Survey methods: corrections and additions

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The following update the lists of 1:1250 survey methods in Sheetlines 56, 64, 67, 68 and 69:

1949 chain survey: add Corringham, Stanford le Hope, Stockton and Thornaby on Tees

1951 chain survey: add Gateshead

1953 chain survey: add Osset, Redcar, Tynemouth and Whitley Bay

1955 chain survey: add Batley, South Shields

1956 chain survey: delete Hamilton

1960 tachy: add Romford

air machine: add Fleetwood, Blackpool, Lytham and St Annes

1961 tachy: add Hamilton

1962 tachy: add Hornchurch

1959 tachy: add Hyde

Although Romford and Hornchurch have been retained in the tachy category there is some doubt about this. Similarly there is doubt about Wrexham (1958) and the Blackpool area as example maps show revision point fixation with air graphic in mind.

The recently republished Ordnance Survey maps: a concise guide for historians mentions that the town centres at Montrose, Stranraer and Stonehaven were surveyed at 1:1250 and the rest of the built up area at 1:2500. Sheetlines 65 quoted the National Grid references of six maps (two for each town) involved. A visit to the OS website in June 2005 indicates a change of situation at Stonehaven.

Maps are now classed as:

A: 1:1250 mapping (or 1:2500 mapping to this standard),
B: 1:2500 overhaul maps,
R: 1:2500 reformed mapping,
C: 1:10,000 mapping.

At Montrose and Stranraer the town centre maps are classed as AB and the surrounding 1:2500, B (not yet covered by the reformed programme). But at Stonehaven seven maps are now shown as AR indicating that they had been added to the small town / peri-urban area which is now complete.

Northallerton is also quoted as having the town centre surveyed at 1:1250, but in this case complete maps SE3693NE and SE3694SE are at this scale. This also applied at Dawlish, SX9576NE, SX9676NW; Todbarton, SD9342NE, SD9424SW, and Easton (Isle of Portland), SY6871NW & NE. At Fortuneswell (Isle of Portland) four maps are at 1:1250, SY6873NW, NE, SW & SE. At Bridgnorth, there are six, SO7192SE, SO7193SW & SE, SO7292NW, NE & SE and at Teignmouth, four, SX9373SE, SX9473SW, SX9372NE, SX9472NW with a further two, SX9372SW & SE at Shaldon village on the other side of the river mouth. As these areas were all surveyed at 1:1250 during 1987-89 it is assumed the maps concerned have only been available as digital printouts.

Twenty five inch map

To the provisional list of 1951-56 resurveyed towns should be added: Bo’ness, Broxburn-Uphall and Linlithgow (West Lothian).

1 This corrects the amendment in Sheetlines 69.