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Your country needs you! Design the UK's new banknotes

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Banknotes printed by the Bank of England are about to get their first major redesign in more than 50 years.

Notable historical figures such as Sir Winston Churchill have featured on these banknotes since 1970 but could be on the way out.

The public are being asked for their views on new themes, such as nature, innovation, or key events in history.

The monarch has appeared on Bank of England notes since 1960. Images of historical characters, starting with William Shakespeare, were first seen on the reverse side a decade later.

Now, the Bank is proposing that designs on the next series of notes could move on to a new theme. While historical figures remain an option, other possible subject matters suggested by the Bank include famous landmarks, cultural achievements, or natural beauty.

"Banknotes are more than just an important means of payment. They serve as a symbolic representation of our collective national identity and an opportunity to celebrate the UK," said Victoria Cleland, the Bank's chief cashier, whose signature appears on notes.

Ms Cleland said banknotes were "little pieces of art in our pocket."

Some notes around the world are incredibly colourful.

Bermuda Monetary Authority's \$5 note won last year's International Bank Note Society's banknote of the year award.

It is predominantly pink and carries images of a blue marlin, dolphins and tuna fish as well as a profile of King Charles III.

The Bank of England's notes have been less dramatic, featuring various geometric designs, lions or Britannia in years gone by.

The crop of historical characters on the current series of notes are Churchill, Jane Austen, JMW Turner and Alan Turing.

This public consultation relates to the Bank's next series, which will also continue to include an image of the monarch. People can submit their view via an online form on the Bank's website by the end of July.

The final decision on what exactly features on a banknote lies with the Bank's governor.



FIND THE TRUTH?

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Only three women have been featured on UK banknotes.

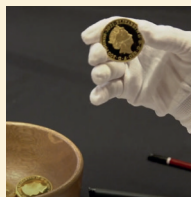


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CHECK YOUR FACTS

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WHAT
new themes
have been
suggested?

ANSWER:
Famous landmarks,
cultural achievements,
inventions, and
natural landscapes

WHO
can currently
be seen on
banknotes?

ANSWER:
Winston
Churchill and
Jane Austen

WHERE
are the notes
printed?

ANSWER:
The Bank
of England

WHEN
did banknotes
start featuring
historical people?

ANSWER:
1970

WHY
is the public
being
consulted?

ANSWER:
To make sure the
notes represent
British culture

HOW
have the
public
responded?

ANSWER:
With ideas such as
Buckingham Palace,
vintage trains, and
TV characters

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KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

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|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Heritage | ● | A. Something preserved from the past |
| 2. Cashier | ● | B. A symbol that unites the nation |
| 3. Vintage | ● | C. A country's history and culture |
| 4. National treasure | ● | D. A person who handles money |

1=C

2=D

3=A

4=B

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LOOK AT ALL SIDES

Answers are subjective and may vary.
The below is just a guide.

**People who pay on
their phones**

🙄 Bored

😕 Confused

History lovers

😊 Happy 😄 Excited

Art lovers

😄 Excited

😊 Happy

Traditionalists

😡 Angry 🤢 Disgusted

