

Withdrawn Banknotes Reference Guide

Find information on banknotes issued by the Bank of England and HM Treasury
since 1694

<p style="text-align: center;">10/-</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Ten Shillings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£1</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">One Pound</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£2</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Two Pounds</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">£70</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Seventy Pounds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£80</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Eighty Pounds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£90</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Ninety Pounds</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">£100</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">One Hundred Pounds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£200</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Two Hundred Pounds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">£300</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Three Hundred Pounds</p>
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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.

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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.

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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 Keeseey and others. Incorporated metal thread for first time: permanent feature since 1948.

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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.

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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.

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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

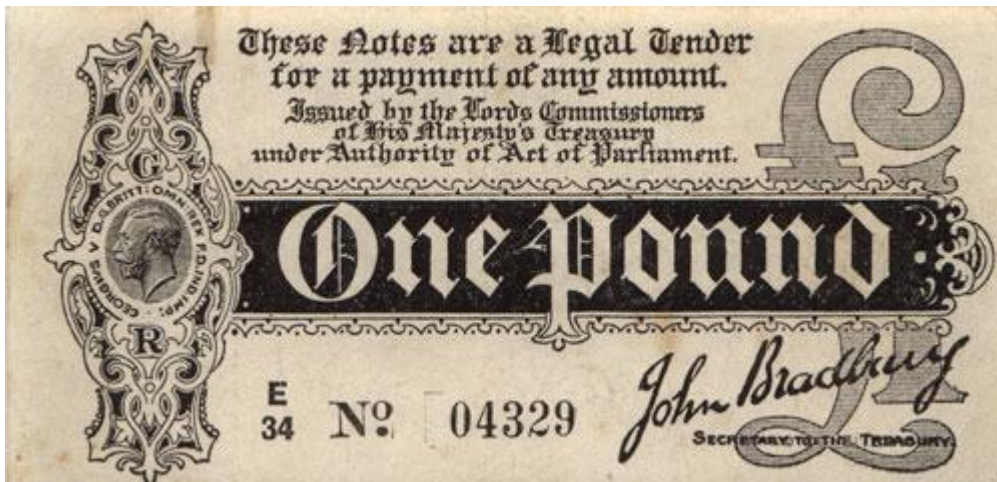
Date ceased to be legal tender: 12 June 1920

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.

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£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.

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£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.

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£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 Keesey and others.

Front of note



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£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.

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£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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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£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.

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£5 White

Date first issued: 1945

Date last issued: 1957

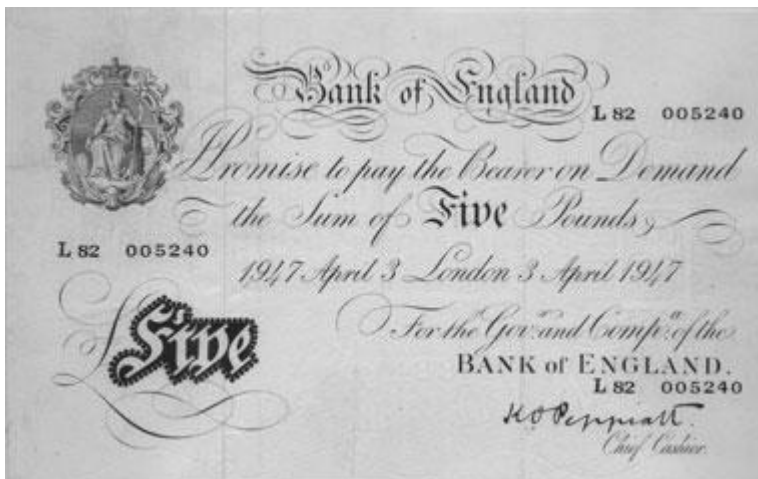
Date ceased to be legal tender: 13 March 1961

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.

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£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.

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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.

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£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.

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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.

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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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£5 Series E Variant

Date first issued: 21/05/2002

Date last issued: 2016

Date ceased to be legal tender: 5 May 2017

Colour: Front green, back green

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

Design: Andy Ward as Chief Designer and design work by Debbie Marriot

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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

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£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.

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£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.

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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.

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Denomination - £20

£20 White

Date first issued: 1725

Date last issued: 1943

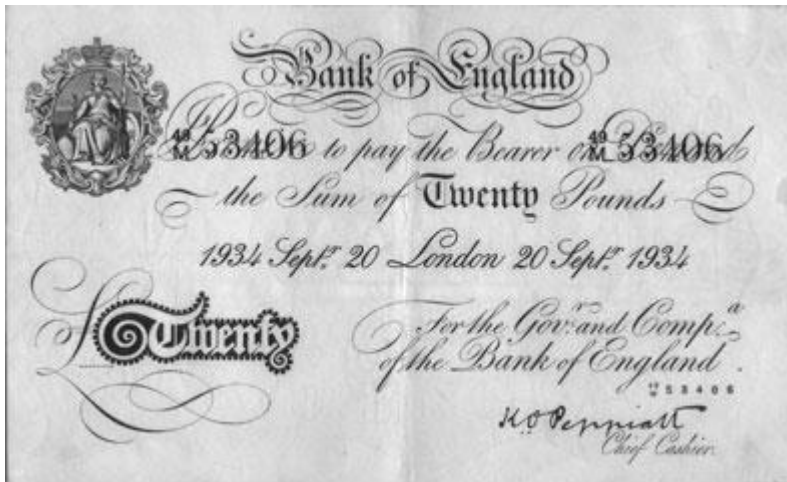
Date ceased to be legal tender: 16 April 1945

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.

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£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.

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£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.

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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

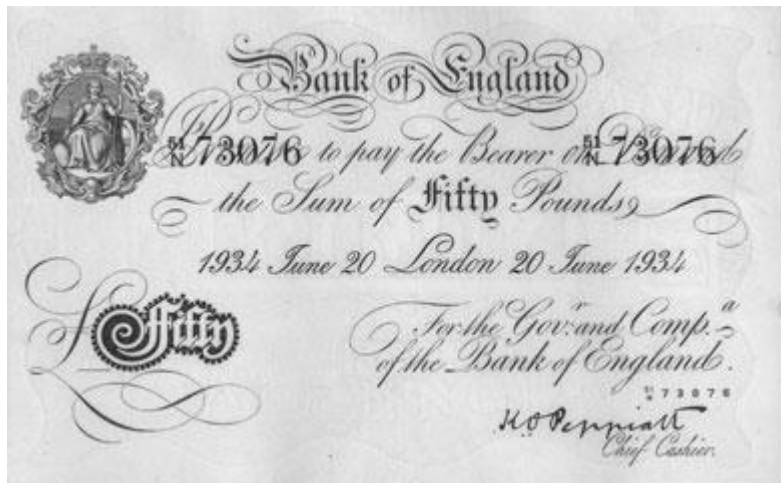
Date ceased to be legal tender: 16 April 1945

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.

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£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.

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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

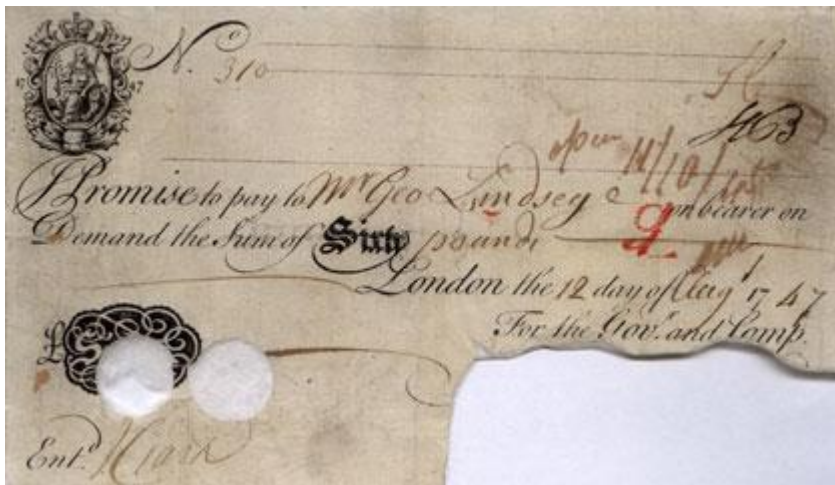
Date ceased to be legal tender: unknown

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

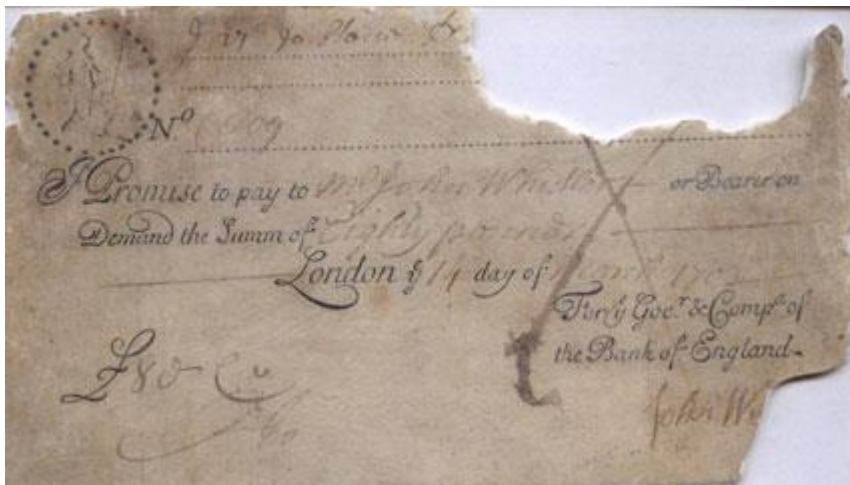
Date ceased to be legal tender: unknown

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.

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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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