

Britain's Miniature Sheets

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The London 1980 International Stamp Exhibition was held May 6 through May 14, 1980, with the British Post Office providing financial support through semi-postal stamps.



The British Post Office issued its very first miniature sheet in 1978 which promoted the exhibit. Its four stamps show historical buildings and is tied to the exhibition 'logo' as part of the marginal inscription.

The second miniature sheet, with four stamps issued in 1979, depicts the centenary of the death of Sir Rowland Hill. He is credited with the development of the modern postal system including the invention of the postage stamp.



The third miniature sheet commemorates the exhibition itself with a single pictorial stamp. The sheet was issued in April 1980; one month prior to the opening of the exhibition.

The last is a souvenir sheet only available at the exhibition. While the 'stamps' are perforated, they bear no value and are not valid for postage.

