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Summary

The Ordnance Survey of Great Britain does not have a single geographical names database for the country, as names are held in datasets relating to specific map scales and products. The Ordnance Survey Gazetteer of Great Britain contains over 250,000 names taken directly from its 1:50,000 scale Landranger map series. The gazetteer is updated annually and is available in both hard copy and digital format (CD-ROM).

The National Street Gazetteer, administered by the Ordnance Survey, is a comprehensive street referencing framework for Great Britain. It has been created in partnership with local authorities.

The Gazetteer for Scotland, available online at www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz/, is a large geographical database, detailing populated places and topographic features throughout Scotland. It was created by Bruce Gittings of the Department of Geography, University of Edinburgh, and David Munro of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society as a major development to promote understanding of the geography of Scotland.

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