

The United Kingdom's £1 Coin Designs

Specifications

Alloy: Nickel-Brass Diameter: 22.50mm Weight: 9.50g Thickness: 3.15mm

Edge Inscription	Translation	Year
Decus et Tutamen	'An ornament and a safeguard' – from Virgil's Aeneid	1983, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Nemo Me Impune Lacessit	'No one provokes me with impunity' – the motto of the Order of the Thistle	1984, 1989, 1994, 2014
Pleidiol Wyf I'm Gwlad	'True am I to my country' – from the Welsh National Anthem	1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2013
An incuse decorative feature symbolising bridges and pathways	N/A	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
Pro Tanto Quid Retribuamus	'What shall we give in return for so much' – the Motto of Belfast	2010
Domine Dirige Nos	'Lord direct us' – the Motto of London	2010
Y Ddraig Goch Ddŷry Cychwyn	'The Red Dragon shall lead' – the Motto of Cardiff	2011
Nisi Dominus Frustra	'It is vain without the Lord' – the Motto of Edinburgh	2011

What to do with counterfeits

Using counterfeit coins is illegal. If you have a counterfeit or suspect that a coin may be a counterfeit, please hand it in to your local police station.



A Guide For Identifying Genuine Coins

Date Compared to Design

The reverse design on £1 coins is changed each year and therefore the design must match the year date. A list of designs and their respective dates are shown above.

Edge Lettering

The lettering or inscription on the edge of a genuine coin must correspond with the year date. Details can be found above. Usually the milled edge of a counterfeit is poorly defined and the lettering is uneven in depth and spacing.

Quality

Genuine coins lose their lustre when they have been in circulation for some time. Some counterfeits appear more shiny and golden and show no sign of age despite the date of the coin.

Orientation

The designs on both the "heads and tails" of the coin should be aligned when swivelled.



Obverse Date

Reverse Design



Obverse Date

Edge Inscription



Aged Design

Too Shiny



Obverse Vertical

Rotated 180°