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.

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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).

- **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
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.wandadoo.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

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:


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 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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