

# UK and Ireland Radio Stations in 1966

From 1946 until 1967, the BBC broadcast three national radio networks, each carrying a mixture of programmes. The Home Service also carried regional programmes. All BBC programmes in 1966 were simulcast on AM and FM. With the UK's high-power AM frequencies shared across only three services, reception was much better than in subsequent decades with good day and night reception of the Home Service and Light Programme almost everywhere. All of the main high-power FM transmitters were in operation by 1966, but relays

were still being introduced. Only about a quarter of homes had an FM radio at the time.

There was no licensed commercial radio on the UK mainland in the 1960s. Between 1964 and 1967, a lot of radio listening in the UK was to 'pirate' radio stations, broadcasting on AM from ships or sea forts in international waters. Radio Luxembourg was also popular in the evenings.

## BBC Radio

See tables at end for details of the BBC FM network.

### BBC HOME SERVICE

Format: Talk, News, Entertainment, Education and Music  
Regional programmes are broadcast at certain times  
Broadcast Hours: 0635-2348

FM: 92.5 - 94.7, 95.85, 97.1 MHz see table  
AM: 692, 809, 881, 908, 1052, 1088, 1151, 1340, 1457, 1484 kHz, see table

Area	kHz Site	kW
<b>London region</b>		
London and South East England	908 Brookmans Park	140
North East Kent	1484 Ramsgate	2
<b>West region</b>		
South East Kent	1457 Folkestone	1
East Sussex Coast	1457 Bexhill MF	2
Brighton and Worthing area	1457 Brighton	2
Central Southern England	1457 Bartley	10
Devon, Cornwall and Dorset	1052 Start Point	100
West Cornwall	1457 Redruth MF	2
North Devon	1052 Barnstaple	2
South Wales and West England	1457 Clevedon	20
<b>Midland region</b>		
The Midlands	1088 Droitwich	150
Norfolk and Suffolk	1088 Postwick	7.5
<b>Northern region</b>		
North Norfolk	692 Cromer	2
Yorkshire, NW England & Wales	692 Moorside Edge	150
Scarborough area	1151 Scarborough	2
South Cumbria & N Lancashire	1484 Barrow	2
West Cumbria	692 Whitehaven	1.3
North East, Cumbria & Borders	1151 Stagshaw	100

Area	kHz Site	kW
<b>Welsh region</b>		
South Wales	881 Washford	100
North Dyfed and SW Gwynedd	881 Tywyn	5
North Dyfed and North Clwyd	881 Penmon	10
Clwyd	881 Wrexham	2
<b>Scottish region</b>		
Central and South Scotland	809 Westerglen	100
Aberdeen and East Grampian	809 Redmoss	5
Northern Scotland	809 Burghead	100
South West Scotland	809 Dumfries	2
<b>Northern Ireland region</b>		
Northern Ireland	1340 Lisnagarvey	100
Derry area	1340 Londonderry	0.25

### BBC LIGHT PROGRAMME

Format: Popular Music, Light Music and Entertainment  
Broadcast Hours: 0530-0200

FM: 88.1 - 90.1, 91.1 MHz, see table  
AM: 200 kHz LW, 1214 kHz MW, see table

Area	kHz Site	kW
England, Wales, N Ireland	200 Droitwich	400
London, Herts, Essex, S Beds	1214 Brookmans Park	50
Plymouth area	1214 Plymouth	0.5
West Cornwall	1214 Redruth	2
NW England & Yorkshire	1214 Moorside Edge	50
Tyneside, N Durham, S Nthmb	1214 Wrekenton	2
Central Scotland	1214 Westerglen	50
Aberdeen and East Grampian	1214 Redmoss	2
North Scotland	1214 Burghead	20
Belfast & East Northern Ireland	1214 Lisnagarvey	10
Derry area	1214 Londonderry	0.5

### BBC THIRD NETWORK

Comprising: Third Programme (Classical Music, Arts and Talk), Network Three (Education and Sport) and Music Programme (Classical Music)

Broadcast Hours: 0700-2320  
FM: 90.3 - 92.4, 94.75, 96.8 MHz, see table  
AM: 647, 1546 kHz MW, see table

Area	kHz Site	kW
Central, South, East England	647 Dventry	150
Brighton and South Sussex	1546 Southwick, Brighton 1	1
S Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1546 Fareham	1
Bournemouth area	1546 Bournemouth	0.25
Exeter area	1546 Exeter	0.25
Plymouth area	1546 Plymouth	0.5
West Cornwall	1546 Redruth	1
Swansea area	1546 Swansea	1
Merseyside	1546 Liverpool	1
Lancashire	1546 Preston	1
West Yorkshire	1546 Leeds	1
Cleveland and Darlington	1546 Stockton	0.25
North East England	647 Wrekenton	2
Glasgow area	647 Glasgow	2
Edinburgh area	647 Edinburgh	2
Dundee area	1546 Dundee	0.25
Aberdeen area	647 Aberdeen	2
Belfast area	1546 Belfast	0.25

### BBC FM TRANSMITTERS (All mono except Wrotham Third)

Area	Light	Third	Home	Region	Site	kW	Area	Light	Third	Home	Region	Site	kW
<b>ENGLAND</b>													
London & South East England	89.1	91.3	93.5	Lond	Wrotham	120	Clwyd, Merseyside, W Cheshire	88.85	91.05	93.25	Welsh	Llangollen	10
East Kent	90.0	92.4	94.4	Lond	Swingate	7	Central Powys	89.1	91.3	93.5	Welsh	Llandrindod Wells	1.5
Central Southern England	88.5	90.7	92.9	West	Rowridge	60	Brecon, Powys	88.9	91.1	93.3	Welsh	Brecon	0.01
Devon and East Cornwall	88.1	90.3	92.5	West	North Hessary Tor	60	<b>SCOTLAND</b>						
Okehampton, Devon	88.7	90.9	93.1	West	Okehampton	0.015	South West Scotland	88.1	90.3	92.5	Scot	Sandale (as above)	120
North Devon	88.5	90.7	92.9	West	Barnstaple	0.15	Border Region	89.1	91.3	93.5	Scot	Ashkirk	18
West Cornwall	89.7	91.9	94.1	West	Redruth	9	Central Scotland	89.9	92.1	94.3	Scot	Kirk O'Shotts	120
Isles of Scilly	88.8	91.0	93.2	West	Isles of Scilly	0.06	Largs, Rothesay, Clyde Mouth	88.5	90.7	92.9	Scot	Toward	0.25
Channel Islands	91.1	94.75	97.1	West	Les Platons	16	Perth	89.0	91.2	93.4	Scot	Perth	0.015
Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire	89.95	96.8	92.125	West	Wenvoe	120	East Tayside and North Fife	88.3	90.5	92.7	Scot	Forfar	10
Gloucester & Cheltenham	89.0	91.2	93.4	Mid	Churchdown Hill	0.025	Pitlochry & Aberfeldy, Tayside	89.2	91.4	93.6	Scot	Pitlochry	0.2
Hereford	89.7	91.9	94.1	Mid	Hereford	0.025	Grampian Region	88.7	90.9	93.1	Scot	Meldrum	60
Midlands	88.3	90.5	92.7	Mid	Sutton Coldfield	120	Inverness & Moray Firth area	89.6	91.8	94.0	Scot	Rosemarkie	12
Oxon, Bucks, Berks, S Midlands	89.5	91.7	93.9	Mid	Oxford	22	Speyside, Highland	89.8	92.0	94.2	Scot	Grantfown	0.35
Oxon, Bucks, Berks, S Midlands			95.85	West	Oxford	22	Kingussie, Highland	89.1	91.3	93.5	Scot	Kingussie	0.035
Cambs, Beds, S Lincs, E Nthnts	90.1	92.3	94.5	Mid	Peterborough	20	Thurso & Wick area, Highland	90.1	92.3	94.5	Scot	Thrumster	10
Cambridge area	88.9	91.1	93.3	Mid	Cambridge	0.02	Orkney	89.3	91.5	93.7	Scot	Orkney	20
Norfolk and Suffolk	89.7	91.9	94.1	Mid	Tacolneston	120	Shetland	88.3	90.5	92.7	Scot	Bressay	10
Lincolnshire & E Yorkshire	88.8	90.9	93.1	North	Belmont	8	E Lewis, N Skye & W Highland	89.1	91.3	93.5	Scot	Melvaig	22
North West and Yorkshire	89.3	91.5	93.7	North	Holme Moss	120	Skye, Harris, East N & S Uist	88.5	90.7	92.9	Scot	Skriaig	10
Sheffield & Rotherham	89.9	92.1	94.3	North	Sheffield	0.06	Portree, Skye	89.5	91.7	93.9	Scot	Penifiler	0.006
South Cumbria & NW Lancs	90.0	92.2	94.4	North	Morecambe Bay	4	Oban area, Highland	88.9	91.1	93.3	Scot	Oban	1.5
Kendal, Cumbria	88.7	90.9	93.1	North	Kendal	0.025	Kinlochleven, Highland	89.7	91.9	94.1	Scot	Kinlochleven	0.002
Scarborough area, N Yorks	89.9	92.1	94.3	North	Scarborough	0.025	Fort William area, Highland	89.3	91.5	93.7	Scot	Fort William	1.5
North East England	88.5	90.7	92.9	North	Pontop Pike	60	<b>NORTHERN IRELAND</b>						
Weardale, County Durham	89.7	91.9	94.1	North	Weardale	0.1	East & Central Northern Ireland	90.1	92.3	94.5	N Ire	Divis	60
North Cumbria & N Isle of Man	88.1	90.3	94.7	North	Sandale	120	Larne, Northern Ireland	89.1	91.3	93.5	N Ire	Larne	0.015
Isle of Man	88.4	90.6	92.8	North	Douglas	6	Ballycastle, Northern Ireland	89.0	91.2	93.4	N Ire	Ballycastle	0.04
<b>WALES</b>													
South Wales	89.95	96.8	94.3	Welsh	Wenvoe (as above)	120	Derry area	88.3	90.55	92.7	N Ire	Londonderry	13
Carmarthen	88.5	90.7	92.9	Welsh	Carmarthen	0.01	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	88.9	91.1	93.3	N Ire	Brougher Mountain	2.5
Pembrokeshire	89.3	91.5	93.7	Welsh	Haverfordwest	10	Newry, Northern Ireland	88.6	90.8	93.0	N Ire	Newry	0.03
Ceredigion and SW Gwynedd	88.7	90.9	93.1	Welsh	Blaenplwyf	60	Kilkeel, Northern Ireland	88.8	91.0	93.2	N Ire	Kilkeel	0.025
Machynlleth, Dyfed	89.4	91.6	93.8	Welsh	Machynlleth	0.06							
North Gwynedd & NW Clwyd	89.6	91.8	94.0	Welsh	Llandona	12							

# Irish Radio

## RTE RADIO

Format: Mixed format	Based: Dublin	
Broadcast Hours: 0730-2350		
North West Ireland	89.7 Truskmore	120
South West Ireland	93.5 Mullaghanish	120
West Ireland	94.1 Maghera	120
South East Ireland	94.9 Mount Leinster	120
East Ireland	95.3 Kippure	60
Ireland	566 Athlone	100
County Dublin	1250 Dublin	5
County Cork	1250 Cork	10
Changed name from Radio Eireann and introduced FM during 1966		

# Other Stations

## RADIO LUXEMBOURG

Format Contemporary Music	Based: Luxembourg	
Broadcast Hours: 1900-0300		
Europe (night-time)	1439 Marnach	1200

## AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

Mixed format for US forces in Germany		
Europe (night-time)	872 Frankfurt	150
Also available (weakly) on 611, 935, 1106 and 1142		

## MANX RADIO

Isle of Man	89.0 Snaefell	
Isle of Man	1594	0.05

## BRITAIN RADIO/ RADIO 355

Easy Listening Music		
London, SE, East Anglia	845 North Sea	55

## RADIO CAROLINE NORTH

Contemporary Music		
North West, N Wales	1187→1169 Irish Sea	20

## RADIO CAROLINE SOUTH

Contemporary Music		
London, SE, East Anglia	1520→1187 North Sea	10

## RADIO CITY

Contemporary Music		
London, SE, East Anglia	1003 Shivering Sands Fort 2	

## RADIO ENGLAND

Contemporary Music		
London, SE, East Anglia	1322 North Sea	55

## RADIO ESSEX

Contemporary Music		
Essex	1349 Knock John Fort	0.2

## RADIO LONDON

Contemporary Music		
London, SE, East Anglia	1133 North Sea	50

## RADIO SCOTLAND

Contemporary Music		
Scotland	1241 Various offshore	50

## RADIO 390

Easy Listening Music		
London, SE, East Anglia	773 North Sea	35

## RADIO 270

Contemporary Music		
Yorkshire and NE England	1115 North Sea	

## INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTERS

The following multilingual services are receivable throughout Europe at night and include programmes in English

<b>Radio Berlin International</b>	East Germany	1511
<b>Deutschlandfunk</b>	West Germany	1268
<b>Radio Moscow</b>	USSR via E Germany	1322
<b>Radio Prague International</b>	Czechoslovakia	1286
<b>Radio Sweden International</b>	Sweden	1178
<b>Transworld Radio</b>	Monaco (religious)	1466
<b>Vatican Radio</b>	Vatican (religious)	1529
<b>Voice of America</b>	USA via W Germany	1196
<b>Radio Warsaw</b>	Poland	1502