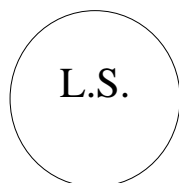


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ASCENSION ISLAND



CURRENCY (ASCENSION) ORDINANCE, 2009

PROCLAMATION

In the Name of His Majesty Charles III, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and His other Realms and Territories King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

By His Excellency the Acting Governor
Gregory Gibson

WHEREAS it is fitting that coins to commemorate Dambusters 80th Anniversary designs should be issued under the provisions of section 4(1) of the Currency (Ascension) Ordinance, 2009, which said coins shall be legal tender in Ascension.

AND WHEREAS it is within the province of the Acting Governor to specify the denomination, weight, form and design and composition of coins to be made and issued, by Proclamation and with the approval of the Secretary of State.

NOW THEREFORE, I, the Acting Governor, acting in accordance with the provisions of section 4(2) of the Ordinance, and with the approval of the Secretary of State, do hereby order and specify for Ascension the following coins:

AB 6 *No. 3 Commemorative Coins Dambusters 80th Anniversary*

Issue Code	Face Value	Alloy	Quality	Diameter	Gross Weight	Royalty
D80	£5 (Design 1)	Base Metal	BU	38.6mm	25g	£1.50
D80	One Crown (Designs 2 – 6)	Base Metal	BU	38.6mm	25g	£0.35
D80	£1 (Design 7)	Gold	Proof	22mm	2.75g	£1.00

A set of designs to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Dambusters Raid – known as ‘Operation Chastise’ - which was carried out on the night of 16/17 May 1943 by 617 Squadron RAF Bomber Command. It was an attack on German dams, using specially designed ‘bouncing bombs’ developed by Barnes Wallis, with the intention of causing catastrophic flooding and resulting in significant damage and destruction to factories, mines and hydroelectric power stations.

Design 1 – Bomb testing at Reculver.

Design 2 – Squadron practising low flying.

Design 3 – Dropping the bomb at 60 feet.

Design 4 – Bomb sight trial – Moonlight flying.

Design 5 – The targets – briefing.

Design 6 – The night of the raid.

Design 7 – Barnes Wallis – The Bouncing Bomb ‘Upkeep’.

The Obverse design – Effigy of His Majesty King Charles III designed by renowned numismatic artist, Jody Clark.

Given under my hand and the public seal of St Helena, at the Castle, Jamestown, this 4th day of May 2023.

GOD SAVE THE KING!