

The evolution of the Edinburgh director area deduced from a non-exhaustive pseudo random sampling of the pages of directories from 1945 to 1965.

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Edinburgh Area 1945/9

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS automatic exchanges

Edinburgh : 20-28, 30-34, 37, 41-44, 51-56, 61-64, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine : 65-66

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 89

Leith : 35-37

Liberton : 79

Portobello : 81-82

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

do not yet exist

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Edinburgh Area 1946/9

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges

Edinburgh : 20-28, 30-34, 41-44, 51-56, 61-64, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine : 65-66

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 89

Leith : 35-37

Liberton : 79

Portobello : 81-82, 85

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

CRAiglockhart

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to CRAiglockhart - 70 followed by subs number

CRAiglockhart to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

Miscellaneous

Edinburgh some level 6 subs moved to CRAiglockhart

Colinton some level 8 subs moved to CRAiglockhart

Edinburgh Area 1947/10

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 20-28, 30-34, 41-44, 51-56, 61-64, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine : 65-66

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 89

Leith : 35-37

Liberton : 79

Portobello : 81-82, 85

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

CRAiglockhart

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to CRAiglockhart - 70 followed by subs number

CRAiglockhart to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

LNS & CRAiglockhart to Bypass manual - 297 Ask for number

LNS & CRAiglockhart to Jubilee manual - 582 Ask for number

LNS & CRAiglockhart to Peggy's Mill manual - 734 Ask for number

Edinburgh Area 1948

No Directory

Edinburgh Area 1949/1

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 20-28, 30-34, 41-44, 51-56, 61-64, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine :65-67

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 89

Leith : 35-38

Liberton : 74, 79

Portobello : 81-82, 85

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

CRAiglockhart, FAIrmilehead

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to CRAiglockhart - 70 followed by subs number

LNS to FAIrmilehead - 59 followed by number

DA exchanges to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

LNS & CRAiglockhart to Bypass - 297 Ask for number

LNS & CRAiglockhart to Jubilee - 582 Ask for number

LNS & CRAiglockhart to Peggy's Mill - 734 Ask for number

Miscellaneous

Edinburgh some level 7 subs moved to FAIrmilehead

Edinburgh Area 1949/11

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 20-28, 30-34, 41-44, 51-56, 61-64, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine :65-67

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 89

Leith : 35-38

Liberton : 74, 79

Portobello : 81-82, 85

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

CENtral, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to DA exchanges - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

DA exchanges to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

LNS & DA exchanges to BYPass, JUBilee & PEGgy's Mill manual exchanges - dial first three letters & ask for number

Miscellaneous

Edinburgh some level 2 and level 3 subs moved to CENtral, DEAn & FOUntainbridge

Edinburgh some subs given new numbers

Edinburgh Area 1950/11

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 20-28, 30-34, 41-46, 51-57, 61-64, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine :65-67

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 89

Leith : 35-38

Liberton : 74, 79

Portobello : 81-82, 85

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

CENtral, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, FAIrmilehead, FOuntainbridge

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to DA exchanges - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

DA exchanges to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

LNS & DA exchanges to BYPass, JUBilee & PEGgy's Mill manual exchanges - dial first three letters & ask for number

Edinburgh Area 1951

No Directory

Edinburgh Area 1952/1

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 20-28, 30-34, 41-46, 51-57, 61-64, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine :65-67

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 86, 89

Leith : 35-39

Liberton : 74, 79

Portobello : 80-82, 85

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, WAVerley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to DA exchanges - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

DA exchanges to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

LNS & DA exchanges to BYPass, JUBilee & PEGgy's Mill manual exchanges - dial first three letters & ask for number

Miscellaneous

Edinburgh some level 2 and level 3 subs moved to CALedonian, DEAn & WAVerley

Edinburgh some level 2, level 3, level 5 and level 6 subs moved to FOUntainbridge

Edinburgh some level 4 and level 7 subs moved to ABBeyhill

Edinburgh some subs given new numbers

Musselburgh moved from 2 & 3 digit (manual?) to 4 digit (auto)

BYPass & JUBilee some subs moved to FOUntainbridge

Edinburgh Area 1953/1

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 20-28, 30-34, 41-46, 51-57, 61-64, 68, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine :65-67

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 86, 89

Leith : 35-39

Liberton : 74, 79

Portobello : 80-82, 85

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, FAIrmilehead, FOuntainbridge, WAVERley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to DA exchanges - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

LNS to Musselburgh - no routing given

DA exchanges to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

DA to Musselburgh - 687 followed by number

Musselburgh to DA - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

Musselburgh to Edinburgh, Leith & Granton 31 followed by number

Musselburgh to Liberton, Portobello 41 followed by number

Musselburgh to Colinton, Corstorphine, Davidson's Mains 56 followed by number

Musselburgh to own subs MUS followed by number

LNS, DA exchanges & Musselburgh to BYPass & PEGgy's Mill manual exchanges - dial first three letters & ask for number

Miscellaneous

JUBilee ceased - subs transferred to 'Edinburgh' numbers

Edinburgh Area 1954/4

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 30-34, 41-46, 51-57, 61-64, 68, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Corstorphine :65-67

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 86, 89

Leith : 35-39

Liberton : 74, 79

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, FAIrmilehead, FOuntainbridge, PORTobello, WAVErley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to DA exchanges - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

LNS to Musselburgh -no routing given

DA exchanges to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

DA to Musselburgh - 687 followed by number

Musselburgh to DA - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

Musselburgh to Edinburgh, Leith & Granton - 31 followed by number

Musselburgh to Liberton - 41 followed by number

Musselburgh to Colinton, Corstorphine, Davidson's Mains - 56 followed by number

Musselburgh to own subs MUS followed by number

LNS, DA exchanges & Musselburgh to BYPass & PEGgy's Mill manual exchanges - dial first three letters & ask for number

Miscellaneous

Portobello LNS subs transferred to PORTobello director unit

Edinburgh level 2 subs moved to CALedonian & WAVErley

Edinburgh Area 1955/4

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 30-34, 41-46, 51-57, 61-64, 68, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 86, 89

Leith : 35-39

Liberton : 74, 79

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, PORtobello, WAVErley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to DA exchanges - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

LNS to Musselburgh - no routing given

DA exchanges to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

DA to Musselburgh - MUS followed by number

Musselburgh to DA - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

Musselburgh to Edinburgh, Leith & Granton - 31 followed by number

Musselburgh to Liberton - 41 followed by number

Musselburgh to Colinton, Davidson's Mains - 56 followed by number

Musselburgh to own subs MUS followed by number

LNS, DA exchanges & Musselburgh to BYPass & PEGgy's Mill manual exchanges - dial first three letters & ask for number

Miscellaneous

Corstorphine LNS subs transferred to CORstorphine director unit

Edinburgh Area 1956/3

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 30-34, 41-46, 51-57, 61-64, 68, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 86, 89

Leith : 35-39

Liberton : 74, 79

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, PORtobello, WAVerley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to DA exchanges - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

DA exchanges to LNS - 21 followed by subs number

LNS, DA exchanges to BYPass & PEGgy's Mill manual exchanges - dial first three letters & ask for number

Miscellaneous

Musselburgh no longer specifically mentioned at all on dialling codes pages and still shown in directory pages without the first three letters capitalised.

Edinburgh Area 1957/5

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 30-35, 41-46, 51-57, 61-64, 68, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 86, 89

Leith : 35-39

Liberton : 74, 79

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, PORtobello, WAVErley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

LNS to DA exchanges - dial first three letters of exchange name followed by number

LNS to BYPass & PEGgy's Mill manual exchanges - dial first three letters & ask for number

Miscellaneous

BYPass manual some subs moved to CALedonian from 1pm 31st August 1957

CENTral some subs moved to CALedonian from 1pm 31st August 1957

Edinburgh some level 3 subs moved to DEAn from 29th June 1957

Musselburgh still shown in directory pages without the first three letters capitalised.

Edinburgh Area 1958

No directory

Edinburgh Area 1959/1

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 30-35, 41-46, 48, 51-57, 61-64, 68, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 86, 89

Leith : 35-39

Liberton : 74, 79

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, DONaldson, FAIrmilehead, FOuntainbridge, PORTobello, WAVerley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

No dialling info except to refer to separate instructions or operator

Miscellaneous

Edinburgh some level 6 subs moved to DONaldson from 1pm 1st August 1959

Edinburgh some level 3 subs moved to CALedonian from 1pm 1st August 1959

PEGgy's Mill some subs moved to Davidson's Mains from 1st May 1959

Davidson's Mains some subs moved to DEAn

Edinburgh some level 3 subs moved to DEAn & WAVerley

BYPass ceased - subs moved to DEAn

PEGgy's Mill some subs moved to DEAn & PEGgy's Mill ceased

FOuntainbridge some subs moved to CALedonian

Liberton & CRAiglockhart some subs given new numbers

Musselburgh still shown in directory pages without the first three letters capitalised.

Edinburgh Area 1960/5

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Edinburgh : 41-46, 48, 61-64, 68, 71, 75-76

Colinton : 87-88

Davidson's Mains : 77-78

Granton : 83-84, 86, 89

Leith : 35-39

Liberton : 74, 79

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DEAn, DONaldson, FAIrmilehead, FOUNtainbridge, MORningside, PORTobello, WAVErley

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

No dialling info except to refer to separate instructions or operator

Miscellaneous

Edinburgh level 5 subs transferred to MORningside from 1st April 1960

Edinburgh some level 3 subs moved to Leith

Edinburgh & Musselburgh subs to call operator on 100 instead of 0 from 1st April 1960

Subscribers on ABBeyhill, CALedonian, Colinton, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, Davidson's Mains, DEAn, DONaldson, Edinburgh, FAIrmilehead, FOUNtainbridge, Granton, Leith, Liberton, MORningside, Musselburgh, PORTobello & WAVErley dial 100 for operator services.

Edinburgh Area 1961/2

5 digit linked numbering scheme with subs on levels

Edinburgh LNS exchanges - subs on levels

Leith : 35-39

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, COLinton, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DAVidson's Mains, DEAn, DONaldson, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, GRAnton, LIBerton, MORningside, NEWington, PORTobello, WAVerley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

No dialling info except to refer to separate instructions or operator

Miscellaneous

From 1st April 1961 all Colinton, Davidson's Mains, Granton, Liberton numbers converted to COLinton, DAVidson's Mains, GRAnton, LIBerton numbers

From 1st April 1961 Edinburgh numbers become NEWington numbers

From 1st April 1961, Lothianburn some numbers transferred to FAIrmilehead

Edinburgh Area 1962/2

Edinburgh LNS exchanges

none

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, COLinton, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DAVidson's Mains, DEAn, DONaldson, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, GRAnton, LEIth, LIBerton, MORningside, NEWington, PORTobello, WAVerley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith, Musselburgh

Routing

No dialling info except to refer to separate instructions or operator

Miscellaneous

Currie -new exchange

Leith subs converted to new LEIth numbers

Edinburgh Area 1963/2

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, COLinton, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DAVidson's Mains, DEAn, DONaldson, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, GRAnton, LEIth, LIBerton, MORningside, MUSselburgh, NEWington, PENTland, PORTobello, WAVerley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith

Miscellaneous

PENTland -new exchange

Musselburgh finally shown as MUSselburgh

Edinburgh Area 1964/2

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, COLinton, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DAVidson's Mains, DEAn, DONaldson, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, GRAnton, LEIth, LIBerton, MORningside, MUSselburgh, NEWington, PENTland, PORTobello, WAVErley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Currie, Dalkeith

Edinburgh Area 1965/2

Edinburgh Director Area automatic exchanges

ABBeyhill, CALedonian, CENTral, COLinton, CORstorphine, CRAiglockhart, DAVidson's Mains, DEAn, DONaldson, FAIrmilehead, FOUntainbridge, GRAnton, LEIth, LIBerton, MORningside, MUSselburgh, NEWington, PENTland, PORTobello, WAVErley

Other exchanges relevant to DA

Dalkeith

Miscellaneous

Currie subs transferred to PENTland from 3rd April 1965