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# THE BEST OF BRITAIN

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Ø21mm

## Extremely rare in Very Fine

A remarkably well preserved relic of Anglo-Saxon times, we have a single silver penny from Edward the Elder (899-924AD) in rarely seen quality.

Anglo-Saxon king from the death of his father, Alfred the Great, until his own death in combat in 924, Edward's coinage is generally rare. Bearing Edward's name on the obverse, and the moneyer's name on the reverse, this type is seldom seen in superior grade. An exciting opportunity, this rare Edward the Elder penny is in Very Fine.

**899-924AD EDWARD THE ELDER SILVER PENNY VF**

**\$2,495**  
15890



Very rare, we have a single King Burgred penny available – at a price sure to shock! Broken in half, but retaining strong detail in the designs, you never see this kind of price for such a great British rarity.

**852-74AD BURGRED SILVER PENNY**

**\$495**  
15990



A great rarity, seldom seen in this country, we have a single 1,040-year-old Eadgar penny in stock! With a small piece missing, but otherwise in Fine, we can offer this rare hammered type at an incredible \$350!

**959-75AD EDGAR YORK SILVER PENNY**

**\$350**  
15991



Finely detailed and superbly toned, this coin bears an excellent portrait of Aethelred II (978-1016AD) – remembered as the Anglo-Saxon king ill-prepared to deal with the Viking threat and dubbed Aethelred the Unready!

**978-1016AD AETHELRED II CRUX SILVER PENNY**

**\$995**  
15992



Unbelievable value at \$245, this is your chance to own a genuine coin of King Henry VIII! Softly struck, as was usually the case, this Silver Groat type bears the portrait of the legendary monarch.

**1544-47AD HENRY VIII SILVER GROAT FINE**

**\$245**  
17195





## England and France united

Issued early in the reign King Henry VI (1422-61), the impressive Anglo-Gallic Gold Salut 'd'Or is a rare artefact from a time when the kingdoms of England and France fell under the same banner.

Struck in France, and issued on September 6, 1423, this Gold Salut d'Or type is a coin of immense beauty. Instantly catching the eye, the obverse is dominated by the French and English royal coats-of-arms, with the Virgin Mary to the left and the Archangel Gabriel on the right. With gold supplies dwindling from early in Henry's reign, all gold coins issued in his name are scarce, and the large, majestic Salut d'Or is unquestionably rare. Highly sought after in any grade, we have a single example in superb good Very Fine quality.

**1422-71 HENRY VI GOLD SALUT D'OR gVF**

**\$4,950**  
16066

## Rare Gold of Good Queen Bess!

A fantastic opportunity to own a genuine gold coin from the reign of one of England's most famous rulers, we have a single example available of the rare gold Quarter Angel of Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603).

Struck in limited numbers, the Gold Quarter Angel was issued only from 1578 to 1582. With so many lost to the mists of time, or falling victim to the profiteer's melting pot, it is not surprising that this sought after 400+ year-old Elizabeth I coin is very rare today. Underpinned by a good strike, rich lustre and strong detail in the designs, the example before you has been conservatively graded at Very Fine. An exceptional opportunity for one of our clients, we have seldom had the pleasure of presenting a finer example.



**1558-1603 ELIZABETH I QUARTER ANGEL VF**

**\$4,950**  
16070

Ø17.50mm



## Britain's Counterstamp Dollars!

A genuine artefact of one of Britain's most tumultuous periods, we are proud to present a counterstamped George III Spanish Silver Dollar.

Britain issued Spanish coins for circulation in 1797 due to rampant demand for silver created by the war with France. Each coin carried a George III counterstamp to prove it was official, but as counterstamp counterfeiting was rife, the project was quickly abandoned. Withdrawn from circulation, most coins were melted for the silver.

Counterstamped coins originating from Spain – such as this Seville Mint 8R – are the rarest of the series. The Spanish-struck 8R were issued in much lower numbers than coins struck in Spain's American colonies, and the numerical imbalance is apparent in the counterstamp series. Extremely scarce, we have just one Fine+ coin available, with the counterstamp in strong Very Fine quality.

**GEORGE III OVAL  
COUNTERSTAMP 1792  
8R SEVILLE MINT F+/VF**

**\$1,995**  
16081



Ø38mm

## Extremely Fine counterstamp...

Scarcer than Charles IV issues, this Bank of England Silver 4 Reales of Charles III is most notable for the detail and clarity of the counterstamp. An enduring reminder of this chaotic period in British history, this scarce type is graded Fine+, with the counterstamp in impressive Extremely Fine quality.

**GEORGE III OVAL COUNTERSTAMP 1776 4R POTOSI  
MINT F+/EF**

**\$1,495**  
16077



## Rare Madrid Mint issue!

As with the coin immediately above, this Oval Counterstamp Silver 4 Reales is notable for the fact that it was struck at a Spanish Mint – in Madrid – and is therefore among the scarcest counterstamp types. The two coins are also united by virtue of the quality, with both counterstamps very sharply struck.

**GEORGE III OVAL COUNTERSTAMP 1795 4R  
CHARLES IV F/VF**

**\$1,495**  
16083







Ø24mm

## One of the finest we have ever offered...

Exceedingly rare in the exceptional state of preservation evident here, the 1798 Spade Guinea before you is a truly spellbinding coin. Indeed, grading at Choice Uncirculated, it is one of the finest examples of this key colonial gold coin that we have ever offered.

The images at left in no way do justice to the tremendous eye-appeal of this coin. Superbly struck, the detail in the famous spade-like Shield and the portrait of King George III (1760-1820) is complemented perfectly by the sparkling lustrous surfaces. Officially graded by NGC at MS64 – the equivalent of Choice Uncirculated – this magnificent 1798 Spade Guinea will take your collection to the next level. Seldom seen on the market in this quality, we recommend immediate action.

**1798 GOLD SPADE GUINEA NGC MS64 CHOICE UNC**

**\$6,450**  
17618



## Struck in the year of Settlement!

Included in the Proclamation of 1800 – Australia's first official currency system – the Spade Guinea is always highly sought after. It is never more sought after, however, than when struck in 1788 – the year of European Settlement of Australia! A coin of great beauty, the 1788 Spade Guinea available is graded Very Fine.

**1788 GOLD SPADE GUINEA VF**

**\$1,695**  
AM838



## Proclamation Gold

One of Australia's most historic coin types, circulating extensively in the colonies in the years after European Settlement in 1788, we also have a 1793 Spade Guinea available. Very scarce today, regardless of the grade, this fundamentally important British gold coin can be yours in strong good Very Fine condition.

**1793 GOLD SPADE GUINEA gVF**

**\$1,695**  
17796



## The Sovereign

### The world's most famous gold coin

The defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte at Waterloo in 1815 brought an end to the Napoleonic Wars – and signalled the dawn of a new era of peace and prosperity for Britain. The birth of the Gold Sovereign is inextricably linked to this landmark moment in European and world history.

With the conflict in Europe draining supplies of precious metal, neither gold nor silver coins were struck in any great numbers in the late 18th, early 19th centuries. Indeed, production of the Guinea – the predecessor to the sovereign as Britain's premier gold coin – was halted entirely from 1799 to 1813. The victory over France, combined with the introduction of steam-driven coin presses, saw the Royal Mint free to launch 'the Great Recoinage'. At the heart of this watershed moment in British history was the Sovereign. First struck under George III in 1817, and for over 200 years defined by impeccable purity, consistent weight and great beauty, the Sovereign became synonymous with Britain and her burgeoning empire.

Celebrating its bicentenary in 2017, and known as 'the world's most famous gold coin', we are delighted to give our clients the chance to secure some of the earliest, most important dates of Britain's treasured Sovereign Series.

## Gold of the Hanover Kings!



The last sovereign of the long reign of George III, and bearing the original St George 'garter' motif, we have the scarce 1820 Gold Sovereign in strong Very Fine quality.



**1820 GOLD SOVEREIGN VF**

**\$1,950**  
17800



The first George IV sovereign date, and bearing the short-lived first portrait, the 1821 Sovereign is undeniably scarce when found in such lovely good Very Fine condition.



**1821 GOLD SOVEREIGN gVF**

**\$2,250**  
17790



Graced with the second portrait from the brief reign of George IV, and of the first Shield Sovereign type, the scarce 1826 Sovereign is a must-have in Very Fine quality.



**1826 GOLD SOVEREIGN VF**

**\$1,995**  
WB20



A key date in the 1817-2018 Sovereign Series, and very scarce today in premium grade about Very Fine, the 1830 Sovereign was the very last issued in the name of George IV.



**1830 GOLD SOVEREIGN aVF**

**\$1,750**  
WB21



## Excessively rare in aUnc-Unc

Bearing a unique portrait of George IV, found only on this type, the 1823 Double Sovereign is excessively rare in the sensational quality evident here.

Issued early in Britain's transition from the Guinea to the Sovereign, the 1823 Double Sovereign was the first gold £2 struck for circulation. It was to prove popular with the British public, and, as a result, this coin very rarely turns up in anything other than well-worn condition. An exception to the rule, this particular example is truly magnificent.

Conservatively graded at aUnc to Unc, it has been decades since we have had the pleasure of offering the 1823 Double Sovereign in such an outstanding state of preservation. Do not let this rare opportunity slip through your grasp!

**1823 GOLD DOUBLE SOVEREIGN aUNC-UNC**

**\$7,950**  
17782



Ø28.40mm



Ø22.05mm

The second sovereign date issued during the reign of George VI, the 1822 Gold Sovereign is scarce, irrespective of the grade. A great British rarity when found in the upper echelons of quality, we have this hotly pursued 96-year-old 22-carat gold coin in magnificent about Uncirculated condition! A truly superb example, and a vital acquisition for the serious sovereign collector.

**1822 GOLD SOVEREIGN aUNC**

**\$4,250**  
17788



Ø19.30mm

An absolutely crucial element of British numismatics, and extremely scarce today, the 1818 Gold Half Sovereign was the second date of the 1817-2018 Half Sovereign Series. One of only three Half Sovereign dates issued under George III, this fundamentally important British coin is sought after in any grade. In premium grade good Extremely Fine, as here, it is simply a must-have.

**1818 GOLD HALF SOVEREIGN gEF**

**\$2,250**  
17794





## Limited edition just 50 sets!

Issued for the 50th anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria, we are proud to present the 1887 Jubilee Gold 4-Coin Collection in EF to aUnc.

Housed in a case with Certificates of Authenticity and a numbered Certificate of Ownership, the set includes the 1887 £5 'Five Sovereign piece', Double Sovereign, Sovereign and Half Sovereign.

Very rare, the 39.94g £5 had a mintage of 54,000, with the mintage of the 15.97g Double Sovereign a mere 91,000. Extremely scarce, the 1887 Sovereign and Half Sovereign are the lowest mintage issues of the 1887-93 Jubilee Series.

A limited edition presentation, with just 50 sets issued, you must not miss this opportunity.

**1887 JUBILEE GOLD 4-COIN COLLECTION EF-aUNC**

**\$7,995**  
16110



## Utterly unique – rarely offered

Struck for the Coronation of Edward VII – and the ONLY sovereign set issued during his reign – this is your chance to secure the 1902 Gold Sovereign 4-Coin Collection in EF to aUnc!

Taken from a limited edition of just FIFTY, the set comprises the 1902 'Five Sovereign' £5, Double Sovereign, Sovereign and Half Sovereign. As with

the set at left, all four coins were issued for circulation, and are rare in better grade – especially the 39.94g £5 (mintage just 35,000) and 15.97g Double Sovereign (mintage 46,000).

Set in a case with Certificates of Authenticity, and a Certificate of Ownership confirming the edition of 50, we have a tiny number available.

**1902 CORONATION 4-COIN COLLECTION EF-aUNC**

**\$7,995**  
16680



# Immensely rare in any grade

An extremely exclusive presentation, with a mere FIFTY complete sets issued across the world, we are delighted to present the 1893 Veiled Head Gold 4-Coin Collection.

Set within a timber case, and complete with individual Certificates of Authenticity and a Certificate of Ownership confirming the limited edition, the set comprises four gold coins – the massive 39.94g 1893 'Five Sovereign' £5, Double Sovereign, Sovereign and Half Sovereign. Struck to celebrate what was then the new Veiled Head portrait of Queen Victoria, and carrying Benedetto Pistrucci's timeless St George & the Dragon motif, these prestigious coins are presented in Very Fine to about Uncirculated quality.

Sought after as the first gold coins distinguished by the unquestionable majesty of Queen Victoria's final coinage portrait, the 1893 gold coins are also hotly pursued for their rarity – particularly the £5 and Double Sovereign. The only dates of their respective denominations to carry the Veiled Head portrait, the 1893 £5 had a mintage of just 20,000, whilst the 1893 Double Sovereign had a mintage of 52,000. Unlike many commemoratives of the era, all four coins were issued for circulation, and are undeniably rare in any grade.

Seldom seen as a complete set, this is your chance to secure these prized 125-year-old coins. A spellbinding combination of beauty, prestige and rarity, the opportunity to become the proud owner of this tremendously desirable collection demands the most serious of consideration.

**1893 VEILED HEAD GOLD 4-COIN  
COLLECTION VF-aUNC**

**\$11,995**  
17449





## Very rare in premium grade

Seldom seen on the market, and very rarely in such a magnificent state of preservation, the 1732 Silver Crown was the very first Five Shillings date issued during the reign of King George II (1727-60).

Struck in just a handful of years from 1732 to 1741, this important British Crown type is highly sought after in any condition. A truly majestic coin, distinguished by rich, attractive toning, the 1732 Silver Crown is must-have when found in the outstanding quality immediately apparent here. Presented in superior grade Very Fine+/near Extremely Fine, this rare beauty is sure to add a prestigious lustre to any British or Silver Crown Collection.

With just the single 1732 Silver Crown available, you must grasp this opportunity with both hands!

**1732 SILVER CROWN VF+/nEF**

**\$2,750**  
16075

Ø38.61mm



## The only George III Crown type

A superb example of the sole George III Five Shillings type, issued only from 1818 to 1820, the 1818 Silver Crown available here is underpinned by rich toning, a strong strike and detailed designs. A flaw-free example, this highly desirable coin is in good Extremely Fine condition – scarce in this premium grade.

**1818 SILVER CROWN gEF**

**\$1,195**  
17813



## The Beauty of Youth

One of only three Five Shillings dates bearing the superb youthful portrait of Queen Victoria, this majestic 1845 Silver Crown is a must-have at just \$495. Bearing a couple of edge-knocks that in no way detract from the beauty of the coin, this particular example is in better-than-usually-seen about Extremely Fine condition.

**1845 SHIELD SILVER CROWN aEF**

**\$495**  
17803





## Unique, prestigious and rare...

The only gold £2 issued during the reign of George VI, the 1937 £2 Gold Proof is unique, prestigious and rare. Struck by the Royal Mint to mark the coronation of the then new king, this spectacular 22-carat gold 'Double Sovereign' had a mintage of just 5,001. Extremely rare when found in the perfect FDC quality seen here – and in huge demand when found in such pristine condition – we have just the single example of the 1937 £2 Gold Proof available.

1937 £2 GOLD PROOF

**\$3,950**  
17791



Ø28.40mm



Ø38.61mm



## The 1937 Coronation Proof Set

To celebrate the coronation of George VI, the Royal Mint also issued the 1937 Proof 15-Coin Collection – and we have two available at Downies!

One of Britain's key collector issues, the set includes an example of each of the eleven coins then in circulation in Britain – plus a

4-coin Maundy Set! Headlined by the Crown, the 15-coin collection is highlighted by the first Silver Proof Scottish Shilling, first Silver Proof English Shilling, first brass Proof Threepence and first Proof Wren Farthing type.

As a huge number of sets have been broken up, with the coins sold individually,

this prestigious issue is seldom seen as a complete collection. Set in the original Royal Mint case – in good condition – don't miss the rare opportunity to secure this highly desirable collection.

1937 PROOF 15-COIN COLLECTION

**\$1,895**  
17804





## The Collection of the Millennium

One of the finest releases to have ever emerged from Great Britain, the 2000 Millennium Silver Proof Collection is inventive, exclusive and flawless – and back in stock at Downies!

Issued to mark the dawn of a new era, one could scarcely conceive of a finer coin set than the 2000 Millennium Silver Proof Collection. The first time the Royal Mint had issued a Proof Set with every coin struck in silver, this majestic 13-coin collection is headlined by a 4-coin Maundy Set. The

first Maundy Money to appear in a Proof Set since the 1937 Proof Set seen on page 11, Queen Elizabeth II gave her personal consent for these coins to be issued!

Also highlighted by the gold-plated, 99.9% silver Millennium £5 Crown and £2, and the first ever silver 1p and 2p, the 2000 Millennium Silver Proof Collection is also a presentation of the utmost grandeur. Distinguished by some gentle toning, the 13 coins are housed within a handcrafted case,

accompanied by a detailed, individually numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

Given the beauty, originality and importance of this release, it will come as no shock that the 15,000-set mintage sold out at the Royal Mint virtually instantly. A limited window of opportunity, with Downies unable to offer this groundbreaking collection for years, we have just three sets available.

**2000 MILLENNIUM SILVER  
PROOF 13-COIN COLLECTION**

**\$1,450**  
17806



## Seldom seen Trafalgar tribute in gold

Taken from a mintage of 1,805 coins, this edge-inscribed 39.94g 22-carat Proof forms a regal tribute to the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar – one of the most crucial naval battles in the history of warfare.

On October 21, 1805, British maritime hero Horatio Nelson led the fleet in an encounter that altered the course of history. It would be on this day that Nelson vanquished Napoleon's combined French and Spanish forces, and ensured that Britannia would rule the waves for the next century. Nelson died during the battle whilst aboard the fleet's flagship, the Victory, with this legendary warship superbly depicted upon the imposing 38.61mm flan of the 2005 £5 Trafalgar Gold Proof.

A stirring tribute to this crucial engagement, instantly sold out at Britain's Royal Mint, we have not had the chance to offer this official British legal tender coin in many years. Beautifully presented within an official Royal Mint case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity, we have just three examples available.



**2005 £5 BATTLE FOR TRAFALGAR GOLD PROOF**

**\$3,750**  
17793

## A coin of the utmost majesty

The first Elizabeth II Gold £5 type made available to collectors, we also have one example of the 1981 £5 Gold Proof! Uniting the original decimal portrait of the Queen with Pistrucci's magnificent St George & the Dragon design, this seldom seen 38.61mm British legal tender coin is struck to the Royal Mint's most rigorous standard from a gigantic 39.94g of 22-carat gold. Taken from a mintage of 5,400, each coin is set in an official case.



**1981 £5 GOLD PROOF**

**\$3,750**  
17792



## Not seen in years!

Not offered by Downies for many years, we are delighted to present the 2002-03 Jubilee Sovereign Pair! Issued for the Golden Jubilee of both the accession and coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, this sought after release comprises the one-year-only 2002 Jubilee Shield Sovereign and the 2003 St George Sovereign. Struck to BU quality by the Royal Mint, the two coins are set in a timber case with a numbered Certificate of Authenticity confirming the limited edition of 500.

**2002-03 JUBILEE GOLD SOVEREIGN PAIR**

**\$1,650**  
17802



## Ultimate Portrait Collection

Charting the life of Britain's longest reigning monarch through the world's most famous gold coin, the Queen Elizabeth II Sovereign Portrait Collection is prestigious, desirable and very exclusive. The limited edition is a mere 50 sets!

Each of those sets comprises five genuine British Gold Sovereigns – each struck at the Royal Mint. Following her journey from youthful monarch to 'Matriarch of Great Britain', each sovereign bears one of the five main obverse portraits of Elizabeth II used on British coinage from the 1950s to the current day. Highlighted by the original Mary Gillick portrait, the collection also represents the Machin, Maklouf, Rank-Broadley and Clark portraits. The classic St George & the Dragon motif graces the reverse of each 22-carat gold coin.

A presentation you will be proud to own, and a piece of history you will want to pass down the generations, each set is housed in a timber case, united with a Certificate of Authenticity for each coin and a personalised Certificate of Ownership.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II GOLD SOVEREIGN  
PORTRAIT COLLECTION**

**\$4,450**  
16011



Ø22.05mm





## Britain's most prestigious coin set

With the tiny mintage of only 2,002 sold out at the Royal Mint in near record time, the 2002 Golden Jubilee Gold Proof Collection is all but impossible to find today. Thanks to a surprise purchase at the 2018 World Money Fair, we are delighted to be able to present what is arguably Britain's most prestigious coin set to our clients!

Issued for the 50th anniversary of the accession of Elizabeth II, and encompassing nearly 150 grams of 22-carat gold, this stunning set comprises 13 British legal

tender Proof coins. A groundbreaking tribute, this set not only represented the first time the Royal Mint had struck every British coin in gold, but also included the first ever issue of Maundy Money in gold! Headlined by the 39.94g Jubilee Gold Crown, the 13-coin set is housed within a handcrafted leather case, and is accompanied by a descriptive booklet and numbered Certificate of Authenticity.

With just one set available, and this majestic collection so sought after worldwide, immediate action is a must.



*The Jubilee Gold £5 Crown features an utterly unique obverse portrait of Queen Elizabeth III!*

**2002 GOLDEN JUBILEE GOLD  
PROOF 13-COIN COLLECTION**

**\$12,950**  
17781



# Limited edition just 500!

Struck to flawless Proof quality from a whopping 39.94g of 22-carat gold, this British legal tender coin forms a prestigious tribute to the Four Generations of British Royalty – and an exclusive one. The mintage has been set at just 500!

Bearing a majestic heraldic design, this new release represents the first time that the Queen, her son the Prince of Wales, her grandson the Duke of Cambridge and her great-grandson Prince George have all been honoured on the same coin. Indeed, this is the first time that ANY four Royals have been honoured on the same coin!

A must-have for those with a love for the British Royal Family, this stunning crown-sized coin is equally essential for anyone with a passion for the world's favourite precious metal – but you will have to be quick! With the mintage just 500, and fierce demand anticipated, Downies allocation as official Royal Mint distributor has naturally been strictly limited.

- ▶ Struck to Proof quality from a massive 39.94g of 22-carat gold
- ▶ Exclusive! Tiny worldwide mintage just 500 coins!
- ▶ Official British legal tender – spans a crown-sized 38.61mm
- ▶ Beautifully presented within an official Royal Mint timber case
- ▶ Accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity

**2018 £5 FOUR GENERATIONS  
OF ROYALTY GOLD PROOF**

**\$4,250**  
18016



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