



## £1 Coin

The Irish punt – or pound – coin was unique when it came into circulation in 1990. Until then, only banknotes had been used for this denomination. Irish coins had a common theme: native animals of Ireland.

We can see this theme represented on the pound coin, where the designer Thomas Ryan portrayed the majestic red deer symbolising Ireland's wildlife and heritage. The animal is represented on the front of the coin alongside the word "punt", which is Irish for "pound".

The back of the coin displays the Irish harp, which features on all Irish coins since 1928. With the introduction of the euro in 2002, the pound coin was removed from circulation. Production of Irish coins ceased in September 2000, and a Millennium pound coin was the last national coin to be struck by the Irish mint.

Do you remember the pound coin?