

Traditional English sweets

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Many traditional English sweets belong to a particular town. Some are named after the place they come from, others were simply made there for generations. Here is a guide to England's sweets by region, with links to the full story of each. For Scotland's own sweets, see the end of the page.

Yorkshire

Yorkshire is home to many sweets. Pontefract is where liquorice mixed with sugar began to be used as a sweet, and the castle stamp on Pontefract cakes has been used since at least 1612, with initials thought to be those of the local landowner Sir George Savile: see [Pontefract cakes](#). Liquorice Allsorts came from Bassett's of Sheffield in 1899: see [Liquorice Allsorts](#). Harrogate toffee was created in the spa town in 1840, and Doncaster had its butterscotch: see [Harrogate toffee](#) and [butterscotch](#). York gave the world Rowntree's, and with it Polo mints and Jelly Tots: see [Polo mints](#) and [Jelly Tots](#). Halifax, home of Mackintosh's, became known as Toffee Town: see [John Mackintosh](#).

Lancashire and the North West

Wigan has Uncle Joe's Mint Balls, made there since 1898: see [Uncle Joe's Mint Balls](#). Fleetwood has Fisherman's Friend, created in 1865 for deep sea fishermen: see [Fisherman's Friend](#). Victory V lozenges were first made in Lancashire in 1864: see [Victory V](#). Stockley's of Lancashire still makes coltsfoot rock: see [Coltsfoot rock](#). And Everton, in Liverpool, gave its name to Everton toffee and Everton Mints: see [Everton toffee](#).

Cumbria and the North East

Kendal Mint Cake, a peppermint sugar bar said to have been born from a mistake in 1869, went to the Antarctic and up Everest: see [Kendal Mint Cake](#). On the Scottish border, Berwick upon Tweed has its striped Berwick cockles, made since 1801: see [Berwick cockles](#).

The Midlands

Birmingham is Cadbury's home town, and Blue Bird toffee was founded nearby in 1898: see [John Cadbury](#) and [Blue Bird toffee](#). In Stoke on Trent, Walker's Nonsuch has made toffee since the 1890s: see [Walker's Nonsuch](#). In New Mills, Derbyshire, Swizzels has made Parma Violets since 1946, Love Hearts since 1954 and Drumsticks since 1957: see [Love Hearts](#) and [Parma Violets](#).

London and the South

Barratt, founded in London in 1848, is the name behind Black Jacks, Fruit Salad chews and the Sherbet Fountain: see [Black Jacks](#) and [Sherbet Fountains](#). Bristol was the home of Fry's, whose Chocolate Cream of 1866 is still sold: see [Fry's Chocolate Cream](#). In Kent, Sharps of Maidstone once claimed to be the biggest toffee maker in the world: see [Sharps toffee](#). And at seaside resorts all around the coast, from Brighton to Blackpool, you will find rock: see [seaside rock](#).

Sweets from everywhere

Some belong to no single town: humbugs, bullseyes, pear drops, acid drops, sherbet lemons, aniseed balls, barley sugar and gobstoppers were made all over the country. For the full list, see [old fashioned sweets from A to Z](#).

Scotland's sweets

Scotland has its own tradition, from tablet and Edinburgh rock to soor plooms and Hawick Balls: see [Scottish tablet](#), [Edinburgh rock](#), [soor plooms](#) and [Hawick Balls](#).

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