

Banknote, Coin, Both, or Neither?: Historical Britons - Sources

Sources used:

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/current-banknotes>

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/withdrawn-banknotes>

<https://www.royalmint.com/our-coins>

Notes:

- 1) This quiz is only about Bank of England issued banknotes; it does not include any of the Scottish notes (issued by Bank of Scotland, Royal Bank of Scotland, or Clydesdale Bank)
- 2) Several of these historical figures *have* been commemorated on UK coins (either 50p, £2, or £5) but- whilst minted- the coins may NOT have been released into general circulation (i.e. to be found in tills and given as change) and can only be found in Annual Sets or purchased separately. Any coins marked with an asterisk (*) were not put into general circulation.
- 3) This quiz is only about coins that are released on the UK mainland; it does not include any issued in Guernsey, Jersey, or elsewhere.

Sir Winston Churchill - Both

Always counted among the most notable Britons, the former Prime Minister has been on the reverse of the Series G (polymer) £5 note since 2016. In 2015, a special £5 coin* was released to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his death.



Florence Nightingale - Both

“The Lady With The Lamp” was on the reverse of the Series D £10 note between 1975-1994, and was also commemorated on a £2 coin in 2010.



Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington - Banknote

“The Iron Duke” was commander of the British army during the Napoleonic Wars (gaining victory at the Battle of Waterloo), and later Prime Minister during the early to mid-1830s. He also featured on the reverse of the Series D £5 note between 1971-1991.



Sir Edward Elgar - Banknote

Composer of the *Enigma Variations* and the *Pomp And Circumstance Marches*, Sir Edward Elgar was on the reverse of the Series E £20 note between 1999-2010



Sir Christopher Wren - Banknote

Between 1981-1996, Sir Christopher Wren (noted architect of St. Paul's Cathedral amongst many others) was on the reverse of the Series D £50 note



J.M.W. Turner - Banknote

In 2020, artist J.M.W. Turner (painter of *The Fighting Temeraire* and *The Battle Of Trafalgar*) was featured on the reverse of the Series G (polymer) £20 note.



Roger Bannister - Coin

In 1954, junior doctor and middle-distance athlete Roger Bannister became the first person to run a mile in under four minutes (running in 3m 59.4s). In 2004, his achievement was commemorated on a 50p coin (which was reissued in 2019* as part of a set of five coins to celebrate 50 years of the 50p).



Benjamin Britten - Coin

Composer of *The Young Person's Guide To The Orchestra* and the opera *Peter Grimes*, Britten was commemorated on a 50p coin in 2013 (to mark the centenary of his birth).



Admiral Horatio Nelson - Coin *

Captain of *HMS Victory* at the Battle of Trafalgar, where he was fatally wounded shortly before the British fleet took the decisive victory, Nelson was commemorated on a £5 coin in 2005 (to mark the 200th anniversary of his death)



David Bowie - Coin *

Singer, actor, and cultural icon, Bowie was the third artist to be commemorated in the Royal Mint's Music Legends collection (behind Queen and Elton John), with his £5 coin issued in 2020.



Mary Seacole - Coin *

Nursing pioneer Mary Seacole - who set up the "British Hotel" to provide aid to wounded soldiers during the Crimean War- has been commemorated on a £5 coin, released in October 2023



As of October 2023, **David Lloyd George**, **Thomas Gainsborough**, **Ralph Vaughan Williams**, and **Sylvia Pankhurst** have not been commemorated on either a Bank of England banknote, or a UK coin.