

OS Sitemap™

Standard symbols and depiction (Paper and TIFF output)

Boundary information

County/Region Island boundary	
District/London Borough boundary	
Parish/Community boundary	
Electoral Division/Ward boundary	
Parliamentary Constituency or Euro Const boundary	
Boundary mereing change symbol	
Boundary Post, Boundary Stone (BP, BS)	

Vegetation

Boulder (positioned)	
Boulders	
Boulders (scattered)	
Coniferous tree (positioned)	
Coniferous trees	
Coniferous trees (scattered)	
Coppice or Osiers	
Heath	
Marsh, reeds or Saltmarsh	
Non-coniferous tree (positioned)	
Non-coniferous trees	
Non-coniferous trees (scattered)	
Orchard	
Rock	
Rock (scattered)	
Rough Grassland	
Scree	
Scrub	
Areas of multiple vegetation type	

Other symbols

Air height/spot height	
Bench mark	
Culvert	
Direction of flow (water)	
Point fixture	
Railway switch	
Road related flow	
Site of heritage	
Triangulation point or pillar	
Water point	
Pylon	
Glasshouse	

Line styles

Building	
Building (overhead)	
Edge or Limit	
General detail	
Inland water	
Mean high water (springs)	
Mean low water (springs)	
Narrow gauge railways	
Standard gauge railways	
Top of cliff	
Top of slope	
Bottom of cliff/slope	
Overhead detail	
Steps	
Underground detail	

Polygons

Feature	Colour (RGB)
Man-made surface or Step	210-210-170
Multiple surface (Garden)	255-255-204
Natural surface	210-255-180
Historical interest	220-220-190
Inland/Tidal water	190-255-255
Path	204-204-204
Railway	240-240-240
Road or Track	215-215-215
ULC	255-204-153
Foreshore	160-225-225
Building	255-220-175
Structures	255-215-195
Unclassified/Broken	220-220-190
Low-level vegetation	220-255-190
High-level vegetation	180-244-160
Marsh and so on	160-225-225

Common abbreviations

Boundaries information
 ED Boundary.....Electoral Division
 Ward Boundary.....Ward
 Boro Const Bdy.....Constituency
 Euro const Bdy.....County Borough or European
 Und.....Undefined
 CB.....Centre of bank
 CD.....Centre of ditch
 CR.....Centre of road
 CS.....Centre of stream
 Def.....Defaced
 FF.....Face of fence
 FW.....Face of wall
 SR.....Side of river
 TB.....Top of bank
 TkH.....Track of hedge
 RH.....Root of hedge

Other information
 Chy.....Chimney
 EI P.....Electricity pillar or pole
 ETL.....Electricity transmission line
 FB.....Foot bridge
 FS.....Flagstaff
 GP.....Guide post
 GVC.....Gas valve compound
 LB.....Letter box
 Meml.....Memorial
 MHW.....Mean high water
 MLW.....Mean low water
 NTL.....Normal tidal limit
 P.....Post or pole
 PC.....Public convenience
 PH.....Public house
 PO.....Post office
 PW.....Place of worship
 TCB.....Telephone call box
 Tk.....Tank or track
 (um).....Unmade
 W.....Well