

# Creating a personal Olympic or Paralympic souvenir



*Handstamp 12640  
'Olympex'*



*Handstamp 12203  
'Olympic Stadium'*

If you have secured your event tickets, or are simply travelling to London to experience the atmosphere of an Olympic Games for the first time by visiting the many cultural events that are being staged (many free), it is likely that you will succumb to the vast array of souvenirs and memorabilia available.

For those wishing to have a souvenir or memento of the occasion, there is a very inexpensive way of producing your own souvenir (and ideal as a gift for grand-children):

- First requirement is an appropriate postcard or envelope (C6 size similar to postcard size is best).
- Second, a 1st class stamp, ideally an Olympic stamp with a design that relates to the event attended, or an Olympic logo definitive stamp (from 1<sup>st</sup> class Olympic booklets available in most supermarkets and post offices).
- If the card or envelope is going overseas, then postage is 87p (postcard & letter up to 20g for Europe, 10g world-wide) or £1.28 for up to 20g world-wide. There is no Olympic stamp of 87p but there are Olympic £1.28 stamps

Attach the stamp in the preferred top right position, add the address to which you would like the item delivered (possibly your own address).

If using a postcard, add a personal message if you wish – event attended, date etc., but keep the area near the stamp clear.

Place the envelope(s) or card(s) in an outer envelope (up to C5 size can be mailed at basic rate if under 100 grams, and less than 5mm thick). Include a note or better still, wrap a band of paper around the items and clearly state the handstamp reference number and date required on the handstamp.

Address the outer envelope to:

**London Special Handstamp Centre,  
Royal Mail,  
Mount Pleasant,  
Farringdon Road,  
LONDON, EC1A 1BB.**

Either place in the mail, ensuring that you have added a stamp for postage, or if you are visiting Olympex, place in the box at the Collectors' Cabin on the Piazza.

Note that the date requested for the handstamp must not be earlier than the date on which you mail in the request or 'mail' at Olympex.

Only the handstamps illustrated above have been confirmed as being available on all dates of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. This is likely to change and any other introduced will be listed at the Collectors' Cabin.

At a cost of no more than £1.50 each, a very personal souvenir should then be delivered to you by Royal Mail – usually within a protective wrapper.

There will also be a special cachet available from the Collectors Cabin at Olympex.

