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Post and Go 'Poppy' Stamp - BFPO Official First Day

The Poppy design from the Symbolic Flowers Post and Go stamp set was re-introduced for use on the 24th October and will be on issue until 13th November 2016.

The Post & Go kiosk M001 operated by HQ BFPO at RAF Northolt will issue this stamp between 24th October and 11th November. It will bear the overprint legend 'Headquarters BFPO Lest we forget' and is of very limited availability due to the lack of public access to this location.

To mark this issue BFPS has produced a first day cover issued on the 24 October 2016.

The stamp is mounted on an Official BFPO first day cover and is franked by the Forces Philatelic Bureau FDI BFPO 707 special handstamp.

This cover may be bought from the BFPS online shop (www.bfps.org.uk/shop) and will cost just £6 (UK/BFPO p&p free).

You can also buy the covers by post by sending a cheque (payable to 'BFPS CIC') to *BFPS The Old Post Office Links Place Elie Fife KY9 1AX*.

Ends

Images of the commemorative cover and handstamp are attached.

About BFPS

The British Forces Philatelic Service (BFPS) fundraises for Service charities through philately and is a not-for-profit organisation run by a small team of volunteers, all of whom are Veterans. BFPS was specially set-up to ensure that the Forces Philatelic Bureau survives and thrives. BFPS is a registered Community Interest Company (CIC) working closely with the British Forces Post Office (BFPO).

The BFPO has had responsibility for all aspects of military mail, including philatelic matters, since its formation in 1882. More recently, as part of a Strategic Defence and Security Review, BFPO was reorganised and as a result of this the Forces Philatelic Bureau was transferred to BFPS, which was specially set up, as the sole authorised body empowered to deal with all matters concerning the Forces Philatelic Bureau. BFPS is officially licensed by the UK MOD.

BFPS is managed by two retired career Army officers, each of whom has had extensive experience working within the BFPO in general and the Forces Philatelic Bureau in particular. The third member of the management team is an ex Royal Engineer Warrant Officer who has a passion for Forces philately. All are volunteers and are dedicated to keeping the Forces Philatelic Bureau alive and are working hard to ensure the future of this unique area of BFPO operations is secure and flourishes.

Links:

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www.royalmail.com/personal/stamps-collectibles-gifts

www.postalheritage.org.uk/

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