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National Gazetteers

(Submitted by the Chairman of the Working Group on Gazetteers)

The last meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Experts were informed of the gazetteer of Great Britain planned for the 1:50,000 map series. In the two years since that meeting the compilation has been completed and the gazetteer will shortly be published.

The decision to prepare this gazetteer was primarily because the names could be stored in a computer and so used for map production and the names have been collected and stored mainly with map production in mind. Since the names were to be collected from the 1:50,000 scale maps, their publication in the form of a book could be useful to the public.

It is not a gazetteer in the strictest sense of the word. It is, rather, an index to names appearing on the 1:50,000 map sheets. A great deal of thought was, therefore, given before and during compilation to the question of up-dating and revision.

There are in the gazetteer 275,000 names including the names of 5,000 antiquities. Information from this stock of names can be provided on magnetic tape and possibly also microfiche as well as in the form of a printed book. The book will contain about 560 pages of A4 size with, in addition, a number of preliminary pages.

Tenure coring is a simple affair of seven categories:

Hills	H
Forests	F
Water	W
Towns and cities	T
Roman antiquities	R
Other antiquities	A
Other features	X

The preliminary pages include abbreviations of country, etc. designations; a key map; four pages of archaeological glossary and two pages of general explanatory text.

Alternative forms of names shown on the map sheets will be included in each entry, e.g.:

Puffin Island or Priestholm or Ynys Seiriol
Priestholm or Puffin Island or Ynys Seiriol
Ynys Seiriol or Puffin Island or Priestholm.

Feature names which are pre-fixed by the definite article are entered with the definite article suffixed, e.g., The Wash will be entered as Wash, the Town names, on the other hand, will be indexed as the name appears on the map sheets, e.g., The Bryn.

A basic principle has been to index all names as they appear on the map sheets, e.g.

- . River Thames
- Ingrebourne River
- Loch Lomona
- Gore Loch

Only one entry is given for a name which appears more than once against the same feature on a map sheet.

All names are indexed to a 1 Km square of the Ordnance Survey National Grid. The Grid reference will consist of two letters and four digits.

Area names will be given the grid reference of the name. Linear features will be given the grid reference of the part of the feature nearest to the name.

Where a feature name occurs on more than one map sheet it is given an entry for each map sheet on which it appears, excluding overlaps in map sheets.

Against each entry is given the name of the Country, Region or Island Area in which the name occurs; the sheet number and grid reference.

Revision is continuous as new map sheets are published.

Type and format are:

Page headings	10/11 pt. Univers. Medium Condensed Roman
Distinctive Name, County and Grid Reference	5 1/2/5 1/2 pt. Univers. Medium Condensed Roman
Feature Code and 1:50,000 Sheet numbers	5 1/2/5 1/2 pt Univers. Medium Condensed Italic

Each page will be numbered and headed by repeating the first name in Column 1 and the last in Column 4 - see Appendix A.

The method used for production is:

- (1) Input corner coordinates of map sheets to computer
- (2) Print out from computer each sheet giving all kilometre-grid squares falling on the sheet.
- (3) Collate all names against the kilometre grid square listing on the print-out together with the coding for features and county.
- (4) Computer print-out listing names, counties and feature codes against Km grid squares for checking and correcting collation and data input.
- (5) Computer sort into alphabetic order and creation of master file.

A completely independent check - double collation - was not undertaken on the grounds of time and cost involved. The small incidence of error was considered to be acceptable.

Information from the master file for the gazetteer can be made available for:

- (1) The whole country
- (2) An individual county, e.g., Wales, Scotland
- (3) By county
- (4) Combinations such as E + S; E + W; W + S
- (5) By 1:50,000 sheet
- (6) By any single feature code or any combination of feature codes
- (7) Any rectangular area

Atherstone on Stour

Madresfield Court

Atherstone on Stour, Dorset *T*
 163 SP 2060
 Bâgh Loch on Boin, Highld. *W*
 88 NC 1954
 Ballochbuie Forest, Tays. *F* 164 NO 1989
 Balmoral Forest, Grampian *F*
 44 NO 2587
 Barnetley Wold, S Yorks. *N*
 101 TA 9509
 Barbrook Reservoir, Derby. *W*
 129 SK 2777
 Ben Loyal, Highld. *N*
 70 NC 5858
 Beorgs of Skelberry, Shetld. *N*
 3 HU 3587
 Berwick-upon-Tweed,
 Northum. *T* 67 NT 9953
 Bidford-on-Avon, Warw. *T* 150 SP 1052

Blackwater Reservoir, Highld. *W*
 41 NN 3259
 Boreland Hill, Dumf and Gall. *N*
 84 NX 9480
 Cellar Head, Western Isles
 9 NB 5757
 Churchill Wood, Worc. *F* 150 SU 9054
 Cowsea Skerries, Grampian
 29 NJ 1972
 Cresswell, Northum. *N*
 81 NZ 2394
 Dartmoor, Devon *N*
 191 SX 6379
 East Winch Station, Bucks.
 165 TF 6317
 Espair-Lhwyn-Gwyn, Powys *N*
 147 SN 8379
 Farnell, Tays. *N*
 64 NO 6356
 Firth of Forth, Lathian *W*
 59 NT 2189
 Firth of Forth, Lathian *W* 85.66 NT 4288
 Firth of Forth, Lathian *W* 67 NT 6752

Hill of Baleprethsh, Strath. *N*
 191 NM 6048
 Invermoriston Forest, Highld. *F*
 34 NH 3819
 Loch Fannich, Highld. *W* 20 NH 2364
 Lomond Hills, Fife *N* 89 ND 2306
 Lower Kilteyan, Strathclyde *T*
 60 NR 2643
 Nant Troedyresgair, Powys *W*
 147 SN 6779
 Pennines, The, N Yorks. *N* 90 SE 0070
 Priestholm or Puffin Island or
 Ynys Seiriol, Gwyn. *N* 115 SH 6481
 Puffin Island or Priestholm or
 Ynys Seiriol, Gwyn. *N* 115 SH 6481
 River Cherwell, Northants. *W*
 151 SP 4739

River Dee, Grampian *W* 128 NN 4998
 River North Est., Lathian *W* 84 ND 5378
 River Thames or Isis, Glos. *W* 163 SU 0595
 River Thames or Isis, Oxon. *W* 164 SP 4205
 River Thames or Isis, Oxon. *W*
 165 SP 7105
 River Thames or Isis, Bucks. *W*
 175 SU 8083
 River Thames or Isis, G Lon. *W*
 176 TQ 1978
 South Downs, E Susx. *N* 197 TQ 3009
 South Downs, E Susx. *N* 198 TQ 8010
 Spott, Lathian *N* 67 NT 6876
 Wolds, The, Lincs. *N* 199 TF 2488
 Ynys Seiriol or Priestholm or
 Puffin Island, Gwyn. *N* 115 SH 6481

List of County Names showing abbreviations used in this Gazetteer

HNNEX 10

England

In accordance with Local Government Act 1972

Avon	Avon
Bedfordshire	Beds
Berkshire	Berks
Buckinghamshire	Bucks
Cambridgeshire	Cambs
Cheshire	Ches
Cleveland	Cleve
Cornwall	Corn
Cumbria	Cumbr
Derbyshire	Derby
Devon	Devon
Dorset	Dorset
Durham	Durham
East Sussex	E Susx
Essex	Essex
Gloucestershire	Glos
Greater London	G Lon
Greater Manchester	G Man
Hampshire	Hants
Hereford and Worcester	H & W
Hertfordshire	Herts
Humberside	Humbs
Isle of Wight	I of W
Kent	Kent
Lancashire	Lancs
Leicestershire	Leic
Lincolnshire	Lincs
Merseyside	Mers
Norfolk... ..	Norf
North Yorkshire	N Yks
Northamptonshire	Northnts
Northumberland	Northum
Nottinghamshire	Notts
Oxfordshire	Oxon
Salop	Salop
Somerset	Somer
South Yorkshire	S Yks
Staffordshire	Staffs
Suffolk... ..	Suff
Surrey	Surrey
Tyne and Wear	T & W
Warwickshire	Warw
West Midlands	W Mids
West Sussex	W Susx
West Yorkshire	W Yks
Wiltshire	Wilts

Wales

In accordance with Local Government Act 1972

Clwyd	Clwyd
Dyfed	Dyfed
Gwent	Gwent
Gwynedd	Gwyn
Mid Glamorgan	M Glam
Powys	Powys
South Glamorgan	S Glam
West Glamorgan	W Glam

Other Areas

Isle of Man	I of M
Isles of Scilly	I Scilly

Region and Islands Area Names Scotland

In accordance with Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

REGIONS

Borders	Border
Central... ..	Central
Dumfries and Galloway	D & G
Fife	Fife
Grampian	Grampn
Highland	Highld
Lothian	Lothn
Strathclyde	Strath
Tayside	Tays

ISLANDS AREAS

Orkney	Orkney
Shetland	Shetid
Western Isles	W Isles