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ITEM DESCRIPTION

1841 2d Blue QK unused.

OBSERVATIONS

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

Extensive 'channel splitting' of a high-resolution scan, examination under UV light, and examination under a microscope revealed no signs of an obliteration. The stamp has patches of gum on the back which appears to be original.

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 QK Plate 4 unused with part gum, and is genuine. SG Spec. ES14.

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