

# 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	Burghhead	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	Burghhead	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	Davenry	150
Brighton and South Sussex	1546	Southwick, Brighton	1
S Hampshire & Isle of Wight	1546	Fareham	1
Bournemouth area	1546	Bournemouth	0.25
Exeter area	1546	Exeter	0.5
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
ENGLAND													
London & South East England	89.1	91.3	93.5	Lond	Wrotham	120	Machynlleth, Dyfed	89.4	91.6	93.8	Welsh	Machynlleth	0.06
East Kent	90.0	92.4	94.4	Lond	Swingate	7	North Gwynedd & NW Clwyd	89.6	91.8	94.0	Welsh	Llanddona	12
Central Southern England	88.5	90.7	92.9	West	Rowridge	60	Clwyd, Merseyside, W Cheshire	88.85	91.05	93.25	Welsh	Llangollen	10
Devon and East Cornwall	88.1	90.3	92.5	West	North Hessary Tor	60	Central Powys	89.1	91.3	93.5	Welsh	Llandrindod Wells	1.5
Okehampton, Devon	88.7	90.9	93.1	West	Okehampton	0.015	Brecon, Powys	88.9	91.1	93.3	Welsh	Brecon	0.01
North Devon	88.5	90.7	92.9	West	Barnstaple	0.15	SCOTLAND						
West Cornwall	89.7	91.9	94.1	West	Redruth	9	South West Scotland	88.1	90.3	92.5	Scot	Sandale (as above)	120
Channel Islands	91.1	94.75	97.1	West	Les Platons	1.5	Border Region	89.1	91.3	93.5	Scot	Ashkirk	18
Avon, Somerset and Wiltshire	89.95	96.8	92.125	West	Wenvoe	120	Central Scotland	89.9	92.1	94.3	Scot	Kirk O'Shotts	120
Gloucester & Cheltenham	89.0	91.2	93.4	Mid	Churchdown Hill	0.025	Largs, Rothesay, Clyde Mouth	88.5	90.7	92.9	Scot	Toward	0.25
Hereford	89.7	91.9	94.1	Mid	Hereford	0.025	Perth	89.3	91.5	93.7	Scot	Perth	0.015
Midlands	88.3	90.5	92.7	Mid	Sutton Coldfield	120	East Tayside and North Fife	88.3	90.5	92.7	Scot	Forfar	10
Oxon, Bucks, Berks, S Midlands	89.5	91.7	93.9	Mid	Oxford	22	Pitlochry & Aberfeldy, Tayside	89.2	91.4	93.6	Scot	Pitlochry	0.2
Oxon, Bucks, Berks, S Midlands			95.85	West	Oxford	22	Grampian Region	88.7	90.9	93.1	Scot	Meldrum	60
Northampton	88.9	91.1	93.3	Mid	Northampton	0.06	Inverness & Moray Firth area	89.6	91.8	94.0	Scot	Rosemarkie	12
Cambs, Beds, S Lincs, E Nthnts	90.1	92.3	94.5	Mid	Peterborough	20	Speyside, Highland	89.8	92.0	94.2	Scot	Grantown	0.35
Cambridge area	88.9	91.1	93.3	Mid	Cambridge	0.02	Kingussie, Highland	89.1	91.3	93.5	Scot	Kingussie	0.035
Norfolk and Suffolk	89.7	91.9	94.1	Mid	Tacolneston	120	Thurso & Wick area, Highland	90.1	92.3	94.5	Scot	Thrumster	10
Lincolnshire & E Yorkshire	88.8	90.9	93.1	North	Belmont	8	Orkney	89.3	91.5	93.7	Scot	Orkney	20
North West and Yorkshire	89.3	91.5	93.7	North	Holme Moss	120	Shetland	88.3	90.5	92.7	Scot	Bressay	10
Sheffield & Rotherham	89.9	92.1	94.3	North	Sheffield	0.06	E Lewis, N Skye & W Highland	89.1	91.3	93.5	Scot	Melvaig	22
South Cumbria & NW Lancs	90.0	92.2	94.4	North	Morecambe Bay	4	Skye, Harris, East N & S Uist	88.5	90.7	92.9	Scot	Skraig	10
Kendal, Cumbria	88.7	90.9	93.1	North	Kendal	0.025	Portree, Skye	89.5	91.7	93.9	Scot	Penfilier	0.006
Scarborough area, N Yorks	89.9	92.1	94.3	North	Scarborough	0.025	Oban area, Highland	88.9	91.1	93.3	Scot	Oban	1.5
North East England	88.5	90.7	92.9	North	Pontop Pike	60	Kinlochleven, Highland	89.7	91.9	94.1	Scot	Kinlochleven	0.002
Weardale, County Durham	89.7	91.9	94.1	North	Weardale	0.1	Fort William area, Highland	89.3	91.5	93.7	Scot	Fort William	1.5
North Cumbria & N Isle of Man	88.1	90.3	94.7	North	Sandale	120	NORTHERN IRELAND						
Isle of Man	88.4	90.6	92.8	North	Douglas	6	East & Central Northern Ireland	90.1	92.3	94.5	N Ire	Divis	60
WALES													
South Wales	88.95	96.8	94.3	Welsh	Wenvoe (as above)	120	Larne, Northern Ireland	89.1	91.3	93.5	N Ire	Larne	0.015
Carmarthen	88.5	90.7	92.9	Welsh	Carmarthen	0.01	Ballycastle, Northern Ireland	89.0	91.2	93.4	N Ire	Ballycastle	0.04
Pembrokeshire	89.3	91.5	93.7	Welsh	Haverfordwest	10	Derry area	88.3	90.55	92.7	N Ire	Londonderry	13
Ceredigion and SW Gwynedd	88.7	90.9	93.1	Welsh	Blaenplwyf	60	Ferrymagh and South Tyrone	88.9	91.1	93.3	N Ire	Brougher Mountain	2.5
							Newry, Northern Ireland	88.6	90.8	93.0	N Ire	Newry	0.03

# 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	1034 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	1137.5 North Sea	50

## RADIO SCOTLAND

Contemporary Music		
Scotland	1241 Various offshore	50

## RADIO 390

Easy Listening Music		
London, SE, East Anglia	773 North Sea	10

## 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