

BRITAIN'S £1 COIN DESIGNS

SPECIFICATIONS



Specifications – Alloy: Nickel-Brass Diameter: 22.5mm Weight: 9.5 g Thickness: 3.15mm

Edge Inscription	Translation	Year
Decus et Tutamen	'An ornament and a safeguard' – from Virgil's <i>Aeneid</i>	1983, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
Nemo Me Impune Lacessit	'No one provokes me with impunity'– the motto of the Order of the Thistle	1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2014
Pleidiol Wyf I'm Gwlad	'True am I to my country' – from the Welsh National Anthem	1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2013
An incuse decorative feature symbolising bridges and pathways		2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
Pro Tanto Quid Retribuamus	'What shall we give in return for so much' – the Motto of Belfast	2010
Domine Dirige Nos	'Lord direct us' – the Motto of London	2010
Y Ddraig Goch Ddyry Cychwyn	'The Red Dragon shall lead' – the Motto of Cardiff	2011
Nisi Dominus Frustra	'It is vain without the Lord' – the Motto of Edinburgh	2011

WHAT TO DO WITH COUNTERFEITS

Using counterfeit coins is illegal. If you have a counterfeit or suspect that a coin may be a counterfeit, please hand it in to your local police station.



DON'T GET TRAPPED
WITH COUNTERFEIT ONE POUND COINS

A GUIDE FOR IDENTIFYING GENUINE COINS

Date Compared to Design -

The reverse design on £1 coins is changed each year and therefore the design must match the year date. A list of designs and their respective dates are shown opposite.



OBVERSE DATE



REVERSE DESIGN

Edge Lettering -

The lettering or inscription on the edge of a genuine coin must correspond with the year date. Details can be found opposite. Usually the milled edge of a counterfeit is poorly defined and the lettering is uneven in depth and spacing.



OBVERSE DATE



EDGE INSCRIPTION

Quality -

Genuine coins lose their lustre when they have been in circulation for some time. Some counterfeits appear more shiny and golden and show no sign of age despite the date of the coin.



AGED DESIGN



TOO SHINY

Orientation -

The designs on both the "heads and tails" of the coin should be aligned when swivelled.



OBVERSE VERTICAL



ROTATED 180°

