

# The Royal Mint Advisory Committee

The Committee, which operates independently of The Royal Mint Limited, and whose full title is the Royal Mint Advisory Committee on the Design of Coins, Medals, Seals and Decorations, was established in 1922 with the personal approval of George V.

The purpose of the Committee is to raise the standard of numismatic and medallic art, ensuring designs meet high standards of decency and good taste. The Committee advises the Chancellor of the Exchequer (in her capacity as Master of the Royal Mint) and The King on matters of design with respect to circulating and commemorative coins, official medals, seals and decorations. It is charged on behalf of HM Treasury and other government departments with the recommendation of new designs for United Kingdom coins, official medals, seals and decorations.

The Committee is designated a Non-Departmental Public Body ('NDPB') and its membership is regulated by the Office for the Commissioner of Public Appointments ('OCPA'). It is chaired by Baroness Stuart of Edgbaston. Details of the work of the Committee, its members and meetings are published on the website of the Royal Mint Museum.

During the year there were six meetings, all of which were held in person:

- Wednesday, 15 May 2024, Buckingham Palace
- Tuesday, 16 July 2024, Cutlers' Hall
- Tuesday, 17 September 2024, Cutlers' Hall
- Tuesday, 19 November 2024, Cutlers' Hall
- Wednesday, 22 January 2025, Goldsmiths' Hall
- Thursday, 20 March 2025, The Art Workers' Guild

Over the course of the reporting year, the Committee examined designs for 55 themes (2023–24: 30). A guiding principle underpinning the Committee's discussions is the encouragement of technical innovation in the production of coins and medals.

## SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SELECTION OF THEMES

The Sub-Committee examines proposals for the programme of commemorative and circulating coins to be issued in forthcoming years, making recommendations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. An important consideration for the Sub-Committee in selecting themes is that, where possible, they reflect modern British life, as well as celebrating the history and culture of the country. It is chaired by Baroness Stuart and includes three members of the main Committee, as well as representatives from HM Treasury and The Royal Mint.

There were three meetings of the Sub-Committee on the selection of themes for new UK coins, which were held online:

- Monday, 1 July 2024
- Wednesday, 4 September 2024
- Friday, 7 March 2025

## COMMEMORATIVE COINS

The Committee typically examines designs about a year to 18 months in advance of their being issued, which means, necessarily, a number of projects that came before the Committee during the reporting year relate to coins that will be released later in 2025–26 (and beyond). Designs for the themes set out below were recommended by the Committee and are now in the public domain:

- The Battles of Lexington and Concord, crown
- Music Legends – John Lennon, crown
- HMS *Belfast*, £2
- Britannia, Proof coin range
- Six Decades of 007, crown
- 200 Years of the Modern Railway, £2
- Harry Potter, 50p
- Ice Age Giants, 50p
- Stories of the Second World War, 50p
- The Sovereign
- Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, crown
- The Royal Tudor Beasts, crown
- 150 Years of Liberty London, crown
- St George and the Dragon, ounce range
- The Great Seal of the Realm
- 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, 50p

## MEMBERSHIP

Members serve for an initial term of five years, with the option being available for them to serve for a further five-year term, subject to Ministerial approval. Officials at HM Treasury provide essential support in ensuring all aspects of the appointment process conform to the relevant guidance.

Three members came to the end of their terms: Mrs Blondel Cluff, Mr Hughie O'Donoghue and Professor Jane Ridley.

**Membership of the Committee, and supporting advisors, at 31 March 2025 (with dates of appointment):**

**Rt Hon Baroness Gisela Stuart of Edgbaston**

CHAIR

(March 2021)

**Mr Adam Dant**

ARTIST

(November 2023)

**Ms Alexandra Harris**

ART HISTORIAN

(November 2023)

**The Rt Hon Lord Benyon GCVO**

LORD CHAMBERLAIN (EX OFFICIO)

(November 2024)

**Lieutenant Colonel Mike Vernon**

COMPTROLLER OF THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S DEPARTMENT

(September 2014) Deputises for Lord Parker

**Mr David White**

GARTER PRINCIPAL KING OF ARMS (EX OFFICIO)

(July 2021)

**Dr Shailendra Bhandare**

NUMISMATIC CONSULTANT TO THE COMMITTEE

(September 2021)

**Mrs Anne Jessopp**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ROYAL MINT LIMITED

**Ms Nicola Howell**

CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER OF THE ROYAL MINT LIMITED

**Ms Caroline Webb**

CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER OF THE ROYAL MINT LIMITED

**Dr Kevin Clancy**

SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE

**Mr Lee Jones**

TECHNICAL ADVISER TO THE COMMITTEE

**Sean Jones**

ACCOUNTING OFFICER

10 September 2025