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1. Introduction

The National Statistics Postcode Directory (NSPD) Version Notes contain specific information about each quarterly release of the postcode directory, including details of recent changes that have impacted on the data. Various annexes and tables provide more detailed supporting information. ONS Geography also supplies an annual User Guide that contains descriptions of the NSPD, its derived postcode directories and their contents along with information about the methodologies used, data quality and limitations. Both documents are included with the postcode directories as .pdf files.

2. News

2.1 'PAF' options for the NSPD

From November 2008, due to Royal Mail licensing changes, there is a choice of 'PAF' elements that can be included on the NSPD. They are 'Full PAF', 'Thoroughfare PAF' or 'Postcode-only PAF' and further details of the individual elements are included at Annexes G and H in the **User Guide**.

2.2 New Travel To Work Areas (TTWA)

From August 2008, the NSPD includes the new (2001) Travel To Work Areas in place of the old (1998) TTWAs. The 243 current TTWAs were defined in 2007 using 2001 Census information on home and work addresses, and are based on Lower Layer Super Output areas in England and Wales, data zones in Scotland, and Super Output Areas in Northern Ireland.

2.3 2008 wards on the NSPD

Due to late receipt of a 2008 (Communities) Order by Ordnance Survey, one of the 2008 ward boundary changes was not included on the August 2008 NSPD. This is listed below, and has been included from the November 2008 release onwards.

The Powys (Communities) Order 2008

2.4 Enterprise Regions (Scotland)

After September 2007, the 21 Scottish Local Enterprise Companies (LECs) were replaced by five Scottish Enterprise Regions and one Highlands and Islands Enterprise Region of the Scottish Government's economic and community development agency. The regions are:

- Grampian
- East Central Scotland
- Highlands and Islands
- South of Scotland
- Tayside
- West Central Scotland

These areas are included in the 'TECLEC' field on the NSPD from August 2008 and their names and codes, and a look-up to the old LEC codes, are included in the metadata. Further details can also be found in the **User Guide**.

2.5 Statistical ward error

The Pembrokeshire order (operative April 2003) was not included in the 2005 statistical ward boundaries. Therefore the boundary set for 2005 Statistical Wards accidentally extended the boundary of Whitland / Hendy-Gwyn ar Daf Ward (00NUSH) into what should be part of Maenclochog / Maenclochog ward (00NSQK). This error has now been corrected and ONS Geography would like to apologise for the oversight.

2.6 NUTS and LAU boundaries

The NUTS and LAU areas for England and Wales are now current to 2007. Scottish NUTS and LAU information is current to 2004. Further details can be found in Annex A of the **User Guide**.

2.7 PCT changes

No changes since August 2008.

3. Changes to postcode content

3.1 Postcode counts and currency

This release of the NSPD contains 2,480,106 postcodes within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. They are current to the previous month and include both live and terminated postcodes.

Table 1 shows the split between large and small users by country, and the change in the numbers of postcodes since the previous quarter.

Table 2 shows the numbers of postcodes, postcode sectors and postcode districts by postcode area.

Table 3 shows the numbers of postcodes assigned grid references by positional quality indicator, country and user type.

Table 4 shows the numbers of terminated postcodes.

3.2 Postcode reorganisations

Royal Mail issue bi-annual lists of postcode reorganisations in their 'Update' series. The latest issue is 'Update 48' which contains no postcode reorganisations. Details can be found at Royal Mail's website: [Royal Mail Postcode Updates](#)

4. Currency of the administrative and health geographies

This release of the NSPD relates current postcodes in the United Kingdom to May 2008 electoral and administrative area boundaries and to July 2006 health areas and October 2006 Primary Care areas.

5. Contacts

Further information about the availability and contents of this issue of NSPD (and other directories) can be obtained from:

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Table 1

**Numbers of postcodes within the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man
by large and small users (and the changes since the previous NSPD)**

Country	Large users			Small users			Total		
	FEB 2009	MAY 2009	Change	FEB 2009	MAY 2009	Change	FEB 2009	MAY 2009	Change
England	574,970	578,217	+3,247	1,482,055	1,484,006	+1,951	2,057,025	2,062,223	+5,198
Wales	25,345	25,455	+110	108,594	108,691	+97	133,939	134,146	+207
Scotland	38,437	38,598	+161	175,399	175,573	+174	213,836	214,171	+335
Great Britain	638,752	642,270	+3,518	1,766,048	1,768,270	+2,222	2,404,800	2,410,540	+5,740
Northern Ireland	8,654	8,700	+46	48,352	48,403	+51	57,006	57,103	+97
United Kingdom	647,406	650,970	+3,564	1,814,400	1,816,673	+2,273	2,461,806	2,467,643	+5,837
Guernsey	879	880	+1	2,447	2,447	0	3,326	3,327	+1
Jersey	1,112	1,112	0	2,160	2,311	+151	3,272	3,423	+151
Channel Islands	1,991	1,992	+1	4,607	4,758	+151	6,598	6,750	+152
Isle of Man	1,381	1,419	+38	4,289	4,294	+5	5,670	5,713	+43
All	650,778	654,381	+3,603	1,823,296	1,825,725	+2,429	2,474,074	2,480,106	+6,032

NB. The above figures include 'live' and terminated postcodes.

Table 2

Numbers of postcodes, postcode sectors and postcode districts by postcode areas (in postcode area code order)
(NB. The figures relate to Royal Mail's monthly update as at April 2009)

Postcode areas	Postcode area code	Postcode districts	Postcode sectors	Postcodes		
				Live	Terminated	Total
Aberdeen	AB	40	175	16,485	21,008	37,493
St Albans	AL	10	39	7,850	2,825	10,675
Bath	BA	19	81	14,825	3,708	18,533
Blackburn	BB	15	79	13,134	4,747	17,881
Bradford	BD	27	111	16,939	5,216	22,155
Bournemouth	BH	26	103	15,337	5,519	20,856
Bolton	BL	12	53	10,393	2,864	13,257
Brighton	BN	36	141	22,149	10,302	32,451
Bromley	BR	9	39	7,079	2,784	9,863
Bristol	BS	47	205	26,605	16,076	42,681
Belfast	BT	82	278	47,107	9,996	57,103
Birmingham	B	79	268	41,819	15,820	57,639
Carlisle	CA	30	82	12,309	3,108	15,417
Cambridge	CB	16	83	10,257	7,545	17,802
Cardiff	CF	46	203	23,248	17,260	40,508
Chester	CH	37	213	18,639	4,238	22,877
Chelmsford	CM	28	103	17,711	7,323	25,034
Colchester	CO	16	74	12,893	3,965	16,858
Croydon	CR	11	66	8,158	5,376	13,534
Canterbury	CT	22	83	14,807	3,627	18,434
Coventry	CV	24	104	19,677	6,436	26,113
Crewe	CW	13	52	9,053	3,592	12,645
Dartford	DA	18	59	9,002	2,786	11,788
Dundee	DD	11	52	8,895	1,966	10,861
Derby	DE	25	129	16,657	11,703	28,360
Dumfries	DG	15	40	6,775	695	7,470
Durham	DH	12	47	8,834	1,966	10,800
Darlington	DL	17	67	13,144	2,678	15,822
Doncaster	DN	33	116	21,480	4,959	26,439
Dorchester	DT	11	39	7,656	1,489	9,145
Dudley	DY	14	59	11,077	2,707	13,784
London EC	EC	30	140	4,567	7,476	12,043
Edinburgh	EH	57	164	23,819	6,215	30,034
Enfield	EN	11	47	8,665	3,389	12,054
Exeter	EX	33	127	21,628	4,963	26,591
London E	E	21	105	15,853	9,086	24,939
Falkirk	FK	21	49	7,600	1,542	9,142
Blackpool	FY	9	42	7,288	2,210	9,498
Gloucester	GL	27	117	20,050	6,326	26,376
Guildford	GU	40	144	22,288	10,899	33,187
Glasgow	G	57	240	31,724	12,804	44,528
Harrow	HA	10	58	10,622	5,652	16,274
Huddersfield	HD	9	42	7,176	3,145	10,321
Harrogate	HG	5	25	4,517	1,416	5,933
Hemel Hempstead	HP	24	77	13,836	6,271	20,107
Hereford	HR	9	33	6,349	1,136	7,485
Hebrides	HS	9	11	940	94	1,034
Hull	HU	21	69	10,813	3,577	14,390

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				Live	Terminated	Total
Halifax	HX	7	32	5,632	1,373	7,005
Ilford	IG	11	34	6,092	3,093	9,185
Ipswich	IP	34	115	20,592	4,796	25,388
Inverness	IV	53	81	6,999	3,077	10,076
Kilmarnock	KA	30	81	11,487	2,067	13,554
Kingston upon Thames	KT	24	92	14,547	6,347	20,894
Kirkwall	KW	16	20	1,825	186	2,011
Kirkcaldy	KY	17	72	9,928	2,604	12,532
Lancaster	LA	23	66	11,846	2,229	14,075
Llandrindod Wells	LD	8	16	2,210	337	2,547
Leicester	LE	28	152	21,552	10,386	31,938
Llandudno	LL	67	150	20,123	3,369	23,492
Lincoln	LN	13	49	8,962	2,314	11,276
Leeds	LS	32	149	21,396	8,363	29,759
Luton	LU	8	36	6,215	3,325	9,540
Liverpool	L	65	581	20,583	20,978	41,561
Medway	ME	21	83	15,952	4,342	20,294
Milton Keynes	MK	28	110	14,632	5,824	20,456
Motherwell	ML	12	54	9,490	1,570	11,060
Manchester	M	48	301	31,925	23,772	55,697
Newcastle upon Tyne	NE	67	229	33,011	9,574	42,585
Nottingham	NG	32	167	28,551	6,493	35,044
Northampton	NN	20	101	15,606	7,323	22,929
Newport	NP	25	142	13,506	15,904	29,410
Norwich	NR	36	114	22,691	3,841	26,532
London NW	NW	13	81	14,140	8,935	23,075
London N	N	24	110	17,625	8,958	26,583
Oldham	OL	17	70	13,151	3,784	16,935
Oxford	OX	28	145	19,362	13,074	32,436
Paisley	PA	77	111	9,224	3,094	12,318
Peterborough	PE	39	162	25,659	10,833	36,492
Perth	PH	43	61	5,960	989	6,949
Plymouth	PL	36	99	17,025	3,789	20,814
Portsmouth	PO	34	130	23,862	6,782	30,644
Preston	PR	13	83	12,746	5,702	18,448
Reading	RG	35	184	23,168	20,019	43,187
Redhill	RH	21	89	16,031	6,062	22,093
Romford	RM	21	71	9,771	4,184	13,955
Swansea	SA	53	149	23,083	5,093	28,176
London SE	SE	30	128	20,380	10,208	30,588
Stevenage	SG	19	64	11,556	3,905	15,461
Stockport	SK	19	113	16,421	7,022	23,443
Slough	SL	12	58	10,957	4,640	15,597
Sutton	SM	7	29	4,487	1,733	6,220
Swindon	SN	23	113	13,929	5,739	19,668
Southampton	SO	30	179	18,237	19,925	38,162
Salisbury	SP	11	47	8,294	2,102	10,396
Sunderland	SR	11	41	6,590	1,665	8,255
Southend-on-Sea	SS	19	81	12,041	4,167	16,208
Stoke-on-Trent	ST	22	90	17,569	3,980	21,549
London SW	SW	29	139	21,456	12,290	33,746
Shrewsbury	SY	26	86	14,309	2,005	16,314
Sheffield	S	54	247	33,025	13,203	46,228
Taunton	TA	24	66	11,345	2,330	13,675
Galashiels	TD	15	31	4,454	582	5,036
Telford	TF	13	43	6,616	1,879	8,495

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				Live	Terminated	Total
Tonbridge	TN	40	128	22,817	7,509	30,326
Torquay	TQ	14	50	9,897	2,427	12,324
Truro	TR	28	68	11,701	2,372	14,073
Cleveland	TS	30	103	17,274	4,486	21,760
Twickenham	TW	20	80	11,595	7,117	18,712
Southall	UB	12	41	7,271	3,443	10,714
Warrington	WA	18	97	18,206	5,889	24,095
London WC	WC	15	46	3,161	4,003	7,164
Watford	WD	14	70	7,627	7,378	15,005
Wakefield	WF	18	75	13,957	3,052	17,009
Wigan	WN	8	35	7,069	1,588	8,657
Worcester	WR	17	50	8,433	3,099	11,532
Walsall	WS	15	67	9,990	4,042	14,032
Wolverhampton	WV	16	58	9,528	3,156	12,684
London W	W	35	217	20,710	17,425	38,135
York	YO	37	161	18,011	14,501	32,512
Shetland	ZE	3	4	616	92	708
United Kingdom	121	3,077	12,210	1,743,418	724,224	2,467,642
Guernsey	GY	9	15	3,318	9	3,327
Isle of Man	IM	11	53	4,890	823	5,713
Jersey	JE	5	28	3,330	93	3,423
Channel Islands/ Isle of Man	3	25	96	11,538	925	12,463
Total	124	3,102	12,306	1,754,956	725,149	2,480,105

NB. This postcode directory also contains the Alliance & Leicester Girobank plc postcode GIR 0AA, giving a total of **2,480,106** unit postcodes.

Table 3

Numbers of postcodes assigned grid references by positional quality indicator, country and user type

Status Indicator	England				Wales				Scotland			
	Large user		Small user		Large user		Small user		Large user		Small user	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	324,335	56.1%	1,423,677	95.9%	12,659	49.7%	89,829	82.6%	19,682	51.0%	157,373	89.6%
2	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	435	0.2%
3	846	0.1%	3,505	0.2%	24	0.1%	197	0.2%	77	0.2%	517	0.3%
4	28	0.0%	162	0.0%	2	0.0%	17	0.0%	10	0.0%	13	0.0%
5	43,262	7.5%	5,529	0.4%	1,823	7.2%	299	0.3%	2,528	6.5%	508	0.3%
6	66,869	11.6%	133	0.0%	2,241	8.8%	3	0.0%	4,202	10.9%	12	0.0%
8	137,236	23.7%	50,783	3.4%	8,053	31.6%	18,345	16.9%	11,626	30.1%	16,707	9.5%
9	5,641	1.0%	217	0.0%	653	2.6%	1	0.0%	473	1.2%	8	0.0%
Blank	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	578,217	100%	1,484,006	100%	25,455	100%	108,691	100%	38,598	100%	175,573	100%

Status Indicator	Great Britain				Northern Ireland				United Kingdom			
	Large user		Small user		Large user		Small user		Large user		Small user	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	356,676	55.5%	1,670,879	94.5%	1,190	13.7%	42,489	87.8%	357,866	55.0%	1,713,368	94.3%
2	0	0.0%	435	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	435	0.0%
3	947	0.1%	4,219	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	947	0.1%	4,219	0.2%
4	40	0.0%	192	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	40	0.0%	192	0.0%
5	47,613	7.4%	6,336	0.4%	3,342	38.4%	2,576	5.3%	50,955	7.8%	8,912	0.5%
6	73,312	11.4%	148	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	73,312	11.3%	148	0.0%
8	156,915	24.4%	85,835	4.9%	2,894	33.3%	2,894	6.0%	159,809	24.5%	88,729	4.9%
9	6,767	1.1%	226	0.0%	1,274	14.6%	444	0.9%	8,041	1.2%	670	0.0%
Blank	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	642,270	100%	1,768,270	100%	8,700	100%	48,403	100%	650,970	100%	1,816,673	100%

Table 3 (cont'd)

Numbers of Postcodes Assigned Grid References by Positional Quality Indicator, Country and User Type (continued)

Status Indicator	Channel Islands				Isle of Man				All			
	Large user		Small user		Large user		Small user		Large user		Small user	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		357,866	54.7%	1,713,368	93.8%
2	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		0	0.0%	435	0.0%
3	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		947	0.1%	4,219	0.2%
4	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		40	0.0%	192	0.0%
5	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		50,955	7.8%	8,912	0.5%
6	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		73,312	11.2%	148	0.0%
8	n/a		n/a		n/a		n/a		159,809	24.4%	88,729	4.9%
9	1,992	100.0%	4,758	100.0%	1,419	100.0%	4,294	100.0%	11,452	1.8%	9,722	0.5%
Blank	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	1,992	100%	4,758	100%	1,419	100%	4,294	100%	654,381	100%	1,825,725	100%

Table 4

Numbers of terminated postcodes by country

Country	Number
England	612,499
Wales	43,132
Scotland	58,597
Great Britain	714,228
Northern Ireland	9,996
United Kingdom	724,224
Channel Islands	102
Isle of Man	823
All	725,149