

# The Collector

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## Dear Collector

Welcome to our final edition of *The Collector for 2020*, a year like no other in our lives and in Irish society. I hope that you continue to take care, keeping safe and well.

While our Christmas stamps are full of colour, including both everyday and spiritual scenes, the extraordinary circumstances that the country has faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are also reflected in our set of six Christmas stamps. Available from November 5th, the set includes images that acknowledges citizenship, community and family.

Turn to Page 6 to read about how people baking together and hosting virtual Christmas parties are among the themes reflected in the Seasonal stamp offering this year. The hug, a symbol of personal contact and connection in this year's Christmas stamps, is captured in the Nativity scene.

An Post is glad to be able to play our part in the ongoing nationwide effort during the year and the image of a post person checking in on a customer also features on the Christmas stamps.

While our stamp issues this quarter are limited in number, there is a very special treat awaiting all stamp collectors and music followers on October 15. On that date, we issue a booklet of four stamps to celebrate the remarkable global impact of Ireland's U2 rock band since their formation in 1976.

Through a series of iconic visual representations, the stamps reflect, in a most vivid manner, four of the band's albums released, one per decade, between 1976 and 2020. On Page 4, you can read in more detail how these stamps each represent a different era in the band's evolution.

A special panoramic stamp, inset within a miniature sheet marks the impact U2 on cultural life and the country's contribution to the global musical industry. Be sure not to miss out on this special set!

On Page 8, you can get a sneak preview of our exciting end-of-year product offerings, the highlight of which will be our 2020 Stamp Yearbook.

You will be naturally curious about the process that is followed for the design of each stamp, and the priorities and challenges involved. This year's Yearbook offers a special insight from key personnel in our Philatelic Advisory Committee and Stamp Design Advisory Committee, contributing their thoughts and experiences regarding the 2020 stamp programme.

Don't miss out on this prestige publication - place your orders in good time! And, for that truly unique gift, why not consider the special luxury edition of the Yearbook? For details of the latter, and other attractive end-of-year products - the Yearpack, with all commemorative stamps issued in 2020, and the First Day Cover Collection of all issues during the year - see Page 9 for details.

Aileen Mooney, An Post Stamps

## News and Information

### STAMPA AND CORK STAMP & COIN EXHIBITION 2020

STAMPA and the Cork Stamp & Coin Exhibition 2020 will not take place in 2020 due to the current Coronavirus pandemic. It was agreed by all committee's members to follow the Health Service Executive advice regarding hosting an event such as Stampa and the Cork Stamp & Coin Exhibition. The organisers look forward to coming back in 2021.

### An Post Stamps Celebrate 25 Years of Father Ted

Father Ted cast member, actor and author Pauline McLynn welcomed the new stamps: "I'm delighted with the recognition Father Ted is receiving through these gorgeous stamps from An Post. The stamps are comical, colourful and capture the humour of Father Ted, which all of us knew was so special at the time, irreverent, farcical and fun! The legacy of the show and everyone involved with it lives on with Father Ted's ongoing success and influence on language, on comedy writing and on generations of fans."

Get your Father Ted stamps today online at [anpost.com/fatherted](https://anpost.com/fatherted)



# U2 - A Celebration

On October 15, 2020, An Post issued a set of four stamps to celebrate U2's long and distinguished career. Designed by Shaughn McGrath Creative, each stamp represents a different era from U2's musical journey and reflects four of the band's most memorable albums. The FDC features a photograph of U2 performing at the Dandelion Market, Dublin, 1979.



'The Joshua Tree', released in 1987, was arguably U2's first masterpiece album and put them on the cover of 'Time Magazine' as 'Rock's Hottest Ticket'. Central on the stamp is a silhouette of a lone Joshua tree with its iconic cruciform shape and unique grandeur.

'Achtung Baby' was released in 1991. It's experimental, industrial, darkly lyrical songs were one of the soundtracks of the early 1990s. The iconic achtung 'baby' on the stamp was originally spray painted on the wall of Windmill Lane, where the band recorded much of their early songs and albums.

'All That You Can't Leave Behind' was released in 2000. The soulful album was seen as a return to the band's traditional sound after their more experimental records of the 1990s. The album and the stamp feature an icon of a stylized suitcase with a heart inside it. 'Songs Of Experience' was released in 2017 by a seasoned band of four musicians, looking back. The album cover photography by Anton Corbijn features two of the band member's children holding hands, realised on the stamp as a white silhouette against a graduated blue.

**U2 - A CELEBRATION BOOKLET OF 4 (2 'N' RATE, 2 'W' RATE)**  
Code 2012BK €5.40

**U2 - A CELEBRATION FDC MINISHEET 1**  
Code 2012FDCMS1 €5.40

**U2 - A CELEBRATION FDC MINISHEET 2**  
Code 2012FDCMS2 €5.10

**U2 - A CELEBRATION MINIATURE SHEET (4 STAMPS)**  
Code 2012MS1 €5.40

**U2 - A CELEBRATION SOUVENIR SHEET (U2 360° TOUR)**  
Code 2012MS2 €3.60

**U2 - A CELEBRATION FDC**  
Code 2012FDC €6.90

## Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	October 15, 2020
Value & Quantity	2 x N, 2 x W (1m booklets) Miniature Sheet: 2 x N, 2 x W (60k) €3.60 Souvenir Sheet (60k)
Design	Shaughn McGrath Creative
Size	Stamps: Various. Self-adhesive Miniature sheet: 150mm x 90mm. Souvenir sheet: 150mm x 90mm (stamp: 66mm x 29mm)
Paper	Booklet and Miniature sheet: TR 246gsm. Self-adhesive Litho. Souvenir sheet: TR 102gsm Yellow Green Phosphor PVA gum
Colour	Booklet and Miniature sheet: Multicolour plus Metallic Gold (PMS 872), Cool Grey (PMS 2) and Dark Grey (PMS 438) with phosphor tagging. Souvenir sheet: Multicolour
Special Finish	Booklet and Miniature sheet: Hot foil Silver (Kurz Alufin Special), Gold (Kurz Luxor 232) and UV Lacquer
Perforations	Booklet and Miniature sheet: 13.25 x 13.25 (approx.) (Miniature sheet with holding points). Souvenir sheet: 13.25 x 13.25
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

# Music Stamps

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# Christmas 2020



On November 5, 2020, An Post issued six stamps to celebrate Christmas. Illustrated by Liz Rackard and designed by Detail Design Studio, the stamps feature a mix of traditional Christmas images and contemporary scenes that reference how the COVID-19 pandemic will impact Christmas in Ireland this year.



**CHRISTMAS COLLECTORS STRIP OF 2 ('W' RATE)**  
Code 2013SAS Price €3.40

The designs include images of: A family baking together, a post person check-in, a virtual Christmas party, Santa at night, an Angel and a Nativity scene. These colourful and comforting stamps work to evoke feelings of warmth and 'sending love' at this special time of year.

The stamp designs depict Christmas as a time of festivity, joy and coming together. They also acknowledge the role of families, neighbours, support networks and citizenship who engaged in activities that created a sense of togetherness as the country strived to cope with the past year of uncertainty.

Four of the stamp designs are issued as national (N) rate stamps and two as worldwide (W) stamps. They are available in booklets of 5 and 20 national stamps, a 5 stamp worldwide booklet and a Collectors' Pair of worldwide stamps.



**CHRISTMAS FDC**  
Code 2013FDC Price €8.90

**CHRISTMAS BUNDLE OFFER**  
(20 STAMP BOOKLET AND 5 INTERNATIONAL BOOKLET)  
Code 2013BKPACK Price €26.00

## DID YOU KNOW?

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, An Post undertook a number of initiatives to reach out to the community. Post persons made up to 16,000 home visits a week. Over 1,000 newspaper deliveries were carried out each week while five million postcards were sent to households throughout the country.



**CHRISTMAS BOOKLET OF 20**  
Code 2013BK1 Price €19.00



**CHRISTMAS BOOKLET OF 5 ('W' RATE)**  
Code 2013BK3 Price €8.50



**CHRISTMAS BOOKLET OF 5 ('N' RATE)**  
Code 2013BK2 Price €5.00

## Technical Specifications

Date of Issue	November 5, 2020
Value and Quantities	N Booklet of 20 (1.08m) N Booklet of 5 (1m) W Booklet of 5 (450k) W Collectors' Pair (6k)
Illustration	Liz Rackard
Design	Detail Design Studio
Size	37.5mm x 26mm
Paper	TR 246gsm self-adhesive Litho
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging Collectors' Pair
Perforations	13 x 13 approx.
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé



# 2020 An Post Annual Products

## 2020 Yearbook offers unique insight into stamp designs

A very special edition of our Stamp Yearbook, which will provide a unique insight into the design of the 11 stamp issues during the year, is one of the highlights of our annual stamp products this year.

Stamp enthusiasts will eagerly look forward to reading about what five members of our Stamp Design Advisory Committee have to say about the particular design approach that was adopted for each stamp. Mick O'Dea, SDAC chairman and his fellow members outline the priorities they had in mind, and the design challenges faced, when working with the chosen designers on the various themes.



**2020 AN POST YEARBOOK**  
Code 20YB Price €80.00

They also relate how the finished design treatments produced by the highly talented group of designers, illustrators and artists amounted to an inspired series of stamps that appeal to many different audiences and interests. In the Yearbook, which features superb imagery and graphics, Felix M. Larkin, Chairman of the Philatelic Advisory Committee, also explains the role of the committee in assisting An Post to make recommendations to the Government on the choosing of topics for the annual stamp programme. Referring to the 2020 programme, Mr Larkin mentions the five stamps honouring pioneering Irish women and the three that commemorate Ireland's struggle for independence as being among the highlights.

The Yearbook contains each Stamp, Miniature Sheet, full Technical Details and First Day of Issue Cancellations. The print run of this highly attractive coffee table-style publication is limited to 900 copies, each of which is individually numbered, so you are encouraged to order yours today! Priced at just €80, it is a splendid publication reflecting the many strands of Irish contemporary life, Irish history and culture. All in all, it makes for an ideal personal or corporate gift item as well as have strong appeal for all stamp collectors and lovers of great art and design.

A special luxury edition of the Yearbook, featuring gold embossing and edging, and covered in full sheep's leather with a matching leather slip case, is also available. Hand finished by skilled crafts personnel, only 80 copies are produced, priced at €235.



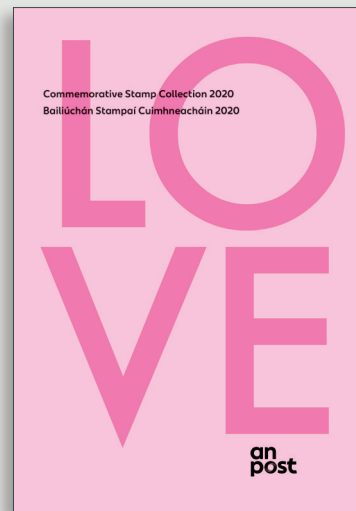
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## Yearpack

Our 2020 Yearpack offers the opportunity to collectors to obtain all our commemorative stamps issued during the year in one high-quality publication.

Don't miss this chance to savour the great variety and quality of this year's programme, ranging from issues that celebrated U2 and Fr Ted to stamps highlighting the role of the Irish diaspora and pioneering Irish women.

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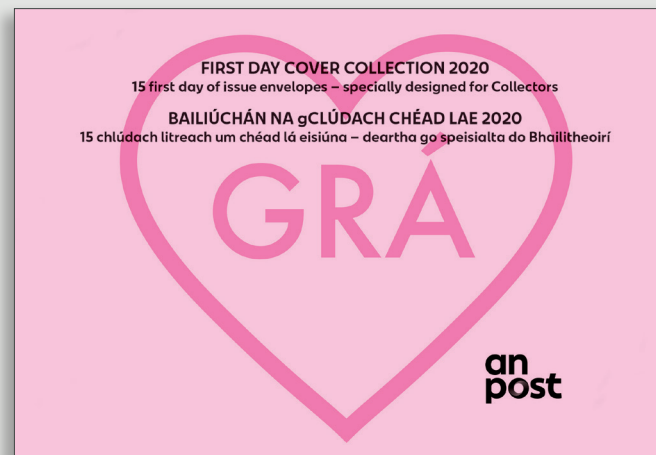


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## First Day Cover Collection

The Collection is a wonderful opportunity to acquire, in one publication, every commemorative FDC issued during the year. Cherish and enjoy the diversity and artistry of this year's offerings, ranging from covers celebrating Galway's European Capital of Culture designation and the Europa theme of Ancient Postal Routes to those marking the centenary of the birth of former Taoiseach, Liam Cosgrave and the War of Independence.

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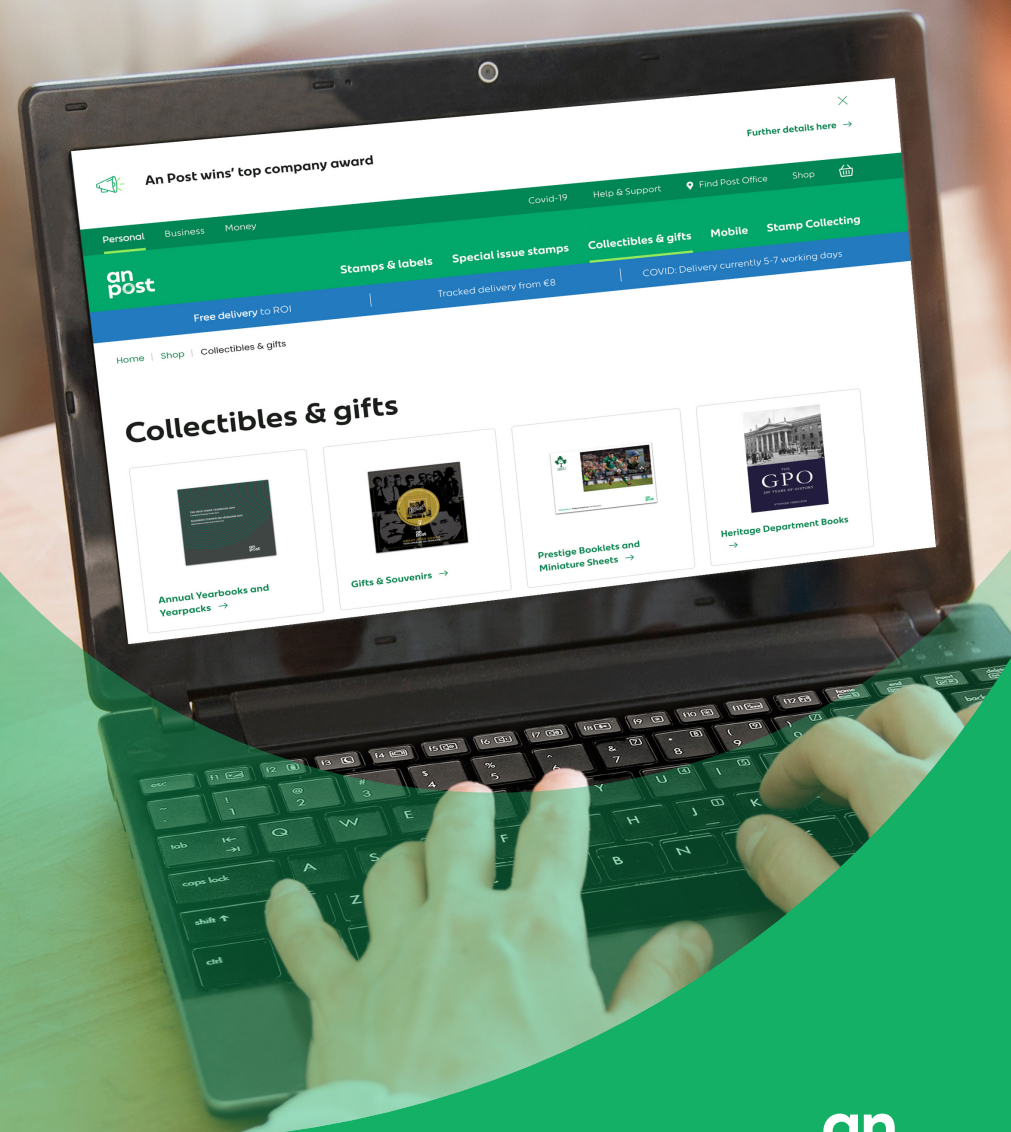


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1	15/10/2020	U2 – A Celebration Miniature Sheet (4 Stamps)	2012MS1	EA		€5.40	
1	15/10/2020	U2 – A Celebration Souvenir Sheet (U2 360 Tour)	2012MS2	EA		€3.60	
1	15/10/2020	U2 – A Celebration FDC Minisheet 1	2012FDCMS1	EA		€5.40	
1	15/10/2020	U2 – A Celebration FDC Minisheet 2	2012FDCMS2	EA		€5.10	
1	15/10/2020	U2 – A Celebration FDC	2012FDC	EA		€6.90	

2	05/11/2020	Christmas Booklet of 20	2013BK1	EA		€19.00	
2	05/11/2020	Christmas Booklet of 5 ('N' Rate Stamp)	2013BK2	EA		€5.00	
2	05/11/2020	Christmas Booklet of 5 ('W' Rate Stamp)	2013BK3	EA		€8.50	
2	05/11/2020	Christmas Bundle Offer (20 Stamp Booklet and 5 International Booklet)	2013BKPACK	EA		€26.00	
2	05/11/2020	Christmas Bundle Offer Strip of 2 ('W' Rate Stamp)	2013SAS	EA		€3.40	
2	05/11/2020	Christmas FDC	2013FDC	EA		€8.90	

3	09/11/2020	2020 An Post Yearbook	20YB	EA		€80.00	
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3	09/11/2020	2020 Special Luxury Edition Yearbook	20YBS	EA		€235.00	
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