

## LET IT SNOW

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**We present a set of six stamps featuring local snow scenes which mark the unusual, disruptive but beautiful weather of winter this year on the Isle of Man.**

These outstanding images were chosen from an open submission of the work of local photographers and our selection illustrates something of the wide range of scenic opportunities available to the visual artist on the Island.

A presentation pack and first day cover is available in addition to the mint and CTO stamps. 'Let it Snow' will be our main postal issue for Christmas and is presented in a new smaller stamp format for 2010.

Over the last 20 years winters on our Island have been predominantly mild, and often with high winds and rainfall, with just the odd spell of snow. It therefore came as a shock to the whole Island when the winter of 2009/2010 produced unusually heavy snowfall. Manx residents were indebted to the Department of Infrastructure (formally Transport) who worked to keep our transport system operational. Whilst it caused havoc across the Island on a number of occasions, it also made for some terrific photographic opportunities, a selection of which we are delighted to reproduce within this stamp issue.

Combining expert weather analysis and local anecdote, our issue text places the snowfall in context, while the photographers share their experiences of capturing the moment...

**Bill Dale - Old Braddan Church – 35p stamp**

This was the magical result of the January 2010 snowfall at Old Braddan Church, a view lots of people will have seen as they drove past in their cars. The amazing thing about this is just how colourful the gravestones are when contrasted against the white of the snow.

**Seamus Whelan - The Braaid – 36p stamp**

I noticed the stray sheep helped give a tranquil scene looking over The Braaid. I think it just gave a good Manx feel to the photograph, the sheep should not have been there but looked as if it belonged. This image was taken on 8th January 2010.

**Simon Park - The Dhoon Glen – 60p stamp**

Taken on 5th January 2010, after overnight snowfall, the Dhoon Glen presented me with an incredible fairytale winter landscape, pristine and untouched. There were many photographic opportunities all around but I was attracted to this small wood bridge. There were no footprints before me so I knew I was the first person to see it in this condition.

**Simon Park - The Dhoon Beach – 88p stamp**

Taken on the 5th January 2010 on the Dhoon Beach. I was lucky in that the snow was pristine still and the tide was high - a unique and rare combination. The dusk light was also in my favour showing some wonderful colours. The exposure was long, about a minute, to give the sky and water a silky quality.

**Bill Dale - Cronk ny Arree Laa – 97p stamp**

The Round Table looking across to Cronk ny Arree Laa.

Absolutely fantastic, a magical scene - beautiful sunshine, deep snow, complete silence, stunningly beautiful at the gate looking out across the moorland towards the mountain. Moments like this are not only great for a photographer and make the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end – it also makes you appreciate just how exceptionally beautiful the Isle of Man is and how unbelievably fortunate we are to live here.

**Victoria Harrop - St Patrick's Isle in Snow - £1.46**

It's unusual to get snow at such low levels particularly on St Patrick's Isle due to the sea salt. I was fortunate to have a blue sky and good visibility thereby allowing us to see the hills behind also with a covering of snow. The use of a polarising filter has helped the blue of the sky and sea stand out against the white snow.

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