



80th anniversary of King Edward VIII stamps commemorated through The Postal Museum Post & Go issue

LONDON, 25 July 2016 – On 14 September 2016, The Postal Museum will issue a commemorative Post & Go overprint remembering the 10 month reign of King Edward VIII in 1936, the year of the three kings.

Coinciding with the 80th anniversary of the Edward VIII 1d value issue and the first day of Autumn Stampex, the overprint will be available from the Post & Go+ machine in The Postal Museum foyer and will feature on both 1st and 2nd class Machin reels. In addition to The Postal Museum logo, the overprint will feature a graphic illustration of the royal cipher for Edward VIII, as designed by him and used on royal household mail, as well as the text 'King Edward VIII 1936'.

The stamps will be available from The Postal Museum foyer during standard opening hours from Wednesday 14 September until close on Friday 11 November, replacing the normal Machins. The Union Flag and Mail Coach designs will continue to be offered with the present overprint and will not change.

The Postal Museum have collaborated with Blake, the leading supplier of envelopes and paper products in the UK to create an exclusive first day cover.

Tim Browning, Director at Blake said 'Blake are very excited to be involved in the design and production of this commemorative first day cover. Combining our expertise with those of The Postal Museum, we can promise collectors a very special, high quality product.'

Both the first day cover and a presentation pack will be available to purchase from The Postal Museum's online shop – shop.postalmuseum.org.

A small graphic display in The Postal Museum's foyer at Freeling House will accompany the release together with a King Edward VIII pillar box.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- **The Postal Museum** is currently working to open as a new museum and visitor attraction in spring 2017. **The Postal Museum** will reveal five centuries of British social and communications history as seen through the eyes of its iconic postal service. Alongside permanent exhibition galleries and a temporary exhibition space, visitors will also be able to explore a section of Mail Rail, the old Post Office Underground Railway on an interactive ride through some of the original tunnels. Find out more by visiting our website www.postalmuseum.org
- Established in 2004, **The Postal Museum** is the leading resource for all aspects of British history through the postal service. With collections ranging from staff records to stamps, poster design to photography and from transport to telegrams, it cares for visual, written and physical records. The Royal Mail Archive and GPO (General Post Office) Film Unit are listed on the UNESCO Memory of the World Register. Records in the Royal Mail Archive are Designated as being of outstanding national importance by the Arts Council.
- **Blake** started trading in 2000 and is an independent, British company, headquartered in Somerset. Starting from nothing more than an attic space at home, Blake has, through hard work, passion and constant innovation, become an established envelope brand recognised and respected the world over and is the largest envelope stockist in the UK. With more than 1450 envelope product lines held in stock, and more than 400 of which are unique, Blake supplies more than two billion envelopes a year with one in every eight envelopes used in the UK coming from Blake. For further information about the company and its extensive product ranges visit www.blake-envelopes.com