This map depicts the **settings** of 1078 British films released cinematically in the period 2010-2020. By plotting this information we can see which parts of the UK the film industry tends to favour and which parts have been overlooked.

Other projects, such as moviemaps.org, have mapped filming locations, but this project maps settings in order to depict biases in regional representation. I work with data from The British Film Institute, which maintains a database of films that it certifies are 'British'.

The BFI applies a points-based 'cultural test' which covers not just on-screen factors such as filming locations, language of dialogue, and citizenship/residency of lead characters; but also off-screen ones like source material, citizenship/residency of actors and heads of department.

'British' films do not have to be set in the UK or feature characters who are residents/citizens of the UK (see chart below). The on-screen content of films such as *Widows* (2018, Steve McQueen) or *Lea on Pete* (2018, Andrew Haigh) is diegetically American, but the films qualify because they were directed by UK citizens/residents and produced by the same UK-based companies that produced those directors' earlier films.

By cross-referencing the BFI data with plot summaries from *Sight & Sound* I infer the settings of British films. When a synopsis does not provide enough information I examine other sources, working from memory if I have seen the film, watching trailers, or reading interviews with filmmakers.

Locations represented fall into four broad categories:

- **Within Scope of Map**
  - Set in recognisable UK locations: 55%
  - Fantasy (Movies) Other Space: 3%
  - Ambiguous/Personal: 4%
- **Outside Scope of Map**
  - Set in real non-UK locations: 32%
- **Key**
  - ○ regionally significant town or city
  - ● film setting

![Map of the United Kingdom with film settings marked](https://cine-map.com)

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