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### **Philatelic Bureau Issues Commemorative First Day Cover Stamps for Literary Festival**

The Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau will be issuing a limited edition commemorative First Day Cover set of stamps as part of the 2016 edition of the Gibunco Gibraltar International Literary Festival.

The stamps, a thousand in total, will be individually numbered and feature an old print of the Gibraltar Garrison Library and garden facing Town Range. The image also shows a group of children around the monument to Queen Victoria, which used to be sited in the centre of the street before its modern day relocation to the Piazzella. The stamps will be issued on October 20th 2016.

Minister for Tourism, the Hon Samantha Sacramento MP, welcomed the initiative as another complementary feature to promote the Literary Festival. She said: "It is a wonderful idea to issue a set of commemorative stamps every year to enhance the promotional aspects of the festival. Bringing on board the world of philately and collectors shows the resourcefulness that we have been able to muster in our efforts to support this flagship cultural event.

"Postage stamps are an excellent vehicle to promote both the event and Gibraltar as a tourist location. The Government is always looking at innovative ways to sell the Rock and this fulfils our aims in an attractive manner.

"The Philatelic Bureau have done an excellent job and deserve to be praised for their vision and hard work. We look forward to more of their First Day Covers in the years to come."