

## Scout Jubilee Jamboree 1957

To commemorate the Scout Jubilee Jamboree in 1957 a set of 3 stamps was produced and issued on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1957. The stamps were designed by three artists, Mary Adshhead (2½d value), Pat Keely (4d value) and William Henry Brown (1s 3d value) which were printed by Harrison's onto sheets and rolls. The rolls of stamps were used with experimental automatic stamp-fixing equipment designed to produce first day covers, which was built and housed in a portion of the Birmingham Postal Customs Depot adjoining Sutton Coldfield Sorting Office. Twelve different types of cover were produced by the Mayflower Stamp Co. which cost 6s 6d each (and included a set of all three stamps). The covers were cancelled with the special postmark slogan "Jubilee Jamboree - Sutton Coldfield" and posted from the Jamboree Camp Post Office.



Scout Badge and "Rolling Hitch"  
Quantity issued - 137,235,286

Also notable about the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree stamps was that the Boy Scout Association had to lobby hard to get them. In 1955 the Association contacted the Post Office Advisory Council to suggest the release of stamps to celebrate the centenary of Lord Baden Powell's birth on 22 February 1957. This was rejected as it was the policy of the Post Office to restrict the issue of special stamps to events of greatest importance to the nation or major postal significance.



Scouts Coming to Britain  
Quantity issued - 8,316,477

Later in 1955 the Boy Scout Association requested an issue to commemorate the Jubilee Jamboree. This was considered and rejected on the same grounds, but following a campaign organized through Stamp Collector magazine, which urged its readers to write to their MPs, a parliamentary question was put by J V Woolham (Conservative MP for Liverpool West Derby and a philatelist) with the support of several other Members of Parliament.



Globe with a Compass  
Quantity issued - 3,820,487

Pressure continued for special issues to celebrate both the Jubilee Jamboree and the British Empire Games (to be held in Cardiff in 1958). Finally in early March 1956 a memo was circulated which reconsidered the case for special issues commemorating both events and concluded by suggesting regular special issues at intervals of every two years or so. The memo advised that special issues should feature "current events of outstanding national or international importance". With this change of policy the Post Office Advisory Council reversed its earlier rejection and it was announced in the House of Commons on 13 June 1956 that the Post Office would be issuing a set to commemorate the Jubilee Jamboree.



One of 12 official first day covers (fdc) with typed address to York.

Stamps tied with Sutton Coldfield, WKS 2 pm 1 Aug 1957 circular date stamp and fancy cancel "World Scout Jubilee Jamboree"