Pembrokeshire is the most westerly county in Wales, and has a long sea coast to the north, west and south. To the east the county has borders with Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire.

The county did not return details of its WM arrangements in 1834/5, but the Quarter Sessions records show that inspectors were appointed for each of the seven hundreds shown on the map, above right. In 1851 the duty of inspecting WM in most of the hundreds was assigned to the superintending constables, and when the county police force was set up in 1858/9, the superintending constables became police officers. All the inspectors continued in post so that all, except one, were police officers. The first qualified inspector was appointed in 1891.

There were three separate jurisdictions in Pembrokeshire. Haverfordwest was a county of itself, and carried out WM inspection from 1835 until 1889. The ancient borough of Tenby claimed to be a WM Authority from 1835 onwards, but did not have proper standards until 1862. The ancient borough of Pembroke was actually larger than Haverfordwest and Tenby, but it appears that it always accepted the jurisdiction of the county over its weights and measures.

There are indications that scales and weights were being sold by ironmongers and others in the nineteenth century, but no evidence of any specialist firm of scalemakers until the inevitable arrival of W&T. Avery in the twentieth century.
### A: Inspection by the County of PEMBROKESHIRE

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<td>1826</td>
<td>One set of standards [215] issued.</td>
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<td>1835</td>
<td>No information about the appointment of inspectors in the official returns but they were appointed in June, 1835 [QS]. The times and places of attendance were arranged so the standards could be taken round the county.</td>
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<td>1850/1</td>
<td>5 short sets of standards [1046, 1052-1055] issued. Except in Roose and Dungleddy, the superintending constables were appointed as inspectors. [PH 11/4/51].</td>
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<td>1857</td>
<td>Police force set up. The former superintending constables continued to act as WM inspectors, except in Roose and Dungleddy. New stamps ordered.</td>
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<td>1859</td>
<td>Police force formally assumes WM inspection.</td>
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<td>1871</td>
<td>Six inspectors named [K]. They were police superintendents or sergeants, except in Roose and Dungleddy.</td>
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<td>1878</td>
<td>CC complained of shortage of standards, not one for each division [PH 18/10/78].</td>
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**Inspectors 1835-57**

**Dewsland**
- Thomas Myler (1835-37)
- John Howell (1837-45)
- *George Jones (1846-57)*

**Kemes**
- John Price (1835-1851)
- *Thomas Lloyd (1851-53)*
- *Thomas Vaughan (1854-57)*

**Narberth**
- William H. Evans (1835-39)
- W. M. Howell (1839-51)
- *John Blundell (1851-54)*
- *Thomas Truscott (1854-57)*

**Castlemartin**
- James Smith (1835-37)
- William Thomas (1838-51)
- *Sydney Peter Gedge (1851-55)*
- *James Thomas (1855-57)*

**Kilgerran**
- Thomas Charles (1835-51)
- *William Allen (1851-53)*
- *Robert Harrison (1853-57)*

**Roose**
- William Phillips (1835-51)

**Dungleddy**
- Thomas Maddocks (1835-51)
- (Maddox in 1835)

**Roose and Dungleddy**
- William Phillips (1852-57)

*Superintending constables*

The initials CP and DP have been seen stamped on weights with later Pembrokeshire marks, as has a KP over 2 mark. NP has been seen on a weight bearing the Tenby non-uniform mark. It is thought these marks relate to the various hundreds of Pembrokeshire.
Detail of the 4oz standard, from set 1053, also showing the reverification in 1880.

An 8 oz weight stamped DP, the Dewsland district of Pembrokeshire, also with the 420 Pembrokeshire stamp.
Police officers as inspectors c1858-1880

The seven hundreds were still used as the basis for the districts, but Roose and Dungleddy shared an inspector (who was not a police officer).

1868 Returns 1868 [S], 1871 [K], 1875 [W], PH.

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<td>William Phillips (1858-66)</td>
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<td>William Milligan Phillips (1866-84)</td>
<td>Edward Irving (1860-80)</td>
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<td>Castlemartin (Pembroke)</td>
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¶ A 1 lb weight that began life in the No. 1 district of Cardiganshire, moved to the Castlemartin district of Pembrokeshire (CP), also with the Pembrokeshire stamp 420.
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<td>Nos. 420-421 issued</td>
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<td>1884</td>
<td>Inspection in Roose and Dungleddy transferred to the other districts.</td>
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<td>1889</td>
<td>Pembroke CC set up.</td>
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<td>1891</td>
<td>One qualified inspector appointed [PH 6/2/91]; CC cancelled appointments of the police superintendents as IWMs [PH 7/8/91]; No.421 cancelled.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>In 1896 the WM office was in the Shire Hall, Haverfordwest. But in 1908 and 1928 it was in Pembroke Dock, and in the 1930s in Haverfordwest again.</td>
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<td>1948</td>
<td>No.419 issued.</td>
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<td>1950</td>
<td>Nos. 419, 420, 421 in use.</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>Authority transferred to Dyfed County Council.</td>
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**Inspectors 1882-91**

*Castlemartin and Narberth*
- Frederick Clarke (1880-91)

*Dewsland, Kilgerran, Kemes*
- John Thomas (1880-82)
- Henry T.D. Drake (1882)
- Thomas Phillips (1882-90)

**Qualified inspectors:**
- Joseph Richards (q1890/1-1928)
- J.H. Parnaby (-1933 -35)
  - [MR 33:130, 35:43]
- J.E. Lee (1935-38)
- F.W.J. Read (1938-71)
  - [MR 71:211]
- L.K. James (1936-50)
  - [MR 79:204]
- N.F. Nicholson (1939-65)
  - [MR 66: 3]

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**Notice placed in the Pembroseshire Herald**

by the first qualified inspector Joseph Richards, soon after his appointment in 1891.
B: Localities with separate jurisdiction in the county of PEMBROKESHIRE

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¶ This weight was found with other weights from West Wales. TP is possibly the mark of Thomas Nash Phillips, the inspector for Haverfordwest 1865-1881.

Standards [156] were acquired in 1826.
In 1835 the inspector appointed was Thomas Harries, a currier. He continued until 1863, being replaced by W. Evan Owen [PEN 8/7/63]. In 1865 Owen resigned and was replaced by Thomas Nash Phillips, a cutler [PH 14/4/65]. He was listed as IWM in 1871 [K] and continued in post until his death in 1881 [PH 23/12/81]. In 1868 the standards were reverified for the ‘Haverfordwest division’ of the county [PCC/WM/2/2]. In 1882, when William Eynon, an ironmonger, was appointed as IWM [PH 17/2/82], the standards had to be retrieved from the magistrates for his use.

Authority was transferred to the Pembrokeshire County Council in 1889, because the population was less than 10,000. The County Council paid Eynon a salary during 1890 [PQ/AW/5], and in 1891 they voted him a pension of £3 per annum as the former IWM for the Town and County of Haverfordwest [PH 7/8/91].

Pembroke. The town was an Ancient Borough and was created a Municipal Borough, with a commission of the peace, in 1835. Prior to that the Mayor was Clerk of the Market and held a fortnightly Mayor’s Court, which may have dealt with WM offences. Pembroke had a substantial population (14,156 in 1881), at which point they did investigate appointing their own IWM [TO 15/9/81], but there is no record of WM activity after 1835.
In 1834/5 it was reported that Tenby had appointed an inspector, James Palmer Wickland. A mark comprising a crowned JPW has been recorded, and attributed to him. There is no record of standards issued for Tenby at that time, although in 1860 it was reported that some 'standards' had been lent to the Tenby Artillery Corps [PH 16/11/60]. The weights were restored and made official in 1862 [PH 12/9/62]. Although not granted in 1835, Tenby was subsequently allowed to have a commission of the peace. The Corporation did not have an official grant of arms, but their seal comprised a shield divided horizontally, of which the upper part comprised four pieces, charged with martlets, the lower part three cinquefoils. This device, surmounted by a T, is seen in the non-uniform mark. In 1868 Thomas Thomas (Head Constable 1867-77) was appointed as IWM [TO 12/3/68]. He was followed as HC and IWM by William Hodges (1877-86) and James Carr (1886-89), before the force was disbanded.

A 1 oz brass weight, with the heraldic mark for Tenby (double-struck), the mark for the Narbeth district of Pembrokeshire and two older marks from the City of Bristol, together with the detail from a 2 oz brass weight, showing the heraldic mark and the VR228 number of the borough.
C: The trade in Pembrokeshire

There are a few scattered references to the sale of weights and scales in the 19th century.

1856: Thomas Morris, ironmonger, Pembroke, advertised ‘a very large stock of Iron and Brass WEIGHTS and Spirit Measures, STAMPED, ready for use’ [PH 20/6/56, p. 1].

1865: Thomas Nash Phillips, cutler, was appointed IWM in Haverfordwest, He probably traded in scales and weights.

1866: Joseph Thomas, ironmonger, Quay Street, Haverfordwest. The return of Thomas Nash Phillips as IWM for Haverfordwest shows that Joseph Thomas had 76 iron weights of 2 lbs and upwards stamped in the quarter ending June 24 [HQ/AW/1].

1882: William Evans, proprietor of ‘The Saw and Hatchet’ an old ironmongery and general furnishing business in Bridge Street, Haverfordwest. On his death the stock-in-trade was sold by auction, including scale beams, iron scales, brass and iron weights. [HWT 23/2/82, 13/9/82]

1882: Wesley Davies, ironmonger, submitted an application for the post of IWM in Haverfordwest, but was ruled ineligible because he sold weights and measures. [PH 17/2/82].

1965: W & T. Avery had premises in Haverfordwest.

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TO Tenby Observer (1854-1910)
WM Western Mail (1869-95)

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