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buildings or expanses of water. The same observation is true of *Explorers*.

The first batch of covers printed by BT&D included that of *Explorer* 106 *Newquay & Padstow* edition B3. The first time I saw this was a few days after 2 February 2011 – its publication date. As per the map sheets, this no longer claims to have been ‘Made, printed & published by Ordnance Survey,’ merely now ‘Published by...’ and on the inside cover it carries the new Adanac Drive address.

Comparing again between OS and BT&D printed covers, the half-toning – particularly in the sea areas of rear-cover sheet indexes – appears finer on BT&D’s printings, although the difference is not as stark as with the map sheets. There is also overlap shading on the indexes where once there was none.

***Like Picasso, Ordnance Survey had a Blue Period.*** This lasted three months rather than three years and resulted in the erroneous printing of blue-coloured OS logos on the spines of some *Explorer* and *Landranger* sheets in 2009.

Ed Fielden recorded this in *Sheetlines* 87, since when he has gained further information and now offers this definitive list of the 60,490 covers affected, printed on five separate days in January, February and March 2009.



Sheet number & Title	Edn.	Published	Cover print date	Copies
<b>Explorer</b>				
170 Abingdon, Wantage & Vale...	A2	06/04/2009	26/01/2009	3900
175 Southend-on-Sea & Basildon	A2	02/03/2009	26/01/2009	2100
208 Bedford & St Neots	A2	02/03/2009	26/01/2009	2240
214 Llanidloes & Newtown	A2	17/10/2005	23/02/2009	1550
215 Newtown & Machynlleth	A1/	28/04/2009	23/02/2009	1280
304 Darlington & Richmond	A2	02/03/2009	26/01/2009	1750
<b>Landranger</b>				
16 Lairg & Loch Shin	B2	28/04/2008	04/02/2009	1540
19 Gairloch & Ullapool	C1	14/04/2008	04/02/2009	2070
56 Loch Lomond & Inveraray	C2	23/07/2007	04/02/2009	4500
84 Dumfries & Castle Douglas	B3	19/03/2007	04/02/2009	2080
99 Northallerton & Ripon	C1//	14/09/2007	04/02/2009	500
114 Anglesey	B4//	16/05/2008	29/01/2009	3050
115 Snowdon	C2/	23/01/2007	29/01/2009	4000
118 Stoke-on-Trent & Macclesfield	C4	30/01/2006	04/02/2009	2550
135 Aberystwyth & Machynlleth	C1	05/09/2005	29/01/2009	2080
137 Church Stretton & Ludlow	B2	19/12/2005	29/01/2009	3100
142 Peterborough	D1	24/07/2006	04/02/2009	2000
150 Worcester & The Malverns	D/	17/04/2007	05/03/2009	2580
165 Aylesbury & Leighton Buzzard	D1/	01/07/2008	04/02/2009	3180
166 Luton & Hertford	C3	23/05/2006	04/02/2009	2080
174 Newbury & Wantage	D1	26/04/2005	05/03/2009	2500
177 East London	E3	29/09/2006	04/02/2009	2100
178 Thames Estuary	D3	11/05/2007	05/03/2009	960
179 Canterbury & East Kent	D2/	09/07/2008	04/02/2009	4100
182 Weston-super-Mare	C2	06/04/2005	04/02/2009	2700