



## Buzin Watch

I mentioned in the last Buzin Watch that there would be a further Buzin appearing in March - a Bearded Reedling - to follow the Sand Martin that was issued at the beginning of the year. And sure enough it arrived on time around the middle of that month.



The shock was that it was issued at Bpost's high RP value in sheetlets of ten stamps at somewhat over £45 per sheet. If you factored in postage and packaging for the purchase, that equated to roughly £5 per stamp at the barest minimum price. A lot of dough for a stamp measuring no more than 25mm by 33mm. Or to express it another way, that's about 1.7 pence per square millimetre!

I said at the, "barest minimum price." I was lucky enough to obtain a block of four at £20, but the lowest price I have now seen via dealers is £6.50 per stamp or £65 for the sheet of ten. However, some dealers are selling at a far higher price, perhaps close to £11 per stamp and a little over £109 (or even higher) per full sheetlet. I'll leave you to work out what that comes to per square millimetre.

On the plus side, as you can see from the illustration above, it's still a lovely stamp. If you are a fan of his style like me and a serious Buzin collector, then it is a must have. My next Buzin challenge? Finding all these new issues in good condition used. Who said collecting would/should be easy?

Keep Buzzin!