

# Five things about the new fiver



They are  
**15%**  
smaller than  
the paper notes

The polymer material is  
cleaner, resilient to  
being crumpled and  
spilled on, less likely to  
distribute bacteria and  
difficult to counterfeit

They are expected to last  
**2.5 times**  
longer than their paper  
counterparts

Nearly **440 million**  
notes have been printed featuring the Queen  
and Big Ben in gold foil on the front, and a  
portrait of Sir Winston Churchill on the back

They can be recycled  
into plastic products  
when they are  
withdrawn from  
circulation