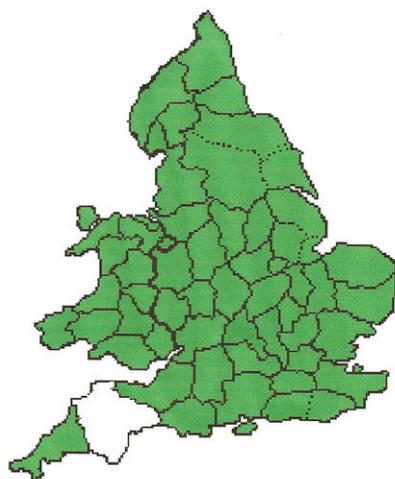


DEVON



Centres of some county WM districts
The 8 set up in 1835 are in capital letters.

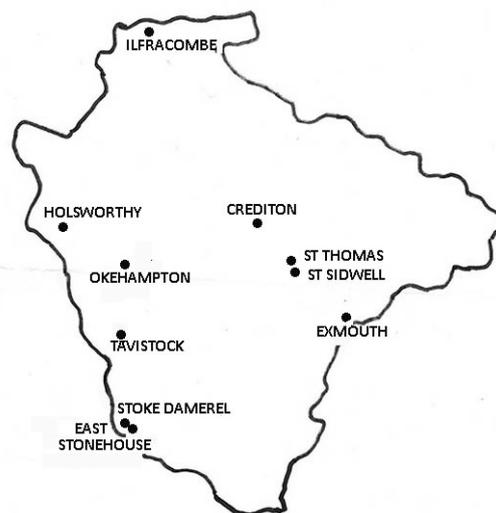
Devon is a large county in the south-west of England. It is bordered to the west by Cornwall, to the east by Dorset and Somerset, and to the north and south by the sea. Most of the county was devoted to agriculture, but there have always been important ports on the coasts.

The administrative structure of the county was complex and changed frequently. The situation was further complicated by the existence of many small boroughs and other anomalous jurisdictions. Traditionally the county was divided into 33 hundreds, and in 1831 these were combined into 19 petty sessional divisions. After the Act of 1834, seven Weights and Measures districts were set up, increased to eight in the following year. Some of these districts were further subdivided in the 1840s. In addition to the inspectors appointed under the Acts of 1834/5, there were also examiners appointed under earlier legislation.

The county police force was set up in 1857 and began to take over the duties of the inspectors. Unfortunately, the police divisions did not coincide exactly with the pre-existing Weights and Measures districts: 'Additional Inspectors' were appointed, to allow the police to carry out their WM duties, within their own WM districts, when this lay in another police division. This muddle continued until 1879, with many changes of districts, names and inspectors. From 1879 until 1890 the districts were denoted by letters rather than numbers, and the old non-uniform mark of DEVON in a circle remained in use. In 1890 six districts were established, each with a qualified civilian inspector, and using the numbers 583-588. The number of districts was subsequently reduced, although more inspectors were appointed.



The major localities



Minor localities, excluding formal court leets

Devon contained a large number of ancient boroughs, ranging in size from Exeter (which was a county corporate) to Bradninch. All the places shown on the left-hand map above had borough status, and there is firm evidence that they were active as Weights and Measures Authorities. Most of them were active in 1879 and were allocated verification numbers at that time. The exceptions were Bradninch, Dartmouth, and Okehampton, where authority had already been transferred to the county. In 1889 all the boroughs with populations under 10,000 were disqualified, which left only Barnstaple, Devonport, Exeter, Plymouth, and Tiverton. Barnstaple transferred its authority to the county in 1921, and Tiverton in 1943. Exeter, Plymouth and Devonport had become County Boroughs in 1888, and the last two were combined in 1914. Latterly the only separate jurisdictions in Devon were the county boroughs of Exeter and Plymouth, until Torbay became a county borough in 1968. All three were amalgamated with the County of Devon in the local government reorganisation of 1974.

The places shown in the right-hand map acquired standards and claimed to inspect weights and measures at various times in the nineteenth century. St Thomas and St Sidwell were parishes on the outskirts of Exeter, while Stoke Damerel and East Stonehouse were parishes that combined to form the borough of Devonport in 1837. Additionally, there were a number of small places where the manorial jurisdiction persisted and the Court Leet made formal appointments of 'inspectors' from time to time. These are listed in the tables below.

Exeter was one of the few places in England where silverware could be assayed and hallmarked, and it was granted the statutory right to have an Assay Office in 1700. So it is very likely that there were makers of scales and weights in the town at that time. However, the earliest that we know of is Richard Tucker, who was making coin-scales and weights in the 1770s. By the middle of the nineteenth century there were several specialist scale makers in the county, including the Ovenden family who moved from Bristol to Devonport, and the Grove family who moved from Birmingham to Plymouth. Others, such as Robert Turner in Barnstaple may have originally been workers in the metal trades who decided to specialise in scales and weights. The Act of 1889 required that scales should be subject to inspection, and the number of scale repairers increased rapidly, with local tradesmen being challenged by an influx of larger firms from other parts of the country, such as Bartlett, Pooley, Avery, Asco, and Vandome.

A: Inspection by the county of DEVON

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1826	Standards [136] verified for 'Tavistock'		33 hundreds. In 1831 they were combined into 19 petty sessional divisions.
1829	Standards [419] verified for the district of Ermington and Plympton, received by John Walter.		The 'crowned DN' mark is a Devon mark, used before 1834.
1834	Seven inspectors, with power to stamp, appointed. Standards, including four new sets, were to be kept by the inspector in his home town, as listed opposite. Separate examiners, with power to adjust, were appointed for the petty sessional divisions.		<p><i>The seven districts in 1834, with standards</i></p> <p>Exeter ('Castle') [519] Honiton [494] Tiverton (Cullompton) Barnstaple [557] Newton Abbott (Teignbridge) Okehampton (Lifton) [589] Modbury (Ermington & Plympton) [419]</p>
1835	Two new sets of standards issued [734-735], Districts numbered, with Devonport added.		<p><i>The eight numbered districts 1835-1857 (see also EFP advert)</i></p>
1836	New set of standards [831] for Teignbridge District		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exeter 2. Honiton 3. Tiverton 4. Barnstaple 5. Okehampton 6. Devonport 7. Modbury 8. Newton Abbott
1837	Six inspectors also hold office as Examiners [EFP 5/1/37]. No need for Inspectors to travel away from home town.		
1840	Standards [870] issued for Axminster district (part of Honiton).		
1847	Six inspectors hold County Standards, two use Standards of town where they reside. 7 districts with no Examiner (2 appointed). Modbury split into two districts; standards [972] for Kingsbridge district. [EFP 7/1/47, 8/4/47]		
1848	Standards issued [992-994] for Paignton district (part of Newton Abbot), Black Torrington, and Cullompton.		

Name of District and Place at which a copy of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures is to be kept, and the name of the person to whom such copy is to be delivered.

EXETER, No. 1

Inspector, MR. THOMAS POLLARD, of St. Thomas.

Parishes and Places allotted to each Inspector as a separate District.

Ashton	Coleridge	Kanton	Lawton
Ayeston	Chariton Fitzpaine	Kennerleigh	Salterford
Ayeston	Clanmarch	Lapford	St. Martin
Ayeston	Coleridge	Littleham & Plymouth	St. Michael's English
Barton	Down St. Mary	Lymington	St. Michael's Cornway
Brenton	Duncombe	Merton	St. Thomas
Clanmarch	Edwardsburgh	Milborne	Topsham
Clifford	Edwardsburgh	Marshall Bishop	Tedburn St. Mary
Down	Edwardsburgh	Newton St. Cyria	Tiverton
Exminster	Exminster	Netherton	Upton
East St. Lawrence	East St. Mary	Ottery	Upton Hilltop
East St. Mary	Farringham	Pawlisham	Upton House
East St. George	Heavitree	Polton	Whitton
East St. George	Holcomb Burnell	Polton	Widcombe Hawleigh
East St. George	Hurham	St. Andrew	Woodbury
East St. George	Hittesburgh	St. Andrew	Whimple
East St. George	Isle	St. Andrew	Zenon Monachorum
East St. George	Keon	St. Andrew	

¶ Extract from The Exeter Flying Post, 17 December, 1835, p. 1.

Civilian inspectors and examiners 1834 onwards		
Inspectors (* also Examiner)	<i>No 6 Devonport (1835-)</i>	Examiners (partial list)
<i>No 1 Exeter (Castle) (1834-75)</i>	Halse & Day (1835-)	<i>Axminster</i>
*Thomas Pollard (1834-46)	<i>No 7 Modbury (Ermington & Plympton) (1834-63)</i>	James Restarick (1840-41)
* Richard Taylor (1846-75)	John Walter (1834-38)	Saml Restarick (1860-64)
<i>No 2 Honiton (1834-57)</i>	* Jonathan Walter (1838- 47)	<i>Crediton</i>
*Henry Hurd (1834-52)	William Paddon (1847-51)	Thomas Pollard (1834-)
John Hellier (1852-58)	John Cumming (1851-63)	Samuel Backwell (1846-72)
<i>No 3 Tiverton/Cullompton (1834-57)</i>	<i>No 8 Newton Abbott (Teignbridge)</i>	<i>Crockernwell/Chagford</i>
* Thomas Mitchell (1834-50)	Edward Croydon (1834-35)	Richard Thorn (-1847-66)
* James Mitchell (1851-57)	William Header (1835-65)	<i>Holsworthy</i>
<i>No 4 Barnstaple (1834-65)</i>	Edward White (1866-78)	John Walkey (1848-59)
John Barry (1834-35)	<i>No 9 Kingsbridge (1847-87)</i>	John Madge (1860-)
John Richards (1835-36)	*William Curtis (1847-52)	<i>Newton Abbot (Teignbridge)</i>
*Frederick Jones (1836-65)	* James Jerritt (1852-87)	Edward Croydon (1835-1862)
<i>No 5 Okehampton (Lifton) (1834-70)</i>	<i>Torquay (1867-)</i>	<i>Okehampton</i>
*William Ponsford (1834-47)	John Pepprell (1867-76)	John Madge (-48-69)
*John Madge (1850-70)	George Pepprell (1876-)	<i>Paignton/Brixham/Torquay</i>
		Charles Kilby (1848-61)
		<i>Roborough</i>
		Edward Hibbert (1854-56)
		<i>Sidmouth/Woodbury</i>
		Henry Southcott (1839-70)
		<i>Stanborough and Coleridge</i>
		William Curtis (1843- 52)
		<i>South Molton</i>
		William Bibbings (1837- 60)
		Joseph Bibbings (1842-1864)
		<i>Tavistock</i>
		Mark Merritt (1854-61)



¶ Details of three weights, bearing the Devon County marks, probably in use from 1826 to 1840.

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1857	County police force set up. Initially the police took over as inspectors and examiners in Honiton, Cullompton, and East Stonehouse. From 1857 until 1878 the police divisions and the WM districts did not coincide; this was solved by appointing additional inspectors to the WM districts, so that the police only worked within their own divisions; there was much confusion.	DEV NO	In 1858 there were six civilian inspectors. By 1866 two of them had retired, but another was appointed for Torquay in 1867. The WM districts were denoted by numbers until 1878. <i>Districts and numbers c1864:</i> 1. Exeter 2. Honiton 3. Tiverton 4. Barnstaple 5. Okehampton 6. East Stonehouse 7. Modbury (& Kingsbridge) 8. Newton Abbott 9. Tavistock
1859	Standards [1261] issued.	DEV NO	9. Tavistock
1862	Standards [1336] issued for Bideford and Gt Torrington.		
1863	Old Tavistock standards [136] re-purchased. Tavistock was known as district No.9.		
1865	Newton Abbott (No 8) district divided into Paignton (No.10) and Newton Abbott (No 11) districts; Kingsbridge becomes No. 8. [EPG 7/4/65]		<i>Districts and numbers in 1870:</i> 1. Exeter 2. Honiton 3. Tiverton 4. Barnstaple 5. Holsworthy 6. East Stonehouse 7. Modbury 8. Kingsbridge 9. Tavistock 10. Paignton 11. Newton Abbott 12. Torquay
1867	Paignton split into Paignton (No 10) and Torquay (No.12). [EPG 18/10/67]		
1870	Okehampton district becomes known as Holsworthy (No.5), to give the 12 WM districts, as listed opposite, police acting in all but three (Nos. 8, 11, 12).		

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1873	Crediton standards (partial set) transferred to the county .		<i>Districts and numbers in 1876:</i> 1. Exeter 2. Honiton 3. Tiverton 4. Barnstaple 5. Holsworthy 6. East Stonehouse 7. Modbury 8. Kingsbridge 9. Tavistock 10. Torquay 11. Newton Abbott
1874	Standards [1536] issued.		
1876	Paignton and Torquay rejoined to form Torquay district		
1878	W&M Act allows examiners and inspectors to continue in post; examiners to be phased out: only weights according to imperial standard may be used		



- ¶ Details of two weights, one stamped in the East Stonehouse district (6) and one in the Modbury district (7), from the period 1857-78.



- ¶ Standards 519 were originally issued to the Castle District (Exeter) in 1834. This replacement, issued in 1879, was made by Nicholl and Fowler, of London.

Police officers as inspectors and examiners for numbered districts 1857-1879

[Directories and Newspapers, 1860 Returns]

<p>1. <i>Exeter (1875)</i> John Ryall (1875-79&) Additional IWM for Crediton: John Sargeant (1872-73) Herbert Stoddart (1873-74) Additional IWMs: William Cunningham (DCC) (1873-76) James C. Moore (1875-79&) Edward Hasted (1875-79&) Philip Hannaford (1876-79&)</p> <p>2. <i>Honiton (1857)</i> Courtney Davey (1858-60) Charles Dore (1860-73) Douglas Barbor (1873-79&)</p> <p>3. <i>Cullompton/Tiverton (1857)</i> J. J. Dunne (1857-58) Richard Collins (1859-79&) Additional IWM for Tiverton John Wood (1866-79&)</p> <p>4. <i>Barnstaple (1865) including Torrington and Southmolton</i> William Cunningham (1865-69) Henry Hilliker (1869-71) John Baird (1871-73) William Mitchell (1873-78) Hugh Vaughan (1878-79&) Additional IWMs: John Wood (Southmolton) (1865-79&) Henry Hilliker (Bideford) (1865-71) Philip Rousham (1869-79&)</p> <p>5. <i>Okehampton (1860)</i> (John Madge civilian 1860-70) <i>Holsworthy (1870)</i> Douglas Barbor (1870-73&) Herbert Stoddart (1873-74) Edward G. Hasted (1874-78) William Mitchell (1878-79&) Additional IWMs: Philip Rousham (1870-79&) William Pickford (1870-76) John Sargeant (1873-79)</p>	<p>6. <i>East Stonehouse (1858)</i> William Manning (1858) Patrick Hogan (1859) John Freeman (1860-62) George Ross (1862-66) Philip Rousham (1866-69) William Cunningham (1869-73) Edward Brutton (1873-79&)</p> <p>7. <i>Modbury/Kingsbridge (1863-67) Modbury (1863)</i> George Ross (1863-66) Philip Rousham (1866-69) William Cunningham (1869-73) Edward Brutton (1873-79&) <i>Kingsbridge (1863-67)</i> (James Jerritt civilian 1863-67&)</p> <p>8. <i>Newton Abbott/Teignbridge (1865-67)</i> (Edward White civilian 1865-67) <i>Kingsbridge (1867)</i> (James Jerritt civilian 1867-79&)</p> <p>9. <i>Tavistock (1863) \</i> Henry Hilliker (1863-64) William Pickford (1864-76) William Cornwall (1876-78) William Mitchell (1878-79&) Additional IWMs: Philip Rousham (1866-69) William Cunningham (1869-73)</p> <p>10. <i>Paignton (1865)</i> John Baird (1865-71) Herbert Stoddart (1871-3) Hugh Vaughan (1873-78) William Cornwall (1878-79)</p> <p>11. <i>Newton Abbott (1867)</i> (Edward White civilian 1867-79&)</p> <p>12. <i>Torquay (1867)</i> (John Pepprell civilian 1867-76) (George Pepprell civilian 1873-79&)</p>	<p>Examiners for PS dvns <i>Crediton</i> John Sargeant (1869-72)</p> <p><i>Exeter</i> William Mitchell (1868-73)</p> <p><i>Newton Abbott/Teignbridge</i> Michael Cain (latterly civilian) (1862- 5) James C. Moore (1865-75)</p> <p><i>Roborough and Midland Roborough</i> George Ross (1863)</p> <p><i>Southmolton</i> John Wood (1864-79&)</p> <p><i>Torrington and Bideford</i> George Ross (1861-2) William Cunningham (1862-65) Henry Hilliker (1865-69)</p> <p><i>Woodbury</i> John Ryall (1866-79&)</p>
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Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1879	The WM districts were reorganised to coincide as far as possible with the 12 police divisions, denoted by letters. Four additional districts were also needed, as listed opposite. It was agreed not to adopt the BoT uniform mark [EFP: 9/4/79].	DEV NO	The additional districts were T: Torquay W: Newton Abbott X1: Woodbury X2: Kennford
1882	This mark was illustrated in 1882 [AR] and refers to district X1, part of the EXE police division.	EXE NO	
1889	Devon CC set up. Police to be replaced by qualified civilian inspectors.		

Police officers as inspectors for lettered districts 1879-91

<p><i>A: Barnstaple</i> Hugh C. Vaughan (1879-84) George Jesse (&1884-89) James Hobbs (1889-91)</p> <p><i>B: South Molton</i> John Wood (1879-83) Robert Baker (1883-91)</p> <p><i>C: Cullompton/Tiverton</i> Richard G. Collins (1879-91)</p> <p><i>D: Honiton</i> Douglas Barbor (1879-82&) Francis Mountstevens (1882-83) H.F. de Schmidt (1883-91)</p> <p><i>E: Chudleigh</i> James C. Moore (1879-91)</p> <p><i>F: Torquay</i> George H. Stratford (1879-82) Douglas Barbor (&1882-91)</p>	<p><i>G: Totnes</i> (James Jerritt, civilian 1879-87) Capt H.E. Yardley (1887-88) Sgt Ford (1888) Charles Ackland-Allen (1888) John Ryall (1888-91)</p> <p><i>H: Stonehouse</i> Edward Brutton (1879-88) Ch. Ackland-Allan (1888-89-)</p> <p><i>K: Tavistock</i> William Mitchell (1879-91)</p> <p><i>L: Holsworthy</i> Francis Mountstevens (1879-82) George H. Stratford (1882 -83) John Ryall (1884-88) Richard Nicholls (1888-91)</p> <p><i>M: Torrington/Bideford</i> Philip Rousham (&1879-89) Charles G Buchanan (1889- 91)</p>	<p><i>N: Bow/Okehampton</i> Edward Hasted (1879-81) George Jesse (1881-84&) Edward Showers (1884-86) Charles Ackland-Allen (1886-88) Herbert Roberts (1888-91)</p> <p><i>T: Torquay</i> (George Pepprell,civilian 1879-88) (Robert Gibbs, civilian 1888-91)</p> <p><i>W: Newton Abbott (Teignbridge)</i> (Edward White, civilian 1879-80) Richard Nicholls (1880-88) Samuel Tucker (1888-1891)</p> <p><i>X1: Woodbury (part of EXE)</i> John Ryall (1879-84) William Ellicott (1884-91)</p> <p><i>X2: Kennford (part of EXE)</i> Philip Hannaford (1879-89) **** Frost (1889) William Chapple (1889-91)</p>
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¶ Details of three weights, one from the Tavistock district (K), the second from the Newton Abbot district (W) and the third from the Woodbury district of Exeter (X1).



¶ Details of two weights, one from the Newton Abbot (W) district, later stamped by an inspector carrying the 584 stamp; if the weight stayed locally, this would indicate the later stamp dates from the period 1935-30, when H. Swain held that number. The other weight carries the 586 stamp.

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1891	<p>Six WM districts planned. Six numbers issued: 583-588. The numbers were associated with inspectors, not districts. Of the six initially appointed, Rousham and Chapple were ex-policemen.</p> <p>The Crediton office was closed in 1901 and the South Brent one in 1925, to leave four divisions.</p>	  	<p><i>Qualified inspectors 1891-25</i></p> <p>Barnstaple: P. Rousham 584 (1891) A.J. Wright 584 (q. 1890 Reading; 1892-1901) [MR 31:119; 39:211] A.J. Sloggett 583 (1901-07) J. Chamberlain 584 (q. 1905 Macclesfield; 1907-09) H.S. Swain 584 (1909-25&) [MR 36:60]</p> <p>Crediton: 1891-1901 T. Latham 586 (q. 1890 Birmingham; 1891-94) A.J. Sloggett 583 (q. 1890 Devonport; 1895-1901)</p> <p>Exeter: S. Smith 583 (q. 1890 Batley; 1891-94) T. Latham 586 (1894-96) T.J. Edwards 585 (1896-1925&)</p> <p>Newton Abbott: T.J. Edwards 585 (q. 1890 London; 1891-96) A.E. Holdaway 586 (q. 1892 Winchester; 1896-1925)</p> <p>South Brent: 1891-1925 M. Heath 587 (q. 1891 Devon; 1891-1925)</p>

Dates	Events	Marks	Comments
1925	Four divisions, each with an inspector (*) and an assistant; by 1928, only two assistants had been appointed.		<p>Tavistock/Okehampton: W. Chapple 588 (1891-93) F. Edwards 588 (q. 1891, Exeter; 1893-1925&)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1925-48</p> <p>Barnstaple: *J.H. Braund 586 (1925-48) [MR 54:145] M.B.B. Heath 587 (1925-33) [MR 54:255] (J.B. Newton (1933-36)) J.B. Newton 584 (1936-48) (F.J. Dawe 1931)</p> <p>Exeter: *T.J. Edwards 585 (&1925-30) *H. S. Swain 584 (1930-36); *F.W. Frost 585 (1936-48&) J.B. Newton (-1932-33) J. McDonald 583 (1933-48) F.J. Dawe 596 (1946-48)</p> <p>Newton Abbot: *H.Swain 584 (&1925-30) (*) H. Gossling 583 (1925-32) [MR33: 4] *M.B.B. Heath 587 (1933-48&) N.R. Fullerton 631 (1930-39) H.S. Scawen 632 (1939-48&)</p> <p>Tavistock/Okehampton: *F. Edwards 588 (&1925-34) *S. Clitheroe 588 (1934-48&) H.S. Scawen 632 (1930-39)</p>
1930	New numbers issued: 631-632, for additional inspectors.		
1939	Four divisions, nine inspectors: Okehampton (2), Exeter (3), Newton Abbot (2), Barnstaple (2)		
1946	No.596 issued.		
1948	Reorganised into 3 divisions: SE (Exeter), NW (Barnstaple), and Torquay [MR 48:107].		<p>1948-</p> <p>SE (Exeter): *F.W. Frost 585 (&1948-54) then chief; J. Macdonald 583 (1933-60-). F.J. Dawe 596 (1948-50-)</p>
1954	Reorganised into 6 divisions: Exeter No.1, Exeter No.2, Okehampton, Barnstaple, Torquay, and Totnes, with an inspector for each one, plus a chief inspector [MR 54:255].		<p>NW (Barnstaple): *S. Clitheroe 588 (&1948-54) then deputy chief [MR 60:183]</p> <p>Torquay *M.B.B. Heath 587 (&1948-54) (*)H.S. Scawen 632 (1948-68)</p>
1968	CB of Torbay formed.		F.J. Dawe 596 (q1937-71) worked in all 4 divisions [MR 72:31].
1974	Devon CC takes over from Exeter, Plymouth and Torbay.		<p>Chief inspectors: F.W. Frost (1954-66) [MR 66:79] R.E. Parkinson (1966-76) [MR 66:2, 76:198]</p>

B1: Major Localities with separate jurisdiction in the County of DEVON



- ¶ A weight with the Barnstaple stamp; on the reverse is the name Baker, John Baker acting as the Inspector of Weights and Measures from 1834 to 1862.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Barnstaple	AncBo MB:1835		377	s:1826 r:1867 [219] n:1880-1911?

The inspector appointed in 1834 was John Baker, who finally resigned in 1862 [NDJ: 12/6/62]. Charles Edward Northcote, the borough Treasurer, was appointed in his stead [NDJ: 14/8/62], listed as IWM from 1865 to 1874 [B]. In 1866, Frederick Belbin was acting as the adjuster of WM [EPG: 7/12/66]. On Northcote's resignation, the post of IWM went to Giles Carter [WT: 23/12/74], also listed in 1877 [B]. John Chapple, an ironmonger, acted briefly as IWM in 1877-79 [WT: 12/11/77, 13/11/79].

George Songhurst (HC 1872-93) was appointed as IWM in 1879 [WT: 13/11/79]. He was appointed Inspector and Adjuster of WM in 1892 [EPG: 26/7/92]. In 1893 the head constable R. Eddy was listed as the IWM [NDJ: 27/4/93] but he failed to pass the BoT exam. So, in 1894, Songhurst was reappointed as IWM, with his salary raised to £25 per annum for this work. [NDJ: 26/4/94]. In 1908, he was appointed Adjuster of WM also [NDJ: 27/2/08]. During 1909, discussions were initiated with the County for the WM inspection to be undertaken by the County inspector [NDJ: 28/8/09]. Songhurst was still listed in the 1911 Inspectors Handbook. In that year the borough was amalgamated with the county, for three years initially [AR 1911], with the county inspector H. Swain acting in 1912 [Hbk]. The arrangement continued, with authority finally transferred in 1921.



- ¶ Details of two weights, showing the pre-uniform Bideford mark of BD, together with the mark used between 1879 and 1889.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Bideford	AncBo MB:1835	BD	261	s:1826,1860 [225] n:1879-1889

In 1834 John Griffey and James Brannan were appointed as inspectors, both having served previously, and were still serving in 1836.

The inspectors listed from 1840 [*EPG:5/12/40*] to 1859 [*Trewman*] were John Cooke, glovecutter, and William Gilbert, gaoler, although in 1853, John Nicholls and William Gilbert were said to have been appointed Examiners of WM [*NDJ: 24/11/53*]. Between 1863 and 1869, John Nicholls and William Gilbert were listed as IWMs [*Besley*], but from 1870 [*White*] to his resignation in 1873 [*NDJ: 20/11/73*], Gilbert acted alone. Inspection then passed to the local constabulary, with Supt Vanstone acting as IWM from 1873 until 1875 [*NDJ: 11/12/73, 15/7/75*]. John Cole acted as Head Constable and IWM from 1875 to 1876 [*NDJ: 12/8/75, 12/10/76*], when inspection passed to Robert Chipman (HC 1878-83). David Morgan (HC 1883-89) replaced him in 1883, acting until 1889 [*Kelly*], when Bideford was disqualified because the population was less than 10,000.



¶ A 2oz weight showing the putative Bradninch non-uniform mark.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Bradninch	AncBo Unref Dis 1886	BB	---	s:1835 [696]

The BB mark has also been seen on a bronze 1lb weight.

In 1834 the inspector was James Ireland, who had served previously. In 1857 [*Billings*], Richard Haydon, head constable (1853-63), was listed as IWM but in 1865 the Bradninch police force was wound up and the county inspector, Richard Collins, acted for the borough. Bradninch was not granted a charter and thus ceased to be a WMA in 1886. The full set of standards was advertised for sale by Tender in 1890 [*WT: 17/1/90*].

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Dartmouth	AncBo MB:1835	 C·D·H	---	s:1826 r:1885 [108]
<p>The initials CDH stand for Clifton, Dartmouth, and Hardness. In 1835 George Baker and Lawrence Wills, bailiffs, were inspectors. Mr Coaker was named as the Superintendent of WM in 1843 [WT: 14/10/43]. In 1853 [Trewman] the inspectors were John Earle and J. Coaker, while in 1857 [Billings] and 1862 [Harrison-Harrod] the Queen's bailiff, Robert Luke, was listed. In 1865 and 1866 [Besley], the IWM was the town bailiff, John Ridd. The surveyor, John Roberts, was appointed to the post in 1868 [EPG: 7/2/68], but the same year saw J. Hearn in post [WT: 4/9/68]. The following year, inspection passed to the County Inspector James Jerritt [WT: 7/5/69]. But in 1871, Mr William Henley, an ironmonger, was appointed the IWM [WT: 8/12/71], and was listed in 1883 [Kelly]. However, that same year, he was informed that his services would no longer be required [WT: 23/11/83]. The standards were reverified in 1885, and in 1889 [Kelly] the borough surveyor, Thomas O. Veale, was listed as IWM, but the borough ceased to be a WMA in that year. In 1894, Mark Heath, the County IWM for the district asked that the borough standards be transferred to him but the Town Council was still arguing its case to have its own IWM [EPG: 2/10/94]. Although they lost this battle, the standards were used to allow a local tradesman to adjust WM [EPG: 20/11/94].</p>				
Devonport	MB:1837 CB:1888 -1914	?	68	s:1827 [365: East Stonehouse, 376, 400: Stoke Damerel] s: 1833 [450: East Stonehouse] s: 1854 [1119: Stoke Damerel]
<p>Devonport lies mainly in the Parish of Stoke Damerel, which obtained standards [376, 400] in 1827. These standards were taken over when the borough was created in 1837, which included also the neighbouring parish of East Stonehouse. In 1852 [Slater] Thomas Buckthought was IWM. In 1854 [SBk] new standards [1119] were issued to Stoke Damerel Parish, to William Gifford, inspector, but he moved to Bideford in 1855 [NDJ: 6/9/55]. In 1858-59 [Trewman] the IWM was Robert Hitchman, superintendent of police. James Edwards was superintendent of police, 1860-63, listed in 1862 [Harrison-Harrod], who was followed by John Lynn (CC 1863-89), listed as IWM in 1863 [Besley] and 1889 [Kelly], and Samuel Evans (CC 1889-93). In 1870, John Lynn was receiving £20 per annum, as IWM [EPG: 25/2/70].</p> <p>A.J. Sloggett qualified in 1890/1 but transferred to the county in 1892. R.H. Martin, qualified in 1895/6, was listed as inspector in 1896-98, and then moved to Cornwall. E.R. Collings qualified 1897/8, and continued until Devonport was united with Plymouth in 1914 [MR 30:44, 50:13].</p>				



¶ Details of two weights showing the non-uniform CDH (Clifton, Dartmouth and Hardness) mark used by Dartmouth.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Exeter	CCorp MB:1835 CB:1888	 EXON	{87} EXON	s:1825 [36] s: 1834 [537] s: 1867 [1406] r:1867

The mark comprising a castle and the word EXON is very old, and has been seen on lead weights from the pre-Imperial period. Although the number 87 was issued in 1879, it was not used, the word EXON being substituted, at least up to 1939.

The inspector named in 1834/5 was Hugh Cummings, the superintendent of police, who had formerly held the post but resigned in 1847 [EPG:3/7/47]. Supt Steele acted until Thomas Rodd was appointed inspector in 1848 [WT: 15/4/48]; he continued in post until his death in 1866 [WT: 5/10/66], but latterly only in name [EPG: 14/7/65]. He was succeeded by E.T. Fulford, 1867-73 [Besley]. On his resignation, the post went to James Hamlyn [WT: 15/8/73]; In 1908, the decision was finally taken that Hamlyn, then aged 80, should be retired as IWM, taking the post of consulting IWM [EPG: 13/2/08].

George Marshall (q1905/6 in Bootle) was inspector 1908-49 [MR 49:127; 59:180]. He was followed as chief inspector by G.W. Kerslake (1949-70) [MR 70:153]. He, in turn, was succeeded by E.C. Sandys (1970-) [Kelly E].



¶ Details from two weights, one showing the non-uniform mark and the other the later EXON mark.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
<p>Okehampton: this ancient borough obtained standards in 1826 [177, 180] and appointed an inspector in 1834/5. The borough was unreformed and, in 1862, an advertisement appeared for the sale of the standards, as inspection had passed to the County [WT: 25/10/62]. The standards were finally transferred to the county in 1867 for use in the Torquay district.</p>				

STANDARD WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FOR SALE.

TO be SOLD, by Private Contract, Two complete Sets of BRASS WEIGHTS, from 1 dram to 56 lbs., and one Set of COPPER MEASURES, from $\frac{1}{2}$ gill to 1 bushel with iron strike. Also, four sets of BEAMS and SCALES, and a BRASS YARD MEASURE and SEALS used by inspectors of weights and measures.

The above articles are the property of the Corporation of Okehampton, and are to be sold in consequence of inspection of the weights and measures within the borough being transferred to the County Inspector. The whole are in admirable condition and are perfectly correct.

Persons desirous of becoming the purchasers can see the above on application at my office.

JOHN MARSH BURD,

Dated 21st Oct., 1862. Town Clerk, Okehampton.

¶ Advertisement that appeared on the front page of the Western Times of 25th October, 1862. A similar advertisement was also lodged in the Exeter Flying Post for 22nd October, 1862.



¶ Details of two weights, showing the two forms of the Plymouth non-uniform mark.



¶ Details of two weights, showing the VR149 stamp, one in a pentagon and the other in a shield.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Plymouth	AncBo MB:1835 CB:1888	 	149	s:1826 r:1867 [147] s: 1879 [1636] s: 1890 [2181] n:1892-1974
<p>The mark represents four towers. In some versions they are represented symbolically, but in others they are drawn properly. Some marks have the letter A in the centre. In addition to the No. 149, several other numbers were later allocated (No. 153 in 1910, No. 68 on amalgamation with Devonport in 1914, No. 40 in 1931, No.75 in 1939 [MR 39:95]).</p> <p>Peter Baker, serjeant-at-mace, was appointed as IWM under the Act of 1815. In 1835 the inspector was James Hearle, plumber and brazier. Thomas Williams was IWM for the Town and Market of Plymouth in 1838 [SBk]. From at least 1852 [Brendon] until 1889 [Kelly], the serjeants-at-mace acted as IWM, John Spry and Samuel Cook in 1852 and 1862 [Harrison-Harrod], John Spry and William Holberton, 1868 [Besley] and 1878 [Harrod], William Holberton and John Williams, 1883 [Kelly], and William Holberton and Stephen Manning, 1889 [Kelly].</p> <p>The first qualified inspector was George Lavers (q1891/2), who served as chief inspector until his death in 1929 [MR 29:161], during which time Plymouth was united with the CB of Devonport (1914). Subsequent chief inspectors were: D.T.Y. Middleton (in Plymouth 1910, chief 1930-46) [MR 46:33]; H.L. Stevenson (chief 1946-55) [MR 55:195]; R. Billings (chief 1955-72-) [MR 55:175]. E.R. Collings, formerly chief inspector for Devonport, served in Plymouth 1930-42 [MR 50:13].</p>				
South Molton	AncBo MB:1835		81	s:1834 r:1867 [573] n:1879-1889
<p>Three inspectors were named in 1834: Henry Baker, builder; George Tepper, tailor; Philip Widgery, cordwainer. The town serjeants were responsible for WM in 1844 [NDJ: 7/11/44] and were active in 1851 [NDJ: 5/6/51]. In 1853 [NDJ: 5/5/53], Widgery (Sen) was acting, together with the superintendent of police W.H. Fisher (HC 1853-77). And this was still the case in 1857 [Billings]. By 1859, Fisher was acting alone [NDJ: 6/10/59] and in 1870 received an additional 42s per annum as IWM [EPG: 25/2/70]. He continued to act as the IWM until the police force was wound up in 1877, but was reappointed as IWM in 1878 [WT: 12/4/78]. However later that same year, the county superintendent John Wood was appointed IWM for the borough [WT: 12/7/78]. In 1884, when Wood was succeeded as the county superintendent of police by Robert Baker, James Hobbs, a serjeant in the county police, was given responsibility for the borough. When Hobbs moved on in 1886, Samuel Wellington, also a serjeant in the county police, was appointed the inspector. The borough was disqualified in 1889.</p>				



¶ Detail of a weight, showing the non-uniform stamp for South Molton.

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Tiverton	AncBo MB:1835		440	s:1826 r:1858 [132] n:1882-1942

In 1834 Matthew Manley, sergeant-at-mace, was the inspector. He was replaced by Abraham Hooper in 1836 [SM 1/2/36], with Robert Bryant being appointed in 1837 [WT 20/5/37]. James Boyce was listed in 1838 [*Robson*] but resigned in 1852, through ill-health [WT:10/4/52]. Edward Harford (HC 1853-63) was appointed in his stead in 1852 [WT:22/4/52] and continued until 1863 [*Besley*]. He was followed as High Constable by John B. Crabb (HC 1863-98), who was appointed IWM in 1863 [EPG: 26/6/63]. In 1870, Crabb received an additional £22 per year as IWM [EPG: 25/2/70]. On his retirement as Head Constable in 1898, he continued to act as IWM, until his successor Henry C. Rawle (CC 1898-1901) passed the BoT exam; Rawle's appointment as IWM was rescinded in 1900 and Robert Ellis, ironmonger of the town, was provisionally appointed, subject to his qualifying. Before that happened, John Crabb died suddenly, also in 1900. However, Ellis failed to qualify, Robert Bathgate being provisionally appointed in his stead [WT: 12/4/01]. The situation was resolved when Rawle was succeeded by Thomas Mercer (q. 1901 Burnley, CC 1901-26), who served as IWM; when Benjamin M. Benyon was appointed as CC, he was not a qualified inspector and did not pass the BoT exam until 1930 [EPG: 7/11/30]; in the interim, inspection was undertaken by the County, at a fee of £60 per annum [EPG: 13/3/28]. Benyon then continued as IWM until the borough police force was disbanded at the end of 1942, and authority transferred to the county.



¶ Detail of a weight, showing the uniform verification number for Tiverton

Locality	Status	Marks		Dates & Notes
		Non-uniform	Number pre-1951	
Torrington (Great)	AncBo MB:1835		376	s:1826 r:1885 [209] n:1880-1889
<p>The inspector appointed in 1835 was Thomas Fowler, stationer, who was also listed in 1852 [Slater]. However, in 1845 [NDJ:2/10/45] the IWM was named as Thomas Hancock Lake, glovemaker, also listed in 1859 [Trewman] and 1863 [Besley]. John Hart Lake, acting as Deputy IWM in 1862 [15/5/62], was listed as IWM in 1866 and 1870 [Besley] although inspection had reportedly ceased in 1866.</p> <p>In 1878 the police force was re-formed. In the county reorganisation of 1879, Torrington was left without an inspector. After No.376 was issued in 1880, the standards were sent for adjustment and were reverified in 1885; John Quick (HC 1878-89) acted as IWM [NDJ: 15/4/80] but in 1889 he wished to be relieved of the WM responsibilities [NDJ: 13/6/89]. However, Torrington refused to hand over the standards, reserving them for the use of Supt Quick, during his lifetime, or as long as he was IWM [EPG: 14/5/91].</p>				
<p>Torbay: this CB was formed in 1968 by the amalgamation of the MB of Torquay with the UD's of Brixham and Paignton, all areas previously under the jurisdiction of the county; the county inspector H.S. Scawen became the chief inspector [MR 68: 125].</p>				
Totnes	AncBo MB:1835	 ?	243	s:1835 r:1867 [590] n:1879-1889
<p>The inspector appointed in 1834 was Thomas Hoare Taylor, who served until just before his death in 1867 [WT:22/9/67 & EPG: 4/10/67]. Robert Harris was a contentious appointment, surviving as IWM for two years, listed in 1868 and 1869 [Besley]. John Brimicombe was appointed in 1869 [WT: 12/2/69] and was listed in 1877 [Besley]. The blacksmith and engineer, John Heath, was acting as the IWM in 1878 [Harrod] and in 1889 [Kelly], when the office of IWM was abolished.</p>				

B2: Minor Localities with separate jurisdiction in the County of DEVON

Crediton: In 1861, the active portreeve inspected the market, finding defective weights [WT: 29/6/61]. Mr Couldridge, the portreeve, was there again in 1863 [EPG: 22/5/63, 16/10/63]. By 1865, James Gover was the portreeve, testing the WM, with the IWM [EPG: 13/10/65]. In 1869, it was the Chief Officer of the Court of Canon fee, Mr Bailiff Arundel, who was IWM [WT: 15/10/69]. The next year saw the portreeves of the East and West Towns (Mr J. Mann and Mr J. James) inspecting the WM [WT: 14/10/70], whilst in 1871 the portreeves, Mr W.B. Berry and Mr J. Saunders for the East and West Towns respectively, were also reported as inspecting the WM [WT: 13&21/10/71]. But two years later, the Lord of the Manor, James H. Buller appointed the county inspector for the district, John Sargeant as IWM for the Town, Manor and Markets of Crediton [WT: 18/4/73], the Manor weights passing to the County, even if there was a visit to the tradesmen by the East Town Court to inspect the WM later that year [WT: 17/10/73]. The tradition of the portreeve inspecting the weights continued until at least 1883 [WT: 30/11/83]. But in 1893 there was a comment that although the Court Leet was well attended, the days when the officers of the leet tested the WM were remembered, they were now gone [WT: 1/12/93]. However, in 1898, the decision was taken to appoint an adjuster of WM, who would use the borough standards in his work [WT: 10/6/98]. And finally, by 1904, the ancient custom of electing the officers of the Court Leet, including the IWM, had ceased [WT: 13/12/04].

Exmouth Standards [862] were issued to Thomas Williams, inspector, in 1838. Subsequently, the county examiner Henry Southcott (1839-70), who was listed as IWM in 1862 [Harrison-Harrod], seems to have acted for the borough too. In 1897, the proposal to appoint an Adjuster of WM was accepted [EPG: 26/5/97]; Mr Cole was elected the following year [WT: 12/3/98].

Holsworthy This Market Town was governed by a Court Leet, until 1892 at least. Standards [818] were issued in 1836 to the bailiff, J. Lewis, who acted as inspector. In 1859, Arthur Friend was named as the portreeve and IWM [NDJ: 8/12/59], whilst in 1864 T. Beal was assisting the portreeve (F. Kingdon) in the WM inspection [WT: 29/11/64]. In 1866 it was claimed that there were two inspectors, who held no other office. F. Kingdon was still portreeve in 1869 and reported that the WM had been lately adjusted [WT: 30/7/69]. John Parsons then acted as portreeve and, in 1875, the Western Times spelt out the fact that the portreeve might act magisterially as IWM during fairs and markets held in Holsworthy [WT: 13/8/75, 20/8/75, 19/11/75]. Again, in 1877, 'The portreeve is the lawfully apptd IWM for the town...' [WT: 2/2/77]. John Parsons continued to act as portreeve, with F. Routley and Fred Slee acting as the IWMs or triers of WM [WT: 29/10/80, NDJ: 23/12/85]. By 1888, Mr Routly was the Portreeve, with Mr Fred Slee also acting as an IWM [WT: 20/4/88]. Later that year, Messrs Frank and Fred Slee were assisting the Portreeve as IWMs [WT: 21/12/88] as in 1892, when the Portreeve was Mr S. Parsons [WT: 23/12/92].

Ifracombe: standards [897] were verified for the Local Board of Health in 1842 and reverified in 1863, again for the Local Board of Health, but transferred to the county in 1867. In 1842, Robert William Dickinson, the portreeve, examined the WM in the market [NDJ: 20/10/42]; he also procured a new set of weights, stamped at the Exchequer and held by the Lord of the Manor [NDJ: 29/12/42, EPG: 31/12/42]. A new set of standards [1358] was procured in 1863.

St Sidwell: this large Manor outside Exeter was controlled by the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, and, in 1846, named the examination of WM as one of its principle responsibilities: several people were fined and their weights confiscated [WT: 5/12/46]. Weights were checked annually as of 1848 [EFP: 5/10/48], and in 1851 16 people were fined for WM infringements [EFP: 31/10/51]. Standards were obtained in 1860 [1305] but, in 1862, the Ecclesiastical Commission took over and inspection was transferred to the county.

St Thomas Standards [77] were issued in 1825 for the Parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Exeter but were never reverified, neither has any reference been traced to their being used.

Tavistock Standards [170] were verified for the Duke of Bedford as Lord of the Manor in 1826, for the use of A. Wilson, steward. In 1863 these standards, which had been used by Madge, the county inspector, were needed in the market [EFP: 8/4/63].

B3: The Court Leets in the County of DEVON

During the nineteenth century and into the twentieth century, many of the Court Leets within Devon observed their ancient rights to test the weights and measures within the confines of their jurisdiction. Below is a list of some of these Court Leets, with references to their activities.

Ashburton: [EPG: 2/12/64], [WT: 28/11/91].

Bovey Tracey: [WT: 26/11/80].

Buckfastleigh: Just after the turn of the century, the Court Leet was active: the offices of IWMs and ale tasters were filled [EPG: 28/11/02], the IWMs were Messrs H. Hoare and J. Callard [WT: 23/11/06], and Messrs A.E. Coode and G. Foster [WT: 25/11/10].

Kingsteignton: In 1887, it was reported that the IWMs for this Court Leet were Messrs T. Lear and J. Bovey [WT: 23/12/87].

Newton Abbot(t): in 1858, John Chudleigh, the portreeve appointed under the Old Boroughs Act, found deficient weights when he inspected the market [WT: 9/10/58].

St Ottery: the Court of this Manor appointed its officers, including the IWM, 'according to ancient custom' [EPG: 3/11/05].

Sidmouth: Mr E. Lake was appointed the IWM to the Court Leet in both 1901 and 1903 [WT: 25/11/01, 23/11/03].

South Brent: In 1907, it was reported that three years had elapsed since the last meeting of the Court Leet. However, at the recent meeting, the WM were produced and Messrs H. Veale and R.H. Gill were elected ale taster and breadweigher respectively [EPG: 29/11/07].

Stratton and Binhamy: the Court Leet appointed Messrs W.T. Prodham and T.Pickard as Testers of WM [WT: 11/2/95].

Torquay: In 1860, Joshua Adams and John Lear were appointed IWMs for the Court Baron (Lord of the Manor of St Mary Church) whilst Henry Adams, the portreeve, and John Dritton acted as IWMs for the Court Leet (Lord of the Manor of Coome Pafford) [EPG: 20/20/60].

C: The trade in Devonshire

BARNSTAPLE	
Turner	<p>Robert Turner was listed as a scale maker, working in Joy St in 1893 [1893 Kelly]. He began advertising that year, claiming to be the only practical scale maker in N. Devon [NDJ: 9/3/93]. Later in the year he boasted 40 years experience [NDJ: 15/6/93] and then “government contractor” [NDJ: 13/7/93]. He closed down in 1894, advertising that he would not be responsible for any scales, weights or measures left at Joy St after 23 November [NDJ: 15/11/94].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joy St <1893-94. [Kelly]
Moon	<p>Henry Moon, ironmonger, advertised in 1901 that he adjusted scales, weights and measures [NDJ: 2/5/01].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 76, High St <1901>
Worth	<p>Frederick Worth first advertised as a scale maker in 1903 [NDJ: 12/2/03]; later that year he also advertised as the proprietor of the North Devon Scale Manufactory [NDJ: 10/12/03]. A year later, the firm was cited as Worth & Co [NDJ: 20/10/04]. In 1930, the firm was listed as Worth & Son, at the same address.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 Boutport St <1903>; • Rolle’s Quay <1903-07>; • North Walk <1909-10>; • 10 Market St <1922-37>.
Bartlett & Sons	<p>Listed in the 1907 Inspectors Handbook, they advertised in 1909 as the repair shop for North Devon [NDJ: 2/12/09].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 Boutport St <1907-10>
Dodd	<p>James Dodd was first listed as a scale repairer in the 1909 Inspectors Handbook and advertised that year [NDJ: 24/6/09]. He continued his business until his death in 1929.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuly St <1909 - 1914> • 22, Queen St <1918 -29.
Lake & Son	<p>Listed as Weight makers in the 1910 Inspectors Handbook</p>
Mortimer	<p>H. Mortimer’s first advertised in 1909 that they repaired/adjusted scales and weights [NDJ: 6/5/09] and were listed as weight makers in the 1910 Inspectors Handbook. By 1925, H. Mortimer, ironmonger, was selling scales [NDJ: 25/6/25].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50, Boutport St <1909-28>.
Johns	<p>An ex-Avery employee, A.H. Johns advertised as the North Devon Scale Repair Depot in 1929, following the death of Dodd [NDJ: 11/7/29]. However, a week later, his advertisement appeared on the same page as that of Avery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolle’s Quay <1929>.

Avery	Avery acquired Dodd's business and advertised this widely in 1929 [<i>NDJ</i> : 18/7/29]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22, Queen St 1929-30; • Green Lane 1931-51>; • Trinity Place <1960-68>.
CREDITON	
Mills Bros	Mills Bros were listed as scale makers in 1902 [1902 Kelly] at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 137, High St <1902-1930>.



¶ An iron weight, by Ovenden, and a brass one by White, both of Devonport.

DEVONPORT	
Ovenden	OVENDEN D-PORT
	James Ovenden, appr to Benjamin Payne in London, working in Bristol <1824>. John Ovenden, scale maker [1844 Pigot], at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Marlborough St <1844> Richard J. Ovenden b<1820> in London, scale maker [1844 Pigot] at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 (37,38) Marlborough St <1844-83>. Henry R. Ovenden (s. of Richard), scale and weighing machine maker [1888 Eyre] at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13A (17) Marlborough St <1888-06>
White	H. WHITE DEVONPORT
	Henry White, b<1863> scale maker [1896 Eyre] was listed at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30, York St <1896>; [1903 Wales Trades advt] at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 (10) Duke St <1903-1914>. The firm advertised “scales, repaired or new,” as White and Peake in 1921 [<i>WMN</i> : 30/12/21] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Duke St <1921-26. Acq by Avery 1926.

Avery	Avery was listed [1919 Kelly] at 2, Duke St, acquiring White's business in 1926.
Pooley	Listed [1932 POP] at • 19, Duke St <1932>

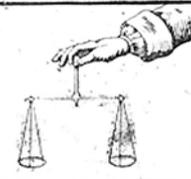
AS the new Standard Money Weights, made to the full or coinage weight of a guinea, &c. are intended to regulate and determine matters in dispute only, and not to be in that general use the Public expected. RICHARD TUCKER, Scale Beam-maker, two doors below the Ten Cells, in the First Back Lane, Exeter, begs leave to inform the Public that he is now supplied with proper weights, from Mr. Whitechurch's office, stamp'd with the Imperial Crown, for the purpose of making the exact current weight of a guinea, and the multiples thereof, and for trying, regulating, and stamping all such weights as shall be brought to him for that purpose.

N. B. His Steel Beams, so much approved of, and his new Standard Current Weights, are stamp'd with the initials of his name, and to be had at his own house; at Mr. Jackson's, ironmonger, and Mr. H. B. Harris's, in the Fore-street, Exon; of whom may also be had, the Weights stamp'd with the Imperial Crown.

Exon, January 28, 1775.

¶ Advertisement that appeared in the Western Flying Post, or Sherborne and Yeovil mercury, on 30 January, 13, 20 & 27 February and 20 March, 1775.

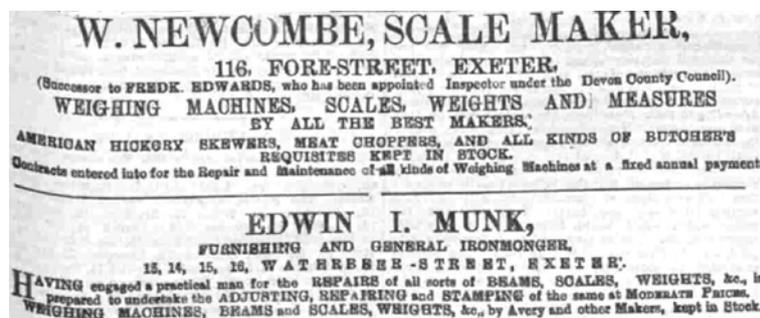
* 1787 Remov'd to 2^d Back Lane

Weight of Gold Coin from ^{the} Mint.		Weight of Silver Coin from ^{the} Mint.
Guinea 5 9.4		Crown 19 78 1/2
1/2 2 16 7/8		1/2 9 16 1/4
1/4 1 8 3/8		Shilling 3 20 9/10
Weight Current		6 Pence 1 22 3/4
Guinea 5 8	R^d TUCKER <i>below y 10 Cells,</i> <i>in Preston Street</i> * EXETER. <i>makes all Sorts of</i> <i>Scale Beams; & Mo-</i> <i>ney Weights as by</i> <i>Act of Parliament</i> <i>R Coffin for Exon</i>	R oz = Av. ^{oz} 1 1,55
1/2 2 16		^{dwts} 10 = 8,78
1/4 1 8		5 = 4,39
<i>before 1772</i>		2 = 1,75
Guinea 5 96	1 = ,88	grains 14 = ,51
1/2 2 14		7 = ,26
1/4 1 7		

¶ Label from a Richard Tucker scale box

EXETER	
Tucker	Richard Tucker's advertisement in the Sherborne Mercury is evidence of his working in the mid 1770s; in the Universal Directory of 1790/1, he is the only Exeter scalemaker listed.

Hurst	John Hurst was first listed as a scale-beam maker in 1844 [1844: Pigot]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul St <1844-50>
Watson	Thomas Watson was listed as a scale-beam maker in 1844 [1844: Pigot]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friernhay St <1844-46>; • 9(10, 15) New Bridge St <1850-73
Helmore	In 1872, Helmore Bros, of Sun St, advertised that scales, beams and weights were accurately adjusted and repaired [EPG: 8/6/72].
Elliott	H.L. Elliott, Wholesale and General Ironmonger, 11 Fore St advertised that he was able to adjust and denominate all weights and measures [WT: 29/10/79].
Munk	In 1890, Edwin I Munk, Furnishing and Builders' Ironmonger, of 13-16 Waterbeer St began a vigorous advertising campaign that he stocked scales and weights [EFP: 8/2/90]. In March, 1893, he ran a second advertisement that he also repaired, adjusted and stamped beams, scales, weights, &c and stocked those by Avery and other makers [WT: 10/3/93]. After a break of 14 years, he recommenced advertising in 1920, claiming to have been established over a Century [EPG: 24/2/20]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-16, Waterbeer St <1890-1929>. In 1922 and subsequently, the advertisements admitted that Munk's was a branch of Walter Otton's, but "Munk" still advertised.
Edwards	In 1891, Frederick Edwards was allowed to act as an Honorary Assistant IWM for the City, to allow him to sit the BoT exam, which he passed that year. Failing to get a County appointment, he resigned from the Exeter WM department in 1892 [WT: 25/2/92] and the next day's paper advertised his scale-making business at 116, Fore St. In March, 1893 his Tender to supply the appliances needed for the Devon CC IWMs was accepted [WT: 17/3/93]. His last advertisement as a scale maker was in December of that year [WT: 8/12/93]. The next week's newspaper carried the news that he had been appointed to act as IWM for the Tavistock Division of Devon CC and the advertisement of W. Newcombe who took over his scale business. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 116, Fore St 1892-93
Garton & King	In 1892, Garton & King, 190, High St, claimed to have adjusted weights and scales for the County Council for many years but that they had now opened a new department for adjusting the same [EPG: 23/3/92]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High St <1892-96>



¶ Advertisements from the Exeter and Plymouth Gazette for 22 March, 1894, p. 5

Osborne	James Osborne was listed in 1893 [Kelly] but did not advertise locally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10, Guinea St <1893>
Newcombe	W. Newcombe took over from Frederick Edwards at 116 Fore St in 1893 [WT: 15/12/93] and continued to advertise in the Western Times. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 116 Fore St <1893-1900>. By 1902 [Kelly DC], the firm was operating as Newcombe & Son at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Bartholomew St East <1902-42. W. Newcombe & Son were listed in 1906 [Besley] and in the 1907 Inspectors Handbook. However, in 1914, the firm was known as Ralph Newcombe & Son [Kelly], although it reverted to the name of W. Newcombe & Son in 1916 [Besley], with Sidney Ralph Newcombe as the owner. His death was recorded in 1945 [EPG: 23/2/45]. The firm was acquired by Avery's in 1942, who then operated from this address.
Matthews Bros	In 1897, Messrs Matthews Bros had repaired faulty scales and weights but had failed to have them stamped [EPG: 26/10/97].
Helson	John Helson first advertised that he repaired scales, weights and spring balances in 1898 [WT: 11/1/98]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84, Fore St <1898-17>. Helson & Sons were advertising in 1927 [WT: 17/6/27] at the same address.
Brooks	In 1898, a pair of scales, sent to Brooks of Exeter for repair, had been returned stamped just two days prior to their seizure as being unjust [EPG: 20/12/98].
Newcombe & Co	The company first advertised scales, weights and balances in 1899 [WT: 15/8/99]. In 1910, [EPG: 17/2/10], they advertised as sole agent for Pooley & Son, Ltd. They also "adjusted, repaired and stamped". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 109, Fore St <1899-1932>
Otton	Walter Otton first advertised in 1899 that he repaired, adjusted and stamped scales and weights [WT: 17/11/99]. After a break of some 6 years, he advertised again in 1906 [EPG: 16/2/06] that he sold scales, weights, spring balances, steelyards, etc. The advertisements of 1917 [EPG: 28/8/17] again repeated that scales could be repaired, stamped and adjusted. In later years, they advertised variously as Otton & Sons, Ottons Ltd and Otton and Sons Ltd. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 110, 135&136 Fore St <1899> • 135-136 Fore St <1905-10> • 135-138 Fore St <1913-34>
Pooley	First listed in the 1907 Inspectors Handbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London and South Western Railway Goods Dept <1907-11>; • 2 Sun Street <1916-1940>. • Railway Goods Yard, Queen St <1967-69>.
Mills Bros	The Crediton firm of Mills Bros advertised their Exeter branch in 1908 [EPG: 18/2/08], at 44, Paris St. Like the parent company, they dealt in Scales, Weights and Weighing Machines and advertised repairing, adjusting and stamping.

Avery	<p>Avery's opening in 1908 was announced [<i>EPG: 13/10/08</i>] and they were also listed in the 1909 Inspectors Handbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93a Fore St 1908-14 • 2&3 Market St 1914-35 • 2-4 Market St 1936-42. <p>Avery acquired the Newcombe business in 1942 and continued operations from there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8, Bartholomew St E1942-1958; • 8, Alphington St 1959-60; • 15, Bartholomew St E 1961-85>.
Damerel	<p>Listed as a repairer in the 1909 Inspectors Handbook, John Damerel & Son also advertised locally [<i>WT: 30/4/09</i>].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16, Sidwell St <1909-22>
Bartlett	<p>In 1914 [<i>Kelly</i>], Bartlett & Son were listed at 2, Sun St, a site occupied by Pooley's in 1916.</p>
Exeter Scale Co	<p>First listed as scale makers, with proprietors Chubb & Holloway in 1948 [<i>Besley</i>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29A Magdalen St <1948-1952>; • Bull Meadow Road <1953-1959>. <p>The Exeter Scale Repair Co worked at Bull Meadow Road <1960-07>.</p>
Asco Ltd	<p>The company first advertised its Sales Service Depot in 1955 [<i>Besley</i>]; by 1966, the company was known as Asco-Bizerba.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40, Willey's Avenue <1955-67>.
Exeter Scale and Equipment Co	<p>First listed as scale and weight makers in 1960 [<i>Kelly E</i>] at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8, Holloway St <1960-65>; • Marsh Green Road, Marsh Barton <1966-67>; • Grace Road, Marsh Barton <1973-07>.
Western Counties Weighing Machine Co	<p>This company was first listed in 1969 as a scale and weight maker [<i>Kelly E</i>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bull Meadow Road <1969-73>.
EXMOUTH	
Berkel	<p>Berkel was working at Boon's Place in 1939 [<i>1939 Kelly</i>].</p>
HOLSWORTHY	
Rees	<p>In 1896, T. Rees, Ironmonger, advertised that he was able to adjust WM, Beams and Scales [<i>WT: 27/3/96</i>].</p>
HONITON	
Elston	<p>Stanley Elston was listed as a scale repairer, working at Queen St, in 1930 [<i>Kelly</i>]</p>

NEWTON ABBOT	
Manns	J. Manns, Ironmonger, advertised in 1892 that he tested, adjusted and stamped scales, weights and measures [WT: 13/5/92].
Beare's	Beare's Ironmongery Store, Queen Street advertised from 1892-94 that they tested and adjusted scales, weights and measures, and also stocked them [WT: 13/5/92-27/4/94]. Later, they also advertised as H & S Beare, L & S Beare, Beare's Ironmongery and Plumbing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen St <1892-1921>.
OKEHAMPTON	
Thorne	W.J. Thorne, Ironmonger, West St advertised in 1893 that he sold scales, beams and weighing machines, all stamped by the IWM prior to sale, and that he repaired the same [WT: 3/2/93]. He was employed by the IWM in the testing of weights [WT: 14/6/94] and, in a letter that year, signed himself as the Adjuster of WM to the present and late IWMs for the Okehampton district [WT: 22/6/94].
Day & Son	Day and Son, a Cycle Shop in The Arcade advertised that they repaired and adjusted weighing machines and weights [WT: 21/6/01]. In 1907, J. Day & Son's Ltd were in New Road, advertising they repaired and adjusted beams and scales, weighing machines, weights and weighbridges, to pass to the IWM [WT: 18/10/07].
PLYMOUTH	
McGinnis	Robert McGinnis listed in 1844 [Pigot] as a scale-beam and malt mill maker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 74, King's St <1844> • 74, Stonehouse Lane <1852>. T. McGinnis is listed in 1856 [1856 PO] as a scale-beam maker at 74, Kings St W.
Marshall	P.J. Marshall was listed in 1873 [Kelly] as a scale maker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 Treville St <1873>

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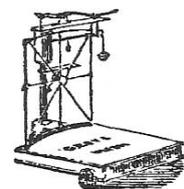
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¶ Detail of a weight, made by A. Grove and stamped by Mark Heath, the County Inspector of Weights and Measures for the South Brent district, in 1895.

<p>Grove</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A. GROVE PLYMOUTH</p> <p>William Grove advertised as a scale and weighing machine maker in 1873 [Kelly DC] and was listed as a scale-maker in White [1878]; he had worked in Birmingham [1849 White].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35, Whimple St <1873-78> <p>He was listed, along with Alfred, in 1889 {Kelly}.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49, Union St <1889>. <p>Arthur Grove, b<1860>, possibly his son, was first listed as a scale maker in 1888 [Eyre], at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 49½ Bath Street <1888-90>. • 23/35 Treville Street <1893-1930>. <p>The firm changed its name to Grove & Sons, continuing on after Arthur Grove's death in 1934.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 Treville St <1932-39. <p>Another branch of the family: Alfred Grove [1923 Kelly], Alfred Grove & Son [1930 Kelly] at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles St <1923-56>
<p>McArdle</p>	<p>D. McArdle was listed as a scale and weighing machine maker in 1888 [Eyre] at 6, Week St.</p>
<p>Rundle and Edwards</p>	<p>Rundle and Edwards were first listed in 1893 [Kelly], as a scale and weighing machine maker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13, St Mary, St, Stonehouse <1893-95> • 123, Union St, Stonehouse <1896>
<p>Sloggett</p>	<p>J. S. Sloggett was listed as a scale maker at 25, KInterbury St in 1896 [Eyre].</p>
<p>Allsop</p>	<p>G. Allsop was listed in 1904 [Eyre] as a scale maker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Gibbons St <1904-07>
<p>Avery</p>	<p>First listed in 1895 [Eyre], as a scale maker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4&5, Market Buildings <1895-96. <p>In 1902 [Kelly DC], the firm was listed as a weighing machine maker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sherwell Works, Gibbons Lane <1902-11>. <p>1914 [Kelly] sees the first listing in Old Town St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46, Old Town St <1914-33>; • 5, Coburg St <1935-65>; • Mill St <1939-51>; • 25 Coburg St 1965-68>.

Llewellyn	Francis W. Llewellyn was listed in 1902 [Kelly] as a scale maker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • York Lane <1902-14. By 1923 [Kelly], the firm was operating as Llewellyn & Simkins, Ltd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42, York St <1923-35>. The firm was acquired by Avery in 1936, from S. Simkins.
Pooley	H. Pooley & Son, Ltd was listed in the 1909 Inspectors Handbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Whimple St <1909-30>; • G.W.R. Docks, Millbay <1909-11>.
Langman	R. Langman was listed as a Weight maker at 16, Drake St in the 1910 Inspectors Handbook.
Winncoff Bros	Listed as Weight and Measure makers at Frankfort St in the 1910 Inspectors Handbook
Automatic Scale Co Ltd	The True Weight System Automatic scales were first advertised in 1925 [WMN: 1/8/25]. They re-emerged in 1951 [POP] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30, Buckwell St <1925-30>; • 1, Limerick Place <1951-55>. In 1968, Alpha Scales & Slicers were operating from the same address.
Berkel	In 1925, the Berkel Auto Scale Co Ltd advertised for salesmen from 7/8 Treville St [WMN: 28/10/25], and later that year advertised the Berkel Auto Scale. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7&8, Treville St 1925> • 49, Tavistock Place <1928-32 • 11, Boon's Place, Coburg St 1932-39> • 31, Gill Pk <1951-65>
Penny	S. Penny was listed as a scale maker in 1932 [POP], at 117, King St.
Mattocks	Mattocks Automatic Scales Ltd was first listed as a scale and weight maker in 1938 [POP]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17, Edgcumbe St, Stonehouse <1938> • 7, Compton St <1939>
Vandome & Hart	Listed as a scale and weighing machine manufacturer at 22 Millbay Road in 1968 [Blair].
TIVERTON	
Courtney	COURTNEY TIVERTON
	Samuel Courtney, scale and weight maker [1906 Kelly], scale repairer [1912 Inspectors Handbook], weighing machine manufacturer [1914 Kelly] at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 81 Bampton St <1909-1919> • 28 Castle St <1926>, succ by A.W. Courtney [1939 Kelly] at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 Park St <1939> Acquired by Avery 1945.



¶ A weight made by Courtney of Tiverton.

Webb(er) & Saunders	Listed as scale repairers in the 1909 Inspectors Handbook, as scale makers in the 1910 one. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fore St <1909-10>
TORQUAY	
Harding & Son	Listed as a scale repairer in the 1909 Inspectors Handbook.
Tuck	W.G. Tuck was first listed as a scale repairer at Tor in 1906 [Kelly] but at Hele in the 1909 Inspectors Handbook. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Lane, Tor <1906> • 110 Hele Road, Hele, St Mary Church <1909-14>.
Pooley	First listed in 1919 [Kelly] at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Union Lane <1919-23>.
Avery	The first advertisement for Avery's in Torquay appeared in 1925 [WMN: 11/12/25]. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Union Lane <1925-33>; • 45 Market St <1935-51> [Kelly TP].
TOTNES	
Heath	J. Heath was listed as a scale maker in the Inspectors Handbook of 1907, at 69, Fore Street, and again in 1909 and 1910. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 69, Fore St <1907-10>.

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