

# **The George V Downey Head Issue** **1911-1912**

## **A presentation of the 1/2<sup>d</sup> green**

### **About the stamps**

**These George V stamps, the first of which were issued on Coronation Day 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1911, were meant to be the first of a series but plans to issue the remaining stamps were abandoned because the quality of the impressions was so poor.**

**The 1/2<sup>d</sup> stamp was issued in two Dies: Die 1A and Die 1B being a deepened die from which fresh plates were made; and Die 2 made from the original Die 1A.**

**The stamps were issued during 1911 and 1912 and three watermarked papers were used: the Crown, the Simple Cypher and the Multiple Cypher.**

**This presentation shows many of the varieties, both colour and printing flaw, that make this issue such an absorbing one for the collector specialising in George V stamps from Great Britain.**

### **About the collector**

**Michael Dodd has been collecting stamps since his early teenage years.**

**His collecting interests include all Great Britain reigns although his specialist interest is with the stamps of George V.**

**Since 2000 he has maintained the website [www.cddstamps.com](http://www.cddstamps.com) (Commemorative Definitive Decimal stamps) and encouraged collectors around the world to participate and enjoy the hobby.**

1911 (22 June) Green, Type N1. Wmk Crown. Die 1A



N1 (1) Green



N1 (2) Pale Green



N1 (3) Deep Green



N1 (4) Bluish Green



1911 (22 June) Green, Type N1. Wmk Crown. Die 1A



N1 (5) Yellow Green



N1 c. White blob  
right of left 1/2  
(Pl. 8, R. 20/2)  
Control A11



N1 d. White spot at  
top of forehead  
(PL. 8, R. 19/3)



1911 Green, Type N1. Wmk Crown. Die 1B



N2 (1) Bright Green



N2 (2) Pale Bright Green



N2 (3) Yellow Green



N2 (4) Bright Yellow Green



1911 Green, Type N1. Wmk Crown. Die 1B



N2 (5) Green



N2 (6) Deep Green



N2 (7) Very Deep Green



N2 (8) Bluish Green





1911 Green, Type N1. Wmk Crown. Die 1B



N2 a. Watermark  
inverted



N2 c. Cracked Plate  
(Pl. 3, R. 20/2)

N2 h. White spot right  
of left 1/2  
(PL. 10b, R. 20/3)

1c Green die 1B crown watermark. A superb mint complete bottom row control (A11 close) with scarce  
perf type 1 and plate 10b variety "white spot right of left 1/2" row 20/3. SG Spec N2h.



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**1912 (August) Green, Type N1. Wmk Simple Cypher Die 1B**



**N3 (1) Green**



**N3 (2) Pale Green**



**N3 (3) Deep Green**



**N3 b. Watermark  
inverted**





**1912 (August) Green, Type N1. Wmk Simple Cypher Die 1B**



**N3 f. White flaw after Y  
(R. 2/2 booklet  
pane)**



1912 (January) Green, Type N2. Wmk Crown Die 2



N4 (1) Green



N4 (2) Pale Green



N4 (3) Deep Green



N4 (4) Myrtle Green



1912 (January) Green, Type N2. Wmk Crown Die 2



N4 (5) Bluish Green



N4 (6) Yellow Green



N4 (7) Bright Yellow  
Green





**1912 (January) Green, Type N2. Wmk Crown Die 2**



**N4 b. No cross on  
Crown. Shade 6**



**N4 c. No cross on  
Crown and  
broken frame**





1912 (August) Green, Type N2. Wmk Simple Cypher Die 2



N5 (1) Green



N5 (2) Pale Green



N5 (3) Deep Green



N5 (4) Yellow Green



1912 (August) Green, Type N2. Wmk Simple Cypher Die 2



N5 b. Watermark  
inverted



N5 c. Watermark  
reversed



N5 d. Watermark  
inverted and  
reversed



N5 e. No cross on  
Crown. Shade 1



**1912 (October) Green, Type N2. Wmk Multiple Cypher Die 2**



**N6 (1) Green**



**N6 (2) Pale Green**



**N6 (3) Deep Green**



1912 (October) Green, Type N2. Wmk Multiple Cypher Die 2



N6 (4) Yellow Green



N6 a. Watermark  
inverted



N6 b. Watermark  
reversed



1912 (October) Green, Type N2. Wmk Multiple Cypher Die 2



N6 c. Watermark  
inverted and  
reversed



N6 f. Imperforate



N6 h. No cross on  
Crown. Shade 1

