

## Using printed Kingston Pounds

Printed Kingston Pounds can be used in our member businesses in just the same way as Sterling notes.

Printed Kingston Pounds are not 'legal tender' but are backed by sterling. Businesses can exchange into sterling or into electronic Kingston Pounds to facilitate further trading and or to pay business rates.

Only trader members can redeem printed Kingston Pounds into their Kingston Pound accounts or at issuing points around the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames.

Individuals can only spend them or swap them for future editions of the notes.

Printed Kingston Pounds are the sole responsibility of the Kingston Pound CIC Ltd.

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## About the Notes

Two graphic design students from Kingston School of Art have showcased the vibrancy, diversity and history of Kingston upon Thames in the new designs for the Kingston Pound.

Chosen by design experts, local business people and University alumni, Molly Dunne and Ella Hilton's design features four Kingston upon Thames landmarks.

**K£1** features New Malden's iconic fountain

**K£5** features the history-laden Market House building

**K£10** features the art deco-styled Surbiton train station

**K£20** features the sixties-built Tolworth Tower

The eye-catching notes portray the landmarks in a series of bright colours, each containing an ingenious way shoppers can interact with the currency. Only half of a landmark is printed on each of the notes and individuals can complete the picture by holding the note up and aligning it against the real-life feature before taking a snap on their phone.

Boom Credit Union hold the sterling that backs the printed and electronic Kingston Pounds.

### Getting Kingston Pounds

- We have traders in main retail areas of the Borough acting as access points for printed Kingston Pounds. A full list of access points is available on our website and can be viewed on a map from our searchable directory.
- You may also purchase your notes via our on-line shop, at face value and we will post them to you.
- Or go to any of our access points and simply exchange sterling cash for Kingston Pounds K£1 for £1.
- Help the circulation of the currency by asking for Kingston Pounds in your change when spending at any Kingston Pound member business.

*"The idea behind it was to create an online buzz, a little treasure hunt around the borough," Ella explained. "We wanted visitors to be able to take home a photographic memento of their visit to Kingston."*

The notes contain details that slowly reveal themselves upon careful inspection. Among these are a fluorescent pattern mirroring waves on the Kingston crest as well as the coordinates of the location shown on the note and microtext which lists the names of contributors to the Kingston Pound project.

Social media interactions were at the heart of the design. *"We wanted to create a more impactful experience than using contactless payments or apps – to capture a moment in the user's life that they can share with friends,"* Molly said.

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# KINGSTON POUND SECURITY GUIDE

Security features incorporated into your printed Kingston Pound



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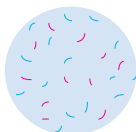
**This guide is to help cash users identify genuine K£. Do not rely on just one security feature, check a few from the list below.**

- A Watermark**  
Security watermark paper with a distinct diamond pattern – best viewed when held up to the light.



This is a 'UV Dull' paper that does not glow Blue under UV (Ultra Violet) light as ordinary paper does.

There are **invisible Red and Blue UV fibres** incorporated into the paper. These fibres are 3mm long and can be seen under a UV light source.



- B Hologram**  
Each denomination of note has a unique hologram shape of a salmon which is part of the Kingston Crest.



The pattern in the security hologram foil has small square each containing the following images

- Security (constant image)
- BONDED (constant image)
- OK changes to ✓ } varies according to the viewing angle.
- ✓ changes to OK } varies according to the viewing angle.
- It is vital some of the images are recognised in the foil pattern.

**NB** Due to the spacing of the hologram images and size of the holograms – not all of the above images appear in every hologram.

- C Numbering**  
All notes are serially numbered in white inside the gold foil rectangle on the face side. The serial number is also repeated in black.



- D Fluorescent Inks**  
Each note value is printed with a special fluorescent colour on both sides. The fluorescent colour also glows brightly under UV light:

- E Thermochromic Ink**  
An oval image is printed on the edge of the face side of each note this is Pink Heat Reactive ink that will partially or completely disappear when held or rubbed with a finger (creating friction heat).

- F Invisible UV**  
An invisible (Pink) image repeat of the note value is printed on the face of all note types in small text. This is only visible under UV light.

### What should I do if I think I have a counterfeit Kingston Pound?

Counterfeit Kingston Pounds are worthless. Become familiar with the security features shown in this guide so you can make easy checks when being offered Kingston Pounds.

**If you think you have a counterfeit Kingston Pound please email [andrew@kingstonpound.org](mailto:andrew@kingstonpound.org) immediately.**

We will carry out further checks and if the Kingston Pound is genuine we will reimburse you.

### Do I have to be a Kingston Pound member to use the Kingston Pounds?

No, all Kingston Pound member businesses will accept printed Kingston Pounds, but there is nothing to stop other traders accepting them and everyone is able to buy printed Kingston Pounds for sterling at our issuing points.

### Can I pay with a mix of printed Kingston Pounds and sterling notes?

Yes, Kingston Pounds and sterling are equivalent in value and so paying using a mix of the currencies is simple. But remember that the more you use Kingston Pounds, the more that you will be helping your money to stay in Kingston.

### What happens for amounts of less than K£1?

K£1 is the smallest denomination of printed Kingston Pounds and so amounts of pence will have to be given in sterling when paying or when being given in change.

