



# PHILATELIC OPINION

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#### ITEM DESCRIPTION

1841 2d Blue EG unused without gum.

#### OBSERVATIONS

Comparisons with the letter positions in the *Twopence Blue Plating Guide* indicate that the stamp is from Plate 4.

Examination under a microscope detected some very minor soiling but I do not believe it to be the remains of an obliteration. Extensive 'channel splitting' of a high-resolution scan and examination under UV light revealed no signs of an obliteration. There is a tiny thin spot in the centre of the stamp but I believe this to be part of the watermark (it coincides with the top of the cross on the crown).

#### SOURCES

Mike Jackson, *Twopence Blue Plating Guide*, 2010.

Stanley Gibbons, *Great Britain Specialised Catalogue*, Vol. 1, 16th edn, 2011.

David Rockoff & Mike Jackson, 'Digital Image Enhancement', *Fakes Forgeries Experts* 16, 2013.

#### CONCLUSION

In my opinion, the stamp is an 1841 2d Blue EG Plate 4 unused without gum, and is genuine. SG Spec. ES14.

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