



2025 LUNDY STAMP ISSUE – LUNDY BIRD OBSERVATORY

Dear Lundy friend,

Lundy is a heaven for ground-nesting birds, migration and far-flung vagrants alike. The recovery of Lundy’s seabirds since 2003 has been significant, recently becoming the third largest cliff-nesting seabird colony in English waters.

In 2023, Lundy rejoined the network of bird observatories in Britain and Ireland. As a proud member, Lundy is committed to the long-term study of bird populations and migration. A Bird Warden conducts the daily census, coordinates ornithological research, ringing and education.

This spring we are celebrating our regained Bird Observatory status with a new set of five Lundy stamps. We have chosen to depict birds which, when in season, can be spotted across the island when you visit Lundy on a day trip or longer stay.

The new issue has been designed and drawn by Bideford artist Sharon Read in collaboration with Lars Liwendahl, our Postal and Stamp Advisor. The final artworks and watercolours were also completed by Sharon Read. Each stamp has the Lundy Bird Observatory logo incorporated in the design. We hope that you will enjoy them as much as we have enjoyed producing them.

Our new stamps will be issued on 11th March 2025, and comprise the following:

40 puffin	Oystercatchers	ROW	Guillemots & Razorbills
2 nd class	Puffins	350 puffin	Waxwing
1 st class	House Sparrows		

With the Royal Mail regularly changing their rates, we have a need for 1st, 2nd & ROW (Rest of the World) denominations.

Lundy postal rates are currently:

1st class UK = 140 puffin or £1.40. 2nd class UK = 95 puffin or 95 pence.

ROW 265 puffin or £2,65, which all include the Royal Mail-rates

Our new stamps are printed in multicolour and in sheets of 15 (3x5) stamps for each value. The size of each stamp is 45mm x 30 mm (perforation to perforation) and we have used our regular and trusted printers Cartor Security Printing S.A. of Meaucé in France for the production. Cartor is one of the foremost stamp printers in the world, and who always meet the high quality and security required for our iconic stamps.

On the day of issue there will be a special post office open in the Marisco Tavern. A first day cancel, designed by Jan-Erik Wellerfors, showing a puffin, part of the Bird Observatory logo/emblem, will be used specifically for this day.

Stamp quantities produced for the new issue are: 27,000 (2nd and 1st class) and 12,000 (ROW, 40 and 350 puffin). 500 FDC and 500 presentation packs will also be produced for collectors.

A complete set of the new stamps will cost £8.90 (face value). Specially printed First Day Covers and Presentation Packs with a complete set of stamps are available at £10.50 each. Mint or cancelled to order stamps in blocks or sheets of any / all values are available at face value.

We also would like to remind collectors that a limited quantity of 500 Presentation Packs for the 2017 Bird issue was reissued in November last year, reprinted with new text and a new colour. These are available at £5.80 using our stamp order form.

The Lundy Collectors Club meeting on Lundy

Our new stamp issue will be launched during the Lundy Collectors Club visit to the island from 10-14th March. This “stamp week” has normally taken place every two or three years since 1992 and during the week, all posted mail will have a special cancel. A special postcard is also issued this week, depicting different designs and sketches used for the 2023 & 2025 stamp issues. This card comes in two versions, unused or franked & cancelled with the special cancel of the week.

New easier payment

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Orders can be placed by sending your completed order form by post to Lundy Postal Service, Lundy, Bristol Channel, EX39 2LY.

Alternatively, you can also email a copy of your completed form to:
lundypostalservice@lundyisland.co.uk

As well as paying by cheque or by card over the phone, you can now simply tick the order form to pay online. Once we receive your order, we'll send you a link by E-Mail and direct you to our secure payment site. On receipt of payment, we'll dispatch your order as soon as possible.

With spring around the corner, our first migrant and seabirds are due to arrive soon to take up summer residence. Over the winter, apart from battling more frequent storms we seem to be experiencing, we've been busy upgrading and renewing the islands power control system in readiness for the coming season and an ambitious renewable energy system. After our recent winter maintenance closure, we're looking forward to welcoming visitors back to the island again and hope you'll also be able to pay us a visit.

All The Very Best from Lundy!

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