

# **Withdrawn Banknotes Reference Guide**

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## Denomination - £10 Shilling

### 10 Shilling 1st Series Treasury Issue

**Date first issued:** 14 August 1914

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 12 June 1920

**Colour:** Red on white (printed on one side only).

**Size:** 5" x 2 ½" (127mm x 64mm)

**Design:** Designed at Royal Mint from sketches by Frederick Atterbury. Printed by Waterlow Bros. and Layton and De La Rue & Co. Printed on postage stamp paper.

#### Front of note



## 10 Shilling 2nd Series Treasury Issue

**Date first issued:** 21 January 1915

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 12 June 1920

**Colour:** Red on white (printed on one side only).

**Size:** 5 3/8" x 3" (136mm x 76mm)

**Design:** George Eve. Printed by De La Rue & Co on banknote paper.

### Front of note



## 10 Shilling 3rd series Treasury Issue

**Date first issued:** 22 October 1918

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 1 August 1933

**Colour:** Green and brown.

**Size:** 5 7/16" x 3 1/16" (138mm x 78mm)

**Design:** Bertram Mackennal. Printed by Waterlow Bros. and Layton on banknote paper. Signature of N.F. Warren Fisher on notes from September 1919.

### Front of note



## 10 Shilling Series A (1st Issue)

**Date first issued:** 22 November 1928

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 29 October 1962

**Colour:** Red-brown.

**Size:** 5 7/16" x 3 1/16" (138mm x 78mm)

**Design:** W M Keesey and others.

### Front of note



### Back of note



## 10 Shilling Emergency Wartime Issue

**Date first issued:** 2 April 1940

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 22 October 1962

**Colour:** Mauve and grey.

**Size:** 5 7/16" x 3 1/16" (138mm x 78mm)

**Design:** W M Keesey and others. Incorporated metal thread for first time: permanent feature since 1948.

### Front of note



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## 10 Shilling Series A (2nd Issue)

**Date first issued:** 17 June 1948

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 29 October 1962

**Colour:** Brown.

**Size:** 5 7/16" x 3 1/16" (138mm x 78mm)

**Design:** Re-issue of unthreaded pre-war notes.

### Front of note



### Back of note





## 10 Shilling Series A (3rd Issue)

**Date first issued:** 25 October 1948

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 29 October 1962

**Colour:** Brown.

**Size:** 5 7/16" x 3 1/16" (138mm x 78mm)

**Design:** Issue of threaded notes in pre-war colour.

### Front of note



### Back of note



## 10 Shilling Series C

**Date first issued:** 12 October 1961

**Date last issued:** 13 October 1969

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 22 November 1970

**Colour:** Red-brown.

**Size:** 5 ½" x 2 5/8" (140mm x 67mm)

**Design:** Robert Austin. First and only issued Bank of England 10 Shilling note to carry portrait of monarch.

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## Denomination - £1

### £1 1st series Treasury Issue

**Date first issued:** 7 August 1914

**Date last issued:** unknown

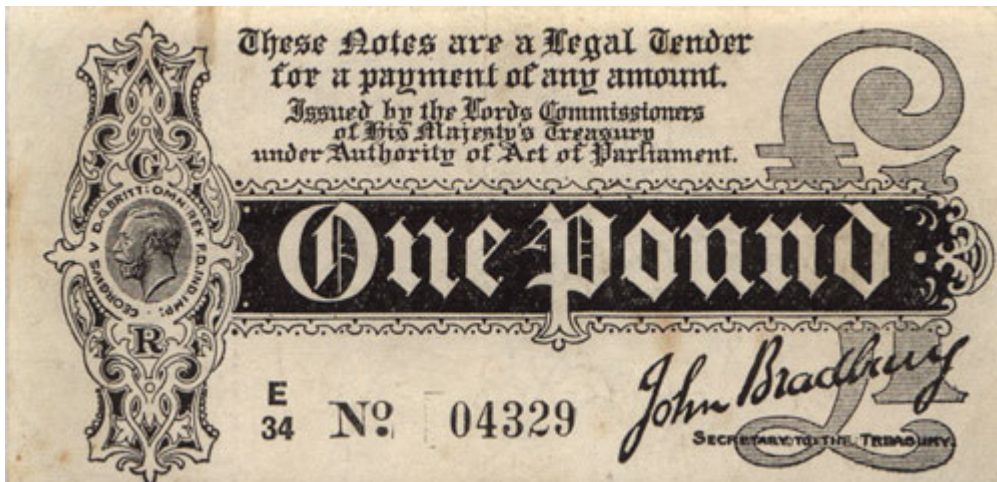
**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 12 June 1920

**Colour:** Black on white (printed on one side only).

**Size:** 5" x 2 1/2" (127mm x 64mm)

**Design:** Designed at Royal Mint from sketches by Frederick Atterbury. Printed by Waterlow Bros. and Layton from plates by Eyre and Spottiswoode. Printed on postage stamp paper. Nicknamed "Bradburys" on account of signature of Sir John Bradbury, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

### Front of note



## £1 2nd series Treasury Issue

**Date first issued:** 23 October 1914

**Date last issued:** unknown

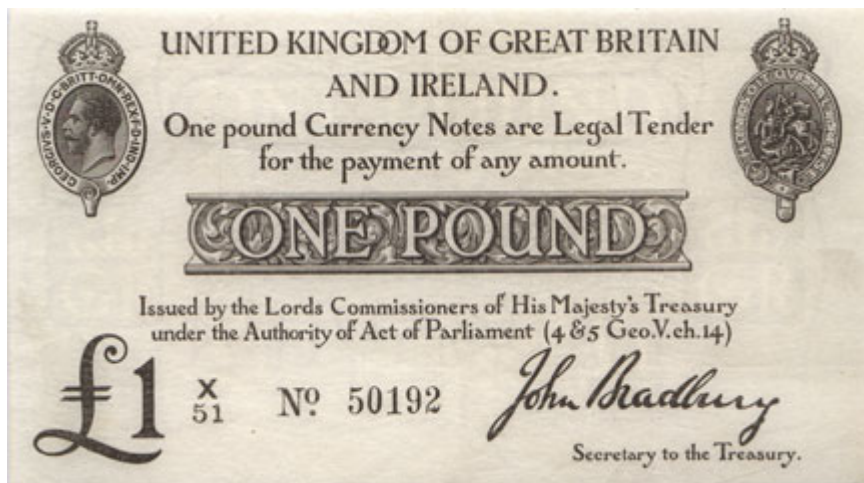
**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 12 June 1920

**Colour:** Black on white (printed on one side only).

**Size:** 5 7/8" x 3 1/4" (149mm x 83mm)

**Design:** George Eve. Printed by De La Rue & Co on banknote paper.

### Front of note



## £1 3rd series Treasury Issue

**Date first issued:** 22 January 1917

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 1 August 1933

**Colour:** Brown and green.

**Size:** 5 15/16" x 3 5/16" (151mm x 84mm)

**Design:** Bertram Mackennal. Printed by Waterlow Bros and Layton on banknote paper.  
Signature of N.F. Warren Fisher from September 1919.

### Front of note



### Back of note



## £1 Bank of England Issue

**Date first issued:** 2 March 1797

**Date last issued:** 1821/1825-6

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Vary Approximately 7 7/8" x 4 7/16" (200mm x 113mm)

**Design:** Several changes of design between 1779 and 1821. Also issued during financial crisis of 1825-6. Nicknamed "Newlands" after name of Chief Cashier, Abraham Newland (1778-1807) in payee clause.

### Front of note



## £1 Series A (1st Issue)

**Date first issued:** 22 November 1928

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 28 May 1962

**Colour:** Green.

**Size:** 5 15/16" x 3 15/16" (151mm x 85mm)

**Design:** W M Keeseey and others.

### Front of note



### Back of note



## £1 Emergency Wartime Issue

**Date first issued:** 29 March 1940

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 28 May 1962

**Colour:** Pale blue and orange.

**Size:** 5 15/16" x 3 15/16" (151mm x 85mm)

**Design:** W M Keesey and others. Incorporated metal thread for first time: permanent feature since 1948.

### Front of note



### Back of note





**£1 Series A (2nd Issue)**

**Date first issued:** 17 June 1948

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 28 May 1962

**Colour:** Green.

**Size:** 5 15/16" x 3 15/16" (151mm x 85mm)

**Design:** W M Keesey and others. Reissue of unthreaded pre-war notes.

**Front of note**



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## £1 Series A (3rd Issue)

**Date first issued:** 13 September 1948

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 28 May 1962

**Colour:** Green.

**Size:** 5 15/16" x 3 15/16" (151mm x 85mm)

**Design:** W M Keesey and others. Issue of threaded notes in pre-war colour.

### Front of note



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## £1 Series C

**Date first issued:** 17 March 1960

**Date last issued:** 1978

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 31 May 1979

**Colour:** Green.

**Size:** 6" x 2 13/16" (151mm x 72mm)

**Design:** Robert Austin. First Bank of England £1 note to carry portrait of monarch.

### Front of note



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## £1 Series D (Pictorial Series)

**Date first issued:** 9 February 1978

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 11 March 1988

**Colour:** Predominantly green.

**Size:** 5 5/16" x 2 5/8" (135mm x 67mm)

**Design:** Harry Eccleston. Sir Isaac Newton portrayed on reverse. A particular feature of this note was that it had only one serial number.

### Front of note



### Back of note



## £1 Series D (Revised Version)

**Date first issued:** 20 March 1981

**Date last issued:** 31 December 1984

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 11 March 1988

**Colour:** Predominantly green.

**Size:** 5 5/16" x 2 5/8" (135mm x 67mm)

**Design:** Harry Eccleston. Revised version issued with design and dimensions (as Series D) but general appearance enhanced by inclusion of additional background colours. From 1983 this denomination was gradually replaced by the £1 coin.

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## Denomination - £2

£2

**Date first issued:** 2 March 1797

**Date last issued:** 1821

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Sizes vary 7 7/8" x 4 7/16" (200mm x 113mm)

**Design:** Several changes of design between 1797 and 1821.

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## Denomination - £5

### £5 White

**Date first issued:** 1793

**Date last issued:** unknown

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 1 March 1946

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** 7 11/16" x 4 11/16" (195mm x 120mm)

**Design:** Size may vary. Issued also by Bank of England Country Branches from 1826.

### Front of note



### £5 White

**Date first issued:** 1945

**Date last issued:** 1957

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 13 March 1961

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" (211mm x 133mm)

**Design:** Incorporated metal thread for first time: permanent feature thereafter.

### Front of note



## £5 Series B

**Date first issued:** 21 February 1957

**Date last issued:** 1963

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 27 June 1967

**Colour:** Blue.

**Size:** 6 1/4" x 3 1/2" (158mm x 90mm)

**Design:** Stephen Gooden. Features helmeted Britannia on front.

### Front of note



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## £5 Series C (Portrait Series)

**Date first issued:** 21 February 1963

**Date last issued:** 1971

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 31 August 1973

**Colour:** Blue.

**Size:** 5 1/2" x 3 5/16" (140mm x 85mm)

**Design:** Reynolds Stone. First £5 note to carry portrait of monarch.

### Front of note



### Back of note



## £5 Series D (Pictorial Series)

**Date first issued:** 11 November 1971

**Date last issued:** 1990

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 29 November 1991

**Colour:** Predominantly blue.

**Size:** 5 3/4" x 3 1/16" (145mm x 78mm)

**Design:** Harry Eccleston. Duke of Wellington portrayed on reverse; width of thread doubled to 1mm from 16 July 1987.

### Front of note



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## £5 Series E

**Date first issued:** 7 June 1990

**Date last issued:** 1993

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 21 November 2003

**Colour:** Multicoloured (predominantly turquoise-blue).

**Size:** 5 5/16" x 2 3/4" (135mm x 70mm)

**Design:** Roger Withington. Stephenson portrayed on reverse; 'windowed' thread.

### Front of note



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## £5 Series E (Revised Version)

**Date first issued:** 1 March 1993

**Date last issued:** July 2002

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 21 November 2003

**Colour:** Revised version issued - colour of denomination symbol "£5" in top-left corner changed to bolder dark blue/green (front) and stronger olive/drab colour (back).

**Size:** 5 5/16" x 2 3/4" (135mm x 70mm)

**Design:** Roger Withington

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## Denomination - £10

### £10 White

**Date first issued:** 1759

**Date last issued:** 1943

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 16 April 1945

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" (211mm x 133mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller. Issued also by Bank of England Country Branches from 1826.

### Front of note



## £10 Series C (Portrait Series)

**Date first issued:** 21 February 1964

**Date last issued:** 1975

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 31 May 1979

**Colour:** Brown.

**Size:** 5 7/8" x 3 5/8" (150mm x 93mm)

**Design:** Reynolds Stone. First £10 note to carry portrait of monarch and to use threaded paper

### Front of note



### Back of note



## £10 Series D (Pictorial Series)

**Date first issued:** 20 February 1975

**Date last issued:** 1992

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 20 May 1994

**Colour:** Predominantly brown.

**Size:** 5 7/8" x 3 5/16" (151mm x 85mm)

**Design:** Harry Eccleston. Florence Nightingale portrayed on reverse. New 'windowed' security thread introduced on 16 July 1987.

### Front of note



### Back of note



## £10 Series E

**Date first issued:** 29 April 1992

**Date last issued:** 1993

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 31 July 2003

**Colour:** Multicoloured (predominantly orange-brown).

**Size:** 5 9/16" x 2 15/16" (142mm x 75 mm)

**Design:** Roger Withington. Charles Dickens portrayed on reverse; 'windowed' thread on reverse.

### Front of note



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## £10 Series E (Revised Version)

**Date first issued:** 22 November 1993

**Date last issued:** October 2000

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 31 July 2003

**Colour:** Multicoloured (predominantly orange-brown).

**Size:** 5 9/16" x 2 15/16" (142mm x 75 mm)

**Design:** Roger Withington. Revised version issued: additional denomination symbol £10, black in colour, to replace crown feature in top-right corner of note (front); further denomination symbol £10, dark brown in colour, added to top-right corner of note near head of Charles Dickens (reverse).

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## Denomination - £15

### £15 White

**Date first issued:** 1759

**Date last issued:** 1822

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8" x 5" (203mm x 127mm)

**Design:** Early notes are slightly smaller.

### Front of note



## Denomination - £20

### £20 White

**Date first issued:** 1725

**Date last issued:** 1943

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 16 April 1945

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" (211mm x 133mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller. Issued also by Bank of England Country Branches from 1826.

### Front of note



## £20 Series D (Pictorial Series)

**Date first issued:** 9 July 1970

**Date last issued:** 1991

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 19 March 1993

**Colour:** Predominantly purple.

**Size:** 6 5/16" x 3 9/16" (160mm x 90mm)

**Design:** Harry Eccleston. William Shakespeare portrayed on the reverse. First £20 note to carry portrait of monarch and to use threaded paper. New 'windowed' security thread introduced on 15 November 1984.

### Front of note



### Back of note



## £20 Series E

**Date first issued:** 5 June 1991

**Date last issued:** 1993-4

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 28 February 2001

**Colour:** Multicoloured (predominantly mauve-purple).

**Size:** 5 7/8" x 3 1/8" (149mm x 80mm)

**Design:** Roger Withington. Michael Faraday portrayed on the reverse; 'windowed' thread.

### Front of note



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## £20 Series E (Revised Version)

**Date first issued:** 27 September 1993

**Date last issued:** 2000

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 28 February 2001

**Colour:** Multicoloured (predominantly mauve-purple).

**Size:** 5 7/8" x 3 1/8" (149mm x 80mm)

**Design:** Roger Withington. Revised version issued: colour of denomination symbol £20 in top-left hand corner changed to darker purple and additional denomination symbol, black in colour, to replace crown feature in top-right corner (point); further denomination symbol £20, purple-grey in colour, added to top-right corner near head of Michael Faraday.

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## £20 Series E (Variant)

**Date first issued:** 22 June 1999

**Date last issued:** 2007

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 30 June 2010

**Colour:** Multicoloured (predominantly mauve-purple).

**Size:** 5 7/8" x 3 1/8" (149mm x 80mm)

**Design:** Roger Withington & Andrew Ward. Windowed thread on the back of the note.

**Additional security features:** foil hologram, an ultra-violet feature and micro-lettering.

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## Denomination - £25

### £25 White

**Date first issued:** 1765

**Date last issued:** 1822

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8" x 5" (203mm x 127mm)

**Design:** unknown

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## Denomination - £30

### £30 White

**Date first issued:** 1725

**Date last issued:** 1852

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8 1/4" x 5 1/8" (211mm x 130mm)

**Design:** Early notes are slightly smaller. Issued also by some Bank of England Country Branches.

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## Denomination - £40

### £40 White

**Date first issued:** 1725

**Date last issued:** 1851

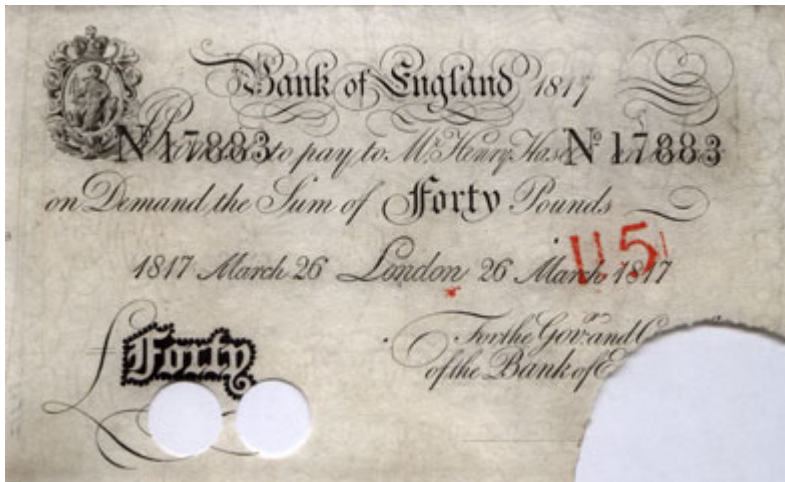
**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8 1/4" x 5 1/8" (211mm x 130mm)

**Design:** Early notes are slightly smaller. Issued also by some Bank of England Country Branches.

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**Denomination - £50**

**£50 White**

**Date first issued:** 1725

**Date last issued:** 1943

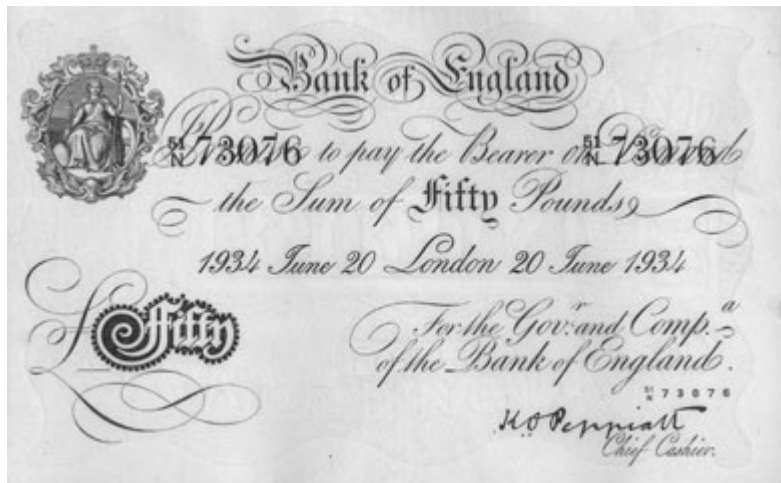
**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 16 April 1945

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" (211mm x 133mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller. Issued also by Bank of England Country Branches from 1826.

**Front of note**



## £50 Series D

**Date first issued:** 20 March 1981

**Date last issued:** 1994

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 20 September 1996

**Colour:** Predominantly brown.

**Size:** 6 5/8" x 3 3/4" (169mm x 95mm)

**Design:** H N Eccleston and Roger Withington. Sir Christopher Wren portrayed on the reverse. New contoured thread used initially; 'windowed' security thread introduced on 21 July 1988.

### Front of note



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## £50 Series E

**Date first issued:** 20 April 1994

**Date last issued:** 2011

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 30 April 2014

**Colour:** Multicoloured (predominantly red).

**Size:** 6 1/7" x 3 1/3" (156mm x 85mm)

**Design:** Roger Withington. Sir John Houblon portrayed on back. Windowed thread on the front of the note. Additional security features: foil patch.

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## Denomination - £60

### £60 White

**Date first issued:** Between 1725 and 1745

**Date last issued:** Before 1803

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 7 11/16" x 4 11/16" (195mm x 120mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller.

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## Denomination - £70

### £70 White

**Date first issued:** Between 1725 and 1745

**Date last issued:** Before 1803

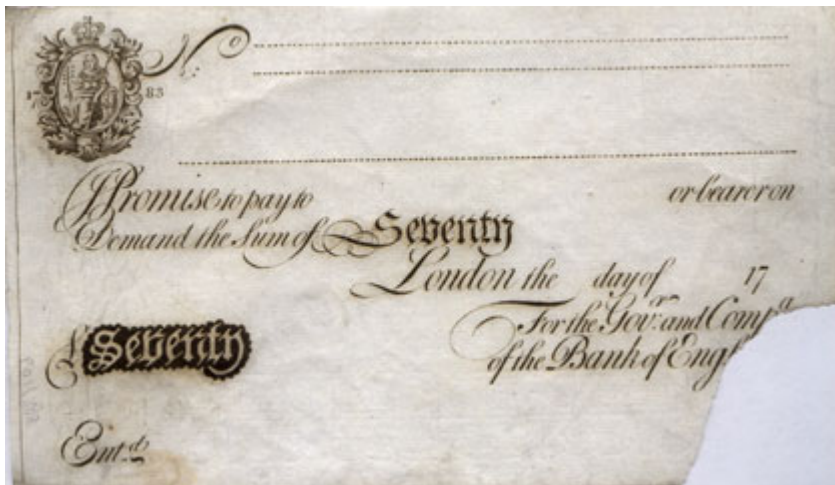
**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 7 11/16" x 4 11/16" (195mm x 120mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller.

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## Denomination - £80

### £80 White

**Date first issued:** Between 1725 and 1745

**Date last issued:** Before 1803

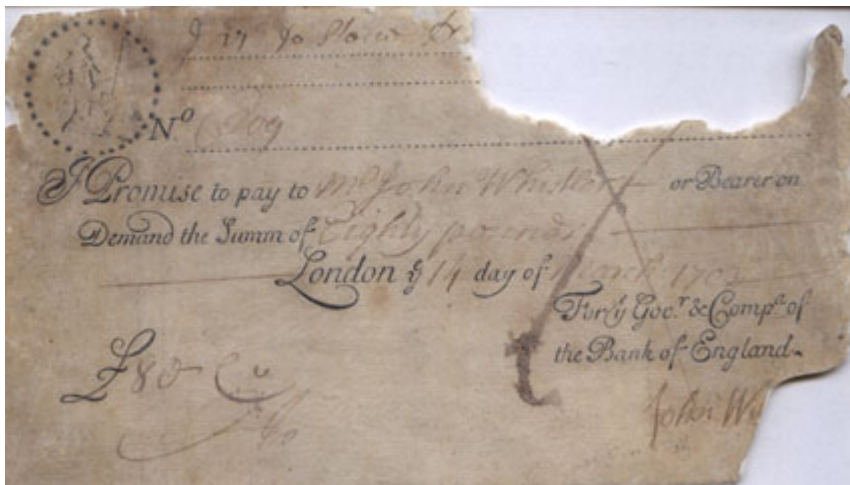
**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 7 11/16" x 4 11/16" (195mm x 120mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller.

### Front of note





## Denomination - £90

### £90 White

**Date first issued:** Between 1725 and 1745

**Date last issued:** Before 1803

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 7 11/16" x 4 11/16" (195mm x 120mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller.

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**Denomination - £100**

**£100**

**Date first issued:** 1725

**Date last issued:** 1943

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 16 April 1945

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" (211mm x 133mm)

**Design:** Issued also by Bank of England Country Branches from 1826.

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## Denomination - £200

£200

**Date first issued:** Between 1725 and 1745

**Date last issued:** 1928

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 16 April 1945

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" (211mm x 133mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller. £200 notes not issued by Bank of England Country Branches.

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**Denomination - £300**

**£300**

**Date first issued:** Between 1725 and 1745

**Date last issued:** 1855

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** unknown

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8 1/4" x 5 1/8" (211mm x 130mm)

**Design:** £300 notes not issued by Bank of England Country Branches.

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## Denomination - £500

£500

**Date first issued:** Between 1725 and 1745

**Date last issued:** 1943

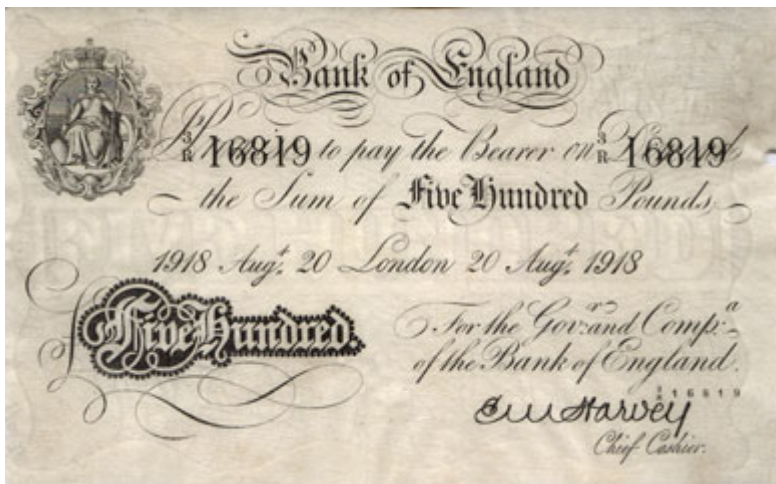
**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 16 April 1945

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" (211mm x 133mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller. £500 notes issued by some Bank of England Country Branches from 1826.

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## Denomination - £1000

£1000

**Date first issued:** Between 1725 and 1745

**Date last issued:** 1943

**Date ceased to be legal tender:** 16 April 1945

**Colour:** Monochrome (printed on one side only).

**Size:** Approx 8 1/4" x 5 1/4" (211mm x 133mm)

**Design:** Notes in earlier years are slightly smaller. £1,000 notes not issued by Bank of England Country Branches except Hull between 1882 and 1889.

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