

# CATALOGUE OF BRITISH TOWN MAPS TO 1900 (CBTM)

## GUIDE FOR USERS

### SCOPE OF THE CATALOGUE

CBTM IS one of the principal outcomes of a British Academy Research Project adopted by the Academy's Council in 1998 and directed by Professor Roger Kain FBA. The database underpinning the Catalogue is mostly comprised of records created as part of a project based at the University of Exeter and funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council, the fieldwork for which was conducted by Dr Richard Oliver. CBTM also contains some records relating to British towns created by two earlier works by Roger Kain and Richard Oliver on (a) the tithe maps of England and Wales and (b) enclosure and related maps of England and Wales (see section 'Fieldwork' below). CBTM includes only those maps (with some very few exceptions) that are accessible to the public and has a terminal date of 1900 by which time the first Ordnance Survey large-scale mapping of British towns was complete, was subject to periodic revision, and thus provided a base for almost all twentieth century and later large-scale town maps.

### DEFINITION OF 'TOWN'

CBTM contains records of maps of places that appear in one or more of the following:

- 1 - Alan Everitt, 'The market towns', in J. Thirsk (ed), *The agrarian history of England and Wales*, IV, Cambridge University Press, 1967, 467-506 [reprinted in Peter Clark (ed), *The early modern town: a reader*, London: Longman, 1976, 168-78]. This work lists markets known to be, or believed to be, active at some time between 1500 and 1640.
- 2 - Christopher Saxton's *Map of England & Wales*, surveyed c.1570-76
- 3 - John Adams, *Index Villaris*, 1680
- 4 - Samuel Lewis, *Topographical Dictionary*, 1833
- 5 - Ordnance Survey, one-inch Old Series, surveyed 1784-1840

6 - Ordnance Survey, one-inch New Series of England and Wales, and one-inch first edition of Scotland, surveyed 1841-95

7 - Ordnance Survey, one-inch revised mapping of Great Britain, surveyed 1893-8

8 - Ordnance Survey, one-inch Third Edition mapping of Great Britain, surveyed 1903-13

On Saxton's maps, 'towns' are taken to be those represented by emphasised lettering; on Ordnance Survey maps they are those indicated by upper-case lettering.

#### DEFINITION OF A 'TOWN MAP'

A town map is defined by a scale of about 1:25,344 – 2.5 inches to 1 mile – or larger which covers one of the following:

- (a) the whole of a built-up area;
- (b) the central core of a town;
- (c) the whole of a constituent parish or other formal administrative division within a town;
- (d) a discrete suburb or other district.

The following are normally excluded:

Estate maps that show part only of a town and cannot be reconciled with (c) or (d).

Maps of utilities (water, gas, sewers etc).

Maps that are substantially intended to show 'projected works', and cannot be relied on to show what is actually present on the ground.

Deposited plans for utilities, transport and other 'public works'.

## DIMENSIONS OF MAPS

These are expressed in centimetres as width followed by height.

## FIELDWORK AND RECORD CREATION DATES

The fieldwork for this project was carried out as follows:

- (1) for an investigation of tithe maps, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, between 1987 and 1991: these records have CBTM numbers in the range 00001-11830.
- (2) for an investigation of enclosure, rating, sanitary and other unpublished 'parish' and 'public' mapping, funded by the Economic & Social Research Council, mainly undertaken between 1993 and 1997: these records have CBTM numbers in the range 11831-18216.
- (3) for an investigation of British urban mapping before 1900 funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council, mainly undertaken between 1999 and 2006: these records have CBTM numbers in the range 18217-23525.

The records created in groups (1) and (2) that were complementary to the mapping investigated in group (3) were re-edited in 2006-7 and assimilated and added to the database created for group (3).

The database in its present form reflects its state in April 2008 when it was first made publicly available.

In the online web resource hosted by the IHR there are 144 entries, largely from Scotland, for which there are no extant 'town maps' references although there are references to Ordnance Survey maps for these entries. These entries have limited information listing only the town, county, year, and scale of the relevant OS map(s). The CBTM for these entries range from 200003 to 200146.

It is important to note that the 'repository' field reflects the location of maps at the time of the original fieldwork and that locations and titles of collections are liable to change over time (and see 'Explanation of Repositories...' below).

Maps referred to in secondary or other works but which archivists / librarians were unable to produce, have been excluded.

## LOCATION OF COPIES

In principle, all maps listed in the database should be accessible to bona fide researchers in public or quasi-public institutions. The main exception is that a few maps in private collections are included in CBTM. These are only included where either (a) they contain an exemplar that is also represented elsewhere in a publically-accessible collection, or (b) where the database entry was originally prepared from a publically-available facsimile copy.

## MAPS OF LONDON

These are any map covering at least either (a) the whole built-up area at the time of making the map, or (b) the central core of London, roughly defined by from Park Lane in the west to Mile End in the east and from Pimlico in the south to Euston Road in the north. Appended names of boroughs or parishes give a more precise indication of coverage.

## SCALES

These are expressed as representative fractions. Where scales are absent on a particular map, they are supplied by comparative measurement, and indicated with an asterisk (\*). Such scales when provided for 'early' mapping, before about 1700, should be regarded as indicative only.

## EXPLANATION OF REPOSITORIES AND CITED CARTOBIBLIOGRAPHIES

NB:

(1) In all cases where a town or city library is listed, it is the 'central' library unless otherwise specified.

(2) Common changes to names since the date of fieldwork include substitution of 'archives' for 'record office', and sometimes adoption of radically different titles from previously such as 'Centre for X-shire Studies' or 'X-shire Heritage Centre'.

Aberdeen City Archives

Accrington Library Local Studies

Anglesey RO = Anglesey Archives, Llangefni

Ashmolean Museum

Ayrshire Archives

Bath City RO = Bath City Archives

Bath Library

Bedford Central Library Local Studies

Bedfordshire Archives

Bedfordshire RO = Bedfordshire Archives

Berks RO = Berkshire Record Office

Berwick upon Tweed RO = Berwick upon Tweed Archives

Birkenhead Library

Birmingham Archives = Birmingham Central Library, Archives

Birmingham Central Library, Archives

Birmingham Central Library, Local Studies

Bishopsgate Institute, London Collection

BL = British Library

BLML = British Library Map Library

BN = map number in Kenneth J. Bonser and Harold Nichols, *Printed maps & plans of Leeds, 1711-1900*, Thoresby Society, 1960 [in Publications of the Thoresby Society, Vol 47, no.106, 1958]

Bodleian Library

BOL = Bodleian Library, Oxford

Bolton Archives = at Central Library, Bolton

Bolton Archives & Local Studies = at Central Library, Bolton

Borthwick = Borthwick Institute, York  
Bournemouth Library, Local Studies Section  
Bradford Central Library, Local Studies  
Brigend Library  
Brighton History Centre  
Bristol City Archives  
Bristol Record Office = Bristol City Archives  
British Library  
Buckinghamshire RO  
Bury Archives  
Cambridge City Library, Cambridgeshire Collection  
Cambridgeshire RO  
Camden Local Studies  
Canterbury Cathedral Archives  
Canterbury City Library, Local Studies  
Cardiff City Library, Local Studies Section  
Carlisle Public Library, Local Studies  
Carmarthen RO  
Carnarvon RO  
Centre for Kentish Studies  
Cheltenham Library  
Ches RO = Cheshire RO  
Cheshire RO  
Chesterfield Library, Local Studies  
CL [Central Library]  
CLRO [City of London Record Office]  
Colchester Library, Local Studies  
Colne Library  
Cornish Centre (Redruth)  
Cornwall RO  
Coventry City Archives  
Coventry City RO = Coventry City Archives  
Crosby Library  
CUL = Cambridge University Library  
Cumberland RO = Cumbria Archives, Carlisle

Darlington Local Studies Library = Darlington Library, Local Studies Library  
Denbigh[shire] RO = Clwyd [Denbighshire] Record Office, Denbigh  
Derby Local Studies Library = Derby Town Local Studies Library  
Derbyshire Local Studies Library = Derbyshire Local Studies Library, Matlock  
Derbyshire RO = Derbyshire Archives, Matlock  
Devon & Exeter Institution = Devon & Exeter Institution, Exeter [access may be restricted for non-members]  
Devon RO = Devon Record Office, Sowton, Exeter  
DH = map number in James Howgego, *Printed maps of London circa 1553-1850*, second edition, Folkestone: Dawson, 1978  
Doncaster Archives  
Doncaster RO = Doncaster Archives  
Doncaster Library, Local Studies  
DOR RO = Dorset Record Office  
Dover Library Local Studies Section  
Dudley Archives  
Dumfries, Ewart Library  
Dundee Central Library, Local History Section  
Durham RO = Durham County Record Office, Durham  
Durham University Library (Manuscripts)  
East Kent Archives = East Kent Archives, Whitfield  
East Riding RO = East Yorkshire Archives, Beverley  
East Suffolk RO = East Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich East  
Sussex RO = East Sussex Record Office, Lewes  
Edinburgh Central Library, Edinburgh Room  
Edinburgh City Archives  
EKF-L = E. Kay Farr, 'Handlist of Liverpool street maps in the Liverpool Record Office', Liverpool City Council, 1988: unpublished handlist available in Liverpool Record Office.  
ESRO = East Sussex Record Office, Lewes  
Essex RO = Essex Record Office, Chelmsford  
Essex RO [Colchester] = Essex Record Office, Colchester Branch  
Essex RO [Southend] = Essex Record Office, Southend on Sea Branch  
Falkirk, History Research Centre  
Flint[shire] RO = Clwyd [Flint] County Record Office, Hawarden  
Furness RO = Cumbria Record Office, Barrow in Furness  
Gateshead Library, Local Studies

GHL = Guildhall Library, London  
GL = Guildhall Library, London  
Glamorgan Record Office = Glamorgan Record Office, Cardiff  
Glasgow City Archives  
Glasgow, Mitchell Library, Local Studies  
Gloucester Library, Local Studies  
Gloucestershire RO  
Greater Manchester Record Office  
Greenwich Local Studies Library = Greenwich Heritage Centre, Woolwich  
Greenwich Heritage Centre = Greenwich Heritage Centre, Woolwich  
Grimsby Archives = North-East Lincolnshire Archives, Grimsby  
Grimsby Central Library  
Guildhall Library  
Gwent RO = Gwent Record Office, Cwmbran  
GwUL = Glasgow University Library [access may be restricted]  
H = map number in Ralph Hyde, *Printed maps of Victorian London 1851-1900*,  
Folkestone: Dawson, 1975  
Hackney Archives  
Halifax Library, Reference Section  
Hamilton Reference Library  
Hammersmith and Fulham = Hammersmith & Fulham Archives & Local History Centre  
Hammersmith & Fulham Archives & Local History Centre  
Hampshire RO  
Hants RP = Hampshire RO  
Harrogate Library, Local Studies Section  
Hastings Public Library, Local Studies Section  
Hereford City Library, Reference Section  
Hereford RO = Herefordshire Record Office, Hereford  
Herefordshire RO = Herefordshire Record Office, Hereford  
Hertfordshire RO  
Herts RO = Hertfordshire RO  
Highland Council Archive [Inverness]  
Hod = map number in D. Hodson, *Maps of Portsmouth before 1801* (Portsmouth Record  
Series [no.4]), City of Portsmouth, 1978  
Horsham Museum

Hull City RO = Kingston upon Hull City Archives  
Hull Library = Kingston upon Hull City Library, Local Studies  
Hull University Library [access may be restricted]  
Huntingdonshire RO = Cambridgeshire Record Office, Huntingdon Branch  
HW = map number in Ralph Hyde, *Ward Maps of the City of London*, London Topographical Society, 1999.  
Isle of Wight Record Office  
Islington Central Library, Local Studies and Archives  
Keighley Central Library  
Kensington Library, Local Studies  
Kent RO = Centre for Kentish Studies, Maidstone  
Kidderminster Library Local Studies  
Kings Lynn Borough Archives  
Kirkcaldy Public Library  
Knowsley Archives  
Lancs RO = Lancashire Record Office, Preston  
Lancashire RO  
Lancaster Library  
Leamington Library  
Lee = J. Lee, *Maps and plans of Manchester & Salford 1650 to 1843*, Altrincham: John Sherratt & Son, 1957  
Leeds City Library = Leeds Central Library, Local Studies Section  
Leeds Central Library, Family History & Local Studies  
Leeds Central Library, Family History  
Leicester Municipal Library  
Lichfield Joint Record Office  
Lincoln Library = Lincoln City Library  
Lincolnshire Archives  
Lincolnshire Archives Office  
Lincoln City Hall, Planning Dept [maps were recorded on understanding that they would shortly be publicly deposited, but this has not yet (2012) happened]  
Liverpool City RO  
Liverpool RO  
Liverpool Record Office  
LIGC = National Library of Wales  
LMA = London Metropolitan Archives

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London Metropolitan Archives [ex City of London Record Office]  
LMA-GLC = London Metropolitan Archives [ex-Greater London Council Collection]  
Lord Louis Library, Newport, IOW, Local History Room  
Lowestoft Library: Archives  
Luton Library  
Maidenhead Library, Local Studies  
Manchester CL = Manchester Central Library  
Manchester Central Library  
Manchester Central Library Archives  
Margate Library, Heritage Room  
Medway Archives  
Merionydd Archives  
Middleton Library Local Studies  
Minet Library = Minet Library, Lambeth  
Morley Public Library, Local History Collection  
Morpeth Records Centre  
MSGlam RO = Glamorgan Record Office, Cardiff  
NASc = National Archives of Scotland  
National Library of Scotland, Map Room  
N.E. Scotland Library Headquarters, Oldmeldrum  
Newcastle Central Library, Local Studies  
Newport Public Library, Reference Section = Newport (Gwent)  
NLS = National Archives of Scotland  
Norfolk RO  
Northampton Public Library  
Northamptonshire RO  
North Ayrshire Local History Library, Ardrossan  
North Riding Record Office = North Yorkshire Record Office, Northallerton  
North Riding Registry of Deeds (at North Riding Record Office) = Records at North Yorkshire Record Office, Northallerton  
Northumberland RO = Northumberland Record Office, Gosforth  
North Yorkshire RO = North Yorkshire Record Office, Northallerton  
Norwich Library Local Studies = Norwich Library, Norfolk Heritage Centre  
Norwich Library, Norfolk Heritage Centre

Nottingham Central Library, Local Studies  
Nottinghamshire Archives  
Oldham Archives  
Oxford Library, Oxfordshire Studies  
Oxfordshire RO = Oxfordshire Archives  
Oxon RO = Oxfordshire Archives  
Oxfordshire Archives  
Perth & Kinross Archives  
Perth, A.K. Bell Library, Local Studies  
Peterborough Central Library  
Plymouth Archives = West Devon Record Office, Plymouth  
Plymouth Central Library, Local Studies  
Poole Local History Centre  
Portsmouth Central Library  
Portsmouth City RO  
Powis RO = Powis Archives, Llandrindod Wells  
Preston, Harris Library  
Reading Central Library Local Studies  
RGS = Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers  
RO = Record Office  
Rochdale Local Studies = Local Studies Library, Rochdale  
Rotherham Library, Archives  
Royal Scottish Geographical Society = Royal Scottish Geographical Society, Perth  
Rugby Library, local studies section  
S = map number in Elisabeth Stuart, *Lost Landscapes of Plymouth: maps, charts and plans to 1800*, Stroud: Alan Sutton, 1991  
St Helens Archives  
St Helens Library, Archives & Local Studies  
St John's College, Cambridge = St John's College, Cambridge, Archives [access may be restricted]  
Salford Archives  
Salford Museum - Local History Library  
Sandwell Archives  
Scarborough Library  
Shakespeare Birthplace Trust = Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Stratford upon Avon

Sheffield Archives  
Sheffield Library  
Shropshire RO = Shropshire Records and History Centre, Shrewsbury  
Somerset Record Office  
Somerset RO = Somerset Record Office  
Southampton City Archives  
Southampton Library, Local Studies Section  
Southport Library, Reference and Local Studies  
South Shields Library, Local Studies  
Southwark Library = Southwark Local Studies Library  
Southwark Local Studies Library  
SRO = National Archives of Scotland  
Staffordshire RO  
Stockport Archives  
Stockport Central Library  
Stoke-on-Trent Museum, Archaeology Section  
Stornoway Public Library  
Suffolk RO [Ipswich] = East Suffolk RO  
Sunderland Library Local Studies  
Surrey RO = Surrey History Centre, Woking  
Sur R.O. = Surrey History Centre, Woking  
Swansea City Archives  
Swansea Library, Reference Section  
Tameside Archives  
Teeside Archives  
TNA [PRO] = The National Archives [formerly Public Record Office]  
TNA [PRO] Library  
Tower Hamlets Library, Local Studies Section  
Trafford [Local Studies Library] = Trafford Local Studies Library, Sale  
Tyne & Wear Archives  
University of Exeter Geography Department = University of Exeter Geography Department  
Map Collection [access may be restricted]  
Wakefield Library, Local Studies  
Walsall Local History Centre  
Waltham Forest Archives = Waltham Forest Archives, Walthamstow

Warrington Library, Archives  
Warwickshire RO = Warwickshire Record Office  
Warwickshire Record Office  
West Country Studies Library = West Country Studies Library, Exeter  
West Devon Record Office = West Devon Record Office, Plymouth  
West Glamorgan RO  
West Lothian Local History Library  
Westminster Archives  
Westmorland RO = Cumbria Archives, Kendal  
West Riding Record Office = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Wakefield office  
West Riding Registry of Deeds (at West Riding Record Office) = Records at West Yorkshire Archives Service, Wakefield office  
West Suffolk RO = West Suffolk Record Office, Bury St Edmunds  
West Sussex RO = West Sussex Record Office, Chichester  
West Yorkshire Archives [Bradford] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Bradford Office  
West Yorkshire Archives [Calderdale] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Halifax Office  
West Yorkshire Archives [Kirklees] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Huddersfield Office  
West Yorkshire Archives [Leeds] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Leeds [Sheescar] Office  
West Yorkshire Archives [Leeds-Sheepscar] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Leeds [Sheescar] Office  
West Yorkshire Archives [Wakefield] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Wakefield Office  
Wigan Archives  
Wiltshire RO  
Wirral Archives  
Wirral Archive Service  
Wisbech Museum  
Wolverhampton Archives  
Worcestershire RO = Worcestershire Record Office, Worcester  
WYAS Bradford = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Bradford Office  
WYAS Wakefield = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Wakefield Office  
York Central Library = York City Library  
York City Library  
York Minster Archives  
Yorkshire Archaeological Society = Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Leeds [access may be restricted for non-members]

