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Made with Heart and Devotion – Welcome to Mint Edition

With a proud heritage, The Royal Mint has had the immense privilege of commemorating many royal milestones. As we honour the 95th birthday of Britain’s longest reigning monarch in 2021, we also pay a poignant tribute to the life and legacy of her late husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The second issue of Mint Edition also delves into the mythical world of the Tooth Fairy, a day that changed British coinage forever, and a rock star born in Brixton who produced music from another planet. We also reveal reimagined favourites for the dedicated numismatist, such as Britannia and The Sovereign, and with such a variety of themes on show, it’s quite fitting

this issue celebrates diversity with a coin that honours the unique people and communities that have made, and continue to make, Britain great.

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HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh 1921–2021

Great sadness was felt at The Royal Mint following the passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, as it was by millions of people in the United Kingdom and across the world.

The Royal Mint had a long and close relationship with The Duke of Edinburgh as he served as President of The Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC) for 47 years between 1952 and 1999.

Over the next few pages, we reflect on our association with Prince Philip and celebrate his life and legacy.



Made to Honour a Life Well Lived

Following the announcement of the passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on 9 April 2021, many reflected that his was a life well lived. As a man of action and significant achievements, Prince Philip became a naval commander at a young age and provided constant and steadfast counsel to Her Majesty The Queen throughout her reign. When his young wife took on the role as monarch, the newly titled Duke of Edinburgh supported her, showing tireless commitment to his duty.

In honour of this remarkable man, The Royal Mint has created a memorial coin to celebrate his life and legacy. The design features a portrait created by Ian Rank-Broadley FRBS that was personally approved by The Duke of Edinburgh.

The fourth definitive coinage portrait of The Queen was also created by Ian Rank-Broadley and it was a design that was overseen by Prince Philip in his role as the President of The Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC).

Memories From The Royal Mint

The Duke of Edinburgh served as President of The Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC) from 1952 to 1999. During Prince Philip's tenure, Graham Dyer OBE, Senior Research Curator at The Royal Mint Museum, held the position of Assistant Secretary of the Committee from 1976 to 1996 and Secretary of the Committee from 1996 to 2003. Here, Graham Dyer recounts his memories of this time.

“When I joined The Royal Mint in August 1961 I became aware, almost immediately I think, of the role of Prince Philip as President of The Royal Mint Advisory Committee and of the pride that we all felt in his direct association with us.

“He had occupied this role since the accession of The Queen in 1952 and, in fact, one of my earliest jobs was to draft a review of the work of the Committee in his first ten years as President. The draft must have been pretty awful because the idea of a review was quietly dropped, but I could not have had a better introduction to what the Committee was about.

“It was not, however, until March 1976, when I became Assistant Secretary to the Committee, that I actually witnessed Prince Philip in action. As President he chaired the meetings and it was accordingly his job – not the easiest – to bring the distinguished and diverse members of the Committee to a consensus view on the designs in front of them. I was not sure what to expect, but I quickly became a fan, finding him an efficient and effective chairman, aware that there was an agenda to get through and seemingly with an instinctive sense of the time available for each item on the agenda.

“For their part, members of the Committee were too distinguished to be overly deferential and if, as happened occasionally, he found himself in the minority then he cheerfully gave way. Only once do I remember him pulling rank. This was when a proposal came before the Committee for a crown piece to commemorate the 40th anniversary in 1987 of his marriage to The Queen. Designs had already been obtained from artists but it was immediately obvious that Prince Philip hated the idea. He complained that the Mint evidently did not think he and The Queen would reach their golden wedding anniversary and members were happy to join him in dismissing the idea with good-natured scorn.





“The Committee was something that Prince Philip seemed to enjoy and I remember being told that, busy as he was, a meeting of the Committee was one of the first things to go into his diary each year. Part of the reason for this, I am sure, was that he cared about good design. It was a recurring theme with him that, because coins tended to be round, designs should be circular like the reverses of the 1953 florin and sixpence, rather than having a top and a bottom. He would also say that, in the interests of unity of style and treatment, it was better if obverse and reverse could be designed by the same artist.

“When in the early days the Committee still looked at coins for Commonwealth countries, his knowledge and experience of local customs, of local fauna and flora, proved invaluable. But it was with medals that he really came into his own. No one on the Committee could match his knowledge of medals, decorations and regimental badges and in this respect he

could bear comparison with the renowned ability of his father-in-law George VI.

“We were, indeed, very lucky to have his services, given the important matters that came before the Committee during his time as President. At the start he was actively involved in the preparation of the full range of coins, medals and seals required for The Queen’s reign, happy to assist progress by talking to the artists himself. This was followed in the 1960s by the time-consuming development of designs for the new decimal coinage, where his skill and tact were deployed in full measure to avoid confrontation with James Callaghan, then Chancellor of the Exchequer. Subsequent years saw a succession of commemorative coins, of new circulating coins like the £1 and 20 pence, and changing portraits of The Queen, where we had the benefit of knowing that as the portraits took shape Prince Philip was aware of the views of The Queen. Medals remained a special interest and I think he particularly enjoyed seeing the

Conspicuous Gallantry Cross work its way through the Committee.

“His Presidency came to an end in 1999 when, conscious of his advancing years, he felt that he should be scaling down his commitments. We were of course keen for him to continue but he could not be persuaded to stay, though he retained an interest in the work of the Committee. This was evident in March 2003 when I stood down as Secretary and Prince Philip did me the honour of attending the farewell lunch that followed my last meeting, driving to Cutlers’ Hall close by St Paul’s Cathedral in his famous black taxi. And even more so in 2008 when he not only agreed to provide a foreword for the official Royal Mint publication inspired by the new reverse designs by Matt Dent but discarded the draft supplied by the Mint and wrote it himself – a personal foreword that will stand as a symbol of his significant contribution to numismatic design.”

A Lasting Legacy at the RMAC

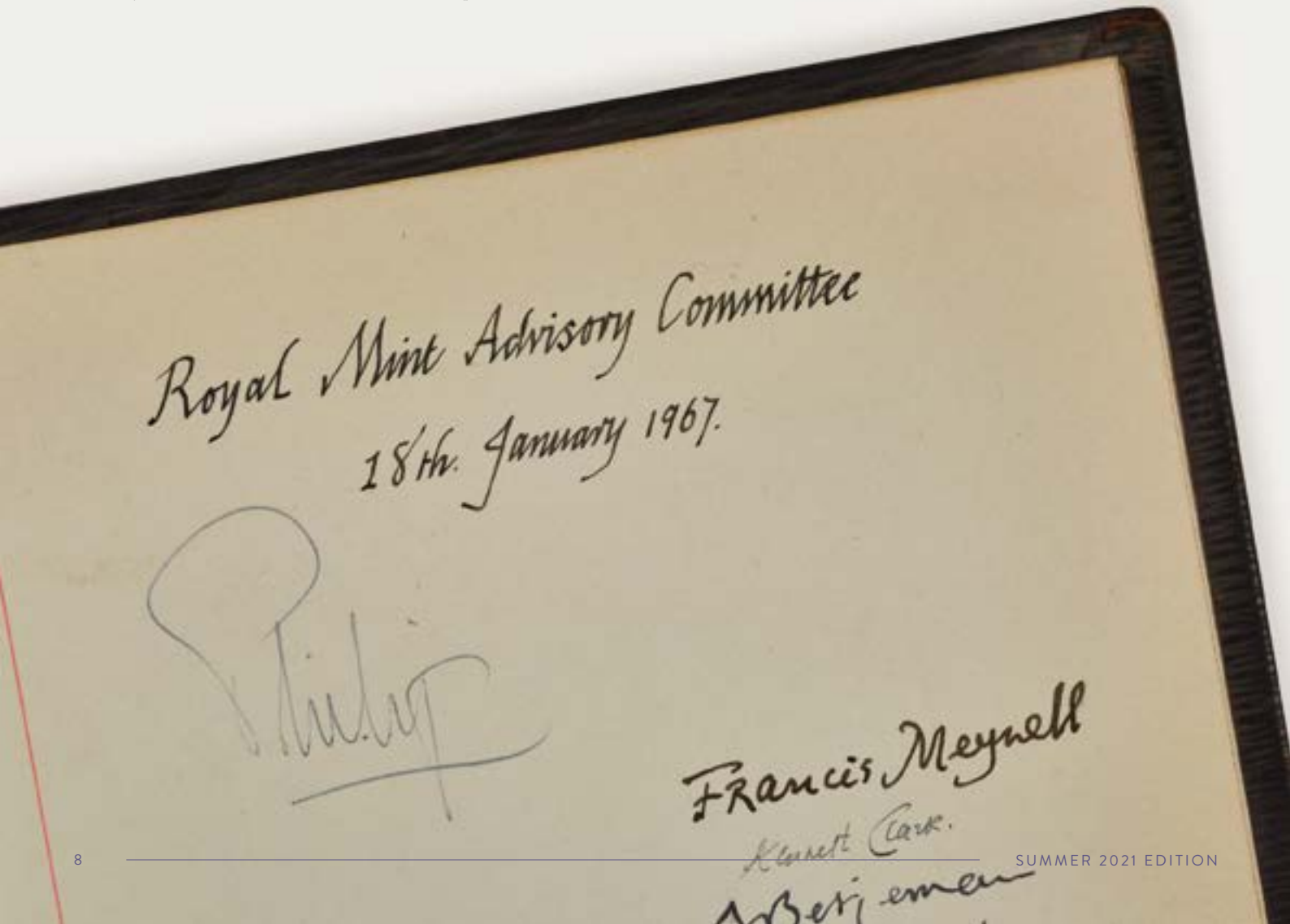
As President of The Royal Mint Advisory Committee (RMAC), Prince Philip's role was to lead the group of people overseeing the design of coins, medals and seals of the United Kingdom and to ensure the quality of the designs. He united the Committee's experts with good humour and a sound understanding of the importance of the nation's coinage.



His appointment coincided with the death of George VI, The Queen's father. It was a difficult time for the Royal Family, and The Royal Mint was tasked with creating a new suite of coins, medals and seals, featuring a portrait of the new monarch for the fifth time in just 50 years.

The Duke of Edinburgh provided a direct link to The Queen and voiced his opinion on the likenesses of his wife created by artists. He was present at The Queen's sitting with Mary Gillick, offering encouragement and advice as the artist worked on the first coinage portrait of the monarch.

Prince Philip carried out his role with great dedication and interest for more than 40 years, overseeing the creation of four of The Queen's portraits and the coins for decimalisation, and remained president until 1999.





Honouring 95 Years of Heart and Devotion

The Royal Mint has struck coins for Her Majesty The Queen's Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilees, along with her significant birthdays and anniversaries. Now, in 2021, we find ourselves marking yet another monumental royal event – The Queen's 95th birthday.

As the world's longest reigning living monarch, Queen Elizabeth II has been a reassuring presence through constant change. During her first televised Christmas speech, she made a poignant pledge to give her heart and devotion to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth. It's a promise she has kept throughout her remarkable reign, with an aura of grace and good humour that has endeared her to the hearts of millions.

Many public moments in Her Majesty's life have been recorded on our coins as part of the story of Britain. The Royal Mint struck her very first coins, and since her first effigy appeared – a portrait of a young monarch – we have witnessed the passing of time with four more definitive coinage portraits.

Behind the public face of the monarch, The Queen has travelled the world during her reign and has had the opportunity to experience lands, people, art, history, science, society and more on a vast scale. And perhaps it is when her public duties mirror her own personal interests that we see a sense of joy in the woman who has dedicated her life to duty. Just as public and private lives come together, so too do The Queen's passions and her coins.

Whilst many of us fill family albums with photographs and mementos of our families, the pride that The Queen finds in her family is also reflected in the UK's commemorative coins. As well as striking coins celebrating occasions in the lives of Her Majesty and

her late husband, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, we also strike coins honouring the births, marriages and anniversaries within the Royal Family, including those of The Queen's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Perhaps the most poignant examples in recent years include the coins struck to honour four generations of the Royal Family and the centenary of the House of Windsor; both coins featured designs with softened, heraldic symbols, to represent the growth of the family, with acorns turning into mighty oaks through the generations.

Mark a Royal British First

In 2021, Her Majesty The Queen marks the latest milestone in a remarkable life as she becomes the first British monarch to reach a 95th birthday. To mark this historic event, The Royal Mint has struck a range of UK coins. Featuring two new designs, all the coins bear the inscription 'My Heart and My Devotion', referencing a promise The Queen made in her 1957 Christmas speech and has kept ever since.

Visit our website to find out more.



Heraldic artist Timothy Noad created the reverse design that appears on the two-ounce silver Proof, two-ounce gold Proof, quarter-ounce gold Proof and £5 coins.



Sold Out

The 95th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen 2021 UK FIVE-OUNCE GOLD PROOF COIN

Price: £10,525.00
Code: UK2195G5

LEP: 150
MCM: 160



The 95th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen 2021 UK £5 GOLD PROOF COIN

Price: £2,590.00
Code: UK2195GP

LEP: 655
MCM: 810



The 95th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen 2021 UK £5 SILVER PROOF COIN

Price: £90.00
Code: UK2195SP

LEP: 7,595
MCM: 9,405

Her Majesty The Queen



Exclusively available from
The Royal Mint



The 95th Birthday of
Her Majesty The Queen 2021 UK
£5 SILVER PROOF PIEDFORT COIN

The 95th Birthday of
Her Majesty The Queen 2021 UK
£5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

The 95th Birthday of
Her Majesty The Queen 2021 UK
£5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Price:
£167.50
Code:
UK2195PF

LEP:
1,926
MCM:
2,236

Price:
£13.00
Code:
UK2195BU

LEP:
Unlimited
MCM:
Unlimited

Price:
£18.00
Code:
UK2195BE

LEP:
9,500
MCM:
9,500



Behind The Design

With Timothy Noad

Her Majesty The Queen's 95th birthday is such a special occasion that two designs have been created for our commemorative coin collection celebrating this royal milestone.

The reverses of the £5, two-ounce gold Proof, two-ounce silver Proof and quarter-ounce gold Proof coins feature a design created by the calligrapher and heraldic artist Timothy Noad, who is renowned for his attention to detail and use of both traditional and modern techniques. His designs have featured on Her Majesty The Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals and he has worked on several projects for The Royal Mint, including the House of Windsor Centenary £5 coin, the Four Generations of Royalty £5 coin and coins within our Tower of London collection.

Her Majesty is well-known for her love of nature and flowers, a passion that Timothy Noad shares and often uses as inspiration for his work.

"I am inspired by many things, including real plants and flowers, seventeenth-century Dutch flower paintings, and the pattern designs of William Morris. I liked the idea that a posy or bouquet is often presented to The Queen, perhaps on her birthday, and that this could be a tribute from the four nations of the United Kingdom."

As a scribe and illuminator to HM Crown Office at the House of Lords, Timothy is used to creating formal designs and documents.

However, for this piece it was important to balance the royal theme with an element of informality for this more personal occasion.

"For this design, I made the flowers more naturalistic and less formal than usual, for example, the rose at the top. I originally experimented with using spring flowers but eventually settled on the national floral emblems – thistles, daffodils, roses and shamrocks – which are tried and tested in coin designs and connect Her Majesty to the four UK nations."

The final design has a tapestry effect, with the Royal Cypher standing out against a mass of delicate leaves and flowers. Whilst he generally works with traditional symbols, Timothy did go against the norm with one element:

"I felt that Her Majesty would prefer to be given a daffodil rather than the more heraldically correct Welsh leek!"

The inscription that appears on the £5 coin features words that have been taken from The Queen's first televised Christmas broadcast in 1957, and can be found on all of the coins in this celebratory collection.

"I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations ..."

The £5 coin is available as a gold Proof, silver Proof and silver Proof Piedfort edition and a Brilliant Uncirculated edition. The two-ounce gold, two-ounce silver and quarter-ounce gold Proof editions also feature Timothy Noad's design. In addition to these, the collection includes fine gold and silver editions, which feature a design created by sculptor Gary Breeze. His richly symbolic 'flourish' design represents The Queen's nine decades with nine roses, whilst 54 leaves signify the countries of the Commonwealth.





Behind The Design

With Gary Breeze

Gary Breeze is a designer and sculptor with a background in letter carving. His works appear in major collections around the United Kingdom, and this is the sculptor's third project for The Royal Mint.

He designed the 50p coin that marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain along with the £2 coin that honoured the famous diarist Samuel Pepys. He also created a design that spanned three £2 coins in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Captain James Cook's voyage of discovery.

Gary's coin designs are richly detailed and reveal narratives that you might miss if you don't look closely.

"I like to make sense of things in my design and add hidden meanings. The original design has been honed at

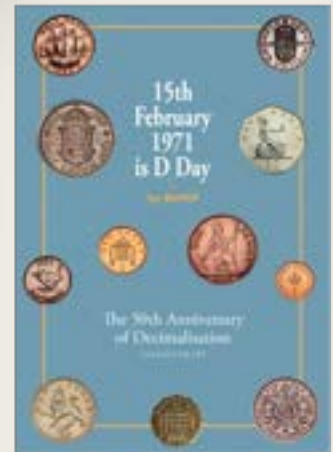
each stage of production to make sure the details work at close scrutiny."

At a first look, the sculptor's coin design for The Queen's 95th birthday is a beautiful, floral arrangement but there are very carefully considered elements. There are nine roses, one for each decade The Queen has lived through, and 54 leaves on the face of the coin, each representing a country of the Commonwealth, one of Her Majesty's greatest legacies. These tiny details all spring from 'flourishes', which are used in heraldry and calligraphy as Gary explains:

"You'll see it on paper money, official documents, and even royal signatures have shown very elaborate flourishes. Some flourishes reminded me of streamers that might be thrown or seen at parties ... The flourishes I designed may look symmetrical at first, but when you look closely there are four intertwining and organic 'shoots'."

The design by Gary Breeze can be seen on the gold Proof and silver Proof five-ounce and kilo coins in the collection.





The 50th Anniversary of Decimal Day 2021

COLLECTOR SET

Price:
£55.00

Code:
HIS50DEC

Making Change

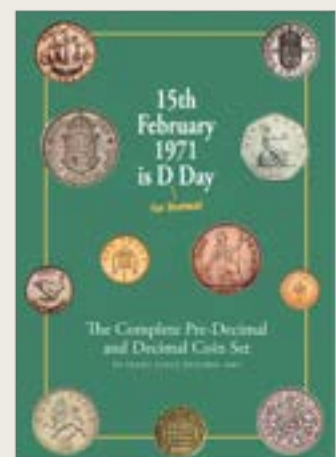
Coins from The Royal Mint often record important occasions and momentous events but sometimes they make history themselves. In 1971, the UK's coinage changed from the centuries-old pounds, shillings and pence to a new, decimal currency. That day became known as Decimal Day and The Royal Mint faced the monumental challenge of striking billions of new coins in preparation.

Far from being an overnight switch, decimalisation took many months of careful planning, a new factory and machinery, new production techniques and processes, and a huge information campaign.

Five decades later, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Decimal Day with a new 50p coin, featuring a reverse design created by Dominique Evans, a senior designer at

The Royal Mint, and Jody Clark's definitive portrait of Her Majesty The Queen on the obverse. Inspired by the currency that was replaced in 1971, the reverse design conveys the transition from pre-decimal to decimal coins.

The coin is available as gold and silver Proof Piedfort editions, gold and silver Proof editions, and a Brilliant Uncirculated edition.



The 50th Anniversary of Decimal Day 2021

PRE-DECIMAL AND DECIMAL
COLLECTOR SET

Price:
£50.00

Code:
HISDDSET

Mark the Moment the Tills Rang out the Change



The 50th Anniversary of Decimal Day 2021

UK 50P SILVER
PROOF COIN

With just 6,000 silver Proof 50p coins available in this Limited Edition Presentation, this is an essential commemorative UK 50p coin to adorn numismatic collections.

Price:	LEP:
£57.50	6,000
Code:	MCM:
UK21DDSP	6,710



The 50th Anniversary of Decimal Day 2021

UK 50P SILVER
PROOF PIEDFORT COIN

Offering a unique way to mark this historic coinage anniversary, this edition of the coin is the most exclusive silver coin in the range, with a Limited Edition Presentation of only 2,500.

Price:	LEP:
£100.00	2,500
Code:	MCM:
UK21DDPF	2,510



The 50th Anniversary of Decimal Day 2021

UK 50P BRILLIANT
UNCIRCULATED COIN

Struck to Brilliant Uncirculated standard – a finer finish than circulating coins – this 50p coin is presented in a fold-out wallet filled with Decimal Day facts.

Price:	LEP:
£10.00	Unlimited
Code:	MCM:
UK21DDBU	Unlimited



Reminiscence Sessions with The Royal Mint Museum

Handling and chatting about pre-decimal coins can be a positive and nostalgic experience for people who lived through the changeover so, as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations, The Royal Mint Museum has developed reminiscence sessions.

The reminiscence session takes the form of a 'Museum in a Box', which contains replicas and original objects from the time for people to handle. Each object is fitted with a special micro-chip which, when placed on the box, play audio clips specific to that object. This can be a fun and stimulating activity, giving people who lived through

the changeover an opportunity to talk about their memories.

The Royal Mint Museum is working with care homes to run these sessions and those who are interested have the opportunity to borrow the boxes completely free of charge, with the boxes being quarantined and thoroughly disinfected between each loan.

If you would like more information please email us at decimalisation@royalmint.com

Making History

Word weavers, change makers, inventors and royal record setters; our 2021 Annual Sets celebrate some of the individuals and events that have made a huge contribution to the history, the present and the future of the UK.



THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Mark Her Majesty's 95th birthday with this commemorative UK £5 coin that features the inscription 'My Heart and My Devotion', a poignant promise made by The Queen to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth.



SIR WALTER SCOTT

This UK £2 coin commemorates Sir Walter Scott, the widely read, Scottish novelist who brought the history and spirit of Scotland to life with tales of romance, valour and chivalry.



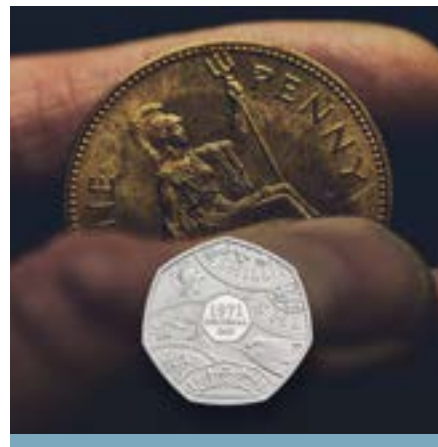
H. G. WELLS

Honour H. G. Wells, 'the father of science fiction' with this UK £2 coin that pays tribute to iconic images from his work, including *The War of the Worlds* and *The Invisible Man*.



JOHN LOGIE BAIRD

Pay homage to 'The Father of Television', John Logie Baird, whose pioneering breakthrough changed the way information is shared across the world, and how we are entertained, forever.



DECIMAL DAY

Mark the day that UK coinage moved from a centuries-old currency of pounds, shillings and pence to a decimal currency. This UK 50p coin honours the 50th anniversary of Decimal Day.

Annual Sets 2021



The 2021 United Kingdom
PREMIUM PROOF
COIN SET

Price: £210.00	Code: D21PM	LEP: 2,500
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The 2021 United Kingdom
PROOF
COIN SET

Price: £155.00	Code: D21COLL	LEP: 7,000
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The 2021 United Kingdom
BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED
DEFINITIVE COIN SET

Price: £30.00	Code: DUW21	LEP: Unlimited
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The 2021 United Kingdom BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED ANNUAL COIN SET

Price: £55.00	Code: DU21	LEP: Unlimited
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Making us Proud

Delayed but undeterred, support Team GB as they finally get their chance to make sporting history at the Tokyo Olympic Games. Uniquely determined and unwaveringly dedicated, an official UK 50p coin pays tribute to the extraordinary Olympians and the diversity of sports at this year's summer games.

BELIEVE
EXTRAORDINARY



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Team GB



Team GB

50P SILVER PROOF PIEDFORT COIN

Price:	LEP*:
£105.00	5,500
Code:	MCM**:
UK21GBPF	5,510



Team GB

50P SILVER PROOF COIN

Price:	LEP*:
£67.50	1,500
Code:	MCM**:
UK21GBSP	1,510



Team GB

50P BRILLIANT
UNCIRCULATED COIN

Price:	LEP*:
£10.00	Unlimited
Code:	MCM**:
UK21GBBU	Unlimited



Team GB

50P BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED
COLOURED COIN

Price:	LEP*:
£20.00	12,021
Code:	MCM**:
UK21GBCB	12,021

Behind The Design

With Dominique Evans

The challenge to design a coin celebrating British diversity was placed on the desk of Dominique Evans, a senior designer at The Royal Mint who has been bringing rich and interesting stories to life on coins and medals for more than 16 years. Her first design for The Royal Mint was for a bullion coin commemorating the gold standard. Since then, her submissions have been chosen to grace some of our most prestigious coins, including those celebrating the Sapphire Coronation of Her Majesty The Queen and the first UK coin to celebrate the life and work of Jane Austen.



How did you approach designing this coin?

“I feel it’s so very important that the subject is at the heart of the design. My true love is research and idea generation. However, with a subject as important and personal to all as diversity, I felt the design needed to come from a place of sense and research. I have my own account of the twists and turns in my life, yet never more so for this design. It was crucial I look far beyond myself and across everyone and everything, listening to and imagining the difference of experience connecting us through our generations, genetics and lineages.

“The sense of the word ‘connection’ continued to rise in my journey through my research. I also kept feeling and seeing the stark reminders of fractured connections that can, in contrast, separate and divide.”

Did you draw inspiration from anything in particular?

“I remember the day vividly. I was at my grandmother’s house by the sea and I sat in the garden looking up at the seagulls flying together in the sky, apart yet connected by the wind. When I went inside I wrote the words ‘Belonging Under One Sky’. I always find that words give clarity to thoughts – especially

when moving from researching to creating. From there I wrote a short piece within which are the words, ‘I believe, no matter who we are, where we are born, live and call home, we are all born and belong under the same sky. Time gives us age, ethnicity our appearance and circumstances our status, yet we all begin our lives with the ability to learn, understand, accept and love. Our beliefs may make our lives feel worlds apart, identity sometimes somewhat of a curiosity, yet we can still connect, develop bonds and grow stronger together.’”

How did you arrive at the final design?

“The shape of the coin was and is always very important. I initially looked at the angular nature of the fifty pence coin, and from there I explored creating areas of connection and a shape symbolising all the points of connection having to work together. Some shapes that I created looked aesthetically pleasing, but I felt it would be more appropriate for the shape to be more defined and robust. I was fascinated by how it could be a shape that could itself become a symbol, and how it could also have impact within the structure of the coin.

“A shape that seemed very appropriate was the geodome; a sphere made up of a series of interconnecting lines and triangles that form a

network, each part as important as the other in creating a symbol of connection and strength.”

What does this design mean to you personally?

“The importance of understanding, connection and belonging have been at the heart of this project and I will always hold this time as such a treasured memory – from working on the coin design to seeing the activity packs heading out to every primary school in Wales and England. These packs encourage children to design a coin based on their own perception of diversity and who in their lives inspires them. I’m seeing such positivity growing around all the projects that the schools have been sharing with us, some of whom we’ve been in contact with already. And it’s through that positivity that I hope pupils will become inspired and connected, celebrating the diversity of others and enabling each of them to be who they are, in individual, wonderful ways.”

Get involved!

Your young ones can become creative little coin designers by downloading a diversity activity pack from our website.

www.royalmint.com/Mintlings

Belonging Under One Sky

Britain's history is rich and diverse. For more than 1,100 years, the nation's story has been told through coins struck by The Royal Mint, a narrative carried in the pockets and purses of all its people. The contribution of ethnic minority communities has been such an important part of that story but has often gone unrecognised. This coin has been created to celebrate all the people who have made Britain what it is today.

The coin design by Dominique Evans features the words 'DIVERSITY BUILT BRITAIN' on a structure composed of interconnected triangles. The lines are linked to form a network, with each part just as important as the next in uniting the whole composition.

This design signals a change in UK coinage to ensure it is more inclusive of the individuals, events and communities which built a diverse Britain, with more designs set to follow.

Add the coin to your collection to celebrate the many communities and people that make Britain great.



(A)

Celebrating British Diversity 2020
UK 50P SILVER PROOF COIN

Price:	Code:	LEP:
£57.50	UK20PXSP	25,000

(B)

Celebrating British Diversity 2020
UK 50P SILVER PROOF PIEDFORT COIN

Price:	Code:	LEP:
£100.00	UK20PXPS	2,500

(C)

Celebrating British Diversity 2020
UK 50P GOLD PROOF COIN

Price:	Code:	LEP:
£1,005.00	UK20PXGP	950

(D)

Celebrating British Diversity 2020
UK 50P GOLD PROOF PIEDFORT COIN

Price:	Code:	MCM:
£2,015.00	UK20PXPG	200



(E)

Celebrating British Diversity 2020
UK 50P BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Price:	Code:
£10.00	UK20PXB

“For generations, ethnic minority groups have fought and died for this country we have built together; taught our children, nursed the sick, cared for the elderly; and through their enterprising spirit have started some of our most exciting and dynamic businesses, creating jobs and driving growth.”

Rishi Sunak, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Master of the Mint



Bond, James Bond

With apologies to everyone's favourite secret agent, who much prefers things shaken, the launch of our James Bond collection in 2020 caused quite a stir. As one of the longest-running franchises in the world, the 007 films have crossed generational boundaries and united fans of all ages through the action-packed assignments undertaken by the suave and sophisticated spy.

The 007 saga rumbles on, with the much-anticipated *No Time to Die* next in line to continue James Bond's high-octane exploits. What better way to celebrate the quintessentially British spy than through our commemorative coin collection that explores the technology, luxurious lifestyle and iconic imagery of the films?

A celebration of all things Bond, this three-coin series from The Royal Mint features a contemporary collection of designs that capture different elements of 007's world in fine detail, from his trademark tuxedo to his famous Aston Martin DB5. Meanwhile, the series also features the memorable submarine car, 'Wet Nellie', that famously appeared in *The Spy Who Loved Me*.

Each coin is accompanied by a classic line from a Bond film and features a familiar background, which when placed together as a three-coin series, forms the iconic 007 logo. The end result sees the unmistakable emblem take shape across all three designs, providing a fitting background for your collection.





James Bond 2020

UK ONE OUNCE SILVER PROOF
THREE-COIN SERIES

Code: 2020JBSP	Price: £95.00 per coin	LEP: 7,007	MCM: 8,517
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James Bond 2020

UK HALF-OUNCE SILVER PROOF
THREE-COIN SERIES

Code: 2020JBHS	Price: £70.00 per coin	LEP: 15,007	MCM: 15,017
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James Bond 2020

UK £5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED
THREE-COIN SERIES

Code: 2020JBBU	Price: £13.00 per coin	LEP: Unlimited	MCM: Unlimited
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James Bond

1 OZ GOLD BAR MINTED

Code: JB1GM10	Prices From: £1,346.77*	LEP: 5,000
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* Price correct at time of printing, please refer to royalmint.com/invest for the latest prices

Celebrating David Bowie

Born in Brixton, South London, in 1947, David Bowie began life as David Robert Jones. By the time he was 19 he had taken on his iconic name and was taking the first steps in one of the most innovative and influential careers in the history of sound and vision. His music electrified generations, and his perpetual state of reinvention kept music fans enthralled.

The third coin in our Music Legends collection celebrates rock's definitive chameleon with a design inspired by an image of the singer from his time spent living and recording in Berlin. The inclusion of the lightning bolt motif from the Aladdin Sane era captures Bowie's career journey, and the moment he finally put aside the props to emerge as an artist in his own right.

This fitting tribute to the career of one of British music's most original and enduring icons is available as limited-edition precious metal Proof editions and a Brilliant Uncirculated edition. Alongside the standard Brilliant Uncirculated edition, this edition of the coin is also available in packaging that is exclusively available from The Royal Mint.

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David Bowie 2020

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David Bowie 2020

£5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN - EDITION 1

£5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN - EDITION 2

£5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN - EDITION 3

£5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN - EDITION 4

Code: UK20D1BU

LEP: Unlimited

Price: £13.00

MCM: Unlimited

Code: UK20D2BU

LEP: 15,000

Price: £15.00

MCM: Unlimited

Code: UK20D3BU

LEP: 15,000

Price: £15.00

MCM: Unlimited

Code: UK20D4BU

LEP: 15,000

Price: £15.00

MCM: Unlimited

Celebrating The Who

Our Music Legends collection showcases iconic acts from the United Kingdom's diverse musical past and present. The latest act to take centre stage is The Who, the explosive band who thrilled in the sixties and still rock stadiums today.

It's not often that a band will span generations but The Who, with their explosive performances, have been a part of Britain's soundtrack for more than 50 years. Together, groundbreaking lead guitarist Pete Townshend, microphone-twirling Roger Daltrey, John 'The Ox' Entwistle, and maverick drummer Keith Moon challenged genres, broke records and thrilled fans with their unique style.

The artist Henry Gray has included some of the most iconic symbols from the band's live and loud performances in his design. A Union flag, mod logo and speaker-smashing Rickenbacker guitar all feature in the form of a pinball table, which is a nod to Tommy, one of the band's most famous creations.

The coin is available in a number of editions, including precious metal Proof editions alongside a standard Brilliant Uncirculated and a colour-printed Brilliant Uncirculated edition. Each coin is presented with packaging containing iconic images and content about the band's story.



Exclusively available from The Royal Mint



The Who 2021

£5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code: UK21TWBU

Price: £13.00

LEP: Unlimited

MCM: Unlimited



The Who 2021

£5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COLOURED COIN

Code: UK21TWBC

Price: £22.50

LEP: 10,000

MCM: 10,000



The Who 2021

ONE OUNCE SILVER PROOF COIN

Code: UK21TW1S

Price: £97.50

LEP: 8,010

MCM: 8,110



The Who 2021

HALF-OUNCE SILVER PROOF COIN

Code: UK21TWHS

Price: £65.00

LEP: 10,000

MCM: 10,010



The Boy Behind Mr. Men Little Miss

“It’s such a fun idea that my dad came up with. I hope that it continues to be enjoyed by children for many more decades ... Even when the Mr. Men and Little Misses are 100 years old, their readers will always be five.”

Adam Hargreaves

Mr. Men Little Miss

Adam Hargreaves had always been keen on drawing. He was like his father, Roger, in that way, the man who created the world of Mr. Men Little Miss. If you've ever picked up one of the dozens upon dozens of Mr. Men Little Miss books, you'll have seen Roger's signature right there on the front.

Despite having a father who almost certainly could have provided good contacts, Adam decided at a relatively early age that he couldn't make a living from art and decided to have a go at farming instead. By his own admission, he wasn't terribly good at it but he gave it his best effort. Then, in 1988, when Adam was just 25 years old, his life changed. His father suddenly and unexpectedly became ill and passed away at the age of 53.

The family was shocked and heartbroken but one thing was clear: they wanted what Roger had started to carry on, and they wanted the family business to stay in the family. It was a big ask, but eventually the responsibility of keeping the Mr. Men Little Miss characters alive was placed on Adam's shoulders. In a lot of ways that made sense: he was the eldest of the children, he was artistically talented, and he had helped to inspire the whole thing in the first place.

That inspirational moment had come in 1971, when Adam was 8 years old. Back then, Roger Hargreaves was a successful copywriter who yearned to spend more time with his family. Keen on drawing from an early age, he enjoyed making sketches and thought he might like to create children's books but couldn't quite figure out how to get the ball rolling. That was until Adam playfully asked his father what he would later describe as 'an impossible question': what does a tickle look like?

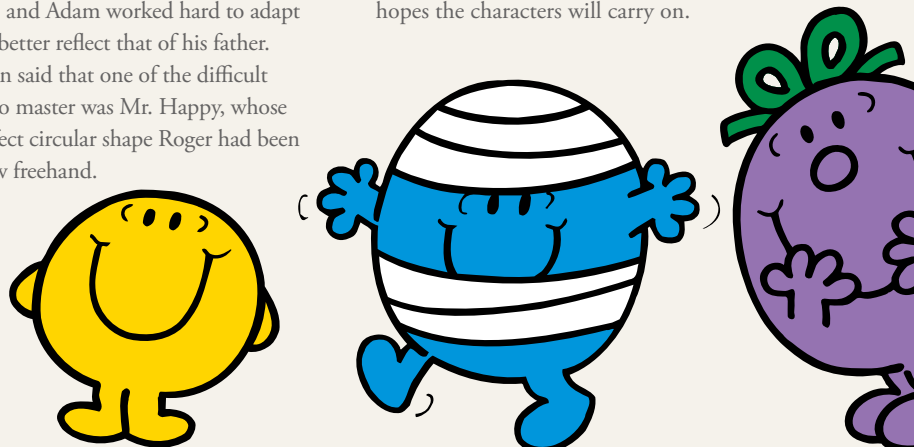
Roger's initial response was playful, but the question continued to spin in his imagination and eventually he created the first of many Mr. Men characters: Mr. Tickle. These were quickly followed by icons like Mr. Happy, who features on one of the UK coins we have struck in

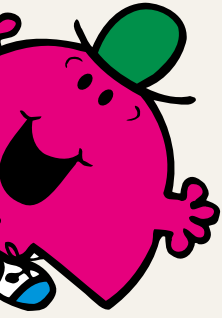


celebration of 50 years of Mr. Men Little Miss. Getting the books published was initially a little tricky, with a number of traditional publishers rejecting the idea. However, once Roger found a home for Mr. Men the idea took off and within three years the first books had sold more than 1 million copies.

When Roger passed away, Adam inherited a world of stories and characters loved by people around the world but later admitted to feeling a certain amount of pressure to get things right. His father had been so full of energy and playfulness, and Adam worked hard to adapt his style to better reflect that of his father. He has often said that one of the difficult characters to master was Mr. Happy, whose almost perfect circular shape Roger had been able to draw freehand.

Eventually, Adam honed his skills enough that he felt confident presenting new characters of his own. Amongst the first of those were Mr. Cool and Little Miss Whoops, who were introduced in 2003. Since then, the world of Mr. Men Little Miss has roughly doubled in size, with books to be found in multiple languages and dozens of countries around the world. All the while, Adam has remained integral, continuing to serve as the series' primary illustrator. He does sometimes think forward to a time when he might choose to put the pen down but, when that day comes, he hopes the characters will carry on.





Celebrate 50 Years of Mr. Men Little Miss

Join The Royal Mint in celebrating five decades of fun and laughter with a new series of coins featuring some of your favourite Mr. Men Little Miss characters. Mr. Happy, Mr. Strong,

Little Miss Giggles and Little Miss Sunshine all appear in designs created by Adam Hargreaves, the son of Roger Hargreaves, the man who created Mr. Men Little Miss.

Presented as gold Proof, silver Proof and Brilliant Uncirculated editions, some of which feature colour printing, the three Mr. Men Little Miss coins are available individually or as part of a set.



The 50th Anniversary of Mr. Men Little Miss 2021

UK ONE OUNCE GOLD PROOF
THREE-COIN SERIES

Price:	Code:	
£2,315.00*	2021MMGP	
Per Coin	LEP:	MCM:
£6,945.00*	275	280
Full Series Price		



The 50th Anniversary of Mr. Men Little Miss 2021

UK QUARTER-OUNCE GOLD PROOF
THREE-COIN SERIES

Price:	Code:	
£595.00*	2021MMQG	
Per Coin	LEP:	MCM:
£1,785.00*	750	760
Full Series Price		



The 50th Anniversary of Mr. Men Little Miss 2021

UK ONE OUNCE SILVER PROOF
THREE-COIN SERIES

Price:	Code:	
£97.50*	2021MMIS	
Per Coin	LEP:	MCM:
£292.50*	6,500	6,510
Full Series Price		



The 50th Anniversary of Mr. Men Little Miss 2021

UK HALF-OUNCE SILVER PROOF
THREE-COIN SERIES

Price:	Code:	
£65.00*	2021MMHS	
Per Coin	LEP:	MCM:
£195.00*	9,000	9,010
Full Series Price		



The 50th Anniversary of Mr. Men Little Miss 2021

UK BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COLOURED
THREE-COIN SERIES

Price:	Code:	
£22.50*	2021MMBC	
Per Coin	LEP:	MCM:
£67.50*	15,000	15,050
Full Series Price		



The 50th Anniversary of Mr. Men Little Miss 2021

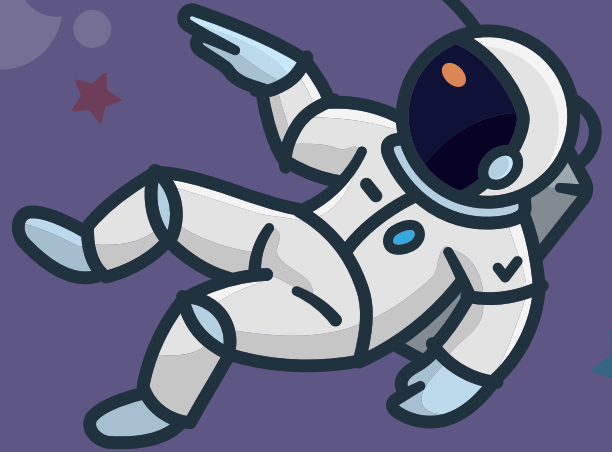
UK BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED
THREE-COIN SERIES

Price:	Code:	
£13.00*	2021MMBU	
Per Coin	LEP:	MCM:
£39.00*	Unlimited	Unlimited
Full Series Price		

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*Note: Prices are subject to change due to fluctuations in raw material prices.

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Mintlings

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The Royal Mint has been making coins for more than 1,100 years. Each and every one of those coins tells a story – sometimes about Britain or about amazing people, sometimes about life on Earth, or even magical characters like the Tooth Fairy with whom we have an extra special relationship.

There are big stories, little stories, inspiring stories and fun stories; stories that you'll want to share again and again. To help bring these tales to life, we've created an enormous collection of games, quizzes and educational materials

aimed at families. Whether you're getting into collecting, are feeling creative, or simply want to know more about the exciting people, places and events behind our coins, Mintlings is definitely the place to start.

Start exploring at
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Step Inside the Hundred Acre Wood

A treasured children's favourite, Winnie the Pooh has enjoyed global popularity that has spanned generations. The lovable character first appeared in a Christmas story published in the *London Evening News* on Christmas Eve in 1925. Almost a century on, the stories of Winnie the Pooh's adventures alongside his loyal troop of companions still capture hearts and minds with poignant storytelling and charming illustrations.

In 2020, we welcomed Winnie the Pooh onto a UK coin for the first time, along with his friends Christopher Robin and Piglet. Later this year, which marks the

95th anniversary of the publication of *Winnie-the-Pooh*, we'll see Tigger and Owl join the collection – as well as a coin featuring Winnie the Pooh and his friends together.

The three new coins take the Winnie the Pooh and Friends UK Coin Collection up to six and three more will be released next year. Join us in celebrating this timeless character and add some extra charm to your coin collection.

Disney
Classic
Pooh

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Winnie the Pooh and Friends



Winnie the Pooh 2020

UK 50P BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED
COLOUR COIN

Price:	LEP:
£20.00	45,000
Code:	MCM:
UK20WPBC	45,000



Christopher Robin 2020

UK 50P BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED
COLOUR COIN

Price:	LEP:
£20.00	45,000
Code:	MCM:
UK20CRBC	45,000



Piglet 2020

UK 50P BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED
COLOUR COIN

Price:	LEP:
£20.00	45,000
Code:	MCM:
UK20PGBC	45,000



Winnie the Pooh 2020

UK 50P SILVER PROOF COIN

Price:	LEP:
£67.50	18,000
Code:	MCM:
UK20WPSP	18,010



Christopher Robin 2020

UK 50P SILVER PROOF COIN

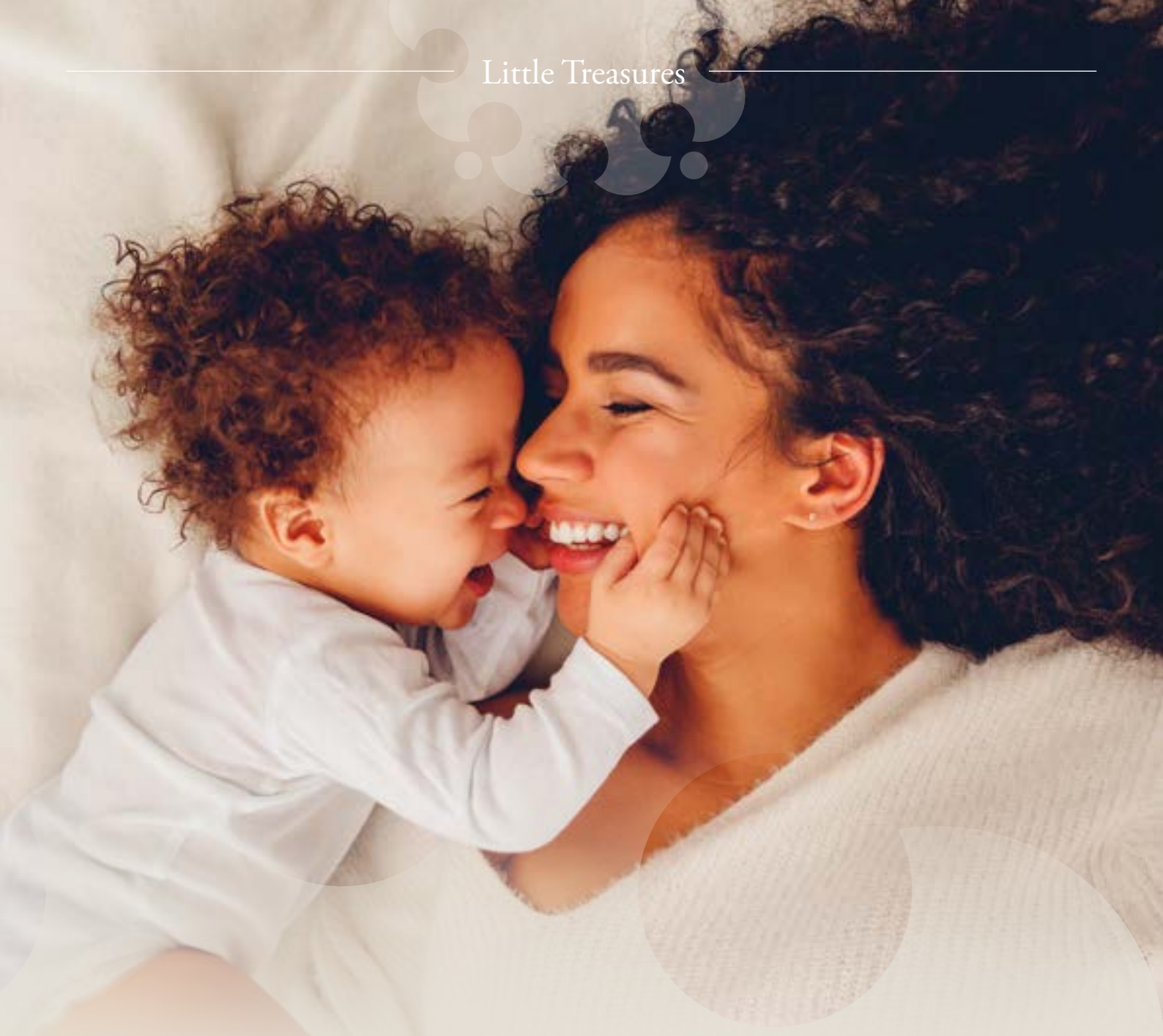
Price:	LEP:
£67.50	18,000
Code:	MCM:
UK20CRSP	18,010



Piglet 2020

UK 50P SILVER PROOF COIN

Price:	LEP:
£67.50	18,000
Code:	MCM:
UK20PGSP	18,010



Invest in Their Future

Little Treasures is a simple and cost-effective way to create a golden nest egg for your child or grandchild's future.

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Our Little Treasures account allows you to accumulate gold for your loved ones, from the day you welcome them into your family. Once you have opened an account, you can invest in fractional amounts of the physical

gold bars we store securely within our vault. You can purchase gold to the nearest 0.001 ounce, subject to a minimum order value of £25, and it's easy to set up regular standing order payments or make a one-off deposit.



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£75.00

Code:
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£299.99

Code:
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Price:
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Code:
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Original Supplier to
**THE TOOTH
FAIRY**

A Magical Flying Visit

Losing a tooth is a special moment for a child. As they nestle it under their pillow before drifting off to sleep, excitement tingles in the air and magic starts to spread. Busy wings flutter as the Tooth Fairy visits The Royal Mint to collect a special coin.

As the Tooth Fairy's official supplier, we can help make the experience extra special with a My Lost Tooth Celebration Set. This includes a Brilliant Uncirculated 50p coin presented in a beautiful cream pouch, as well as an

endearing calling card for the bedside table with a 'thank you' letter from the Tooth Fairy. The coin left by the fabled fairy will light up a child's face and can be a treasured keepsake for years to come.

Fairies, Friends and Foes!

In addition to the My Lost Tooth Celebration Set, little ones can take a wondrous journey into the mythical realm of the Tooth Fairy through a brand-new series of books we have created in partnership with Owlet Press.

Perfect to hear just before bedtime, as well as an enriching education tool to encourage their reading skills, these thoughtfully crafted tales will fill young imaginations with charm and wonder.



The Tooth Fairy and the Home of the Coin Makers

Designed to be read aloud to encourage and develop reading skills, this book brings the age-old tradition of the Tooth Fairy to life through charming illustrations and captivating storytelling.

Price: £7.99

Code: TFHCBOOK

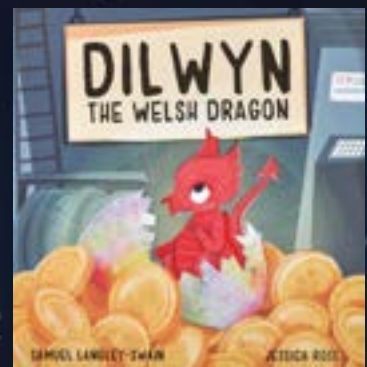


The Tooth Fairy and the Magical Journey

Written by author Sam Langley-Swain, an approved supplier of books to the CBeebies bedtime hour, this is the second in a series of six books about the magical world of the Tooth Fairy.

Price: £7.99

Code: TFMJBOOK



Dilwyn the Welsh Dragon

Discover the story of The Royal Mint's home-grown guardian of coins, Dilwyn the dragon. The book, aimed at children aged between 4 and 8 years old, is embellished with colourful and charismatic illustrations.

Price: £7.99

Code: TFDWBOOK



Tooth Fairy My Lost Tooth Celebration Set

This adorable set features a definitive Brilliant Uncirculated 50p coin presented in a beautifully crafted cream pouch, an endearing 'thank you' letter from the Tooth Fairy, and a special calling card for the bedside table.

Price: £15.00

Code: TF21MLTK

TALES OF THE EARTH

THE MARY ANNING COLLECTION

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Temnodontosaurus 2021

UK 50P SILVER PROOF COLOUR COIN

Price: £67.50	LEP: 7,000
Code: UK21TSPC	MCM: 7,410



Plesiosaurus 2021

UK 50P SILVER PROOF COLOUR COIN

Price: £67.50	LEP: 7,000
Code: UK21PSPC	MCM: 7,410



Dimorphodon 2021

UK 50P SILVER PROOF COLOUR COIN

Price: £67.50	LEP: 7,000
Code: UK21DSPC	MCM: 7,410

The Mary Anning Collection

Following on from last year's Dinosauria Collection, where we commemorated British anatomist Richard Owen's groundbreaking discovery of fossilised dinosaur remains, we continue to celebrate discoveries of the magnificent creatures with The Mary Anning Collection.

Working with the Natural History Museum to bring these creatures back to life on a collection of 50p coins, we shine the spotlight on an unsung heroine of British fossil discovery who was denied the acclaim her remarkable finds warranted.

Using the fossil hunting skills she had learned from her father, Mary Anning made a series of astonishing discoveries along the shoreline near her home in Lyme Regis, part of what is known today as the Jurassic Coast. Scientists studying the fossils she unearthed concluded these were the remains of mighty reptiles that once ruled the seas and skies.

Available as a limited-edition gold and silver Proof, colour-printed silver Proof, colour-printed Brilliant Uncirculated edition, alongside a standard Brilliant Uncirculated edition, the coins in this collection perfectly encapsulate the wonder that prehistoric creatures inspire in people of all ages.



Temnodontosaurus 2021

UK 50P BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Price:
£10.00
Code:
UK21TMBU

LEP:
Unlimited
MCM:
Unlimited

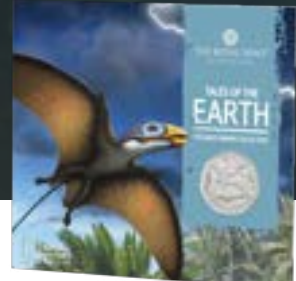


Plesiosaurus 2021

UK 50P BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Price:
£10.00
Code:
UK21PLBU

LEP:
Unlimited
MCM:
Unlimited



Dimorphodon 2021

UK 50P BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Price:
£10.00
Code:
UK21DMBU

LEP:
Unlimited
MCM:
Unlimited



Honour an Ancient Tradition

Chinese New Year has a history that spans millennia and is still an important event in the lunar calendar that's celebrated to this very day.

In Chinese culture, the lunar calendar – also known as Shēngxiào – determines important dates for celebration and helps people to

choose auspicious days for significant events in their lives. The animals of the Chinese zodiac also have their own spiritual characteristics – personality traits that are believed to be shared with those born under each respective sign.

The Shēngxiào Collection celebrates these timeless customs, with each coin revealing the ancient stories behind these legendary

zodiacal animals through detailed designs. The Royal Mint is proud to continue this annual series in 2021 as we celebrate the Lunar Year of the Ox.

Designed by Harry Brockway – the man behind the design of the 2019 Year of the Pig coin – this new release depicts the formidable beast in great detail with a uniquely British twist.

Lunar Year of the Ox



Sold Out

Lunar Year of the Ox 2021

UK FIVE-OUNCE
GOLD PROOF COIN

Price:
£10,525.00

Code:
UKO21G5



Lunar Year of the Ox 2021

UK ONE OUNCE
GOLD PROOF COIN

Price:
£2,315.00

Code:
UKO21GP



Lunar Year of the Ox 2021

UK QUARTER-OUNCE
GOLD PROOF COIN

Price:
£595.00

Code:
UKO21QO



Lunar Year of the Ox 2021

UK FIVE-OUNCE
SILVER PROOF COIN

Price:
£455.00

Code:
UKO21S5



Lunar Year of the Ox 2021

UK £5 BRILLIANT
UNCIRCULATED COIN

Price:
£13.00

Code:
UKO21BU

Lunar Year of the Ox 2021

UK GOLD PROOF
KILO COIN

Price:
£63,380.00

Code:
UKO21GK

Lunar Year of the Ox 2021

UK SILVER PROOF
KILO COIN

Price:
£2,270.00

Code:
UKO21SK



An Investment Worth Making

Prized by civilisations all over the world, gold has been a store of wealth for thousands of years. As rare as it is beautiful, it was the ancient Egyptians who first fashioned gold into jewellery, before merchants adopted it as a universal form of payment to help simplify trade. The gold standard underpinned national currency systems until the 20th century, and gold is still as relevant and sought-after today.

Investing in gold is an age-old practice. Consider this: if you'd invested £25 a month in gold over 18 years between 2002 and 2020, you would have £13,393. Compare that with putting the same amount into a 2% cash ISA – £6,493 – or simply setting it aside with no interest at all – £5,400*.

When it comes to investing, spreading risk helps to avoid overexposure to any one particular asset class. Many experts, including the World Gold Council, suggest putting between 8–10% of your portfolio into a safe haven investment such as gold.

*Calculated using the last business day of 2019 and the first calendar day of 2020. Based on interest on the cash ISA being paid yearly in month 12, and that money is saved or invested on the first business day of the month. These figures are exclusive of additional precious metal purchase and storage fees.



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SECURELY VAULTED AND INSURED

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Coining Change

This year marks the 50th anniversary of one of the biggest changes to Britain's coinage that the nation has ever seen – decimalisation. However, UK coinage had been evolving for centuries and The Royal Mint has been right at the heart of every major change.

The Coinage of Charles II

When Charles II was restored to the throne of England in 1660, he came back to a country which had experienced great upheaval since the start of the civil wars some 20 years earlier. The nation had seen death on a hitherto unimaginable scale, including the execution of a king, the institution of a republic in the Commonwealth and, finally, a military dictatorship under Cromwell.

The nation's coins reflected these changes in their designs but one aspect of the coinage that had remained largely constant throughout was the method of production. Coins were still struck out by hand, just as they had been for centuries, but it was a method that was becoming increasingly outdated in Europe. When Charles II returned to England, he and those of his entourage who had spent time in exile abroad would have cast an unfavourable eye upon English coinage when comparing it to that of its continental neighbours. Produced using modern machinery, and much closer to coins in use today, these were vastly superior to the thin, often ill-defined coins in use in Britain.

This partly explains the change that occurred in the 1660s. The Royal Mint saw the introduction of new, modern production methods with coins being manufactured using horse-drawn rolling mills and screw presses, just like their continental cousins. Much thicker, enabling the addition of milling and edge lettering, coupled with greater relief, these new coins were a distinct improvement. It wasn't, however, until the significant logistical challenge of the Great Recoinage in the 1690s that damaged, worn and underweight coins were finally removed from circulation.



Charles II Crown

FINE OR BETTER

Price:
£395.00

Code:
HISX141

The Coinage of George III

A common theme throughout the history of The Royal Mint is its ability to respond effectively to the need for change, just as with the decimalisation programme of the late 1960s and 1970s, or the recoinage in the 1690s. Large-scale, periodic recoinages were to be expected and the end of George III's reign bore witness to such an event.

By 1815, the British coinage was in dire need of reform. More than 20 years of war with France had taken its toll but this had only exacerbated an underlying problem. Throughout George III's reign barely any silver coins were struck and there was a chronic shortage of small change. This was largely the result of silver being worth more as bullion than it was as coinage, stemming from a system which relied on pieces having their intrinsic value in the metal content.

The Battle of Waterloo finally brought to an end the war with France and peace allowed an opportunity to reform the coinage system. The changes enacted instituted a significant recoinage, and silver began being struck in large quantities again but only as a token coinage, or rather one that did not rely on the weight of silver to give the coin its value. Overseen by the Master of the Mint, William Wellesley Pole, a brother of the Duke of Wellington, millions of new coins were produced ahead of their distribution to the public in February 1816.



Just as the effects of decimalisation are felt today, so too, perhaps surprisingly, are those of the coinage reforms of George III's reign. The changes enacted then heralded the introduction of the modern Sovereign, the coin which The Royal Mint still makes to this day, to the same specification and virtually the same design envisaged by Benedetto Pistrucci more than 200 years ago.

1804–1813 George III Half-Guinea

FINE+

Price:
£930.00

Code:
HISG2HG



George III
Half-Crown

TYPE 2, MIXED YEARS -
F+

Price:
£125.00

Code:
HISG3HCII



George III
Three Shillings 1811–1812

BANK OF ENGLAND ISSUE
BANK TOKEN, TYPE I - F+

Price:
£190.00

Code:
HISG3TSBI



George III
Three Shillings 1811–1812

BANK OF ENGLAND ISSUE,
BANK TOKEN, TYPE II - F+

Price:
£190.00

Code:
HISG3TSBII



George III
Restored Silver Coinage Collection

Price:
£375.00

Code:
HISGRSCC

Experience The Royal Mint Safely

Here at The Royal Mint Experience, we've been working hard behind the scenes to ensure your next visit is as safe as possible. As a result, there have been a few changes to certain areas of the exhibition.

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