



INFORMATION PAPER

UK PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCIES IN SCOTLAND: 1955 - 1974

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This paper explains the 71 UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland from 1955 to 1974, and their relationship with local government boundaries in Scotland.

These constituencies were as recommended by our First Periodical Report, submitted in 1954. They are made up of 32 burgh constituencies and 39 county constituencies.

27 constituencies were created or amended as a result of the report, and were implemented by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Orders 1955 (SI 1955/22 to 1955/31). Seven of the constituency amendments only reflected changes to the boundaries of Musselburgh and Stirling burghs, the City of Aberdeen, and Irvine and Saltcoats districts within Ayrshire which had taken place since our previous Interim Review in 1952.

35 constituencies continued as they had existed immediately prior to 1955, having been implemented for the 1951 General Election. A further nine constituencies continued as they had been implemented in 1953 by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Orders 1953 (SI 1953/386 to 1953/390) after our Interim Review of 1952 following changes to the boundaries of several burghs.

A summary of the main rules and their application during the First Review were:

- Scotland shall have no less than 71 constituencies. Prior to 1955 there were 71 constituencies and 71 constituencies were recommended.
- every constituency shall return a single member.
- all constituencies should be as near the electoral quota as practicable. The average electorate for the 71 Scottish constituencies was 48,011, which was considerably below the electoral quota for Great Britain.
- the Commission may depart from the strict application of electoral parity if special geographical considerations apply. According to the Report there is no record of this rule being applied during the review.
- The First Review made minimal changes to the existing constituency boundaries.

We reported in 1960 on an Interim Review after changes to the boundaries of Dunfermline, Greenock and Musselburgh burghs and the City of Edinburgh, and recommended consequential amendments to 9 constituencies. Those changes were implemented by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Orders 1960 (SI 1960/468 to 1960/470).

These constituencies were contested in General Elections on 26 May 1955 and 8 October 1959, and after the 1960 amendments referred to, on 15 October 1964, 31 March 1966 and 18 June 1970. They were also contested in by-elections during the period 1955 to 1974. These constituencies were succeeded in 1974 by the constituencies which we recommended in our Second Periodical Report, submitted in 1969.

Each constituency is designated as either a county constituency or a burgh constituency. These designations affect the allowable expenses by candidates during elections.

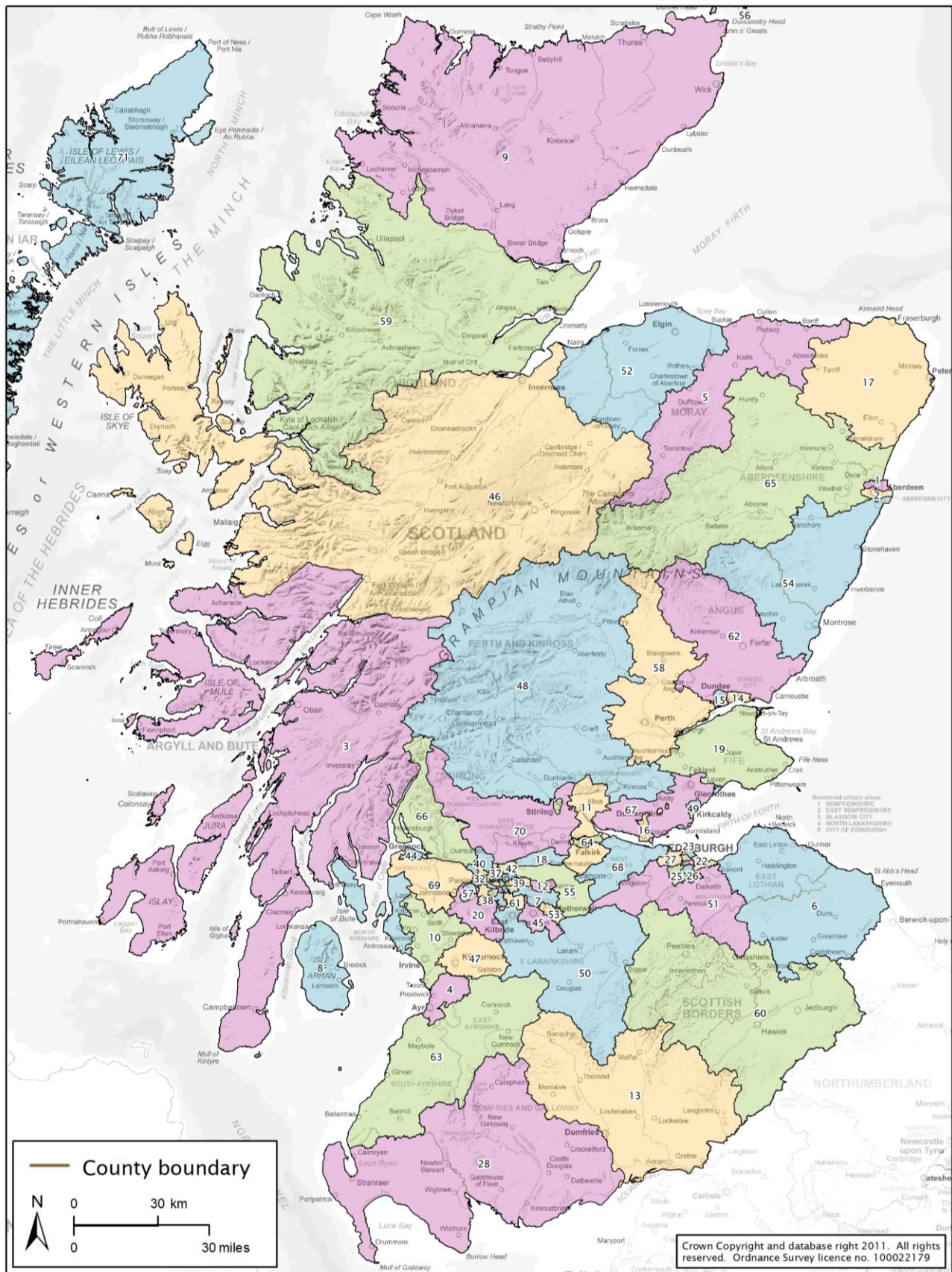
Appendix A is an alphabetical list of the constituencies, their designations and dates of amendment.

Appendix B is a list of which constituencies covered each of Scotland's counties.

Appendix C is a list of the counties and their constituent parts which covered each constituency.

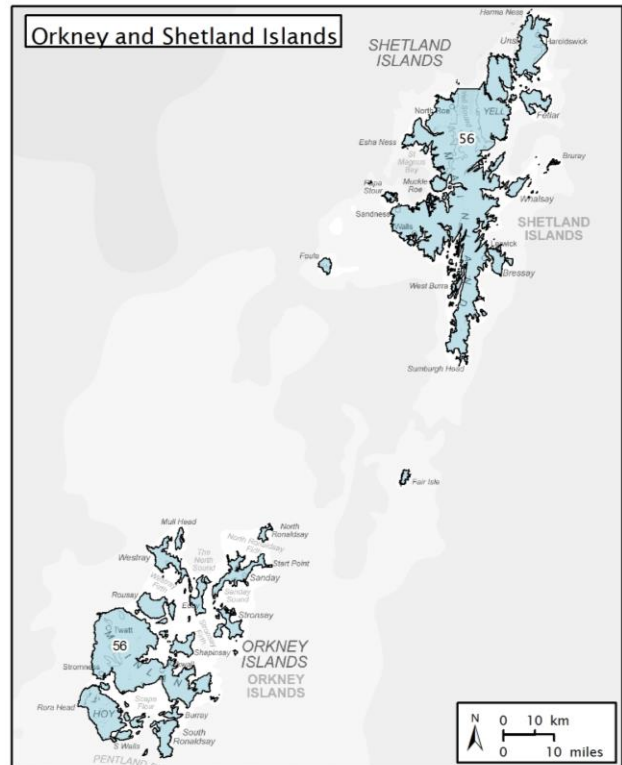
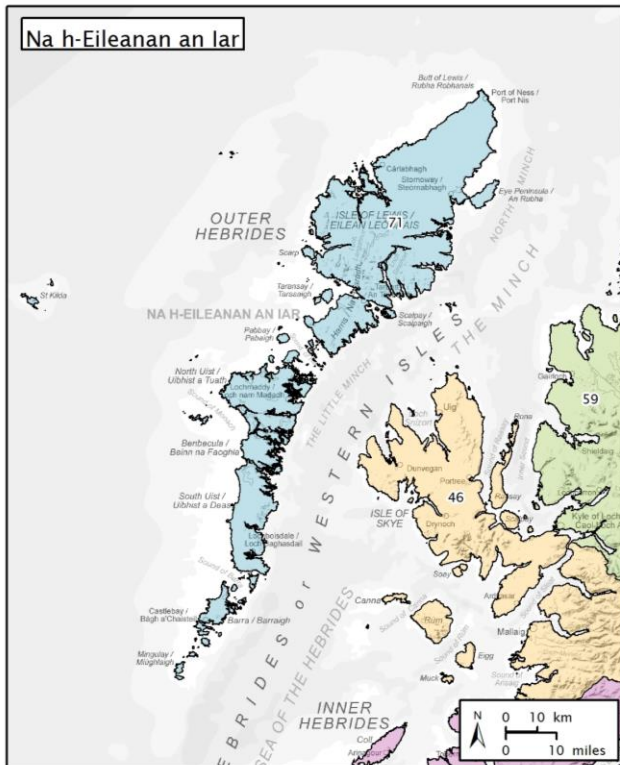
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Mainland constituencies

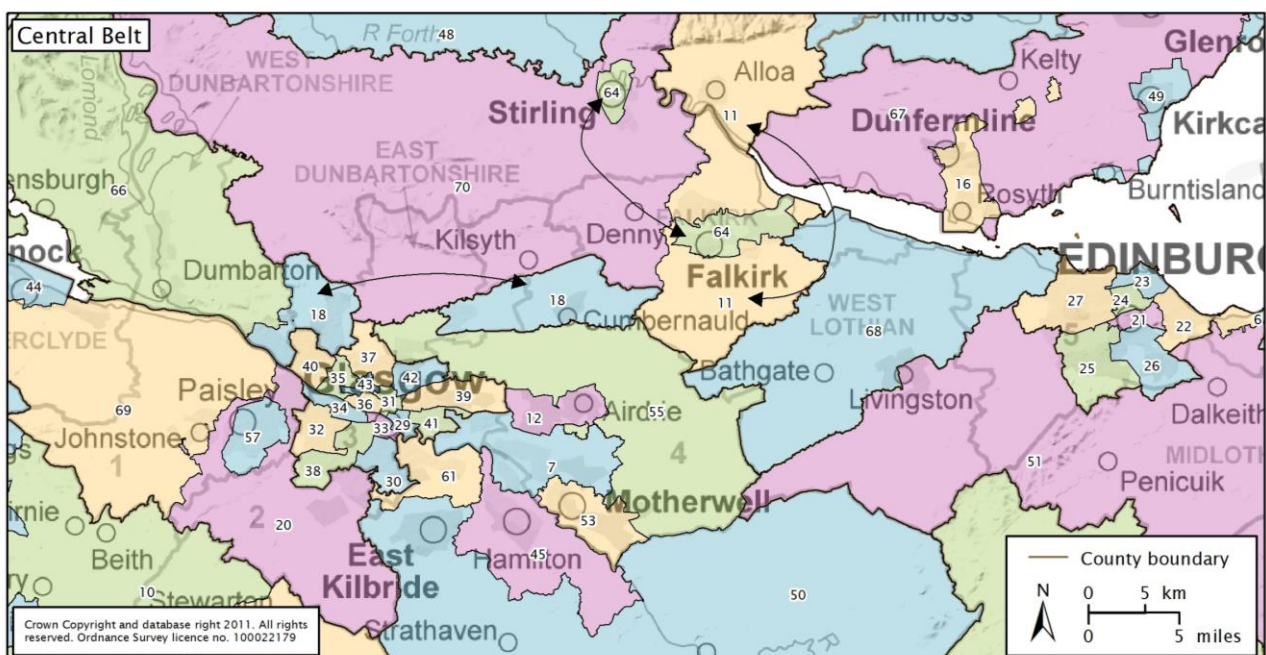


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Island and central belt constituencies



1 Aberdeen North	burgh	16 Dunfermline Burghs	burgh	30 Glasgow Cathcart	burgh	44 Greenock	burgh	58 Perth and East Perthshire	county
2 Aberdeen South	burgh	17 East Aberdeenshire	burgh	31 Glasgow Central	burgh	45 Hamilton	burgh	59 Ross and Cromarty	county
3 Argyll	county	18 East Dunbartonshire	county	32 Glasgow Craigton	county	46 Inverness	county	60 Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles	county
4 Ayr	county	19 East Fife	county	33 Glasgow Gorbals	burgh	47 Kilmarnock	burgh	61 Rutherglen	county
5 Banff	county	20 East Renfrewshire	burgh	34 Glasgow Govan	burgh	48 Kinross and West Perthshire	burgh	62 South Angus	county
6 Berwick and East Lothian	county	21 Edinburgh Central	burgh	35 Glasgow Hillhead	burgh	49 Kirkcaldy Burghs	burgh	63 South Ayrshire	county
7 Bothwell	county	22 Edinburgh East	burgh	36 Glasgow Kelvingrove	burgh	50 Lanark	burgh	64 Stirling and Falkirk Burghs	burgh
8 Bute and North Ayrshire	county	23 Edinburgh Leith	burgh	37 Glasgow Maryhill	burgh	51 Midlothian	burgh	65 West Aberdeenshire	county
9 Caithness and Sutherland	county	24 Edinburgh North	burgh	38 Glasgow Pollok	burgh	52 Moray and Nairn	county	66 West Dunbartonshire	county
10 Central Ayrshire	county	25 Edinburgh Pentlands	burgh	39 Glasgow Provan	burgh	53 Motherwell	burgh	67 West Fife	county
11 Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire	county	26 Edinburgh South	burgh	40 Glasgow Scotstoun	burgh	54 North Angus and Mearns	county	68 West Lothian	county
12 Coatbridge and Airdrie	burgh	27 Edinburgh West	burgh	41 Glasgow Shettleston	burgh	55 North Lanarkshire	county	69 West Renfrewshire	county
13 Dumfries	county	28 Galloway	county	42 Glasgow Springburn	burgh	56 Orkney and Zetland	county	70 West Stirlingshire	county
14 Dundee East	burgh	29 Glasgow Bridgeton	burgh	43 Glasgow Woodside	burgh	57 Paisley	burgh	71 Western Isles	county
15 Dundee West	burgh								



Appendix A – Constituencies

This Appendix is an alphabetical list of the 32 burgh constituencies and 39 county constituencies. Some of the names of Edinburgh and Glasgow constituencies recommended in the report include a comma: these have been included in this alphabetical list for completeness, but omitted elsewhere for clarity.

The table also shows the date when each constituency was first implemented: 44 of the constituencies continued as they had existed before our First Periodical Report. The table also shows the dates when each constituency was amended as a result of our First Periodical Report or Interim Reviews following changes to burgh, district and city boundaries.

Constituency	Designation	Implemented	Amendments
Aberdeen North	Burgh	1948	1955
Aberdeen South	Burgh	1948	1955
Argyll	County	1948	
Ayr	County	1948	
Banff	County	1948	
Berwick and East Lothian	County	1948	
Bothwell	County	1948	1953
Bute and North Ayrshire	County	1948	1955
Caithness and Sutherland	County	1948	
Central Ayrshire	County	1948	1955
Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire	County	1948	1953
Coatbridge and Airdrie	Burgh	1948	1953
Dumfries	County	1948	
Dundee East	Burgh	1948	
Dundee West	Burgh	1948	
Dunfermline Burghs	Burgh	1948	1960
East Aberdeenshire	County	1955	
East Dunbartonshire	County	1948	1951
East Fife	County	1948	
East Renfrewshire	County	1948	1951
Edinburgh Central	Burgh	1955	
Edinburgh East	Burgh	1948	1955, 1960
Edinburgh, Leith	Burgh	1948	
Edinburgh North	Burgh	1955	
Edinburgh, Pentlands	Burgh	1955	1960
Edinburgh South	Burgh	1948	1960
Edinburgh West	Burgh	1955	1960
Galloway	County	1948	
Glasgow, Bridgeton	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Cathcart	Burgh	1948	
Glasgow Central	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Craigton	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Gorbals	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Govan	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Hillhead	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Kelvingrove	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Maryhill	Burgh	1948	
Glasgow, Pollok	Burgh	1955	

Constituency	Designation	Implemented	Amendments
Glasgow, Provan	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Scotstoun	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Shettleston	Burgh	1948	¹
Glasgow, Springburn	Burgh	1955	
Glasgow, Woodside	Burgh	1955	
Greenock	Burgh	1948	1953, 1960
Hamilton	County	1948	
Inverness	County	1948	
Kilmarnock	County	1948	
Kinross and West Perthshire	County	1948	
Kirkcaldy Burghs	Burgh	1948	1951, 1953
Lanark	County	1948	
Midlothian	County	1955	1960
Moray and Nairn	County	1948	
Motherwell	County	1948	1953
North Angus and Mearns	County	1948	
North Lanarkshire	County	1948	1953
Orkney and Zetland	County	1948	
Paisley	Burgh	1948	
Perth and East Perthshire	County	1948	
Ross and Cromarty	County	1948	
Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles	County	1955	
Rutherglen	County	1948	
South Angus	County	1948	
South Ayrshire	County	1948	
Stirling and Falkirk Burghs	Burgh	1948	1955
West Aberdeenshire	County	1955	
West Dunbartonshire	County	1948	1951
West Fife	County	1948	1951, 1953, 1960
West Lothian	County	1948	
West Renfrewshire	County	1948	1951, 1953, 1960
West Stirlingshire	County	1948	1955
Western Isles	County	1948	

¹ The description of Glasgow Shettleston constituency was amended in 1955, but the extent of the constituency remained unchanged from 1948.

Appendix B - Constituencies within each county

This Appendix lists which UK Parliament constituencies and part constituencies covered each of Scotland's counties.

County	Whole constituency	Part constituency
Aberdeen, City of	Aberdeen North Aberdeen South	
Aberdeenshire	East Aberdeenshire West Aberdeenshire	
Angus	South Angus	North Angus and Mearns
Argyllshire	Argyll	
Ayrshire	Ayr Central Ayrshire Kilmarnock South Ayrshire	Bute and North Ayrshire
Banffshire	Banff	
Berwickshire		Berwick and East Lothian
Bute		Bute and North Ayrshire
Caithness		Caithness and Sutherland
Clackmannan		Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire
Dumfriesshire	Dumfries	
Dunbartonshire	East Dunbartonshire West Dunbartonshire	
Dundee, City of	Dundee East Dundee West	
East Lothian		Berwick and East Lothian
Edinburgh, City of	Edinburgh Central Edinburgh Leith Edinburgh North Edinburgh Pentlands Edinburgh South Edinburgh West	Edinburgh East
Fife	Dunfermline Burghs East Fife Kirkcaldy Burghs West Fife	
Glasgow, City of	Glasgow Bridgeton Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Central Glasgow Craigton Glasgow Gorbals Glasgow Govan Glasgow Hillhead Glasgow Kelvingrove Glasgow Maryhill Glasgow Pollok Glasgow Provan Glasgow Scotstoun Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Springburn Glasgow Woodside	

County	Whole constituency	Part constituency
Inverness-shire	Inverness	Western Isles
Kincardine		North Angus and Mearns
Kinross-shire		Kinross and West Perthshire
Kirkcudbrightshire		Galloway
Lanarkshire	Bothwell Coatbridge and Airdrie Hamilton Lanark Motherwell North Lanarkshire Rutherglen	
Midlothian	Midlothian	Edinburgh East
Moray		Moray and Nairn
Nairnshire		Moray and Nairn
Orkney		Orkney and Zetland
Peeblesshire		Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles
Perthshire	Perth and East Perthshire	Kinross and West Perthshire
Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire Greenock Paisley West Renfrewshire	
Ross and Cromarty	Ross and Cromarty	Western Isles
Roxburghshire		Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles
Selkirkshire		Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles
Stirlingshire	Stirling and Falkirk Burghs West Stirlingshire	Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire
Sutherland		Caithness and Sutherland
West Lothian	West Lothian	
Wigtownshire		Galloway
Zetland		Orkney and Zetland

Appendix C - County composition of constituencies

This Appendix lists which counties and their constituent parts made up each UK Parliament constituencies. Most counties were made of burghs and districts, although a few small counties did not contain any districts. The city counties of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow were made up of wards.

The boundaries of the counties, burghs and wards used to define the constituencies are as at 30 July 1954. The constituency definitions were amended in 1960 to reflect later amendments to the boundaries of Dunfermline, Greenock and Musselburgh burghs and the City of Edinburgh.

Constituencies were made up of whole burghs, and generally whole districts and wards. Where only part of a district or ward was included in a constituency, this is indicated in the table.

Constituency	County	Burgh	District or ward
Aberdeen North	City of Aberdeen		Cairncry; St Andrew's; St Clement's; St Machar; St Nicholas; Woodside
Aberdeen South	City of Aberdeen		Ferryhill; Holburn; Rosemount; Rubislaw; Ruthrieston; Torry
Argyll	Argyllshire	All	All
Ayr	Ayrshire	Ayr; Prestwick	Ayr (part)
Banff	Banffshire	All	All
Berwick and East Lothian	Berwickshire	All	All
	East Lothian	All	All
Bothwell	Lanarkshire		Sixth; Ninth (part)
Bute and North Ayrshire	Ayrshire	Ardrossan; Largs; Saltcoats; Stevenston	Saltcoats
	Bute	All	All
Caithness and Sutherland	Caithness	All	All
	Sutherland	All	All
Central Ayrshire	Ayrshire	Irvine; Kilwinning; Stewarton; Troon	Ayr (part); Irvine; Kilbirnie; Kilmarnock (part)
Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire	Clackmannan	All	All
	Stirlingshire		Eastern No.1; Eastern No.2; Eastern No.3
Coatbridge and Airdrie	Lanarkshire	Airdrie; Coatbridge	
Dumfries	Dumfriesshire	All	All
Dundee East	City of Dundee		Barnhill; Broughty Ferry; Craigie; Harbour; Hilltown; Linlathen
Dundee West	City of Dundee		Balgay; Blackness; Downfield; Dudhope; Lochee; Riverside
Dunfermline Burghs	Fife	Cowdenbeath; Dunfermline; Inverkeithing; Lochgelly	

Appendix C - County composition of constituencies

Constituency	County	Burgh	District or ward
East Aberdeenshire	Aberdeenshire	Ellon; Fraserburgh; Peterhead; Rosehearty; Turriff	Deer; Ellon; Turriff
East Dunbartonshire	Dunbartonshire	Clydebank; Kirkintilloch; Milngavie	Cumbernauld; Kirkintilloch; New Kilpatrick
East Fife	Fife	Auchtermuchty; Crail; Cupar; Elie and Earlsferry; Falkland; Kilrenny and Anstruther; Ladybank; Leven; Newburgh; Newport; Pittenweem; St Andrews; St Monance; Tayport	Anstruther; Cupar; St Andrews; Wemyss (part)
East Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire	Barrhead; Renfrew	First; Second
Edinburgh Central	City of Edinburgh		George Square; Gorgie-Dalry (part); Holyrood; St Giles
Edinburgh East	City of Edinburgh		Craigentinny; Craigmillar; Portobello
	Midlothian	Musselburgh	
Edinburgh Leith	City of Edinburgh		Central Leith; South Leith; West Leith
Edinburgh North	City of Edinburgh		Broughton; Calton; St Andrew's; St Bernard's (part)
Edinburgh Pentlands	City of Edinburgh		Colinton; Gorgie-Dalry (part); Merchiston; Sighthill
Edinburgh South	City of Edinburgh		Liberton; Morningside; Newington
Edinburgh West	City of Edinburgh		Corstorphine; Murrayfield-Cramond; Pilton; St Bernard's (part)
Galloway	Kirkcudbrightshire	All	All
	Wigtownshire	All	All
Glasgow Bridgeton	City of Glasgow		Calton; Dalmarnock; Mile-End (part)
Glasgow Cathcart	City of Glasgow		Cathcart; Langside; Govanhill (part)
Glasgow Central	City of Glasgow		Cowcaddens; Exchange (part); Townhead
Glasgow Craigton	City of Glasgow		Craigton; Fairfield (part); Pollokshields (part)
Glasgow Gorbals	City of Glasgow		Gorbals; Govanhill (part); Hutchesontown; Kingston (part)
Glasgow Govan	City of Glasgow		Fairfield (part); Govan; Kingston (part); Kinning Park

Appendix C - County composition of constituencies

Constituency	County	Burgh	District or ward
Glasgow Hillhead	City of Glasgow		Kelvinside; Partick West; Whiteinch (part)
Glasgow Kelvingrove	City of Glasgow		Anderston; Park; Exchange (part)
Glasgow Maryhill	City of Glasgow		Maryhill; Ruchill
Glasgow Pollok	City of Glasgow		Camphill; Pollokshaws; Pollokshields (part)
Glasgow Provan	City of Glasgow		Dennistoun; Provan
Glasgow Scotstoun	City of Glasgow		Knightswood; Yoker; Whiteinch (part)
Glasgow Shettleston	City of Glasgow		Mile-End (part); Parkhead; Shettleston and Tollcross
Glasgow Springburn	City of Glasgow		Cowlairs; Springburn
Glasgow Woodside	City of Glasgow		North Kelvin; Partick East; Woodside
Greenock	Renfrewshire	Greenock	
Hamilton	Lanarkshire	Hamilton	Fourth (part); Fifth (part)
Inverness	Inverness-shire	All	Aird; Badenoch; Inverness; Lochaber; Skye
Kilmarnock	Ayrshire	Darvel; Galston; Kilmarnock; Newmilns and Greenholm	Kilmarnock (part); Newmilns
Kinross and West Perthshire	Kinross-shire	All	All
	Perthshire	Aberfeldy; Auchterarder; Callander; Crieff; Doune; Dunblane; Pitlochry	Central; Highland; Western
Kirkcaldy Burghs	Fife	Buckhaven and Methil; Burntisland; Kinghorn; Kirkcaldy	
Lanark	Lanarkshire	Biggar; Lanark	First; Second; Third; Fourth (part); Fifth (part)
Midlothian	Midlothian	Bonnyrigg and Lasswade; Dalkeith; Loanhead; Penicuik	All
Moray and Nairn	Moray	All	All
	Nairnshire	All	All
Motherwell	Lanarkshire	Motherwell and Wishaw	Seventh (part)
North Angus and Mearns	Angus	Brechin; Montrose	Brechin; Montrose
	Kincardine	All	All
North Lanarkshire	Lanarkshire		Seventh (part); Ninth (part)
Orkney and Zetland	Orkney	All	All
	Zetland	All	All
Paisley	Renfrewshire	Paisley	

Constituency	County	Burgh	District or ward
Perth and East Perthshire	Perthshire	Abernethy; Alyth; Blairgowrie and Rattray; Coupar Angus; Perth	Eastern; Perth
Ross and Cromarty	Ross and Cromarty	Cromarty; Dingwall; Fortrose; Invergordon; Tain	Avoch; Dingwall; Fearn; Fortrose; Gairloch; Invergordon; Lochbroom; Lochcarron; Muir of Ord; South West; Tain
Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles	Peeblesshire	All	All
	Roxburghshire	All	All
	Selkirkshire	All	All
Rutherglen	Lanarkshire	Rutherglen	Eighth
South Angus	Angus	Arbroath; Carnoustie; Forfar; Kirriemuir; Monifieth	Carnoustie; Forfar; Kirriemuir; Monifieth
South Ayrshire	Ayrshire	Cumnock and Holmhead; Girvan; Maybole	Cumnock; Dalmellington; Girvan; Maybole
Stirling and Falkirk Burghs	Stirlingshire	Falkirk; Grangemouth; Stirling	
West Aberdeenshire	Aberdeenshire	Ballater; Huntly; Inverurie; Kintore; Oldmeldrum	Aberdeen; Alford; Deeside; Garioch; Huntly
West Dunbartonshire	Dunbartonshire	Cove and Kilcreggan; Dumbarton; Helensburgh	Helensburgh; Old Kilpatrick; Vale of Leven
West Fife	Fife	Culross; Leslie; Markinch	Dunfermline; Kirkcaldy; Lochgelly; Wemyss (part)
West Lothian	West Lothian	All	All
West Renfrewshire	Renfrewshire	Gourock; Johnstone; Port Glasgow	Third; Fourth; Fifth
West Stirlingshire	Stirlingshire	Bridge of Allan; Denny and Dunipace; Kilsyth	Central No.1; Central No.2; Western No.1; Western No.2; Western No.3
Western Isles	Inverness-shire		Barra; Harris; North Uist; South Uist
	Ross and Cromarty	Stornoway	Lewis