

# Regional Publications

Circulation Certificate  
July to December 2012



Setting the standard

## The Buchan Observer

### Key information

**Certificate type**

Print

**Metric type**

Circulation

**ABC headline**

5,385 average per issue (100.00% Paid)

**Period**

2 July 2012 to 30 December 2012

**No of issues**

25

**Primary distribution region**

Scotland

**Cover price**

£0.65

**Format**

Newspaper - Tabloid

**Excluded issues**

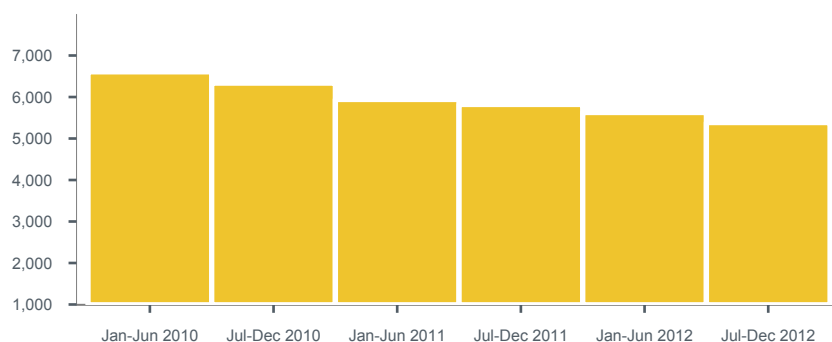
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**Free pick up copy variances**

None

**Contact details**

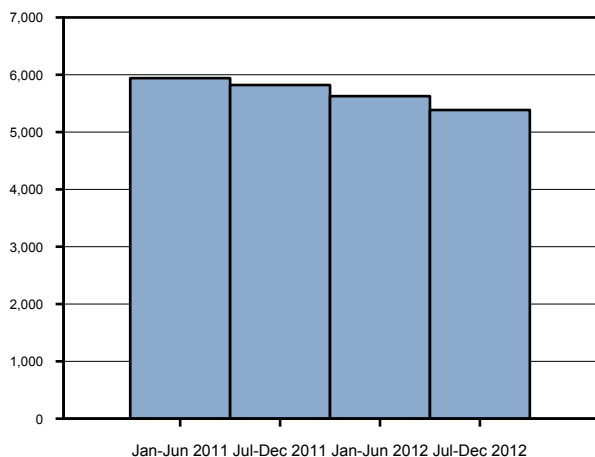
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**Trend data**

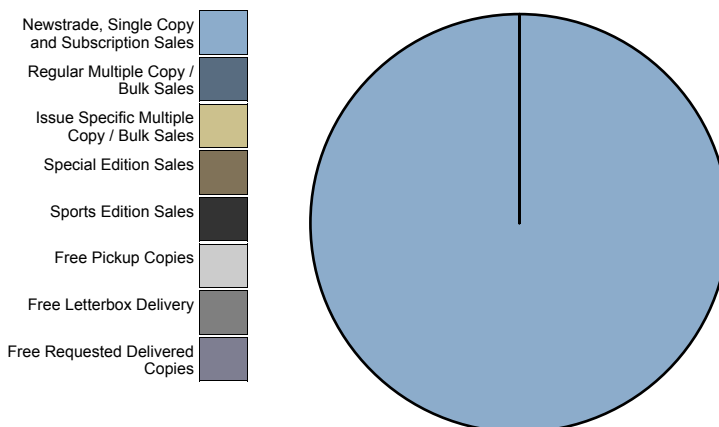
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	TOTAL	UK & RoI	Other	%
<b>TOTAL AVERAGE NET CIRCULATION PER ISSUE</b>	<b>5,385</b>	<b>5,385</b>	-	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Newstrade, Single Copy and Subscription Sales</b>	<b>5,385</b>	<b>5,385</b>	-	<b>100.00</b>
Basic Cover Price	5,349	5,349	-	
Below BCP	36	36	-	
<b>Regular Multiple Copy / Bulk Sales</b>	-	-		-
Not Less than 50% of Basic Cover Price	-	-		
Less than 50% of BCP	-	-		
<b>Issue Specific Multiple Copy / Bulk Sales</b>	-	-		-
Not Less than 50% of Basic Cover Price	-	-		
Less than 50% of BCP, but not less than 10p/15 eurocents	-	-		
<b>Special Edition Sales</b>	-	-		-
Single Copies Sold at Basic Cover Price	-	-		
<b>Sports Edition Sales</b>	-	-		-
Single Copies sold at Basic Cover Price	-	-		
Single Copies sold at less than BCP	-	-		
Multiple Copies sold at BCP	-	-		
Multiple Copies sold at less than BCP	-	-		
<b>Free Pickup Copies</b>	-	-		-
Net Distribution	-	-		
Capped Distribution	-	-		
<b>Free Letterbox Delivery</b>	-	-		-
<b>Free Requested Delivered Copies</b>	-	-		-

Historical Total Average Net Circulation Figures



Total Circulation by Circulation Type



## Analysis of Total Average Net Circulation for Daily Titles

Not Applicable

## Analysis by Edition

Not Applicable

## Analysis of Total Average Circulation by Month

	Total	July	August	September	October	November	December
<b>Total Average</b>	<b>5,385</b>	<b>5,312</b>	<b>5,512</b>	<b>5,510</b>	<b>5,185</b>	<b>5,345</b>	<b>5,415</b>
Newstrade & Single Copy Sales	5,385	5,312	5,512	5,510	5,185	5,345	5,415
Multiple Copy Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free Pick up Copies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free Letterbox Delivery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free Requested Delivered Copies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Analysis of Free Pickup Copies by Month

Not Applicable

## Excluded Issues

Issue	Reason	Number	Issue	Reason	Number	Issue	Reason	Number
25-Dec-12	Xmas/New Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Analysis of Regular Multiple Copy Bulk Sales. The figures shown in this table are averages per issue.

Not Applicable

## Analysis of Issue Specific Multiple Copy Bulk Sales. The figures shown in this table are averages per issue.

Not Applicable

## Issue Specific Multiple Copy Bulk Sales Analysis by Issue

Not Applicable

## Analysis of Free Pickup copies by distribution point type (last non-excluded Monday to Friday issue in the Audit Period)

Not Applicable

## Technical Information (Editorial Content & Pagination only if Free Circulation is > 75%)

Published Day	Basic Cover Price (Last Issue)	Format	Editorial Content % (Last Reported Issue)	Pagination (Last Reported Issue)
Monday	-	-	-	-
Tuesday	£0.65	Newspaper - Tabloid	-	-
Wednesday	-	-	-	-
Thursday	-	-	-	-
Friday	-	-	-	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

## Geographical Information

### Analysis of Distribution by Post Code Sector

Analysis of the total number of households distributed to by post code sector for the last issue reported in the full audit period (ignoring excluded issues)

Not Applicable

### Town(s)/Region(s) served by the publication.

Peterhead and surrounding area

### Distribution method of free pickup copies

Not Applicable

## Special Editions

Not Applicable

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## Glossary of Terms

### Total Average Net Circulation

This is sometimes referred to as the 'headline' or 'ABC' figure. It is the sum of all circulation types. Sales are broken out by circulation type in the UK, and Republic of Ireland (RoI). Sales outside of the UK and RoI are reported as overseas copies.

### Newstrade, Single Copy and Subscription Sales

Newstrade sales are copies sold to individuals through the normal wholesale/retail distribution system. Also included are other single copy sales of both current and back issues. Sales are reported by price banding which highlights copies sold at basic cover price and those sold at a discount to the basic cover price. Subscription sales are copies individually mailed to persons who have contracted to purchase copies for a given period. Sales are reported by price banding which highlights copies sold at basic annual subscription rate (BAR), and those sold at a discount to the BAR.

### Regular Multiple Copy / Bulk Sales

Regular Multiple Copy Bulk Sales are copies sold in bulk to a third party on a regular and contractual basis and are normally distributed free to the final recipient. For example a newspaper may be sold in bulk to a hotel for free pick up in the hotel. These copies must be sold to the third party at a minimum of 1p or 1 Euro cent per copy. Sales are further analysed by audience type, e.g hotels. The number of copies that may be claimed is capped depending upon the audience type.

### Issue Specific Multiple Copy / Bulk Sales

These are copies sold on an irregular basis and are free to the final recipient. These copies must be sold by the publisher to a third party at a minimum of 10p or 15 Euro cents. Sales per issue are reported. The number of copies that may be claimed is capped depending upon the audience type.

### Special Edition Sales

Special editions are stand alone publications produced to cover a special subject eg, Queen visits town. Special editions can only be sold as single copy sales at full cover price and must comprise at least 25% editorial. The issue, price and sales for each Special Edition are analysed in a specific table.

### Sports Edition Sales

Sports editions are separate editions of the parent newspaper usually published on a Saturday giving results and reports of sporting events.

### Free Pickup Copies

These copies are supplied in bulk to known distribution points and are either left for free pick up or handed out individually. Circulation must be regular in quantity, frequency and types of distribution point. Copies are claimed either as 'net' (copies picked up by end user) or 'capped' where a cap is placed on the numbers claimed based on potential audiences at the distribution point.

### Free Letterbox Delivery

These are copies delivered individually, a single copy through a letterbox. Circulation must be regular in frequency and within a defined area. A set percentage of the circulation is back checked for each issue to prove the circulation claimed.

### Free Requested Delivered Copies

These copies have been personally requested by an individual and have been delivered individually to their address by a third party.

### Editions

All editions of a publication must be reported. Editions that change ROP advertising also have to report an average sale for each edition. Publications that change ROP advertising between editions are identified by having the word 'Series' added to the title's name on ABC data.

### Excluded Issues

A publisher may exclude, at their option, an issue due to certain bank holidays eg, Christmas. A publisher may also exclude an issue from the analysis if the circulation is adversely affected due to either circumstances beyond the publishers control or to a public holiday.

### Digital Editions (Optional)

A digital edition is a facsimile of the print editions. The number of digital editions are not included in the total circulation on page 2, but are reported separately.

### Circulation Percentage paid/free

The percentage of the majority circulation type, paid or free, is reported on the front page. Paid circulation is defined as that purchased by the end user. Newstrade, single copy and subscription sales are defined as paid.