prestige Stamp Books, Packs, Generic / Collector Sheets, Sets, Minisheets, Annual Products etc. This means we will not be able to offer the full range of bespoke tearing that customers may have been used to at Stampex. This is to reduce the handling, by many members of the team, and also to reduce queueing and serving time on the stand. We hope to be able to reintroduce the wide range of bespoke tearing and formats across the full range of Machin Definitives, Country Definitives and Special Stamp Sheets at future shows.
- To avoid excessive queuing around the stand we will provide an order form, available on the Royal Mail stand and at the Stampex Welcome Desk, for customers to order any items from the Royal Mail stand for collection later that day. Customers will also be able to pay for orders on the stand, with **free delivery to their home address**, for our most popular formats and for any items in our latest Royal Mail Stock List available at the show.

We look forward to seeing our regular customers at Stampex once again.

## SPECIAL HANDSTAMPS — NOTICES

### Clarification on Sponsored Postmarks

We have recently become aware of instances where Sponsors have included their own brands in their designs when sponsoring a Postmark. This runs counter to how we had always intended Sponsored Postmarks to operate as the intention has always been to ensure that all Postmarks are open to anyone to use.

We accept that it is unfortunate that we did not spot this sooner and we apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

Now we are aware of it, we want to clarify that it is important to us to promote choice and for Postmarks to be of general use and support for the hobby. To be clear we would consider branding for events, especially philatelic or collectable events, so long as these are of general use and interest. We would also consider branding that relates to recognised Philatelic or Collectibles Organisations, which again would be of interest and appeal to collectors generally. By contrast company names would restrict use by Postmark users will not be accepted.

In order to address this issue for the long term we will update the terms and conditions of our Sponsored Postmark Contract to clarify the use of brands on all Sponsored Postmarks.

**Please Note:** That the following postmarks are all back in operation however due to the change in the equipment these are not suitable for use on Postcards when the stamps are affixed to the pictorial side of the card which results in the ink smudging due to the glossy nature of the cards.

Birmingham (4181), Stratford Upon Avon (4182), Newcastle Upon Tyne (4183), York (4184),  
Edinburgh (4185), Glasgow (4186), Belfast (4187) - Northern SHC

Carrickfergus (4188), Cardiff (5107), Caernarfon (4191). – Wales & West SHC

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## COLOURED INKS

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 — UPDATED

Items for reposting, individually addressed and bearing at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> class postage rate for UK addressed items 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



15445 - 29 September 2021



15446 - 30 September 2021



15447 - 1 October 2021



15448 - 2 October 2021



15437 - 14 October 2021



15438 - 18 October 2021



15442 - 18 October 2021



15441 - 19 October 2021



15443 - 19 October 2021

**Sponsors:**

- 15445 - Royal Mail, 185 Farringdon Road, LONDON, EC1A 1AA
- 15446 - Royal Mail, 185 Farringdon Road, LONDON, EC1A 1AA
- 15447 - Royal Mail, 185 Farringdon Road, LONDON, EC1A 1AA
- 15448 - Royal Mail, 185 Farringdon Road, LONDON, EC1A 1AA
- 15437 - The Westminster Collection, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE, BH12 9FY
- 15438 - The Westminster Collection, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE, BH12 9FY
- 15442 - The Westminster Collection, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE, BH12 9FY
- 15441 - Benham (VF) Ltd, Benham House, North Close, FOLKESTONE, CT20 3UH
- 15443 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BF

**NORTHERN SPECIAL HANDSTAMP CENTRE**

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



15436 - 3 October 2021



15440 - 19 October 2021



15439 - 19 October 2021



15444 - 23 October 2021

**Sponsors:**

15436 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BF

15440 - Benham (VF) Ltd, Benham House, North Close, FOLKESTONE, CT20 3UH

15439 - Mr P M Payne, 10 Rue Du Telegraphe, 64100 BAYONNE, AQUITAINE, FRANCE

15444 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BF

## FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS

The following first day of issue postmarks will be available for the Rugby Union Stamps to be issued on 19 October 2021.



Ref: FD 21 19 TH

Reposting Address:

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



Ref: FD 21 19 PL

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

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.



FD 21 19 NP

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

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

All Bovington, Wareham cancellations are available from all three 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

### 2021 Special Stamps

- 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – National Parks
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan – United Kingdom – A Celebration
- 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Only Fools and Horses
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Legends of King Arthur
- 15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Classic Science Fiction
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – War of the Roses
- 28<sup>th</sup> May – Paul McCartney
- 1<sup>st</sup> July – Dennis and Gnasher
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Wild Coasts
- 12<sup>nd</sup> Aug – Industrial Revolutions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – British Army Vehicles
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – TBC
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Rugby Union
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Christmas 2021

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### Important Guidance for Sponsoring Postmarks

The current postmark policy booklet was last reviewed and published in 2007. Much has changed since then not least of which Postmark Bulletin moving to a monthly publication as well as publishing them online. The review will consider a number of options and developments and as regular customers and users your input into the review would be welcome, you can do so via [os&chs\\_enquiries@royalmail.com](mailto:os&chs_enquiries@royalmail.com) marking your email Policy Review Feedback.

In the meantime, one area of confusion concerns the application timescales for Sponsored Postmarks so we can offer the following updated guidance below.

- Postmarks must be published in the Postmark Bulletin before the date of the postmark.
- The normal publication date for the Bulletin is the last Friday of each month.
- To ensure contracts can be finalised, materials ordered, and the Bulletin published, all sponsorship applications must be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding month. The table below details all the cut-off dates.

Month	Last Date for Postmark Application
January	1 December
February	2 January
March	1 February
April	1 March
May	1 April
June	1 May
July	1 June
August	1 July
September	1 August
October	1 September
November	1 October
December	1 November

- Postmarks will continue to be published online at [www.royalmail.com/postmarks](http://www.royalmail.com/postmarks) prior to the Bulletin.



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the permanent closure of the Post Office branch at Trafalgar Square in London on 31 December 2018 Post Office Ltd has provided us with details of the nearest Post Offices where customers can get buy Special and Definitive stamps as well as get details of upcoming stamp issues.

The addresses of the neighbouring Post Offices are provided below.

- **Broadway Post Office**

1 Broadway  
London  
SW1H OAX

Or

- **Aldwych Post Office**

95 Aldwych  
London  
WC2B 43N

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.gbfdc.co.uk)

### British Postmark Society

The Society was founded in 1958 and caters for collectors of all types of British postal markings but particularly those of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Members receive an illustrated Journal each quarter. Recent BPS publications have included Krag Machine Postmarks of Great Britain and Ireland, Volume 5 of the Special Event postmarks of the UK and Slogan Postmarks 2001 to 2012. Please see our website [www.britishpostmarksociety.org.uk](http://www.britishpostmarksociety.org.uk) for details and free downloads. For BPS membership details please contact Duncan James, 26 Redhall Crescent, EDINBURGH EH14 2HU.

### Postal Mechanisation Study Circle

The PMSC's monthly Newsletter and periodical Ident include numerous reports and articles of value to collectors of postal mechanisation in the UK and worldwide. For details of membership rates please see our website [www.postalmech.org.uk](http://www.postalmech.org.uk) which includes a 40% discount for taking publications electronically by email. Meetings in 2020 will be at The Postal Museum, London on 12th September and 10th October. Alternatively, contact Jeremy Meal, 41 Delfur Road, Bramhall, STOCKPORT, SK7 2HG, email [Jeremy.Meal@btinternet.com](mailto: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](http://www.gbps.org.uk) or email [membership@gbps.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.tpo-seapost.org.uk)  
Email [TPO\\_Seapost@Hotmail.com](mailto: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 or a free copy of the Group's Journal please contact: K Downing, Springfield, Holt Road, Hackney, MATLOCK DE4 2QD or via the RPG website [railwayphilatelicgroup.co.uk](http://railwayphilatelicgroup.co.uk)

## SOCIETY CONTACTS

### **Welsh Philatelic Society**

The Welsh Postal History Society was formally known as the Welsh Philatelic Society. It is the Society for anyone interested in all aspects of Welsh Postal History, Philately and Postcards. We publish regular newsletters with features on Welsh postmarks past and present. We hold auctions of Welsh material. There are meetings throughout Wales when dealer members are in attendance including an annual weekend in Snowdonia. Our website [www.welshphs.com](http://www.welshphs.com) has details of all our activities as well as the Archive of Welsh Postal History which is available for research by members. For further details please contact: Aled Rhys-Jones, 12, St Patrick's Court, Llinnet Close, Cyncoed, Cardiff CF23 7HG

### **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](http://www.midlandphs.org.uk)

### **The British Thematic Association**

The Association is a UK national organisation composed of and supporting theme-based collectors and exhibitors from across the UK, Europe and the world. Our aim is to give support to those wishing to embark on or expand a theme-based collection, whether it consists purely of stamps or postcards, or includes a wide range of additional material including postal history, postmarks and ephemera. For further information and details of membership please see our web site [www.britishthematic.org.uk](http://www.britishthematic.org.uk)

### **The Masonic Philatelic Club**

The Club is a worldwide organisation founded in 1976, open to themed collectors to enjoy the hobby of Stamp collecting through History, Geography, Art. Its Members are made up from throughout the world, although a slightly larger percentage is UK based, they share their interest and research into Stamps through their quarterly Magazines. For further information email:- [masonicphilatelicclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:masonicphilatelicclub@yahoo.co.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.

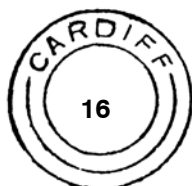
Ref.	Location	SHC
4640	Bath	London
4641	Belfast	Northern, Edinburgh
4642	Birmingham	Northern, Edinburgh
4643	Brighton	London
4644	Bristol	Wales & West
4645	Cambridge	London
4646	Canterbury	London
5097	Cardiff	Wales & West
4648	Chester	Wales & West
4649	Colchester	London
4650	Coventry	Northern, Edinburgh
4651	Croydon	London
4652	Durham	Northern, Edinburgh
4653	Edinburgh	Northern, Edinburgh
4654	Exeter	Wales & West
4655	Gatwick	London
4656	Glasgow	Northern, Edinburgh
4657	Gloucester	Northern, Edinburgh
4658	Grimsby	Northern, Edinburgh
4659	Guildford	London
4660	Harrogate	Northern, Edinburgh
4661	Leeds	Northern, Edinburgh
4662	Leicester	Northern, Edinburgh
4663	Liverpool	Northern, Edinburgh
4664	London EC	London
4665	London EC3	London
4666	London SW	London
11067	London SW1	London
4667	London WC	London
4668	Manchester	Northern, Edinburgh
4669	Newcastle Upon Tyne	Northern, Edinburgh
4670	Norwich	London
4671	Nottingham	Northern, Edinburgh
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	Northern, Edinburgh
4679	Truro	Wales & West
4680	Windsor	London
4681	York	Northern, Edinburgh



## 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.

Nos 6036, 10056, 9569 - London SHC, Royal Mail, Mount Pleasant, LONDON EC1A 1BB

No 6043 - Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, EDINBURGH EH12 9PB

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.





September Postmarks - 50/10 - 24 September 2021