



Information Paper

Scottish Parliament Constituency names

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Boundaries Scotland, formerly Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland was established under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as an independent body with responsibility for keeping under review local government areas and electoral arrangements in Scotland.

Under the terms of s.8 of the Scotland Act 2016, responsibility for reviews of Scottish Parliament boundaries passed from the Boundary Commission for Scotland to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland with effect from 18 May 2017.

Section 28 of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 renamed the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland as Boundaries Scotland and came into force on 14 May 2021

This paper describes the names used for parliamentary constituencies for the Scottish Parliament.

The Scottish Parliament constituencies between 1999 and 2011 were the UK Parliament constituencies in existence when the modern Scottish Parliament was created in 1999 (with one exception in Orkney and Shetland). The Scottish Parliament regions between 1999 and 2011 were the European Parliament constituencies in existence in 1999.

We recommend names of constituencies as well as their boundaries. Our aim has been to recommend names that are relevant to the geographic extent of the constituency. Changes to names reflect external factors, such as changes to legislation, changes in local government structure and changes to the distribution of electorate.

The First Periodic Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries, concluded that constituency names should reflect their geographic extents. Wherever possible, constituency names should be short and should not attempt to describe an area exhaustively, and that names of Scottish Parliament constituencies should in general differ from those of UK Parliament constituencies. Where a compass-point is used as part of a constituency name, it should not appear at the start of the name in order to ease the use of an alphabetical list of constituencies.

Each constituency is designated as either a county constituency or a burgh constituency. This designation affects the allowable expenses by candidates during elections.

Appendix A lists the names and designations of Scottish Parliament constituencies since the creation of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, and the periods during which they existed.

Appendix B is an index of the place names used in constituencies.

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Appendix A: Scottish Parliament constituency names

This Appendix lists the names and designations of Scottish Parliament constituencies since the inception of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, and the periods during which they existed, shaded in grey. The extent of the constituency may have changed, even when a constituency name has remained unchanged. There is further information on the geographical extent of constituencies in other Information Papers.

Constituency	Designation	1999-2011	2011 onwards
Aberdeen Central	Burgh		
Aberdeen Donside	Burgh		
Aberdeen North	Burgh		
Aberdeen South	Burgh		
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	County		
Aberdeenshire East	County		
Aberdeenshire West	County		
Airdrie and Shotts	Burgh		
Almond Valley	County		
Angus	County		
Angus North and Mearns	County		
Angus South	County		
Argyll and Bute	County		
Ayr	¹		
Banff and Buchan	County		
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	County		
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	County		
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	County		
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	County		
Central Fife	County		
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	County		
Clydebank and Milngavie	County		
Clydesdale	County		
Coatbridge and Chryston	Burgh		
Cowdenbeath	County		
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	County		
Cunninghame North	County		
Cunninghame South	County		
Dumbarton	County		
Dumfries	County		
Dumfriesshire	County		
Dundee City East	Burgh		
Dundee City West	Burgh		
Dundee East	Burgh		
Dundee West	Burgh		
Dunfermline	County		
Dunfermline East	County		
Dunfermline West	County		
East Kilbride	²		
East Lothian	County		
Eastwood	County		

¹ County constituency from 1999 until 2011, and burgh constituency from 2011 onwards.

² County constituency from 1999 until 2011, and burgh constituency from 2011 onwards.

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Edinburgh Central	Burgh		
Edinburgh East and Musselburgh	Burgh		
Edinburgh Eastern	Burgh		
Edinburgh North and Leith	Burgh		
Edinburgh Northern and Leith	Burgh		
Edinburgh Pentlands	Burgh		
Edinburgh South	Burgh		
Edinburgh Southern	Burgh		
Edinburgh West	Burgh		
Edinburgh Western	Burgh		
Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	County		
Falkirk East	County		
Falkirk West	County		
Galloway and Upper Nithsdale	County		
Galloway and West Dumfries	County		
Glasgow Anniesland	Burgh		
Glasgow Baillieston	Burgh		
Glasgow Cathcart	Burgh		
Glasgow Govan	Burgh		
Glasgow Kelvin	Burgh		
Glasgow Maryhill	Burgh		
Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	Burgh		
Glasgow Pollok	Burgh		
Glasgow Provan	Burgh		
Glasgow Rutherglen	Burgh		
Glasgow Shettleston	Burgh		
Glasgow Southside	Burgh		
Glasgow Springburn	Burgh		
Gordon	County		
Greenock and Inverclyde	County		
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	Burgh		
Hamilton North and Bellshill	Burgh		
Hamilton South	Burgh		
Inverness and Nairn	County		
Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber	County		
Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	County		
Kilmarnock and Loudoun	County		
Kirkcaldy	County		
Linlithgow	County		
Livingston	County		
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	County		
Midlothian	County		
Midlothian North and Musselburgh	County		
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	County		
Moray	County		
Motherwell and Wishaw	Burgh		
Na h-Eileanan an Iar ³	County		
North East Fife	County		
North Tayside	County		
Ochil	County		
Orkney Islands	County		
Paisley	Burgh		

³ Constituency named Western Isles until 2011.

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Paisley North	Burgh		
Paisley South	Burgh		
Perth	County		
Perthshire North	County		
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	County		
Renfrewshire North and West	County		
Renfrewshire South	County		
Ross, Skye and Inverness West	County		
Roxburgh and Berwickshire	County		
Rutherglen	Burgh		
Shetland Islands	County		
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	County		
Stirling	County		
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	County		
Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale	County		
Uddingston and Bellshill	Burgh		
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	County		
West Renfrewshire	County		
Western Isles ⁴	County		

⁴ Constituency named Na h-Eileanan an Iar from 2011 onwards.

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Appendix B: Index of place names

This Appendix provides an index of place names with a list of the constituency names that they have been used in. Counties and county towns are listed together - for example the entry for Aberdeen lists all constituency names containing "Aberdeen" or "Aberdeenshire".

Place name	Constituency
Aberdeen	Aberdeen Central Aberdeen Donside Aberdeen North Aberdeen South Aberdeen South and North Kincardine Aberdeenshire East Aberdeenshire West West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine
Airdrie	Airdrie and Shotts
Almond Valley	Almond Valley
Angus	Angus Angus North and Mearns Angus South
Anniesland	Glasgow Anniesland
Argyll	Argyll and Bute
Arran	
Ayr	Ayr
Badenoch	Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch
Baillieston	Glasgow Baillieston
Banff	Banff and Buchan Banffshire and Buchan Coast
Bearsden	Strathkelvin and Bearsden
Bellshill	Hamilton North and Bellshill Uddingston and Bellshill
Berwick	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire Roxburgh and Berwickshire
Bothwell	
Bridgeton	
Buchan	Banff and Buchan Banffshire and Buchan Coast
Bute	Argyll and Bute
Caithness	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross Caithness, Sutherland and Ross
Camlachie	
Carrick	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley
Cathcart	Glasgow Cathcart
Chryston	Coatbridge and Chryston
Clackmannan	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane
Clydebank	Clydebank and Milngavie
Clydesdale	Clydesdale
Coatbridge	Coatbridge and Chryston
Cowdenbeath	Cowdenbeath
Craigton	
Cromarty	
Cumbernauld	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth
Cumnock	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley

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Place name	Constituency
Cunninghame	Cunninghame North Cunninghame South
Deeside	
Doon Valley	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley
Dumbarton	Dumbarton
Dumfries	Dumfries Dumfriesshire Galloway and West Dumfries
Dunbartonshire	
Dunblane	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane
Dundee	Dundee City East Dundee City West Dundee East Dundee West
Dunfermline	Dunfermline Dunfermline East Dunfermline West
Easter Ross	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross
East Kilbride	East Kilbride
East Lothian	East Lothian
Eastwood	Eastwood
Edinburgh	Edinburgh Central Edinburgh East and Musselburgh Edinburgh Eastern Edinburgh North and Leith Edinburgh Northern and Leith Edinburgh Pentlands Edinburgh South Edinburgh Southern Edinburgh West Edinburgh Western
Eileanan an Iar	Na h-Eileanan an Iar Western Isles
Ettrick	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale
Falkirk	Falkirk East Falkirk West
Fife	Central Fife Mid Fife and Glenrothes North East Fife
Galloway	Galloway and Upper Nithsdale Galloway and West Dumfries
Garscadden	
Glasgow	Glasgow Anniesland Glasgow Baillieston Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Govan Glasgow Kelvin Glasgow Maryhill Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Glasgow Pollok Glasgow Provan Glasgow Rutherglen Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Southside Glasgow Springburn
Glenrothes	Mid Fife and Glenrothes
Gorbals	

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Place name	Constituency
Gordon	Gordon
Govan	Glasgow Govan
Grangemouth	
Greenock	Greenock and Inverclyde
Hamilton	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse Hamilton North and Bellshill Hamilton South
Hillhead	
Inverclyde	Greenock and Inverclyde
Inverness	Inverness and Nairn Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber Ross, Skye and Inverness West
Irvine Valley	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley
Kelvin	Glasgow Kelvin Strathkelvin and Bearsden
Kilmarnock	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley Kilmarnock and Loudoun
Kilsyth	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth
Kincardine	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine
Kinross	Perthshire South and Kinross-shire
Kirkcaldy	Kirkcaldy
Kirkintilloch	
Lanark	
Larkhall	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse
Lauderdale	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale
Leith	Edinburgh North and Leith Edinburgh Northern and Leith
Lesmahagow	
Linlithgow	Linlithgow
Livingston	Livingston
Lochaber	Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch
Lothian	East Lothian
Loudoun	Kilmarnock and Loudoun
Maryhill	Glasgow Maryhill Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn
Mearns	Angus North and Mearns
Midlothian	Midlothian Midlothian North and Musselburgh Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale
Milngavie	Clydebank and Milngavie
Monklands	
Moray	Moray
Motherwell	Motherwell and Wishaw
Musselburgh	Edinburgh East and Musselburgh Midlothian North and Musselburgh
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	Na h-Eileanan an Iar Western Isles
Nairn	Inverness and Nairn Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber
Nithsdale	Galloway and Upper Nithsdale
Ochil	Ochil
Orkney	Orkney Islands

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Paisley	Paisley Paisley North Paisley South
Peebles	
Pentlands	Edinburgh Pentlands
Perth	Perth Perthshire North Perthshire South and Kinross-shire
Pollok	Glasgow Pollok
Port Glasgow	
Provan	Glasgow Provan
Queen's Park	
Renfrew	Renfrewshire North and West Renfrewshire South West Renfrewshire
Ross	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross Caithness, Sutherland and Ross Ross, Skye and Inverness West
Roxburgh	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire Roxburgh and Berwickshire
Rutherglen	Glasgow Rutherglen Rutherglen
Scotstoun	
Selkirk	
Shetland	Shetland Islands
Shettleston	Glasgow Shettleston
Shotts	Airdrie and Shotts
Southside	Glasgow Southside
Springburn	Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Glasgow Springburn
Skye	Ross, Skye and Inverness West Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch
Stirling	Stirling
Stonehouse	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse
Strathaven	
Strathkelvin	Strathkelvin and Bearsden
Strathspey	
Sutherland	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross Caithness, Sutherland and Ross
Tayside	North Tayside
Tradeston	
Tweeddale	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale
Uddingston	Uddingston and Bellshill
Western Isles	Na h-Eileanan an Iar Western Isles
West Lothian	
Wishaw	Motherwell and Wishaw
Woodside	
Zetland	