

Where to Buy Ordnance Survey Maps

The following is a selective list of **specialist suppliers** of Ordnance Survey (OS) maps – large scale, second hand, reproduction and digital. It does not include those general map sellers who also stock OS products, for which see [Information Sheets 1A](#) (stockists in Great Britain) and [1B](#) (stockists outside of Great Britain).

Some **websites** which display OS maps have also been listed below but this is not an exhaustive list and does not include route-finding websites, some of which use OS maps.

Cambridge University Library and a number of other **Libraries** and **Record Offices** in Cambridge and around the country also hold Ordnance Survey maps at various scales and of various dates. See [Information Sheets 2A](#) and [2B](#) for lists of major map libraries within and outside Cambridge.

It is possible to view and print smaller scale (less detailed) mapping from **OS Maps**

<https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>. The OS website www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/ also includes details of all current OS mapping. Also see the **OS OpenData** web site – <https://tinyurl.com/y2sjw2zb> – from which it is possible to access a selection of OS mapping datasets for Great Britain.

CURRENT LARGE-SCALE (DETAILED) ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS

Current large-scale OS maps at scales of 1:1,250, 1:2,500 and 1:10,000 are no longer published on paper. Instead, sheets are printed on-demand from digital data at retail outlets. For digital maps and print-on-demand services (including planning application maps) see www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/resources/planning-application-maps.html or take a look at the list of OS Partners at www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/business-and-government/partners/index.html

Listed below are some Cambridge libraries and businesses that provide access to current large-scale mapping.

**Cambridge
University Library
Map Department**
West Road
Cambridge
CB3 9DR

Tel: 01223 333041
maps@lib.cam.ac.uk
www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/maps/ordnance-survey-digital-maps/os

Printouts from OS large-scale digital data from 1998 to present. Available for whole country with similar data available for Northern Ireland. A Cambridge University Library Readers Ticket is required, and the service is not available to remote enquirers or to commercial users. A similar service is available in each of the Legal Deposit Libraries.

Staff and students of Cambridge University can register to use **Digimap**, a web-based service providing access to current OS GB data at various scales. See <http://digimap.edina.ac.uk/> for more details and <http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/maps/digital-maps/digimap> or [Information Sheet 1F](#) for registration information. Digimap also provides access to **Historical OS Mapping**.

**Blackwell's
Mapping Services**

Tel: 0800 151 2612
maps@Blackwells.co.uk
<https://bookshop.blackwell.co.uk/jsp/editorial/maps.jsp>

Maps are not printed in Cambridge branch of Heffers/Blackwell's but someone there may be able to help

OS Mapping and Data Centre. Can provide Superplan (1:1,250 / 1:2,500) and Landplan (1:10,000) plots. Also supplies Siteplan printouts for planning applications and digital data.

Instant downloads available at <https://shop.blackwellmapping.co.uk/>

Latitude Mapping
49 De Bohun Avenue
Southgate
London, N14 4PU

Tel: 01707 663090
enquiries@latitudemaps.co.uk
www.latitudemaps.co.uk/

OS Mapping and Data Centre

Planning Portal

www.planningportal.co.uk/homepage/4/buy_a_planning_map

The UK Government's online planning and building regulations resource for England and Wales. Provides links to online sources for site location plans. Also submit a planning application and learn about planning and building regulations, etc.

SECOND HAND, REPRODUCTION AND DIGITAL OS MAPS

Listed below are a selection of suppliers specialising in OS maps. In addition, general bookshops, outdoor leisure shops, garages, etc. may stock OS maps. Charity shops, second-hand bookshops and on-line sites such as eBay are also good hunting grounds for older maps.

Alan Godfrey Maps

Prospect Business Park
Leadgate, Consett
DH8 7PW

Tel: 01207 583388
sales@alangodfreymaps.co.uk
www.alangodfreymaps.co.uk/

***Reprints** of old Ordnance Survey maps. Publisher of reduced reproductions of 1:2,500 county series and 1" maps. Include text describing local history, etc.*

Anquet Maps

www.anquet.com/

***Digital** OS and other mapping for download (fee usually payable). mapping.*

David Archer

The Pentre, Kerry, Newtown
Montgomeryshire
SY16 4PD
Wales

Tel: 01686 670382
<https://david-archer-maps.co.uk/>

***Second Hand.** Holds extensive stocks of used maps mostly at the smaller scales. Also stocks some maps by other publishers and books on OS and transport maps. Web catalogue. No longer able to buy maps but is still selling maps.*

British History Online

www.british-history.ac.uk/

***On-line.** 1:10,560 first edition OS County Series maps for Great Britain published 1844-1899 plus first edition 1:2,500 maps for selected cities. Also other historic maps, mostly of London. The Ordnance Survey maps can searched by keyword, title or postcode.*

Cassini Maps

Heritage Resource
Management Ltd
19 Kingsmead Business Park
Gillingham
Dorset, SP8 5FB

Tel: 01722 717 132
cassini-
help@francisfrith.co.uk
www.cassinimaps.co.uk/

***Reprints.** 1" OS maps enlarged to match the scale and coverage of the present-day OS Landranger® maps. Also other historical maps including of Ireland, France, USA ... available to view.*

Digital Archives Association

3 Cedarways, Appleton
Warrington WA4 5EW

Tel: 01925 265794
www.digitalarchives.co.uk/

***CD/DVD** The Digital Archives Association is a small group of amateurs producing high resolution images of historical maps on CD and DVD. 25" County Series maps and more detailed OS maps of e.g. Manchester and Salford, plus some non-OS maps*

Francis Frith Collection

19 Kingsmead Business Park
Gillingham
Dorset, SP8 5FB

Tel: 01722 716 376
www.francisfrith.com/uk/departments/old-maps

***Reprints.** 'Historic maps of your home'. Reproductions of first-edition 6" OS maps drawn between 1840 and 1930 (plus some other maps). Can centre map to your specification.*

Groundsure Limited

Sovereign House
Church Street
Brighton
BN1 1UJ

Tel: 01273 257 755
info@groundsure.com
www.groundsure.com/

WWW. Provider of environmental reports and historical maps and data to businesses and homebuyers..

Roly Hann

1 Piping Close, Colden
Common, Winchester,
SO21 1UP

Tel: 01962 713 929
rowland@rowlandhann.wand
adoo.co.uk

Second Hand. Buys and sells used OS maps.

Landmark® Information Group

www.landmark.co.uk/

WWW. Provider of environmental reports, historical OS maps and digital mapping. Various services available, mainly for commercial users. Includes data from the company previously known as 'Sitescope'..

Memory-Map

www.memory-map.co.uk/

Digital OS maps at various scales plus maps from other producers including aerial 3D views. Also maps of other parts of the world and marine charts.

National Library of Scotland

Map Library
Causewayside Building
33 Salisbury Place
Edinburgh EH9 1SL

Tel: 0131 623 4660
maps@nls.uk
maps.nls.uk/

On-line and Reproductions. The Library's website provides access to a large number of maps of Scotland including OS large scale town plans from 1847-1895 and 25" and 6" maps published 1847-1930, and much more – plus a growing number of Ordnance Survey maps for England and Wales.

Old Maps Online

www.oldmapsonline.org/

On-line. Includes OS maps.

Ordnance Survey

Adanac Drive
Southampton
SO16 0AS

Helpline: 03454 56 04 20
Contact form:
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/contact/
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/

Printed and Digital. The National Mapping Agency **OS OpenData** – <https://tinyurl.com/y2sjw2zb>
OS Maps Online - a subscription service
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop/os-maps-online.html
Custom Made Maps:
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop/custom-made-maps.html

OpenStreetMap

www.openstreetmap.org/

WWW. OpenStreetMap is a collaborative project to create a free editable map of the world, a viable alternative to OS maps for many uses. Includes pages on out of copyright maps:
wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Out-of-copyright_maps
and
wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Out-of-copyright_maps#Old_maps_which_OSM_people_have

SABRE

www.sabre-roads.org.uk/maps/

WWW. A group of enthusiasts and professionals who discuss roads, share information, and arrange meet-ups and road trips around the UK. Historic OS and Bartholomew, etc. maps online.

Surrey History Centre

130 Goldsworth Road,
Woking, Surrey
GU21 6ND

Tel: 01483 518737
shs@surreycc.gov.uk
www.surreyarchives.org.uk/product-category/maps/

CD/DVD. Various large scale maps of Surrey available

Vision of Britain

www.visionofbritain.org.uk/maps/

WWW. The 'Historical Maps' section includes small scale OS mapping.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A History of the Ordnance Survey edited by W. A. Seymour. Folkestone: Dawson, 1980. [S696.b.98.3]
Detailed history of the Ordnance Survey. Available as pdf at www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/about/history

Map-makers to Britain since 1791 by Tim Owen and Elaine Pilbeam. Southampton: Ordnance Survey ;
Norwich: HMSO, 1992. [CUL classmark: S696.b.99.31]
Illustrated history of Ordnance Survey. Available as pdf at www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/about/history

Charles Close Society (CCS) www.charlesclosesociety.org/

The Charles Close Society brings together all those with an interest in the maps, plans, related materials and other activities of the Ordnance Surveys of Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Ireland. Very active society which produces a substantial newsletter, *Sheetlines* (S696.c.038 and L696.c.28), and has an active publication and meetings programme. A list of dealers in second-hand OS maps is available on their web site at www.charlesclosesociety.org/dealers.

Of its many publications the following is essential reading for anyone interesting in or using detailed OS maps:

Ordnance Survey maps : a concise guide for historians / by Richard Oliver. 3rd ed. London : Charles Close Society, 2013. ISBN: 9781870598316 [S696.b.201.95 or 98]

This publication provides a useful introduction to all scales of OS mapping:

Old Series to Explorer : a field guide to the Ordnance map / Chris Higley. London : Charles Close Society for the Study of Ordnance Survey Maps, 2011. ISBN 9781870598309 [S696.c.201.15 or 16]

These and other **CCS publications** can be purchased from the CCS website www.charlesclosesociety.org/publications or contact the Publications Manager pubs@charlesclosesociety.org,

Email and Facebook

Ordnancemaps. An email discussion list for anyone with an interest in Ordnance Survey Maps to ask questions, assist in research, and pass on information on any aspect of Ordnance Survey maps. See <https://groups.io/g/ordnancemaps>

Ordnance Survey and Maps Facebook Group. www.facebook.com/groups/2326196864315735/

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