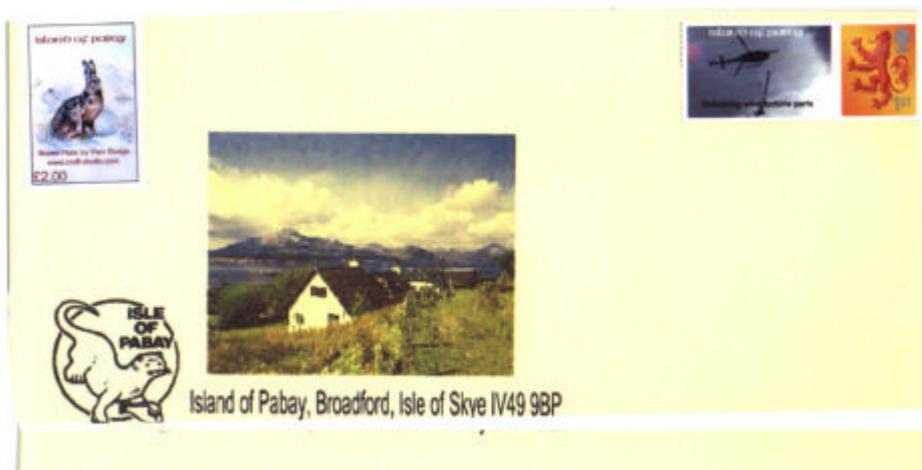


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The Pabay Winter “Smiler” issue shows a helicopter bringing heavy parts of a Wind Turbine to the island. This is the best way to transport such items as it avoids the sometimes difficult sea- crossing and landing, also the difficulty of man-handling heavy items to their final position.

A Brown Hare is the subject of the Pabay stamp. This charming study is by Pam Budge from the Croft Studios in Dunvegan (<http://www.croft-studio.com>). A charming poem by Barbara Kyle dedicated to the Brown Hare is also included with both the FDCs and the stamps. Naturally Brown Hares inhabit Pabay!

Prices

Stamp: Ref Number PS 239 + Smiler Stamp £3.00
 (“Smiler” Sheets are available-prices on request)

First Day Cover: Ref Number PC 099 £5.00

Add P&P Stamp only UK and Europe £1.00 other areas £2.50
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HARE

Hello. Big fellow! Golden boy,
Bigger than your brothers,
Sitting there
Having your early morning wash and brush up.
Your face to the Cuillins. The sun rising.

Lepidus timidus perhaps or Lepidus europaeus?
Even close up I wouldn't know.
I only know that you are beautiful.

No wonder the pagans worshipped you,
Your elegance, your delicacy.
The alertness of your long eared head.
The gleam of your soulful eye.

Durer painted you. Cowper made a pet of you.
How did they?
Even Moses mentioned you.

You punch a light tattoo in the morning air
And crouch to feast on the thick clover,
Then, turning, your long ears flat,
Soak up the yellow sun.

I'm in clover too, just watching you. Other Midas.
Your translucent amber eye
Has turned me to gold.