

# The United Kingdom

Country and people

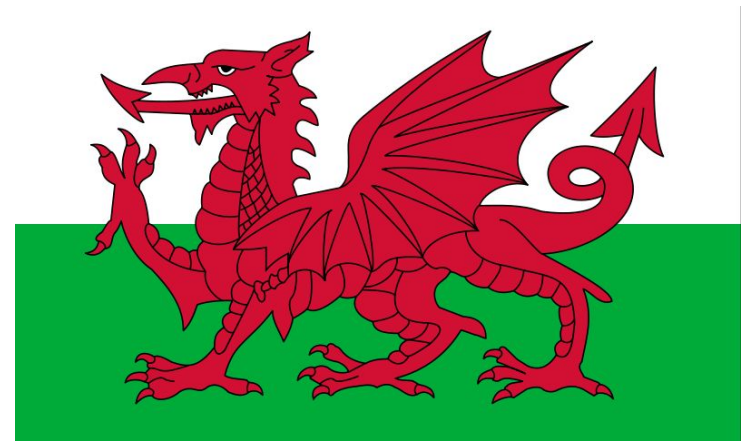
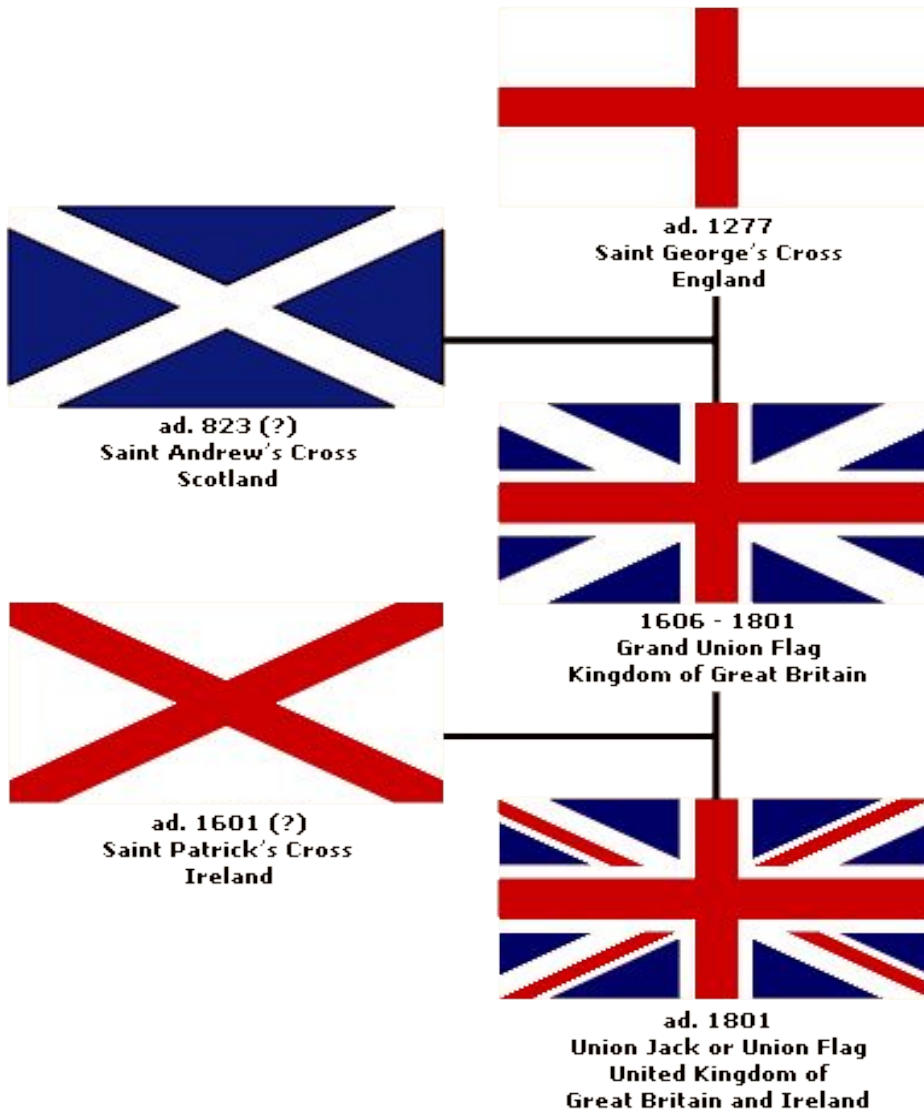


# The British flag

It is called **Union Jack** (*was used on the jack-staff of naval vessels*) and it symbolises the union of England. Flag is made up of the crosses of the patron saints of England.



# History of the Union Jack



15<sup>th</sup> century

# Geography



# Religion

## RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION IN BRITAIN

	2004	2010	Change (%)
Christian	<b>45million</b>	<b>41million</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
No religion	<b>9million</b>	<b>13.4million</b>	<b>+48.7</b>
Muslim	<b>1.9million</b>	<b>2.6million</b>	<b>+36.7</b>
Hindu	<b>550,000</b>	<b>790,000</b>	<b>+43.0</b>
Sikh	<b>336,000</b>	<b>340,000</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Jewish	<b>272,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Buddhist	<b>160,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>+74.0</b>
Other religion	<b>390,000</b>	<b>610,000</b>	<b>+57.4</b>

Source: Labour Force Survey

# Languages in the UK

Language	Type	Spoken in	Rank: no. of speakers in the UK
<b>English</b>	<i>West Germanic</i>	Throughout the United Kingdom	58,100,000 (2005 data)
<b>Welsh</b>	<i>Celtic (Brythonic)</i>	Wales and parts of England near the Welsh-English border	761,000
<b>Scots</b>	<i>West Germanic</i>	Scotland (Scottish Lowlands, Caithness, Northern Isles) Northern Ireland (counties Down, Antrim, Londonderry)	100,000 speakers (1999) with varying dialects
<b>British Sign Language</b>	<i>BANZSL</i>	Throughout the United Kingdom	125,000 (based on 2010 data)
<b>Irish</b>	<i>Celtic (Goidelic)</i>	Northern Ireland	95,000 (based on 2004 data)
<b>Angloromani</b>	<i>Mixed</i>	England, Scotland, Wales	90,000 (based on 1990 data)
<b>Scottish Gaelic</b>	<i>Celtic (Goidelic)</i>	Scotland (Scottish Highlands with substantial minorities in various cities)	65,674 total (based on Scotland's 2001 Census)
<b>Cornish</b>	<i>Celtic (Brythonic)</i>	England (Cornwall)	2,000 fluent (based on 2008 data)