

# GREAT BRITAIN NATIONAL SAVINGS STAMPS



1918 6d stamp.



1942 5/- stamp.

From the 30th September 1880, ordinary penny postage stamps were used to save up to one shilling (12 old pence) which was sufficient to open a Post Office Savings Bank account, although the minimum amount required changed to £1 in 1912.

Savings certificates were issued during World War 1 and the first savings stamp, the 6d Britannia Head was issued in July 1918. Various issues during the years were issued and continued until 1973, being replaced by electronic cards.



1954 6d stamp.

1960 2/6d stamp.

In addition, the Bank used specially designed savings stamps with higher values which also could be used to save enough to open an account.

Private companies in Britain also used savings stamps including the holiday company Butlins and supermarkets, such as Sainsburys and Safeway.



1967 2/- stamp.

1971 10p stamp.

A wide variety of utility companies used savings stamps, particularly regional electric companies, also British Telecom for telephone bills and government bodies for payment of National Insurance contributions and television licences etc.



Saving stamps were not valid for postage.

An unfranked cover, showing a 13p postage due charge, (3p and 10p). Double the 6½p postage rate charge.