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Trig Points

‘Trig Points’ or ‘Trig Pillars’ were once part of a state of the art network built to begin the retriangulation of Great Britain.

6,500 shining white monoliths standing atop hills, mountains and high points used mathematics to accurately map Great Britain.



- **Beginning in 1936 this massive task was not completed until 1962**
- **Triangulation is a mathematical process that made accurate map making possible before GPS and altimeters**
- **5,500 trig points still remain in place today**
- **The last used trig pillar was on June 4th 1962 and sits on Thorney Gale, Westmorland, Cumbria.**
- **The survey network was accurate down to just 20m across the whole GB**
- **Modern receivers which now make up the OS network are coordinated to an accuracy of just 3mm!**
- **Like an iceberg, there is more pillar below the surface than above**



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