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Royal Mail and An Post jointly commemorate Jack Charlton with first-ever postmark collaboration

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Royal Mail and An Post (the Irish postal service) are jointly commemorating the life of English World Cup winning footballer and Republic of Ireland manager Jack Charlton with a special postmark.

This is the first time that An Post and Royal Mail have collaborated on a postmark, reflecting the important role that Jack Charlton has played in football in both nations.

The postmark in both countries will read: Jack Charlton, 1935 – 2020.

The postmark will be applied across stamped mail posted in England and the Republic of Ireland from Monday 20th July and will run until Sunday 9th August.

Both postal companies hope that collaborating on the postmark will enable sports fans and all those who remember Jack Charlton with great respect and admiration, to celebrate his sporting legacy.

Stuart Simpson, CEO at Royal Mail, said: "Jack Charlton was a football hero in both England and the Republic of Ireland. This is the first time that An Post and Royal Mail have collaborated on a postmark. The commemoration of the life of Jack Charlton is a fitting occasion to do so. Jack was an integral member of England's 1966 World Cup winning squad and played a key role in the Republic of Ireland's football history. We would like to extend our condolences to the family of Jack Charlton from everyone at Royal Mail."

David McRedmond, CEO at An Post said: "Jack Charlton will always have a special place in the hearts and minds of Irish people. He gave our nation many of our happiest and proudest moments. Jack was the greatest example of a culture shared across these islands: that a proud Leeds player, a tall English football hero could become an Irish legend. That's why it is so fitting that he should be the subject of the first joint postmark between An Post and the Royal Mail."

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