

In the UK, all legal coins have the Queen's head on one side, but what is on the other side varies a lot. Some coins are issued to remember something important - like the 1st World War, or the abolition of the Slave Trade.

20p coin from 2006



20p coin from 2011

2p coin from 2009



10p coin from 2009



5p coin from 2014



50p coin from 2011, commemorating the Commonwealth Games Hockey Tournament

5p coin from 1995



£2 coin from 2007, commemorating the abolition of the Slave Trade



old £1 coin from 2013



£2 coin from 2016, commemorating the 1st World War

old £1 coin from 2012



50p coin from 2017, commemorating a Beatrix Potter story



Sometimes the whole design of the coin changes - look at the difference between the old £1 coins and the new.



new £1 coin from 2016

Sometimes just the reverse of the coin is changed.