

PRE – DECIMAL VALUE MACHINS CONTINUE

5 MARCH 1969

In 1969 a second series of pre – decimal were issued. These stamps were larger and squarer than the first issue with perforation is 12 x 12.

A 2s6d stamp in Brown, 5s stamp in Crimson Lake, 10s stamp in Deep Ultramarine and a £1 stamp in bluish black.



THE DECIMAL VALUE MACHINS

17th JUNE 1970

The next significant milestone of these stamps occurred in 1970 to 1972 when the first decimal values were issued.

Four values of the Machin stamp were issued.

A 10p stamp in cerise, a 20p stamp in olive green, a 50p stamp in deep ultramarine and a £1 stamp in bluish black.



15 FEBRUARY 1971

The second decimal series were issued from 1971 to 1996.

The size of the stamps were smaller than the first issue. The most striking aspect of this series is the rainbow of colours.

Since the designs are all identical (or nearly so), it was critical that each denomination be produced in an easily distinguished colour.

Phosphor bands, left, centre, right and two band were introduced as a preventative measure to curb forgery.

