

Explanatory Notes & Corrigenda:

Mike Ginger writes, Feb 2012:

“A map that someone (unknown) originally produced in AutoCad (the original file STDMAP.DWG has a date&time stamp of 25-Apr-1991 12:16). I have managed to convert this to GIF format and have ascertained that the STD Codes on the Map are correct for the era May 1990 to April 1995: The Newcastle-upon-Tyne/Sunderland/etc. area shows STDs of 091 (must be after 1982-1988), and The London STD is shown as either 071 or 081 (must be after May 1990), and Foula in the Shetland Islands shows Code of '393', this changed from 0393 to 0595 almost immediately before PhoneDay in April 1995.

“Whilst not a GPO/BT document, I hope you find the Map of some use.”

John Hein wrote: “I think the Small Isles Group 836 - is wrong.”

Roger Harris adds: “It is the Eigg group (including Canna, Rhum, Muck and Soay). According to my info, Eigg was indeed allocated the code 0836 in the early 70s, although earlier information shows it as unused.

“In around 1976, however, Eigg and surrounding islands became part of the Mallaig group so it is possible that 0836 was never actually used for this. Therefore, it was probably a short-lived allocation. ... it was later used for Vodafone.”

(SH adds – Islands Eigg, Muck, Rum, Canna are part of the Mallaig group in 2012, Eigg numbers are 01687 48 xxxx, Muck & Rum 01687 46 2xxx, Canna 01687 46 0xxx)

Peter walker writes:

“The areas shown on the map are intended to be Charge Groups and there is no attempt to show the division into area code ‘areas’ where a Charge Group has more than one code. So my own area, always known as Colney Heath, comprises 727 St Albans and 707 Welwyn Garden City/Hatfield/Potters Bar is not shown with a 727/707 boundary.

“However, there is one glaring anomaly in that the boundary is shown between 071 and 081 in London, despite their being a single Charge Group. It’s also far from accurate, as 071 is not remotely circular, as it has a distinct eastern extension to Docklands.”

Mike Ginger writes, 7 July 2013

I've found an omission, I may well find some more in due course.

STD Code 684 (0684) is not shown.

Area Code 531 (0531) should be split between 531 (to the left, or west) and 684 (0684, which should be to the right or east) which has been omitted.

These STD Codes belong to the: Ledbury (0531), and Hanley Swan (0684) Charging Groups.

Also, I see you've had some feedback on this map from others. It is indeed a Charge Group (or Charging Group) Map which has been adapted to an STD Codes Map (or an attempt to do so). My further reference to this map indicates that it is actually based on the STD Codes that were used up to the early/mid 1980s, for example Tongue is shown as 0800. The later London and Newcastle on Tyne Codes included are no doubt an attempt to update the Map without updating all of the other Codes. Here are some additional tests I have undertaken on the Map:

Earlier STD Code shown:

238-3 (0238-3 later 0960)
238-4 (0238-4 later 0849)
336 (0336 later 0975-5)
390 (0390 later 0890-7)
401 (0401 later 0964-5)
448 (0448 later 0539-5)
468 (0468 later 0524-2)
498 (0498 later 0434-3)
521 (0521 later 0507-4)
541 (0541 later 0387-3)
551 (0551 later 0686-4)
587 (0587 later 0539-6)
596 (0596 later 0768-7)
657 (0657 later 0229-7)
658 (0658 later 0507-5)
660 (0660 later 0434-2)
696 (0696 later 0430-8)
762-5 (0762-5 later 0861)
762-7 (0762-7 later 0868)
800 (0800 later 0847-6)
853 (0853 later 0768-4)
901 (0901 later 0423-3)
930 (0930 later 0768-3)
940 (0940 later 0946-7)
956 (0956 later 0388-5)
965 (0965 later 0697-3)
966 (0966 later 0539-4)
991 (0991 later 0437-5)

Later STD Code shown:

506 (0589 later 0506)
527 (0739 later 0527)
687 (0640 later 0687)
071/081 (01 later 071/081)
820 (0762-6 later 0820)
858 (0645 later 0858)
912 (0632 later 091-2)
913 (0385 later 091-3)
914 (0994 later 091-4)
915 (0783 later 091-5)
969 (0958 later 0969)

Both Earlier & Later STD Code shown:

238-2 & 846

At some stage (if I get time?) I'll "repair" this Map to ideally show the various STD Codes so that it is appropriate for your stdequivalents.pdf Listing (the first 25 years of STD).

UK STD DIALLING CODES 1990-1995

