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## Geography

### Unit 1: Understanding Our Natural World Higher Tier [GGG12]



MONDAY 13 JUNE, MORNING

#### TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.  
Answer **all three** questions.

You are provided with an O.S. map for use with **Question 1**.  
Do **not** write your answers on this map.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in  
questions 1(a)(v), 1(f)(ii) and 3(d).

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Question Number	Marks
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Total Marks

Answer **all three** questions.

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### Theme A: The Dynamic Landscape

1 (a) Study the Ordnance Survey extract of Blakeney Point, England and answer the questions which follow.

(i) State the height of the land on the A149, a main road, at GR 083438.

\_\_\_\_\_ metres [1]

(ii) State the straight line distance from the Parking at GR 049453 to the tip of Pits Point at GR 004456.

\_\_\_\_\_ km [2]

(iii) State the direction of Blakeney Point (GR 0046) from Weybourne (GR 1142).

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(iv) The area shown on the map is popular with tourists. Using map evidence state **three** activities that tourists could enjoy.

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(v) Blakeney Point GR 0046 is an example of a spit. Explain how a spit is formed.

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(vi) State **three** differences between destructive and constructive waves.

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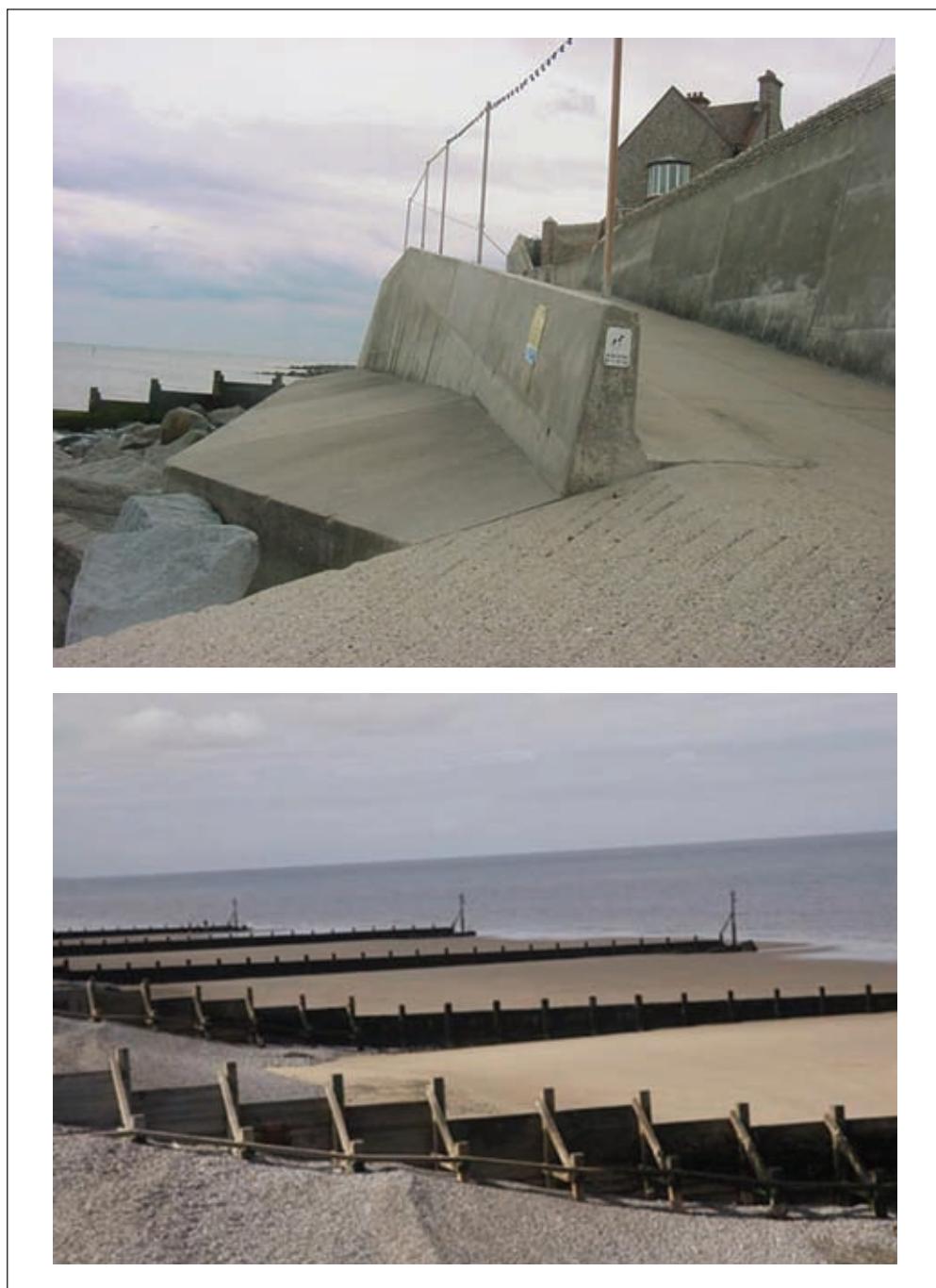
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(b) Study **Fig. 1** which shows photographs of the sea wall and groynes along the coast at Sheringham between GR 1543 and GR 1643.



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**Fig. 1**

Explain how each of these coastal management strategies work.

Sea Wall \_\_\_\_\_

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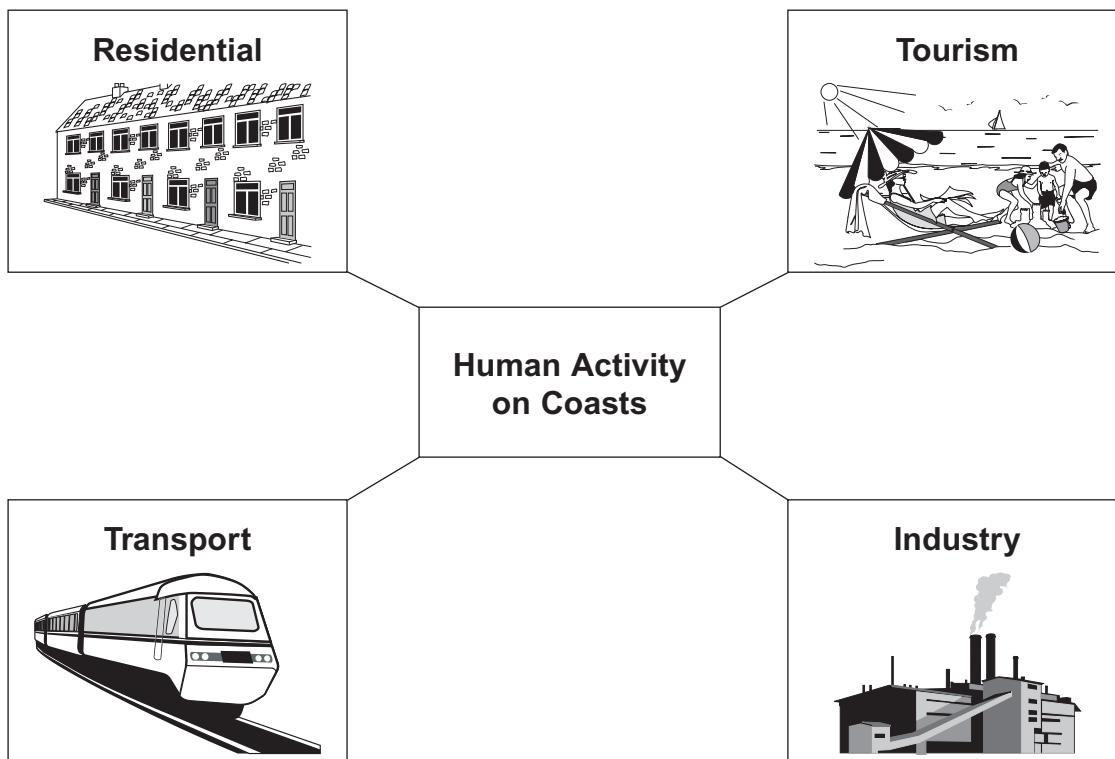
Groynes \_\_\_\_\_

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(c) Study **Fig. 2** which shows some human activities in coastal areas. Select **two** of these activities and suggest how these activities might be in conflict. You should refer to a place to illustrate your answer.

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**Fig. 2**

Activities chosen \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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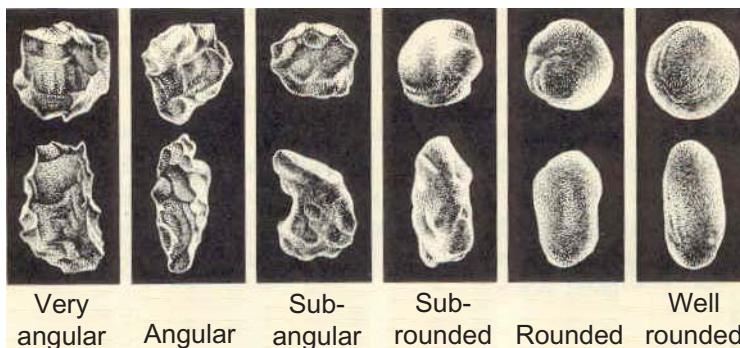
**(Questions continue overleaf)**

(d) A field study was carried out on a river in Northern Ireland. Study **Fig. 3** which shows information obtained and answer the questions which follow.

	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3	Site 4	Site 5
Distance from Source (km)	0.8	1.35	3.5	6.0	8.9
Average length of rock in cm (long axis)	12.90	11.25	10.88	9.55	7.90
Average roundness	Angular	Sub-angular	Sub-rounded	Rounded	Well-rounded



Measuring the long axis of a rock collected from the river.



Powers' Scale of Roundness

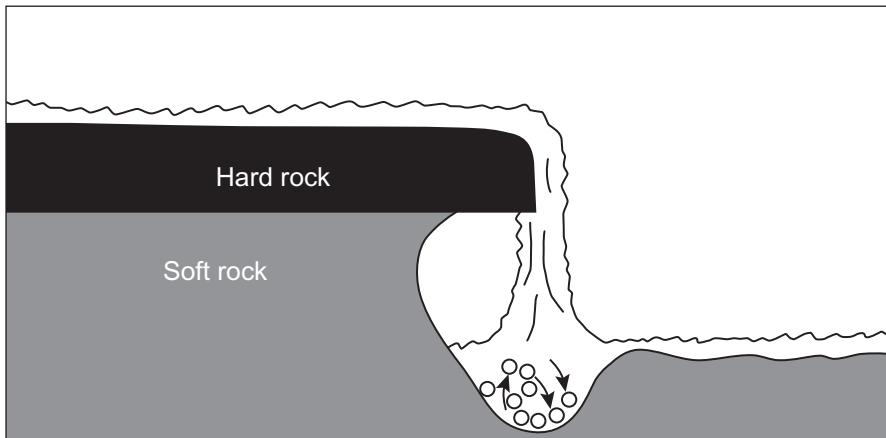
(i) Describe the changes in the load with distance downstream.

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(ii) Explain how these changes in the load occur.

(e) Study **Fig. 4** which shows a cross-section of a waterfall.

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Fig. 4

Using the diagram to help you, explain how a waterfall forms.

(f) (i) For a named river **within** the British Isles describe **one** physical and **one** human cause of flooding.

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(ii) For a named river **outside** the British Isles, evaluate the extent to which river management strategies used on this river can be considered sustainable.

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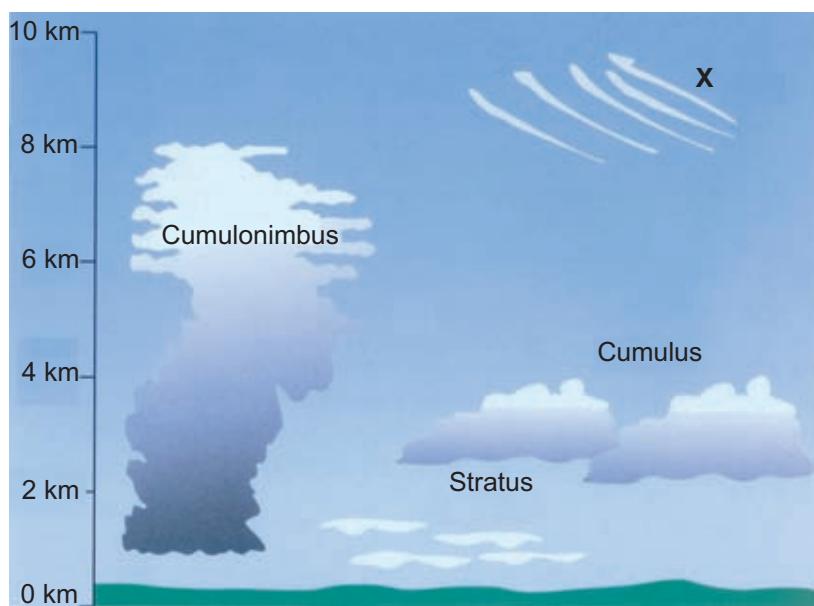
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**Theme B: Our Changing Weather and Climate**

2 (a) Study **Fig. 5** which shows different types of clouds. Answer the questions which follow.



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**Fig. 5**

(i) Name the type of cloud at **X**.

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(ii) State the type of cloud associated with thunderstorms.

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**(b)** A rain gauge is used to measure precipitation. Describe a rain gauge and explain how the amount of precipitation is measured.

## Description

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Explanation of how precipitation is measured.

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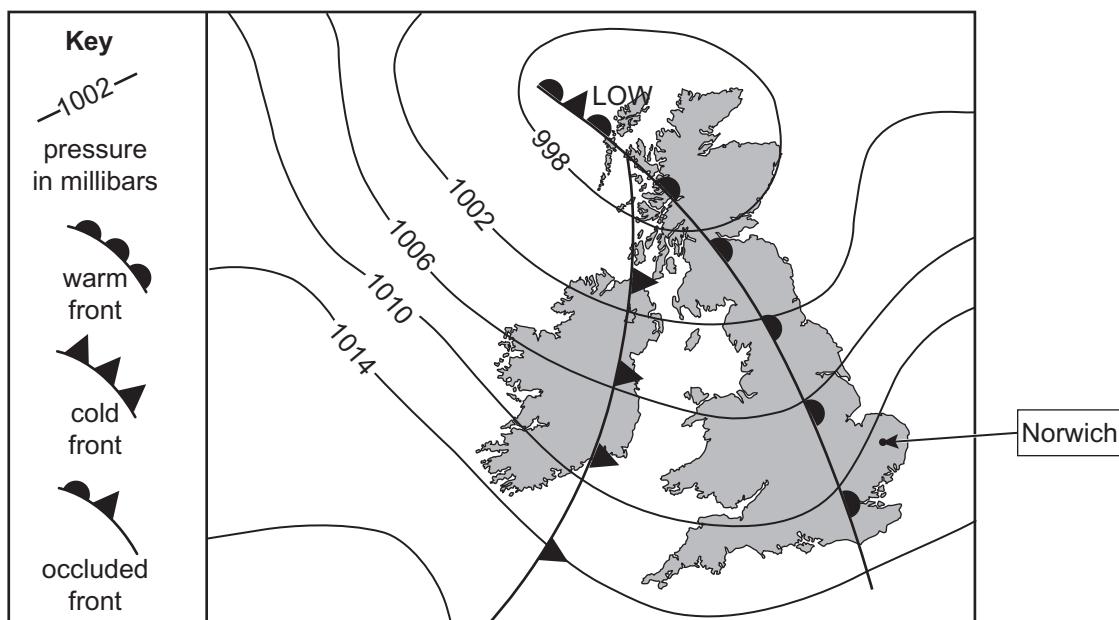
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(c) Study **Fig. 6** which shows information about a weather system. Answer the questions which follow.

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**Fig. 6**

(i) What is a synoptic chart?

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(ii) State the name of the weather system located over the British Isles.

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(iii) The temperature in Norwich will change as this weather system passes.

Describe and explain how the temperature will change.

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(d) Volcanic activity is a natural cause of climate change.

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**Fig. 7** A volcano erupting in Indonesia

(i) Explain **one** way in which an erupting volcano may change the climate.

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(ii) State **two** effects of climate change (**one** positive and **one** negative).

Positive \_\_\_\_\_

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Negative \_\_\_\_\_

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(iii) Explain **one** sustainable strategy which could be used to deal with climate change.

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## Theme C: The Restless Earth

3 (a) Study **Table 1** which gives information about three rocks. Answer the questions which follow.

**Table 1**

Picture of rock	Simple characteristics of rock	Name of rock	Examiner Only
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	Rough texture, hard, speckled igneous rock.		
	Quite hard sedimentary rock with a granular structure.	sandstone	
	Dark grey metamorphic rock with layers which split easily.		

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(i) Complete **Table 1** by writing in the names of the first and last rocks in the table. [2]

(ii) Choose **one** of the rocks from **Table 1** and explain how it was formed.

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**(b)** Explain the formation of a lava plateau, such as the Antrim Plateau in Northern Ireland.

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(c) Study **Fig. 8** which gives some information about the earthquake which affected Haiti in 2010. Answer the questions which follow.

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## Haiti Earthquake was not a Surprise to Some Geologists

On 12 January 2010, the LEDC country of Haiti was struck by an earthquake measuring 7 on the Richter Scale. Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, is only 16km from the plate boundary where the Caribbean Plate is sliding alongside the North American Plate.

The earthquake, which had a shallow focus, resulted in almost 200 000 deaths and widespread destruction.



**Fig. 8**

(i) Name the group of islands to the north of Haiti.

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(ii) Explain why earthquakes in LEDCs tend to cause more deaths than those in MEDCs.

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(iii) Underline the type of plate margin found near Port-au-Prince.

**Constructive**

**Destructive**

**Conservative** [1]

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(iv) Explain why tectonic plates move.

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(d) Describe the impacts caused by an earthquake in the British Isles which you have studied.

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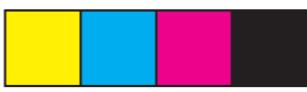
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	Junction number		Elevated
	M1		
	Unfenced		
	A 470	Dual carriageway	
	A 493	Footbridge	
	B 4518	Secondary road	
	A 855	Narrow road with passing places	
	B 885	Road generally more than 4m wide	
		Road generally less than 4m wide	
		Path / Other road, drive or track	
		Gradient: steeper than 20% (1 in 5, 14% to 20% (1 in 7 to 1 in 5)	
		Gates, Road tunnel	
		Ferry (passenger), Ferry (vehicle)	

LAND FEATURES	
	Electricity transmission line (pylons shown at standard spacing)
	Pipe line (arrow indicates direction of flow)
	Buildings
	Important building (selected)
	Bus or coach station
	Current or former place of worship (with tower, spire, minaret or dome)
	Place of worship
	Glass structure
	Heliport
	Triangulation pillar
	Mast
	Wind pump, wind turbine
	Windmill with or without sails

WATER FEATURES	
	Marsh or salting
	Cutting, embankment
	Landfill site or slag/spoil heap
	Coniferous wood
	Non-coniferous wood
	Mixed wood
	Orchard
	Park or ornamental ground
	Forestry Commission land
	National Trust (always open / limited access, observe local signs)

RAILWAYS	
	Bridges, footbridge
	Level crossing
	Viaduct, embankment
	Station, (a) principal
	Light rapid transit system station

BOUNDRARIES	
	National
	District
	County, Unitary Authority, London Borough or Metropolitan District
	National Park

ANTIQUITIES	
	Site of antiquity
	Battlefield (with date)
	Visible earthwork
	Roman
	Non-Roman

TOURIST INFORMATION	
	Camp site / caravan site
	Garden
	Information centre (all year / seasonal)
	Nature reserve
	Parking, Park and ride (all year / seasonal)
	Picnic site
	Recreation / leisure / sports centre
	Selected places of tourist interest
	Telephone, public / roadside assistance
	Viewpoint
	Visitor centre
	Walks / Trails
	World Heritage site or area
	Youth hostel

ABBREVIATIONS	
Br	Bridge
Cem	Cemetery
CG	Cattle grid
CH	Clubhouse
Fm	Farm
Ho	House
MP	Milepost
MS	Milestone
Mus	Museum
P	Post office
PC	Public convenience (in rural areas)
PH	Public house
Sch	School
TH	Town Hall, Guildhall or equivalent