

Using printed Bristol Pounds

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

Printed Bristol Pounds are not legal tender and are not exchangeable back into sterling.

Only trader members can redeem printed Bristol Pounds into their Bristol Pound accounts at issuing points around the city.

Printed Bristol Pounds are the sole responsibility of the Bristol Pound CIC Ltd. For enquiries please call **0117 929 8642** or email **info@bristolpound.org**.

Bristol Credit Union has no responsibility for the printed Bristol Pounds.

Getting Bristol Pounds

We have traders in main retail areas of the city acting as access points for printed Bristol Pounds. A full list of access points is available on our website and can be viewed on a map from our searchable directory.

Go to any of our access points and simply exchange sterling cash for Bristol Pounds, £B1 for £1.

Withdraw Bristol Pounds from your account at any of the access points with a simple text message payment.

Ask for Bristol Pounds in your change when spending at any Bristol Pound member business.

About the designs

In February 2012 the people of Bristol were invited to help design the printed Bristol Pounds with the launch of a competition to find eight artworks to be used on each side of the printed £B1, £B5, £B10 and £B20. Hundreds of entries were received from school children, students, professional designers and amateurs alike.

An independent judging panel selected the winning images which have been incorporated along with a number of security features to produce a set of printed Bristol Pounds the city can be proud of.

Each of the designs captures something of Bristol's character, celebrating its commitment to greener living, its cultural diversity, its creative spirit and its technological heritage.

£B1 features

- 'Bicycle' by Bristol illustrator Jethro Brice
- A contemporary design by Phil West

£B5 features

- 'St. Paul's Carnival' by photographer Mark Simmons
- 'Graffiti tiger' by Alex Lucas

£B10 features

- 'Houses' by Bristol artist Matt Price
- 'Hannah Moore & Bristol Old Vic' conceived by Anthea Page and designed by Juraj Prodej

£B20 features

- 'Balloons' by Jemima Blench, 10, of Westbury Park Primary School
- 'Concord' by local artist Kim Short

Security Guide

Security features incorporated into your printed Bristol Pounds



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Bristol Pound Security Features

£ What should I do if I think I have a counterfeit Bristol Pound

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

If you think you have a counterfeit Bristol Pound call **0117 929 8642** or email **info@bristolpound.org** immediately. We will carry out further checks and if the Bristol Pound is genuine we will reimburse you.

£ Do I have to be a Bristol Pound member to use the Bristol Pounds?

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

£ Can I pay with a mix of printed Bristol Pounds and sterling notes?

Yes, Bristol 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 Bristol Pounds the more that you will be helping your money to stay in Bristol.

£ What happens for amounts of less than £B1?

£B1 is the smallest denomination of printed Bristol Pounds and so amounts of pence will have to be given in sterling when paying or when being given in change.

- A** **Fluorescent ink**
The ink strip is bright
- B** **Check the etched foil**
Etched image of '£B'
- C** **Check under UV light**
The red background image shines red under UV light
- D** **Thermochromic ink**
Logo is heat reactive so the colour fades quickly when rubbed between finger and thumb
- E** **Check the security hologram foil**
£B1 Stag image
£B5 Gorilla image
£B10 Cockerel image
£B20 Balloons image
- F** **Check the serial numbers**
Individually printed serial numbers

This guide is to help cash users identify genuine £B. Do not rely on just one security feature, check a few.

