



National Association of Retired Police Officers

In February 2006 the National Association of Retired Police Officers (NARPO) approached Adrian Bradbury to design and produce a customised stamp sheet to help raise funds for police charities and to mark their 90th anniversary in 2009. After almost three years in the planning, the sheet was finally approved and offered to NARPO's 73,000 members through their quarterly journal which was despatched in November 2008.

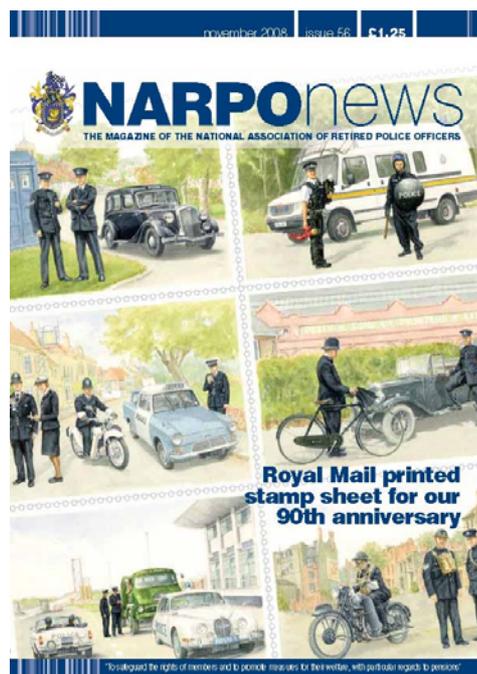


The sheet, which was limited to 3,000, sold out within a week of the mailing and was massively oversubscribed. Members could only order a maximum of three sheets. The vast majority of orders were for one sheet. This project raised £18,000 for police charities.

Adrian undertook to handle the whole project, from design ideas, to marketing via the journal NARPO NEWS, which included designing the front cover of the journal and the design, print and folding of the leaflet/order form which was stapled inside the journal.

Initially, NARPO members were asked for their ideas of what they wanted to see on the sheet and NARPO were to provide images for Adrian's use. However, this was to prove more difficult than originally thought – no images were forthcoming.

The project may not have gone ahead had Adrian not suggested that he get an artist to paint all the images used in the artwork which he eventually did at his cost. The labels feature police transport and the background artwork features police uniforms between 1919 and 2009. Sheets were sold to NARPO members for £20 each, with a maximum order of three sheets per order.



NARPO News (November 2009) with (right) front cover of NARPO sheet Order Form

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Limited Edition Stamp Sheet

Specially printed by Royal Mail to mark NARPO's 90th Anniversary
Royal Mail has agreed to have this superb limited edition stamp sheet printed on the occasion of our 90th anniversary.

AN EXPECTED HIGH DEMAND - BUT LOW ISSUE LIMIT IMPOSED

Only 3,000 of these beautiful and very collectable stamp sheets will ever be issued to satisfy the demands of our 75,000 members who receive this Priority Application Form. It is anticipated that demand will be extremely high and in the event that demand exceeds the issue limit, priority will be given to applications from NARPO members which will be processed on first come first served basis.

A STAMP SHEET OF SUPERB QUALITY & BEAUTY

The sheet has been designed by Adrian Bradbury to the precise specifications imposed by Royal Mail whose security printers will be responsible for the printing and numbering of the stamp sheets. The sheets also incorporate ten postally valid special 1st Class stamps featuring the Union Flag.

THE ARTIST

The sheet has over twenty detailed water colour paintings by artist Mick Ewins. He has, over the last years, been commissioned by 32 Chief Constables to paint their individual forces from an historical perspective. Mick's attention to detail is second to none. Alongside each stamp are ten stamp labels which show in minute detail an historical record of police transport since 1919, when NARPO was founded. The sheet border shows police uniforms through the same time span.

PROCEEDS

Net proceeds, depending on take up, will be divided equally between the Police Pensioners Housing Association, the Northern Police Convalescent and Treatment Centre, and the Police Rehabilitation Centre Flint House.

ORDER TODAY TO SECURE YOUR SOUVENIR STAMP SHEET

You have an opportunity to possess a unique souvenir. Ownership of this beautiful, limited edition stamp sheet will be a lasting memento, or fitting gift for presentation, or may prove a prudent investment. Avoid disappointment by completing your *Priority Application Form* and mailing it with your payment, as soon as possible to:

NARPO (FDC), NARPO HOUSE, 38 BOND STREET, WAKEFIELD WF1 2QP

PRIORITY APPLICATION FORM

NB: CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: NARPO Price includes Postage & Packing within the EC
All applications will be honoured in order of receipt, and all orders are subject to availability.
Applications to be submitted on official PRIORITY APPLICATION FORMS.
Photocopies, faxes, email & telephone orders will **not** be accepted.
A limited number will be reserved to give overseas members a chance.

Please supply.....NARPO Souvenir Stamp Sheets @ £20 each (Max. 3 per person).
I enclose a Cheque to the value of £..... payable to NARPO

NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS).....
ADDRESS (BLOCK CAPITALS).....
.....PostCode.....
Signature..... Date.....
Daytime Telephone No..... NARPO Membership No.....

90 years of NARPO
Limited Edition Stamp Sheet

National Association of Retired Police Officers
90th Anniversary
1919 - 2009

Only 3,000 available

Individually numbered

Featuring superb water colours

Stamp labels depicting Police Transport 1919 - 2009

Ten special 1st Class Union Flag postage stamps

Number of 3000

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Internal of NARPO sheet Order Form

Despite the sell-out, Adrian did manage to pre-order 100 sheets numbered between 2900 and 3000 which were sold to the philatelic community at £95 each in January 2009. The philatelic community first got to hear about this sheet when a sheet appeared on eBay in January 2009 (sheet No. 0328) eventually selling for £320. A few have since appeared on eBay from the non-philatelic stock and appear to be starting at around £220 each.

In what may prove to be a first for Smilers collectors, Adrian Bradbury offered his customers the chance to buy a NARPO sheet with unique numbering 999. Despite the credit crunch, the sheet attracted keen interest from collectors, eventually going to the first of two bidders who had offered £500 for the sheet.