

Using QGIS 3

Scalebar and northing

This information recapitulates a previous e-mail, but is now in the form of a .pdf.

Perhaps rather strangely, by comparison with other GISs, these two additions are managed by plugins. The first action is to get them added to the top toolbar. So click on Plugins in the top menu. This action should bring up the Plugins dialog(ue) box in which the plugins are listed with a column of checkboxes. Click in the checkboxes for North Arrow and Scalebar and then close the dialog(ue) box by clicking ok. If you look at the top toolbar, you should see that two icons have been added: a circle with an A (northing) and a square with a black and white bar through it. You now have the plugins to manage the northing and scalebar.

Now click on the northing icon which brings up the northing dialog(ue) box. You can now determine where you would like to position the northing.

Now click on the scalebar and follow the similar process. By default, the scalebar will appear in degrees. You can alter this to kilometres by clicking on Settings in the top menu, then on roject Properties, bringing up the familiar dialog(ue) box. Look in the middle for Map units. Click in the radio button for Meters. Click ok and close the box. Click on View and Refresh and the units next to the scalebox should have changed to km.