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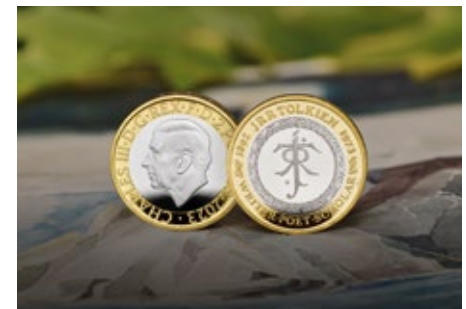
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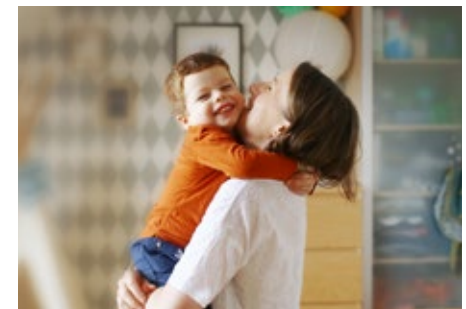
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# Welcome to Mint Edition

“This copy of *Mint Edition* comes several months after the historic coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. We have been striking coins for British monarchs for more than 1,100 years, and this was another defining moment in British history, as well as our own, as we struck a special coin collection to mark the occasion. Since the coronation, we have continued to release new and exciting commemorative coins that now feature the official coinage portrait of His Majesty The King, as well as curating historic coins for collectors and growing our bullion offering for investors.

“We were incredibly excited to release the first Sovereign to feature the crowned coinage portrait of The King designed by Martin Jennings, the British sculptor who also created His Majesty’s official coinage portrait. Marking the beginning of a new reign with a special edition of The Sovereign, we are also honouring the end of a remarkable reign with the remaining coins struck for Queen Elizabeth II. With only limited time left to collect these coins from The Royal Mint, it gives collectors a chance to own a piece of minting history.

“Preserving high standards of craftsmanship for future generations is something we feel extremely passionate about, which is why Gordon Summers, our Chief Engraver, attended London Craft Week in May 2023. Championing the craft of carving and engraving, the event was a success and came months after we announced a partnership with Heritage Crafts to award four bursaries to preserve and champion traditional craft skills related to precious metals.

“An ‘out-of-this-world’ four-coin collection arrives at The Royal Mint as we celebrate the

hugely popular *Star Wars* film franchise on UK coins for the first time, which involved a launch event that was live streamed on social media to a global audience. We also pay tribute to the revered British writer, poet and scholar JRR Tolkien. From collecting advice to guidance on investing in gold, this issue of *Mint Edition* offers something from all corners of the numismatic world; I hope you enjoy reading it.”

Anne Jessopp, Deputy Master and Chief Executive of The Royal Mint



# A Sovereign Fit for a King

Celebrate the momentous coronation of King Charles III with the first Sovereign to feature the crowned coinage portrait of His Majesty designed by Martin Jennings.



The Coronation of  
His Majesty King Charles III  
THE HALF-SOVEREIGN  
2023 GOLD PROOF COIN

Code:  
CSVH23

Price:  
£385.00

LEP:  
2,500

MCM:  
5,405

The Coronation of  
His Majesty King Charles III  
THE QUARTER-SOVEREIGN  
2023 GOLD PROOF COIN

Code:  
CSVQ23

Price:  
£235.00

LEP:  
1,750

MCM:  
4,655

# A Sovereign Fit for a King

From its introduction during the reign of Henry VII, its subsequent replacement by James I and its eventual revival during the reign of George III, the story of The Sovereign has been told various times. As such, numismatists and coin collectors know the history of the coin well. However, with such emphasis placed on the world of historical coinage, it can be easy to overlook the numismatic history we are experiencing today.

The coins of His Majesty's reign represent history in the making and The Sovereign is no exception. When the coinage portrait of The King first appeared on the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Sovereign in 2022, His Majesty became the latest in a long line of monarchs to appear on The Sovereign. Whilst the 2022 Sovereign featuring The King's portrait honoured the passing of His Majesty's mother, the release of the 2023 Coronation Sovereign commemorates The King's historic coronation, which took place on 6 May 2023.

Serving as a symbol of an important milestone in the reign of Britain's oldest ascending monarch, the 2023 Coronation Sovereign is of notable significance for a number of

numismatic reasons. Firstly, the release of this collection marks only the second occasion a Sovereign has featured a portrait of King Charles III. Secondly, unlike previous coins bearing His Majesty's likeness, its obverse displays a crowned coinage portrait of The King in keeping with the ceremonial importance of the event it commemorates. Designed by Martin Jennings, the same artist behind the official coinage portrait of His Majesty that made its debut in 2022, this new design shows the monarch facing left, as per tradition, wearing a crown.

The 2023 Coronation Sovereign also rekindles a classic Sovereign custom with the inclusion of Benedetto Pistrucci's St George and the dragon design on the reverse of the coin. First appearing on The Sovereign in 1817, it has become a recurring staple on the reverse of the coin. However, Jean Baptiste Merlen's crowned shield of the Royal Arms replaced Pistrucci's design in 1825 and remained on the coin for almost half a century. Pistrucci's design eventually returned in 1871, during Queen Victoria's reign, and has appeared on the 'chief coin of the world' ever since, apart from on a few select occasions.

Departures from Pistrucci's iconic design typically take place when we release special editions of The Sovereign that commemorate significant events, such as an anniversary of the coin or a special royal event. In keeping with this trend, the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Sovereign released in 2022 featured a new version of the Royal Coat of Arms. Designed by Jody Clark, the designer behind the fifth and final definitive coinage portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, the reverse of the coin depicts two heraldic beasts – the Lion of England and the Unicorn of Scotland – flanking a crowned shield.

In addition to featuring the crowned coinage portrait, the 2023 Coronation Sovereign is also notable as it is the first Sovereign of King Charles III's reign to feature Pistrucci's iconic St George and the dragon design. With so many firsts associated with this release, it is a coin that numismatists and collectors will appreciate today, tomorrow and for many years to come.



The Coronation of  
His Majesty King Charles III  
2023 UK £5 BRILLIANT  
UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code:  
UK23KCBU

Price:  
£14.50

LEP:  
Unlimited

MCM:  
Unlimited

The Coronation of  
His Majesty King Charles III  
2023 UK 50p BRILLIANT  
UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code:  
UK23K50BU

Price:  
£11.00

LEP:  
Unlimited

MCM:  
Unlimited



# The Coronation 2023 Bullion Coin Range



Celebrate the historic coronation of King Charles III with The Coronation 2023 Bullion Coin Range. Featuring our flagship Britannia and Sovereign bullion coins,

the range also includes our Coronation bullion coin, which features an exclusive reverse design depicting His Majesty's royal cypher. The obverse of each coin features the

official crowned coinage portrait of The King, exclusively designed by Martin Jennings for The Royal Mint and only available as part of our Coronation UK Coin Collection.



The Coronation of  
His Majesty King Charles III  
2023 1oz GOLD BULLION COIN

The Coronation  
Britannia  
2023 1oz GOLD BULLION COIN

The Coronation of  
His Majesty King Charles III  
2023 1oz SILVER BULLION COIN

Code:	Price:	MCM:
BKCC23G1	From £1,660.69*	7,500

Code:	Price:	MCM:
UKB23CBG1	From £1,660.69*	10,000

Code:	Price:	MCM:
BKCC23S1	From £28.90*	150,000

\*Bullion product prices displayed include the precious metal price at the time this brochure was printed and any applicable premium. The precious metal price is subject to change, dependent on the gold, silver or platinum price recorded on the date and time of your order. Any promotions or discounts are applied to the premium above the precious metal price only and not on the metal price itself.



# Invest in a Symbol of Unity

Celebrate and mark the anniversary of His Majesty King Charles III's accession to the British throne with The Royal Mint's upcoming gold and silver bullion minted bar range. Expertly struck and available in limited mintages, each bar features the cypher of King Charles III and an intricate design that depicts the four heraldic beasts of the United Kingdom.

The design by Thomas T. Docherty features the heraldic symbols and flowers of the United Kingdom surrounding the Tudor Crown in the centre. The crowned Lion of England, Unicorn of Scotland, Dragon of Wales and Elk of Northern Ireland all form part of this breathtaking regal design.



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Managing your investments is not just about knowing when to buy; it's also important to know when to sell. Through our safe and secure online process, The Royal Mint will buy your bullion coins and bars at a competitive rate based on live precious metal prices.

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Collect the Remaining Coins from a Remarkable Reign

# Collect the Remaining Coins from a Remarkable Reign

In 2022, we struck coins celebrating diverse themes, from *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* to the 50th anniversary of Pride, making

these ranges the last to bear a coinage portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. Collect some of the last coins struck during the monarch's truly

remarkable reign, which are available in limited numbers and will no longer be available from The Royal Mint after 31 December 2023.





# Collect the Remaining Coins from a Remarkable Reign



British Monarchs  
COIN SERIES

The British Monarchs Collection uniquely celebrates iconic kings and queens by providing a numismatic snapshot of their respective reigns through coin designs of yesteryear.



Harry Potter  
COIN SERIES

Struck to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the publication of *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, this four-coin collection features coinage portraits of Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III.



The Platinum Jubilee of  
Her Majesty The Queen  
COIN SERIES

Celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's record-breaking milestone with The Royal Mint's spectacular collection of commemorative coins and sets.

## Music Legends

From Queen and Elton John to David Bowie and The Who, our Music Legends collection has gone from strength to strength, growing into a veritable who's who of British rock music. In 2022, that list grew once more

with arguably the biggest rock 'n' roll band of them all – The Rolling Stones.

The Rolling Stones coin will no longer be available to collect from The Royal Mint

after 31 December 2023, so don't miss your chance of owning a coin that celebrates 'The Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band in the World'.



The Rolling Stones  
2022 UK 1oz GOLD  
PROOF COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK22RS1GP	350
Price:	MCM:
£2,770.00	360



The Rolling Stones  
2022 UK 1oz SILVER  
PROOF COLOUR COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK22RS1S	8,000
Price:	MCM:
£107.50	8,010



The Rolling Stones  
2022 UK £5 BRILLIANT  
UNCIRCULATED COLOUR COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK22RS1BC	10,000
Price:	MCM:
£23.50	10,000

ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL  
31 DECEMBER 2023

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MUSIC LEGENDS

# Dame Shirley Bassey

Born in Cardiff's Tiger Bay and rising from humble beginnings, Dame Shirley Bassey has established herself as a force of nature in the world of music and show business.

Her illustrious career has spanned seven decades and her unique voice has mesmerised audiences all over the world, including presidents, monarchs and even secret agents. In addition,

Dame Shirley's individuality combined with her chic and glamorous style has complemented her innate vocal talent throughout her career.

In 2023, Dame Shirley Bassey celebrates 70 years in the world of show business and we have struck a coin in the country of the superstar's birth to mark the occasion.

Featuring a reverse design by the experienced designer Sue Aperghis, the coin is available as a two-ounce, one ounce and quarter-ounce gold Proof edition, a two-ounce silver Proof edition, a one ounce silver Proof colour edition and a £5 Brilliant Uncirculated edition.



Dame Shirley Bassey  
2023 UK 1oz GOLD  
PROOF COIN

Code: UK23SB1GP	LEP: 150
Price: £2,770.00	MCM: 160

Dame Shirley Bassey  
2023 UK 1/4oz GOLD  
PROOF COIN

Code: UK23SBQGP	LEP: 350
Price: £750.00	MCM: 410

Dame Shirley Bassey  
2023 UK 1oz SILVER  
PROOF COLOUR COIN

Code: UK23SB1SP	LEP: 2,500
Price: £107.50	MCM: 3,260

Dame Shirley Bassey  
2023 UK £5 BRILLIANT  
UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code: UK23SBBU	LEP: Unlimited
Price: £14.50	MCM: Unlimited



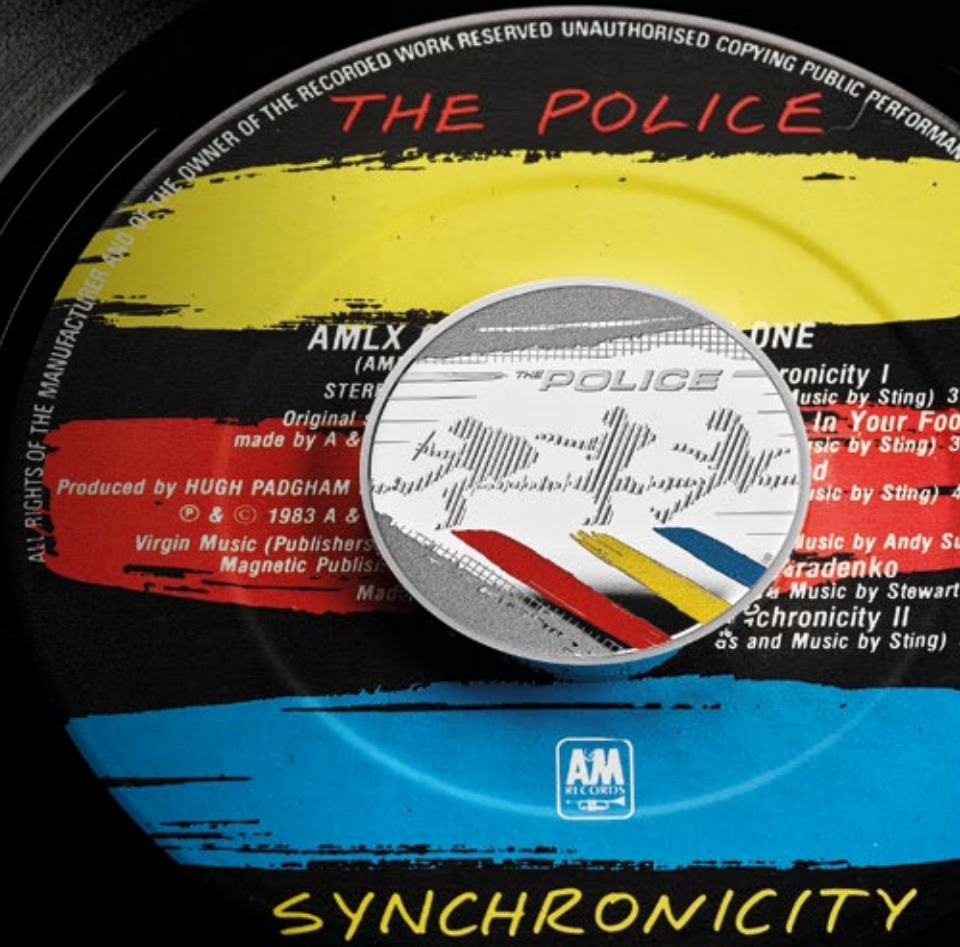
MUSIC LEGENDS

# The Police

From their early beginnings, The Police were a maverick live band that galvanized an impressive studio sound into something otherworldly when performing.

Combining controlled energy and evocative melodies, Sting, Stewart Copeland and Andy Summers played with the improvisational instincts of a jazz trio and the raw energy of a punk rock band that blended to make them one of the definitive rock groups of the 1970s and 1980s. Now, we commemorate 'the biggest band in the world' on a UK coin for the first time.

Featuring a brand-new design, the coin is available as gold Proof, silver Proof and Brilliant Uncirculated editions. The reverse of the coin celebrates the band and authentically conveys their musical style, performance and energy, whilst taking inspiration from the album cover of their iconic and final album, *Synchronicity*. The obverse of the coin features the official coinage portrait of King Charles III designed by Martin Jennings.



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The Police

2023 UK 1oz GOLD PROOF COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK23P1GP	300
Price:	MCM:
£2,770.00	310

The Police

2023 UK 1/4oz GOLD PROOF COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK23PQGP	500
Price:	MCM:
£750.00	510

The Police

2023 UK 1oz SILVER PROOF COLOUR COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK23P1SP	6,000
Price:	MCM:
£107.50	6,010

The Police

2023 UK £5 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code:	LEP:
UK23PBU	Unlimited
Price:	MCM:
£14.50	Unlimited



# The Star Wars Coin Collection

Capturing the hearts of millions around the world, the *Star Wars*<sup>™</sup> films make up one of the most popular franchises in cinematic history. Now, *Star Wars* makes it numismatic debut with our coin collection dedicated to some of the original trilogy's most iconic duos.

In the history of cinema, few movie franchises can boast the success, global acclaim and incredible longevity of *Star Wars*. A true worldwide phenomenon, this timeless space opera saga has exploded in popularity over the last 45 years with a level of fandom that continues to reach new heights with its continued exposure to each new generation of viewers.

Despite being the brainchild of American moviemaker George Lucas, the *Star Wars* franchise has many links to the UK, which

chiefly stem from the roots of the original *Star Wars* trilogy. Whilst the unique and wonderful scenery of the trilogy is set in a fictional galaxy, Borehamwood's Elstree Studios in Hertfordshire, England, was often the place where these intergalactic landscapes were built, and where much of the first three movies was filmed.

Since then, Elstree has become synonymous with *Star Wars* and there is even a large sound stage named after George Lucas in tribute to the influential director. Whilst the remaining



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films in the larger 'Skywalker Saga' (namely the prequel and sequel trilogies) weren't filmed at the studios, the relationship with Elstree has seemingly come full circle with the release of the *Star Wars* spin-off series *Andor*<sup>™</sup>. Season two of the Disney+ production returned to the studios in 2022 for a large part of the shooting, bringing the story back to where it all began.

The British connection doesn't end with the shooting location, as it also extends to the cast and crew. With the bulk of the original trilogy filmed in the UK, it made sense from a logistical and financial standpoint for George Lucas to use British actors and workers in his production. As a result, a large portion of the cast was British, including those who played some of the most iconic characters in the history of the *Star Wars* franchise.



**STAR  
WARS**

## Discover a New Galaxy of Coins

### STAR WARS COIN COLLECTION

Capturing the hearts of millions around the world, the *Star Wars*<sup>™</sup> films make up one of the most popular franchises in cinematic history. Now, for the first time, the iconic characters of the original *Star Wars* trilogy feature on official UK coins as part of an exciting, four-coin collection.



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# Celebrating the Life and Work of JRR Tolkien

Inventing a credible world that exists entirely in the realm of fantasy requires a powerful imagination and, in the case of John Ronald Reuel Tolkien, an abundance of intellect.



Before writing immensely popular works of fantasy fiction such as *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, Tolkien's mastery of languages positioned him well for his career in philology, the study of languages. Although he was well respected as an academic and scholar, first at the University of Leeds and later as a Professor at the University of Oxford, the publication of *The Hobbit* in 1937 set Tolkien on the road to global recognition. The classic fantasy tale has been a permanent fixture on children's reading lists since its release and was followed in 1954–55 by the immensely popular

*The Lord of the Rings*, which is widely regarded as the blueprint for modern fantasy fiction.

Whilst the fantasy world of Middle-earth and its rich mythology brought Tolkien's writing and storytelling talents to the attention of a global audience, years earlier he experienced the brutal reality of the First World War. Serving as a Second Lieutenant in the Lancashire Fusiliers, he went on active duty at the Western Front, enduring four months of trench warfare as part of the Somme offensive.

Tolkien passed away in 1973 although, 50 years later, the father of modern fantasy fiction still has a palpable influence on the genre. His trademark monogram, encircled by a runic pattern skilfully created by the artist David Lawrence, will forever grace this commemorative UK £2 coin. 'NOT ALL THOSE WHO WANDER ARE LOST', a quote from the poem 'The Riddle of Strider', which features in Tolkien's *The Fellowship of the Ring*, serves as the coin's edge inscription.



Celebrating the Life and Work of JRR Tolkien  
2023 UK £2 GOLD PROOF COIN

Code: UK23JTGP	LEP: 225
Price: £1,250.00	MCM: 385

Celebrating the Life and Work of JRR Tolkien  
2023 UK £2 SILVER PROOF PIEDFORT COIN

Code: UK23JTGF	LEP: 2,000
Price: £127.50	MCM: 2,410

Celebrating the Life and Work of JRR Tolkien  
2023 UK £2 SILVER PROOF COIN

Code: UK23JTSP	LEP: 4,500
Price: £77.50	MCM: 5,160

Celebrating the Life and Work of JRR Tolkien  
2023 UK £2 BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED COIN

Code: UK23JTBU	LEP: Unlimited
Price: £12.00	MCM: Unlimited



## 2023 Annual Sets

## Collect the Individual Coins



75 Years of the Windrush Generation  
2023 UK 50p BRILLIANT  
UNCIRCULATED COLOUR COIN

Code:  
UK23WGBC

Price:  
£20.00

LEP:  
10,000

MCM:  
Unlimited



The Centenary of Flying Scotsman  
2023 UK £2 SILVER PROOF  
COLOUR COIN

Code:  
UK23FSSP

Price:  
£87.50

LEP:  
4,472

MCM:  
5,782



Register your interest to be notified about the individual launch of The 75th Birthday of His Majesty King Charles III 2023 £5 coin.



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# 2023 Annual Sets

Own some of the year's biggest coin releases in one commemorative set with the 2023 Annual Sets, honouring icons, events and anniversaries of British cultural and historic significance.

We celebrate the 75th birthday of King Charles III alongside the life and legacy of the writer JRR Tolkien. We also commemorate the centenary of

the world's most famous steam locomotive, *Flying Scotsman*, the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Windrush generation, and 75 years of the NHS.

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**CROWNED**  
 III  
 THE MAKING OF A MONARCH

# Celebrating The King's Coronation at The Royal Mint Experience

As the clock struck 12am on Saturday, 6 May 2023, The Royal Mint Experience embarked on the first tour of its 24-hour event celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. Visitors arrived before sunrise and after sunset, as tours commenced every 20 minutes throughout the day.

Those in attendance had the opportunity to strike their own Brilliant Uncirculated Coronation UK 50p coins, housed in exclusive packaging only available between midnight and 11.59pm on the day of the coronation. They were also amongst the first to experience 'Crowned: The Making of a Monarch', a brand-new exhibition that explores coronation traditions and The Royal Mint's

role during changes in the British monarchy. Highlights of this exhibition include a shield containing a coin from every reign since William I (r. 1066–87) through to King Charles III, as well as the opportunity to sit in a replica of the Coronation Chair.

Every area of The Royal Mint Experience was involved in the event – even the car park was

transformed into a fairground with classic games, including hook-a-duck and tin can alley. 'Urban Markets' also joined the festivities, providing stalls selling a range of local produce, including crafts, food and dog treats. Our café also offered a celebratory range of snacks fit for a street party, which visitors enjoyed as they watched the coronation unfold live on screens around the venue.

# Mint Matters

## Go Team Wales!

We are producing 140 medallions for the Team Wales youth team, who are participating in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago. The team will attend a presentation ceremony at The Royal Mint Experience on 2 September 2023, which members of the public can attend to celebrate and welcome the team home.

The medallion is the first we have created with a lenticular feature, which shows the flames within the design change to '2023' in commemoration of this year's Commonwealth Youth Games.



## London Craft Week

On Tuesday, 9 May 2023, we held an intimate engraving workshop and talk at London Craft Week led by our Chief Engraver, Gordon Summers. Participants learnt the age-old skills of carving and engraving on plaster moulds with a design of their choice. The aim of our partnership with London Craft Week is to demonstrate and communicate our commitment to sustainability through our support of craftspeople and important industry initiatives. With this in mind, we were really pleased that our workshop engaged with a new and diverse audience. All proceeds from our London Craft Week event will be donated to our partner Heritage Crafts, an advocacy body for endangered crafts in the UK.



## Supporting NHS Charities Together

The National Health Service (NHS) has been at the heart of British society since 1948. Supporting millions of people through the best and worst times of their lives, it provides care to all when it is needed the most, regardless of their financial circumstances.

In gratitude to the service's 75 years of care, dedication and devotion, we have pledged that NHS Charities Together will receive 100% of the net proceeds from the sale of each 75 Years of the NHS 2023 UK 50p coin.

NHS Charities Together is a national charity that provides support to NHS staff, patients and communities. Working with more than 230 NHS charities throughout the UK, it ensures that funds raised go where they are needed the most. From providing counselling support and training for staff to investing in specialist medical equipment, NHS Charities Together helps the NHS go further so that everyone can have both better health and care. Collect the coin today: [royalmint.com/nhs](http://royalmint.com/nhs)



Pictured from left to right, each holding the NHS 75th Anniversary 50p: Ellie Orton OBE, CEO of NHS Charities Together, Alice Lediard, designer of the NHS 50p, and Amanda Pritchard, CEO of NHS England.



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# Uncover the Stories Behind Your Collections

With more than 1,100 years of experience making British coins, The Royal Mint is at the heart of collecting. Collecting is a varied and rewarding hobby that allows you to explore your passion in more detail, curating a collection that ignites your imagination.

Perhaps you started your collecting journey when you discovered The Royal Mint had commemorated one of your favourite themes on a coin? However you got started, there is so much more to the coins in your collection than their face value.



# Uncover the Stories Behind Your Collections

Each coin comes with a story, steeped in the history of how it was made and why that theme became commemorated on coinage. Even circulating coins have their own fascinating stories. You can trace the story of the British monarchy through the coinage portraits that appear on the obverse of circulating coins, from Alfred the Great to Britain's more recent monarchs.

The coinage of Queen Elizabeth II is an interesting example, as it featured five portraits during her reign.



Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne in 1952 and went on to reign for more than 70 years. During this time, the coinage of Queen Elizabeth II saw some significant changes. Mary Gillick designed the first coinage portrait of the monarch and – even though it was replaced after decimalisation – the beautiful portrait remained on Maundy money until the end of her reign.

Decimalisation was the biggest change to the nation's coinage throughout its history. This saw the United Kingdom adopt a decimal currency to replace the system of pounds, shillings and pence that had been in place for centuries. To complete this enormous task, The Royal Mint had to relocate to larger, purpose-built premises in Llantrisant, South Wales.

A coinage portrait designed by Arnold Machin RA replaced the Mary Gillick portrait. Machin also designed a new portrait for British stamps, and the artist used the coinage portrait he had created for inspiration. The new portrait remained on stamps until the end of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Three more portraits featured on the coinage of Queen Elizabeth II during her reign until her sad passing in September 2022, when His Majesty King Charles III acceded to the throne.

The accessions and successions of monarchs is only one of many stories that coins can tell. The introduction of new denominations holds a wealth of information too, such as our flagship coin, The Sovereign. First introduced during the reign of Henry VII, the king chose the name 'Sovereign' for his 'new money of gold' to establish the legitimacy and authority of the new Tudor dynasty. The Sovereign was replaced during the reign of James I by another gold coin and was then reintroduced during the reign of George III, when the need arose for a coin with a value of 20 shillings.



Benedetto Pistrucci's St George and the dragon design

Italian engraver Benedetto Pistrucci was commissioned to design the reverse for this new Sovereign, and his famous St George and the dragon design was the result of much hard work between the engraver and the Master of the Mint, William Wellesley Pole. This beautiful design has since enjoyed longevity, appearing on Sovereigns struck for every monarch since the reign of Queen Victoria. It has only been replaced very rarely in favour of one-year issues marking special occasions for the British monarchy.

These are but a few of the many exciting stories hidden in coinage crafted throughout the centuries. Whatever your chosen collection, there is a rich history behind every coin, ready for you to explore and unravel. With The Royal Mint's deep-rooted history in British coinage, you can get to the heart of your collections by discovering the compelling history behind the rare coins in your possession.



The Royal Mint Starter Set  
THE PRE-DECIMAL COINAGE  
OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Code:  
HISSSPDSET

Price:  
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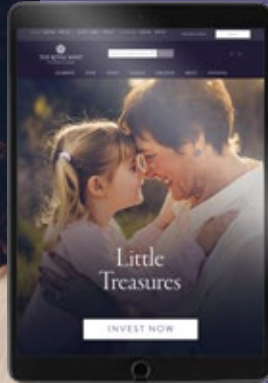




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