

# Bulletin

## APRIL 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.

**Please Note** that the Running Postmark 15519 will expire on 31 January and not as previously stated 31 March.

## 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 Tallents 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



15547 - 7 April 2022



15548 - 7 April 2022



15541 - 7 April 2022



15542 - 7 April 2022



15551 - 20 April 2022



15550 - 22 April 2022



15549 - 29 April 2022



15552 - 30 April 2022

### Sponsors:

15547 - Benham (VF) Ltd, Benham House, North Close, FOLKESTONE, CT20 3UH  
15548 - Benham (VF) Ltd, Benham House, North Close, FOLKESTONE, CT20 3UH  
15541 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BF  
15542 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BF  
15551 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BF  
15550 - The Westminster Collection, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE, BH12 9FY  
15549 - The Westminster Collection, 288 Group Ltd, PO Box 7288, POOLE, BH12 9FY  
15552 - 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



15553 - 4 April 2022



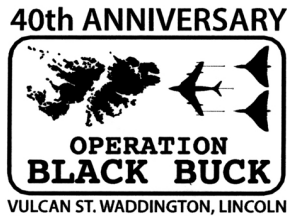
15554 - 4 April 2022



15545 - 22 April 2022



15544 - 22 April 2022



15546 - 30 April 2022  
- 29 April 2023

### Sponsors:

15553 - Badger Philatelics Ltd, 57 Saxonhurst Road, Northbourne, BOURNEMOUTH, BH10 6JD

15554 - Modern GB Stamps, 7 High Street, Wollaston, WELLINGBOROUGH, NN29 7QE

15545 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BF

15544 - Secretary of Perth Philatelic Society, 13 Anderson Drive, PERTH, PH1 1JZ

15546 - Internet Stamps Ltd, Warren House, Shearway Road, FOLKESTONE, CT19 4BF

## BRITISH FORCES POST OFFICE

Reposting Address: BFPS, The Old Post Office, Westerlea, Links Place, Elie, LEVEN 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 be held responsible for failure to service repost items or for any damage to items.



15543 - 15 April 2022

### Sponsors:

15543 - BFPS, Philatelic Bureau BFPO 707

## FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS

The following first day of issue postmarks will be available for the  
Tariff & Barcode Definitive Issue Stamps to be issued on 4 April 2022.



Ref: FD 22 07 TH

Reposting Address:

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



Ref: FD 22 07 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.



Ref: FD 22 07 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 Windsor 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.

## FIRST DAY OF ISSUE POSTMARKS

The following first day of issue postmarks will be available for the  
Migratory Birds Stamps to be issued on 7 April 2022.



Ref: FD 22 08 TH

Reposting Address:

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



Ref: FD 22 08 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.



Ref: FD 22 08 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 Swallownest, Sheffield 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.