

Milestones of the year

This report outlines a selection of Ordnance Survey's varied activities during the year. Here are just a few key events from 2003–04.



Over the past year the number of signatories to the Pan-government agreement has grown from 144 to 204.

Network Rail signed a new three-year deal with Ordnance Survey for digital data to underpin a number of its key systems.

A series of online service improvements were delivered to OS MasterMap customers to make it easier to choose and order data.

Ordnance Survey became a corporate member of the Institute of Customer Service (ICS).

Director of Strategy Duncan Shiell was appointed to the Government's new Advisory Panel on Crown copyright as a representative for Government Trading Funds.

Around 23 000 Gb of data were delivered to our customers.

The new Wembley Stadium has been added to our database as pre-build data even though construction is not scheduled to finish until 2006.

More than 340 customers can now access our data direct through a new desktop mapping service offered by a number of Options outlets.

We welcomed our new Finance Director Alastair Matthews, who joined us from Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC®).

More than 200 mapping experts from around the world, including over 100 heads of national mapping agencies, came to Great Britain to attend the 2003 Cambridge Conference for National Mapping Organisations, hosted by Ordnance Survey.

Pupils at 7 163 schools across Great Britain received 776 600 Explorer maps as part of our Free maps for 11-year-olds initiative.

m-spatial® and Yeoman Group plc signed OS MasterMap Licensed Partner agreements to deliver location-based services for three of the major mobile phone operators.

Nearly 4 million paper maps were printed on our state-of-the-art presses.

Representatives from nearly 100 Licensed Partner organisations – including GI consultancies, software companies, systems integrators and publishers – attended our Partner conference, which focused on how to further develop the GI market.

1.5 million changes were made to our geographic database, an average of around 5 000 a day.

We were officially accredited as a fair trader in government information by Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO), the body responsible for Crown copyright.

Explorer maps were added to our OS Select™ online site-centred mapping service, giving customers more choice than ever before in the coverage, ordering and delivery of our maps.

HRH The Earl of Wessex visited our head office and revised a map of his home area of Bagshot, Surrey.

The Department for Transport decided to use a wide range of Ordnance Survey datasets – including the ITN Layer of OS MasterMap – to underpin its forthcoming Transport Direct™ online travel service.

Almost 40 consultants from partner organisations attended the new Ordnance Survey Accredited Data Consultants programme.

Ordnance Survey provided data for the first release of EuroGlobalMap, which comprises data supplied by 25 mapping and cadastral agencies across Europe.