



Updates and Amendments

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It is a proven fact that checkpoints change: some are stolen, others are zealously overpainted or re-written differently, whilst others deteriorate with age or by weathering. Very occasionally there are access problems, such as when they are renovated. Should you come across any problem, please let us know, and if you can help in resolving it, (eg. by suggesting another question, or an alternative nearby), it would be most appreciated. Problematic checkpoints will still count as valid/visited as long as you let us know. Sometimes a photograph to update our library will help enormously. Photographs are also useful when answers are different to those we have recorded! (The validator has also been known to accept checkpoints not answered properly when for example 'questers' have been caught out in bad weather, or in a group which couldn't stop, or on the opposite side of a river when the tide was out!) **Answers for validation, and observations should be sent to the B.C.Q Validating Officer, via: BCQ, Cycling UK, Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 9JX**

Those using the older County Cards or the older on-line Question Books: It might help if you compare them for the areas you are intending visiting for changes, with the new on-line edition. (The validator has a list of all questions and answers since the schemes began, many years ago - such answers will remain valid towards certificates/medals)

This listing includes (some) access problems, or warns of potential/similar problems, not shown in the Question Book.

County:	Checkpoint:	Change:
2 Devon	1 Hartland	REPLACEMENT CHECKPOINT: 190 235 247 About 2 miles west of Hartland Village on the road to Hartland Quay, is St. Nectan's Parish Church, near Stoke. At the entrance to the church is a stone memorial seat. Who was killed in action in 1942?
4 Dorset	1 Sturminster	The "White Hart" has been sold, and signage removed, but the plaques are still there. Please advise any new owner/changes.
7 Isle of Wight	4 Cowes	Confusion - site is known by different names to different people! Amend question to read: 'On the sea wall of the Egypt Esplanade (also known as the Victoria Esplanade)...'
8 West Sussex	1 Midhurst	Confusion, Amend question to read: At the end of Knockhead Hundred Row, overlooking the corner with Church Hill is a large building (continue as printed question)

9 East Sussex	4 Ashdown Forest	Checkpoint again reported as difficult to read – Hopefully a new checkpoint will be found in spring 2019
12 Greater London	3 Epping Forest	The builders are reported to have removed the answer (renovation work) – we are awaiting confirmation it has been re-placed.
13 Berkshire	2 Hungerford Common	Amend Question slightly to read: ‘north of the road leading to Kintbury.’
15 Buckinghamshire	6 Hambleden	Amend Grid Reference to 175 784 865 (minor change)
16 Bedfordshire	5 Bedford	Error, amend grid reference to read: 153 <u>057 495</u>
18 Essex	5 Thaxted	Following an on-site visit Amend the question to read: Four properties from the Guildhall in Town Street (Square) on the south west side is No.17 – The Steps. According to the blue plaque, who lived there and when?
19 Cambridgeshire	6 Graffham Water	Spelling correction - amend to Grafham.
26 Northants	1 Fotheringhay	Advice: The church is presently INSIDE a builders large scaffolding cage and tarpaulin tent, but, the chechpoint can still be accessed through a tunnel. Best visited on a bright day!
26 Northants	5 Stoke Bruerne	Change of guardianship: Amend Waterways Museum to Canal Museum.
28 Lincolnshire	5 Heckington	This checkpoint has access problems (except during working hours). New question at the same property: Outside Heckington Windmill is a red Pillar Box. What is the makers name along the lower front side?
29 Nottinghamshire	2 North Leverton	(Previously confused with Heckington above). Property closed when no staff in attendance. New question at the same property: Which two organisations donated the two white gates in front of the mill?
30 Derbyshire	1 Derwent Reservoir	Access problems after bad weather, or forest workings (but still worth seeking out). New checkpoint: GR 110 168 940 At the end of the tarmac road at the top of the reservoir is a small round-about with a tree. According to the plaque, who planted it and when?
42 Northumberland	6 Near Horncliffe	Under-going major renovation – NB the checkpoint is on the south/ east side approach.
46 Ceredigion	1 Devils Bridge	Road diverted. Amend the question to read: ‘...is a stone arch adjacent to the road...’
47 Powis	1 Montgomery	Gravestone has deteriorated, substitute a new question: To the left of the church door, under a yew tree is the grave of Thomas Weaver. What was the age of Sarah at her death?
48 Gwynedd & Anglesey	1 Amlwch, Anglesey 2 Pont Aberglaslyn 3 Pistyl Hospice	1 Confusion – Questers are going to the wrong Harbour! Amend Checkpoint name to read, “Port (Porth) Amlwch” (which is a short distance to the East...) 2 The signpost is in a VERY poor condition! Revert to the original (modified) question: Set into the parapet of the bridge, at ankle height, are three old milestones. How far is it to Bedgelert, Portmadog, and Penrhydeudraeth? 3 Regular reports of not being able to find this checkpoint! Amend question slightly to read: About $\frac{3}{4}$ miles north east of the village along the main road, take a lane towards the sea, at a ‘Natural Breaks’ redevelopment sign....

49 Conway	5 Ty Mawr 6 Caerhun	5 Questers sometimes visit the WRONG Ty Mawr, (which means Big House in English, and of which there are several). Amend checkpoint name to read Ty Mawr-Wybrnant and question to read: At a small common on a bend in the lane is a National Trust property. How many upright pales are there in the small wicket gate to access this significant property? <i>NOTE: Easiest approach from the south east, but is accessible by foot or bicycle from the north east, despite 'Road Closed' signs!</i> 6 Checkpoint has weathered, new question at the same site: To one side of the church lychgate is a stile of three steps over the wall. What were they installed for? (See adjacent information board).
50 Denbigh	4 Maen Achwyfaen	Location overgrown, amend to read: At the three lane junction is a pictorial sign, and in an adjacent field is... continue as present question.
51 Dumfries	2 Glentrool	Re-word the question to read: On the REVERSE side of the Bruce Stone, is an engraved date. What is it?
52 Borders	2 Traqhair	Answer is freely available on publicity material: At the same site amend the question to read: At the public entrance to Traquair House on the B7062 are blocks of cottages. How many chimney stacks are on the RIGHT hand block?
53 The Lothians	3 Thankerton 4 Ratho	3 Checkpoint difficult to access, and answer as set. Amend question to read: What date is boldly carved into the top of the monument, on the west side of the road to Covington? 4 Confusion – there are three rises of steps! Amend question to read: GR 65 139 710 Alongside the northern towpath on the east side of the canal bridge is a large zinc coloured sculpture. What does it depict?
54 South Lanarkshire	5 Douglas 4 Drumclog	5 Amend question to read, (to facilitate locating): In the castle parkland to the north east of the village:... etc. 4 DELETE THIS CHECKPOINT AND SUBSTITUTE checkpoint 2 Strathaven from county 56 Strathclyde
56 Strathclyde	2 Strathaven 2 Lochgoin 5 Balloch	2 TRANSFER this checkpoint to 54 South Lanarkshire as checkpoint 4 2 Replacement Checkpoint for Strathaven, details: GR OS 71 528 469 South East of the B764 between Fenwick and Eaglesham, at Soame Bridge is a metaled lane to the old Settlement. On the Monument base there, are listed several names. Who is the only person listed with both a fore and surname? 5 Note: Clock face has been replaced following restoration, but may be obscured by builders “clutter”. NOTE: B.C.Q. cyclists who have already visited checkpoints in these two counties will still have them credited for certificates/medals PROVIDED they have six different checkpoints in EACH county, from the thirteen checkpoints (including Drumclog. Strathaven for this concession may be counted <u>once</u> in either county).
57 Argyll and Bute	3 Cambeltown	Delete “coloured” from question.
62 Aberdeenshire	3 Cockbridge	Clarification, amend question to read: About four miles to the north, on a bend, is the “Well of Lecht”, (then as present question).
63 Moray	1 Brodie 5 Tomintoul	1 The Information Boards have been replaced by completely different ones (at the same site). New Question: According to the Information Board, how long ago was this Pictish Stone carved? 5 The checkpoint has been replaced.

		<i>Could a quester find/suggest a new checkpoint and answer for this location/village, (the highest in Scotland) please?</i>
64 Highlands	3 Culloden Moor	Signage has changed, revised question: Culloden BATTLEFIELD, According to the plaque on the Memorial Cairn, on what date did the battle take place?

MANY, many sincere thanks to all who find/suggest problems and help in providing solutions or alternatives.

For more information: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/british-cycle-quest> or email the validator at bcq@cyclinguk.org

Commencing in September, 2017, we have introduced a quarterly Broadsheet for the Quest, the *Quester*, which also lists anticipated future checkpoint changes/improvements. Copies will be sent back with Answer Cards when validated. Should you like a copy of the *Quester* before then, please let us and our Validating Officer know via bcq@cyclinguk.org