

The Collector

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Dear Collector

Welcome to the second edition of The Collector magazine for 2019, which previews a very interesting mix of stamp issues planned for the coming three months.

Whether you are a keen bird watching enthusiast or just a person that delights in the presence of birds in your garden and locality, our two attractive stamps celebrating 'National Birds' (see Page 4) are sure to prove popular.

We mark a milestone event in transatlantic aviation on June 13 when we issue a special stamp (see Page 5) to celebrate the centenary of the first non-stop crossing of the Atlantic by aeroplane. The stamp commemorates the momentous achievement by Alcock and Brown, who landed at Clifden in County Galway on June 15, 1919.

Irish songs, singers and songwriters have made a huge contribution to Irish life and our national identity over the years. On May 2, we acknowledge this role by issuing a set of four stamps on the theme of 'Great Irish Songs' - see Pages 6 and 7 for further details. The stamps are designed to be a further, imaginative way of highlighting the stories associated with each iconic track while also intensifying our engagement with customers.

Aileen Mooney, Irish Stamps

News and information

An Post at Stampex International 2019

Stampex is the UK's largest philatelic exhibition bringing together stamp dealers and specialists all under one roof.

An Post received a warm welcome and the team manning our exhibition stand have been kept busy offering advice and information to stamp enthusiasts on all things philately related.

The four-day event which took place from 13-16 February, brings together both stamp lovers and the general public who want to learn more about the history of stamps, stamp products and the hobby itself from Post Offices and leading philatelic brands from around the world.



2019 Spring Stamp and Coin Show

The Spring Stamp and Coin Show will take place Sunday, April 14 in the Clyde Hall at the RDS Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

This is a great opportunity for Philatelists to come and search for stamps to fill the gaps in their collections. An Post will be in attendance with all their latest philatelic products on sale and customers who spend €50 or more with us will receive a complimentary miniature sheet.

A limited edition Love & Marriage stamp booklet with a special overprint will be on sale at the event. A free expert valuation service for your collections of stamps, postcards, coins, old letters, medals and any collectable items will also be available. For further information contact Michael Kelly at 086 871 4880.



New Postal Rates

From 25 February 2019 new postal rates have applied across our mail products. For Standard Post items up to 100g the rate of €1.00 for Domestic Mail is unchanged, however for International Mail items up to 100g this rate is now €1.70. Find out more at anpost.com/Rates2019

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Stamp Code 1906N **€1.00**
Sheetlet of 8
Code 1906N **€8.00**



Stamp Code 1906W **€1.00**
Sheetlet of 8
Code 1906W **€13.60**



Miniature Sheet Code 1906MS **€2.70**



First Day Cover Code 1906FDC **€3.70**



EUROPA – National Birds

Birds are a critical feature of the natural world and a treat awaits all lovers of the species on April 11 when we issue two stamps celebrating our 'National Birds'. This is the common theme chosen by European Post Offices (PostEurop) for 2019. The stamps are based on paintings of the seabird, Roseate Tern and the wader, Golden Plover. The former has slender narrow pointed wings, long-forked tail and pointed bill while the latter features golden brown upperparts, which look grey at close range.

Did you know?

Both birds feature on a list of Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland (BoCCI) 2014-2019 published by BirdWatch Ireland and the RSPB NI. The Golden Plover is one of 37 birds on the 'red list' (high concern); the Roseate Tern is among 91 birds on the 'amber list' (medium concern).

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	April 11, 2019
Values and Quantities	N (122k) W (94k) Miniature Sheet (15k)
Illustration and Photography	Killian Mullarney
Design	Design HQ
Stamp Size	30mm x 51mm
Miniature sheet size	150mm x 90mm
Paper	TR 102gsm Yellow Green Phosphor PVA gum
Colour	Multicolour
Make-up	Sheetlets of 8
Perforations	13.3 x 13.3
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing

Stamp Code 1908W €1.70



First Day Cover Code 1908FDC €2.70



Sheetlet Code 1908W €27.20



Centenary of the first transatlantic flight

Transatlantic flights are taken for granted today; thousands of aircraft make the crossing daily. However, our stamp issue on June 13 commemorates a momentous event in transatlantic aviation - the first non-stop flight achieved by British airmen, Alcock and Brown. On June 15, 1919, they landed at Clifden, County Galway following a 16-hour flight from St John's, Newfoundland. Flying a Vickers Vimy biplane carrying 865 gallons of petrol and 40 gallons of oil, they won a £10,000 Daily Mail challenge prize for their feat.

Did you know?

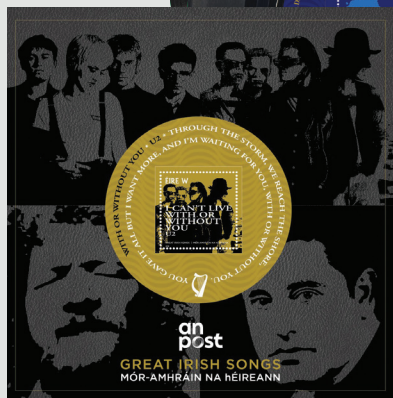
Alcock and Brown carried an official mail bag containing private letters on board - the first transatlantic airmail in history. Included was a letter from Alcock to his sister, Elsie. Special red 15-cent Cabot stamps, marked 'Air Post, 1919. One Dollar', were overprinted for the flight (Cabot was a 15th-century explorer who discovered what would become known as Newfoundland).

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	June 13, 2019
Value and Quantity	W (94k)
Illustration	Vincent Killowry
Design	Design HQ
Stamp Size	51mm x 30mm
Paper	TR Yellow Green Phosphor PVA Gum
Colour	Multicolour
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13 x 13
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing

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Great Irish Songs
Collectors Pack of
4 Stamp Discs
Code 1907PP €17.00



Great Irish Songs

Ireland is noted the world over for its unique cultural heritage and nothing communicates this aspect of national identity better than the country's much-loved songs. On May 2, we issue a set of stamps that celebrate four iconic and internationally recognised songs, performed by renowned Irish artistes. The 'Great Irish Songs' issue highlights the power of the stamp to tell a story. The songs featured are Danny Boy (John McCormack); On Raglan Road (Luke Kelly); With or Without You (U2) and Dreams (The Cranberries).

First Day Cover Code 1907FDC €6.40



Stamp Code 1907N1 €1.00



Stamp Code 1907N2 €1.00



Stamp Code 1907W1 €1.70



Stamp Code 1907W2 €1.70



Dreams Sheetlet Code 1907N1 €16.00



On Raglan Road Sheetlet Code 1907N2 €16.00



With or Without You Sheetlet Code 1907W1 €27.20



Danny By Sheetlet Code 1907W2 €27.20

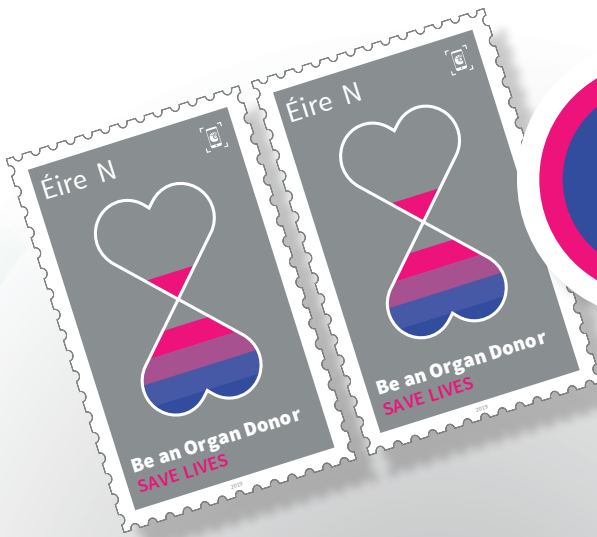


Did you know?

Patrick Kavanagh, who wrote On Raglan Road as a poem in 1946, suggested to Luke Kelly in The Bailey pub in Dublin that he should sing the composition to the music of the traditional song, 'The Dawning of the Day' (Fáinne Geal an Lae).

Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	May 2, 2019
Values and Quantities	N: Raglan Road (94k); Dreams (150k) W: Danny Boy (94k); With or Without You (250k)
Design	AMP Visual
Stamp Size	Stamp – 36mm x 36mm
Paper	Stamp – TR 102gsm PVA gum
Colour	Stamp – Multicolour with bright shiny gold foil (400I) and phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	13.3 x 13.3
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Cartor Security Printing



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