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
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.

Blackwell’s Mapping Services
Maps are not printed in Cambridge branch of Heffers/Blackwell’s but someone there may be able to help
Tel: 0800 151 2612
maps@Blackwells.co.uk
https://bookshop.blackwell.co.uk/jsp/editorial/maps.jsp
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/

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.

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OS Mapping and Data Centre offering a service to architects and solicitors as well as the general public.

Latitude Mapping
49 De Bohun Avenue
Southgate
London, N14 4PU
Tel: 01707 663090
enquiries@latitudemaps.co.uk
www.latitudemaps.co.uk/

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). Includes Harvey walking and maps and British Mountain maps.

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/department/old-maps

Groundsure Limited  
Sovereign House  
Church Street  
Brighton  
BN1 1UJ  
Tel: 08444 159 000  
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.wandadoo.co.uk  
Second Hand. Buys and sells used OS maps.

Landmark® Information Group and old-maps.co.uk  
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’. Access to Landmark’s historical map data is also available via: www.old-maps.co.uk/ which also has Russian maps of selected towns.

Memory-Map  
Tel: 0118 906 2600  
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.

Ordnance Survey  
Adanac Drive  
Southampton  
SO16 0AS  
Helpline: 03454 56 04 20  
Contact form:  
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/contact/  
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/  
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.

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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](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/about/history)

Illustrated history of Ordnance Survey. Available as pdf at [https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/about/history](https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/about/history)

Charles Close Society (CCS) [www.charlesclosesociety.org](http://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](http://www.charlesclosesociety.org/dealers).

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


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


These and other CCS publications can be purchased from the CCS website [www.charlesclosesociety.org/publications](http://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://uk.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ordnancemaps/info](https://uk.groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ordnancemaps/info)

**Ordnance Survey and Maps Facebook Group.** [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2326196864315735/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2326196864315735/)

This Information Sheet is available online as a Word document at [www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/maps/information-sheets](http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/maps/information-sheets)

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