

<i>The Murdos</i>	Scottish hills over 914m with 30m drop
<i>Corbett Tops and Corbetteers</i>	Scottish hills 762-914m with 30m drop
<i>Graham Tops and Grahamists</i>	Scottish hills 610-761m with 30m drop
<i>The Hewitts and Marilyns of England</i>	All English Marilyns and hills over 610m with 30m drop
<i>The Hewitts and Marilyns of Wales</i>	All Welsh Marilyns and hills over 610m with 30m drop

Full details of current heights and drops of all Marilyns and numerous other sets of hills are provided in the Database of British Hills, available from [www.biber.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.biber.fsnet.co.uk)

All 204 Scottish Marilyns over 3000 feet are now Munros. The number of Murdos is still 444, after the promotion of Knight's Peak on Skye to 915m by the Ordnance Survey (though the precise height is still uncertain) and the demotion of Sgurr nan Ceannaichean from Murdo to Corbett following a survey showing it to be 913.4m.

## Corbetts and Corbett Tops

There are 220 Marilyns from 2500 to 3000 feet high with a drop of over 150m, including Sgurr nan Ceannaichean but not counting Beinn Talaidh, which a survey has shown to be 761.7m; just under 2500 feet. There are no hills of Corbett height with 150-152m drop. There are a further 450 Corbett Tops with a drop of 30m-149m, giving a total of 670 Corbett Tops. Full details are available in TACit Tables.

## Grahams and Graham Tops

The set of Scottish Marilyns from 2000 to 2500 feet was renamed *Grahams* in memory of the late Fiona Torbett (*née* Graham) who published her own list of Scottish Highland hills between 2000 and 2500 feet in *The Great Outdoors* magazine in November 1992 (six months after RHB). Fiona had been unaware of the RHB list at the time, but later agreed to accept the relevant Scottish Marilyns as the definitive list of such hills. The 224 Grahams comprise the 222 relevant Marilyns listed in RHB plus Ladylea Hill (now 610m) and Beinn Talaidh (761.7m). The official list of Grahams and Graham Tops is available in *Graham Tops and Grahamists*.

## Hewitts

The RHB list of Summits of Wales and England Above Two thousand feet has been revised and renamed *Hewitts* (**H**ills of **E**ngland, **W**ales and **I**reland over **T**wo **T**housand feet) to allow for expansion to Ireland. There are 315 Hewitts in England and Wales (including 610m Birks Fell). Full details of all Hewitts are available in the set of three TACit Tables published by TACit Press (one each for England, Wales and Ireland).

## Marilyn Hall of Fame

Membership of the Marilyn Hall of Fame is open to anyone who has climbed over 600 Marilyns. By April 2010 there were 212 members. Full details are given in the annual Marilyn Hall of Fame newsletter (Marhofn), which also includes news and views from Hall members and other Marilyn baggers. Copies are available online or on request. The top 40 in the Hall of Fame as at the beginning of 2010 is summarised below.

Rob Woodall	1553	Colin Crawford	1546	Colin Donnelly	1436	Richard Webb	1298
Ken Whyte	1553	Rowland Bowker	1545	Eddie Dealtry	1436	Peter Simpson	1272
Alan Holmes	1553	Charles Knowles	1545	Bill Fairmaner	1393	Phil Cooper	1244
Stewart Logan	1552	James Gordon	1535	John Hipwood	1369	Mike Nicholls	1244
Richard Wood	1552	Tony Payne	1533	Eric Young	1362	Roderick Manson	1227
Ken Butcher	1551	Alan Dawson	1514	John Barnard	1333	Gerry Knight	1193
Ann Bowker	1550	Peter Collins	1477	Chris Upson	1319	Brian Ewing	1188
George Morl	1549	Andrew Allum	1450	Bill Carr	1308	Paul Caban	1174
Graham Illing	1547	Ursula Stubbings	1448	Gordon Adshead	1306	Gordon Ingall	1166
Don Smithies	1546	Bert Barnett	1437	Richard Mclellan	1305	Dave Stanford	1162

## Humps

A list of all 2987 hills with 100m drop all round is now available as an e-book called *More Relative Hills of Britain*, compiled by Mark Jackson. These hills are called Humps, an acronym for **H**undred **M**etres **P**rominence.

## Further Information

Update sheets, newsletters, the list of SubMarilyns and the Humps e-book are all available at [www.rhb.org.uk](http://www.rhb.org.uk). Many other datasets are available via the RHB newsgroup at [www.yahogroups.com/group/rhb](http://www.yahogroups.com/group/rhb)

# Update to The Relative Hills of Britain

Alan Dawson, April 2010

This update sheet summarises the most important changes to *The Relative Hills of Britain* (RHB) since the book was published in April 1992, and also highlights changes since the previous update sheet in April 2006.

## Acknowledgments

Particular thanks are due to John Barnard and Graham Jackson for several accurate survey results. Changes arising from survey results are indicated below by an asterisk. Thanks also to others who have helped uncover new Marilyns or new summits for existing Marilyns, notably Clem Clements, Chris Crocker, Jonathan de Ferranti, Dave Hewitt, John Owen, Tony Payne, David R Smith and Rob Woodall.

## Changes since April 2006

Three new Marilyns have been discovered since 2006: Creag na Criche, Sail Chalmadale and Mynydd y Cwm, while Raw Head and Baystones have been deleted. The number of Marilyns has therefore risen to 1555 – 1216 in Scotland, 177 in England, 157 in Wales and 5 in the Isle of Man (Black Mountain is now counted in Wales).

## Additions

The 22 new Marilyns discovered since 1992 are listed below. Arnside Knott is now the smallest English Marilyn and Cheriton Hill the easternmost Marilyn. The drop column refers to the difference in metres between the summit and the col connecting the hill to the next Marilyn (*c* means the drop is estimated).

Section	Metres	Name	Map	Grid Ref	Drop
1A	457	Creag na Criche *	52,53	NN986350	151
2A	466	Meall Chomraidh	42,51	NN483556	c 150
4A	232	Cruim Leacainn	34,41	NN166807	150
20A	480	Sail Chalmadale * (Arran)	62,69	NR914401	150
20B	318	Giur-bheinn (Islay)	60,61	NR379728	c 150
21A	491	The Bochel	36	NJ232232	c 154
24A	261	Beinn Bhragair (Lewis)	8	NB266433	c 150
28A	423	Sell Moor Hill	73	NT480444	c 150
30C	389	Mynydd Rhyd ddu	116	SJ054477	165
30C	305	Mynydd y Cwm *	116	SJ073767	150
30F	321	Craig y Castell	124	SH698162	153
31A	507	Disgwylyfa Fawr	135	SN737847	c 152
31B	460	Cefn Cenarth	136,147	SN969762	155
31C	466	Carn Gafallt	147	SN940646	157
32C	258	Mynydd Dinas	170	SS761915	c 152
34B	244	Swinside	89,90	NY243224	152
34D	159	Arnside Knott	97	SD456774	150
35A	675	Lovely Seat	98	SD879950	c 150
38B	276	Aconbury Hill	149	SO505330	157
41	208	Swyre Head	195	SY934784	150
41	199	Nine Barrow Down	195	SZ008811	c 152
42	188	Cheriton Hill	179,189	TR197396	150

## Deletions

The following nine hills listed as Marilyns in RHB are now known to have less than 150m drop all round.

16F	589	Sgorr Tuath	15	NC110074	c 148
19C	568	Cruach Bhuidhe	56	NS125947	149
22	176	Cunnigill Hill	2,3	HU432675	127
33	714	Hedgehope Hill	80	NT943198	148
33	615	Cushat Law	80	NT928137	147
34B	964	Scafell	89,90	NY206064	133
34C	778	Harter Fell	90	NY459093	149
34C	487	Baystones *	90	NY403052	148
36	227	Raw Head *	117	SJ509548	148

Baystones is listed in RHB but was deleted in 1995, reinstated in 2002 and finally deleted again in 2010. Two hills not listed in RHB were promoted to Marilyn status in 1996 but deleted in 1998:

38B	285	Abberley Hill	138,150	SO751672	c 147
39	295	Milk Hill	173	SU104643	c 148

The promotion of Abberley Hill resulted from inspection of a disused railway cutting, which was filled in at the critical col shortly after its promotion. Milk Hill was wrongly promoted in the first place, owing to the misleading representation of contours on the OS 1:10000 map.

## Hill Changes

Five hills listed in RHB have been superseded by a nearby summit:

19C	519	Coraddie <i>replaces</i>	63	NS050778	371
19C	507	Beinn Bhreac	63	NS053763	46
28A	567	East Cairn Hill <i>replaces</i>	65,72	NT128593	169
28A	562	West Cairn Hill	65,72	NT107584	c 130
35B	508	Cracoe Fell * <i>replaces</i>	103	SD993588	c 310
35B	506	Thorpe Fell Top	104	SE008597	c 28
38B	254	Hegdon Hill <i>replaces</i>	149	SO585539	c 156
38B	252	Grendon Green	149	SO599574	c 39
41	279	Lewesdon Hill <i>replaces</i>	193	ST437012	185
41	277	Pilsdon Pen	193	ST413011	c 83

Birks Fell (35B) was replaced by Horse Head Moor for several years but was reinstated in 2006.

## Summit Changes

There have to date been 16 other confirmed summit relocations, where the highest point has been changed to a nearby grid reference on the same hill. New heights and grid references are shown below.

1D	744	Meall nan Gabhar	50	NN235240	265
9B	492	Meall an Tarsaid	34	NH491130	c 155
10B	898	Sgurr nan Eugallt	33	NG927048	c 624
15A	464	Breac-Bheinn	20	NH498950	159
15B	205	Hill of Nigg	21	NH820705	c 193
17C	281	Sgurr nan Caorach	32	NG593030	c 216
19A	360	Dun Leacainn	55	NN033016	272
20A	304	Cruach na Seilcheig	55,61	NR678984	c 179
27C	569	Hods Hill	78	NT000099	173
30F	c 676	Maesglase	124,125	SH817150	c 313
32A	384	Bryn Arw	161	SO301206	c 156
42	269	Botley Hill *	187	TQ387552	c 208
34D	339	Lambrigg Fell *	97	SD586941	c 152
38A	c 335	Callow Hill	137,138	SO460850	c 154
42	240	Chanctonbury Ring * (was Chanctonbury Hill)	198	TQ139120	217

The height for Sgurr nan Eugallt was confirmed by the Ordnance Survey from unpublished survey data. All other heights are taken from published OS maps or survey results.

## Twin Peaks

The following pairs of hills are of equal height but the drop between the two is less than 150m.

Section	Metres	Name	Map	Grid Refs	Drop
2B	1118	Meall Garbh / An Stuc	51	NN644436 / NN639431	127
8B	862	Carn Liath / Creag an Dhail Bheag	36,43	NO165977 / NO157981	34
10A	885	Sgurr a'Bhac Chaolais / Buidhe Bheinn	33	NG958110 / NG963090	c 122
12A	673	Carn na Coinnich / Meall nan Damh	26	NH324510 / NH353522	c 93
15B	692	Beinn Tharsuinn / Sidhean a'Choin Bhain	21	NH606792 / NH600803	34
16C	404	Creag Thoraraidh / Cnoc Coir a'Phuill	17	ND040187 / ND046202	c 60
17E	704	Corra Bheinn / Cruachan Dearg	48	NM573321 / NM568331	c 130
31C	205	Brandy Hill / Middleton Hill	158	SN213133 / SN146118	c 40

Several other summits have two or more nearby points of apparently equal height. Examples include:

5B	827	An Dun *	42	NN716801 / NN717805	c 232
17B	494	Sgurr na Stri	32	NG499193 / NG500193	c 225
19B	466	Cruach Lusach	55	NR786832 / NR788830	279
31B	451	Aberedw Hill	147	SO084507 / SO087504	227
31B	442	Rhiw Gwraid *	147	SO010634 / SO016634	c 214
35A	708	Wild Boar Fell	98	SD758988 / SD761984	c 344
38B	269	Seager Hill	149	SO612390 / SO624379	c 164

Na Maoilean (3B) has four tiny 350m contour rings, the largest of which is at NM976374. The situation is unclear for some other Marilyn's where summit duplication or relocation is possible. Some notable cases, where the alternative summit has a different name and grid reference, are listed below:

Section	Metres	Current Marilyn	Grid Ref	Map	Alternative candidate	Grid Ref
19C	601	Sgorach Mor	NS096849	56	Cruach a'Chanuill	NS106844
34D	803	Coniston Old Man	SD272978	96,97	Swirl How	NY272005
40	312	Hensbarrow Beacon	SW996575	200	Many manmade summits	

## Name Changes

The following Marilyn's have been officially renamed. In some cases the general hill name is preferred to the summit name as it is more widely used. The new names for the Corbetts were agreed in consultation with the Scottish Mountaineering Club and are now used in the SMC Corbetts guidebook.

Section	Metres	Name	Map	Grid Ref	Drop
1A	759	Shee of Ardtalnaig ( <i>was</i> Ciste Buide a'Claidheimh)	51,52	NN729351	c 224
1C	771	Beinn Stacach ( <i>was</i> Ceann na Baintighearna)	57	NN474163	363
1D	817	Stob Coire Creagach ( <i>was</i> Binnein an Fhìdhleir)	50,56	NN230109	504
4B	868	Meall na Meoig ( <i>was</i> Beinn Pharlagain)	42	NN448642	191
6A	875	A'Chaoirnich ( <i>was</i> Creag an Loch)	42	NN735807	213
13B	626	Beinn a'Chlachain ( <i>was</i> Meall an Doireachean)	24	NG724490	c 373
18B	770	Stob a'Bhealach an Sgrìodain ( <i>was</i> Druim Tarsuinn)	40	NM874727	259
30A	178	Mynydd Bodafon ( <i>was</i> Yr Arwydd)	114	SH472854	178
30E	671	Esgeiriau Gwynion ( <i>was</i> Foel Rhudd)	124,125	SH889236	c 166
31C	594	Llan Ddu Fawr ( <i>was</i> Waun Claerddu)	135,147	SN790704	c 168
32A	423	Graig Syfyrdin ( <i>was</i> Edmund's Tump)	161	SO403210	235
34B	352	Dent ( <i>was</i> Long Barrow)	89	NY041129	c 175
34D	334	Kirkby Moor ( <i>was</i> Lowick High Common)	96	SD259839	230
35B	402	Rombald's Moor ( <i>was</i> Ilkley Moor)	104	SE114452	c 244
37	168	Normanby Top ( <i>was</i> The Wolds)	113	TF121964	162
39	267	Wendover Woods ( <i>was</i> Haddington Hill)	165	SP890089	180
40	252	Watch Croft ( <i>was</i> White Downs)	203	SW420357	c 225
42	200	Detling Hill ( <i>was</i> North Downs)	178,188	TQ804586	c 163

Numerous hills in the Western Isles (Lewis, Harris, Uists, Barra and nearby islands) have been given Gaelic names on recent OS maps, although many of the original names derive from Norse. Thus Clisham is now An Cliseam, Heaval is Sheabhal and so on. In line with current policy of accepting OS maps as definitive unless clearly wrong, most Marilyn's in region 24 now have new official names, although names such as Muldoanich and North Lee will continue to be used alongside Maol Domhnaich, Li a'Tuath etc.

## SubMarilyns

A SubMarilyn is a hill with a drop all round of 140-149m, i.e. within ten metres of being a Marilyn (32 have a drop of 148m or 149m and are within one or two metres of being Marilyn's). There are currently 206 SubMarilyns, including ten Murdos, eleven Hewitts, five islands (Soay, Tiree, Seil, Colonsay, Lundy) and ten hills in the south of England. A list of all SubMarilyns is available from [www.rhb.org.uk](http://www.rhb.org.uk)

## Height Changes

There have been minor changes to the accepted height of numerous hills since RHB was published. Precise details are available in the Database of British Hills and in a series of TACit Tables published by TACit Press: