



In scope	Out of scope
Milestones and Guidestones	
<p><u>Milestone</u> – These may be made of stone or metal or a combination. Located at the roadside (existing or former).</p> <p>They must include, or have included, a distance to a destination.</p> <p>Always pre-1939 except for replacements / replicas, terms used to describe milestones produced as exact copies of original milestones usually no longer in existence.</p> <p>Include those in museums or other publicly accessible location</p>	<p>A stone with destination but no distance – this would be classified as a guidestone</p> <p>A stone installed since 1939, not as a replacement/ replica. May include as Modern Waymarkers</p> <p>Sustrans signs</p> <p>Flat faced sheet metal or plastic road signs.</p>
<p><u>Guidestone</u> – These have a destination (s) inscribed but not a distance.</p> <p>set up through the 1697 Act (1730s in Yorkshire) by the Justices of Peace, rather than by turnpike trusts or other bodies which are generally later. They are often off road, where the moorland paths crossed; and may be inscribed or plain.</p> <p>Usually found in the north of England, although they are common in Devon and Cornwall also.</p> <p>Include those in museums or other publicly accessible location</p>	<p>Stones without one or more destinations inscribed</p>
<p><u>Modern Waymarker</u> – new milestones and waymarkers since 2000, excluding replacements / replicas.</p>	<p>Sustrans signs</p>
Boundary Markers database	
<p>Stones, plaques, concrete posts and metal castings marking boundaries. Includes those in museums</p>	<p>Nothing younger than 1945 unless an exceptional design</p>
<p>Bridge Markers showing the county council’s responsibility for bridge maintenance or bridge and approach road maintenance. Often inscribed C and 100 yards from either end of the bridge or WR (West Riding of Yorkshire) and at the immediate end of the bridge parapets</p>	

Guideline criteria for inclusion of items in the Milestone Society database



Plaques and inscriptions recording bridge names or public ownership and maintenance, or coats of arms. Dates are good	Not including plaques solely recording the official opening of bridges, or the names of architects and builders
Plaques and inscriptions warnings of penalties for damaging bridges and plates warning of penalties for heavy vehicles	
Coal Tax Markers around London	
Commemorative markers recording events relevant to roads and road transport Millennial markers on parish boundaries	Not including foundation stones, war memorials, statues, plaques recording jubilees, visits by famous people, blue plaques, floods, plagues, stanza stones. public artwork, horse troughs, drinking fountains, gibbets and gallows, etc.
Ward, township, parish, borough, city, county and national boundaries, preferably with an inscription Include village road end signs, 'Here ends Ambridge road' Include signs recording the limits of responsibility for road mending	Not including Millennial markers in village and town centres Highway boundary markers along the edge of roads or marking the end of council responsibility for road maintenance Rocks and boulders used as boundary stones unless they also have an inscription Scratching posts, gate posts and prehistoric standing stones Take care with posts and carved stones without inscriptions unless they are on a known boundary
Estate boundaries including, in no particular order Water Company War Department Railway companies Thames Conservancy Royal Ordnance Factory Canal companies Board of Ordnance Livery Company Mines, claims and quarries Trinity House Admiralty Director of Convict Prisons Ministry of Defence Nazareth House Tramway Church and ecclesiastic Prison Commission	Nothing younger than 1945 unless an exceptional design Not including Water pipelines, drains and sewers, fire hydrants, stop valves and wash outs Gas and electricity companies Keep out or private notices Pavement studs marking property boundaries Markers in cemeteries Ordnance Survey bench marks and trig points Forestry Commission Graffiti National Trust and English Heritage signs Advertising boards Take care with posts and carved stones without inscriptions unless they are on a known boundary



Air Ministry Port of London Authority River Dee Company Forest of Dean London County Council parks Ports and harbours Tyne Improvement Commission Commonwealth War Graves Commission River Commissioners Ordnance Survey	
Turnpike terminus markers and horse stones. These record the end of a turnpike and locations on a hill where additional horses can be hitched on or must be taken off	
The database also includes an Others category which includes some named stones and some with miscellaneous inscriptions	This list is closed for further entries
Cross database	
Includes stand-alone cross bases. heads and shafts, bits of older crosses included in newer erections and crosses incised in other stones Includes old crosses reused, e.g. as war memorials Includes cross bases reused as plague stones Includes those in museums	Nothing younger than 1700 unless they have replaced an older cross Not including churchyard crosses unless they have been moved there from a village centre or wayside location
Market and mercat crosses	Not including market halls and buildings, butter markets
Wayside crosses beside roads, tracks and paths, including those in moorland areas, and village crosses	Not including Sites of old crosses and named crossroads with no actual cross remains Memorial crosses, e.g. battlefield crosses, unless they were there before the event
Waymarker stones which are uninscribed standing stones marking paths and tracks generally in moorland areas	Stones inscribed with destinations are classed as guide stones and are in the Milestone database
Fingerpost database	
Fingerposts have the form of a metal, wood or concrete pillar with arms fixed to this, indicating destinations, and, often, distances. The database also includes direction arms fixed to walls at junctions	Nothing younger than 1945 unless they are exceptional design Not including Town centre fingerposts indicating libraries, public toilets, railway stations, parks, etc. Road names Footpath and long distance path signs



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<p>Pillars and finials may be reused in modern signs or those that otherwise would be excluded. These should be recorded</p> <p>Canal fingerposts are included</p> <p>Includes those in museums</p>	<p>Railway station signage</p> <p>Ancient monument signs</p> <p>Sustrans signs</p> <p>Advertising signs</p> <p>Pre-Worboys road signs with pressed metal plates or arms (some have been recorded in the past, but no more)</p>
<p>Modern fingerposts in the style of pre 1945 fingerposts should be recorded. It's hard to define exactly what's included and excluded</p>	<p>Not including</p> <p>Modern fingerposts with square plastic or light alloy pillars – Cumbria and Devon</p> <p>Modern fingerposts with plastic or alloy arms screwed or rivetted to the pillar with flush brackets</p> <p>Modern fingerposts with annulus finials shaped like doughnuts which do not have inscriptions</p>
<p>Village Entry signs with village names beside the road as you enter the village, especially rectangular signs showing destinations and distances</p> <p>Includes those in museums</p>	<p>Not including</p> <p>Village name signs in the centre of the village or on the village green</p> <p>Ambridge Welcomes Careful Drivers signs</p>
<p>Canal Milemarkers</p>	
<p>Canal milemarkers (also known as canal milestones) marking the distance along the course of a canal, navigation or disused canal. Includes those that have been relocated e.g. to museums. Includes replacements and replicas.</p>	<p>Distance markers on rivers unless the river forms part of a navigation.</p> <p>Lock distance markers.</p> <p>Weir distance markers.</p> <p>Canal fingerposts (record as finger posts).</p> <p>Boundary markers alongside canals, whether or not they relate to the canal company (record as boundary markers)</p>
<p>AA Signs database</p>	
<p>Circular and winged shield yellow and black AA signs originally located on the outer walls of post offices, pubs and public buildings and showing destinations and distances. Often now moved inside. Includes those in museums. RAC, Motor Union, Royal Scottish Automobile Club and Royal Irish Automobile Club also recorded</p>	<p>Beware modern reproductions, but these wouldn't necessarily be excluded</p> <p>Not including call boxes and modern direction signs</p>
<p>Toll house database</p>	
<p>Properties marked on 19th century OS maps as TP on turnpike roads, or traceable in turnpike trust documents, and still in situ at the same location.</p>	<p>Replacement buildings at the same location without evidence of the original toll house features, mainly observation windows.</p>