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New £5 Banknote Design

The new version of the Bank of England £5 banknote will be issued on Tuesday 21 May.

Announcing the date, Merlyn Lowther, the Bank's Chief Cashier, said "This new note, featuring Elizabeth Fry in place of George Stephenson, will also incorporate new design and security features. 21 May is a particularly appropriate date for the issue of the note as it is the anniversary of Elizabeth Fry's birth."

Fuller details of the new note will be announced in a further News Release, for publication on 21 May.

Note to Editors

The Bank's News Release, dated 18 December 2001 announces that a new £5 note would be issued around the middle of this year and gives some background information.