

Our Directors

Vanessa V Lawrence
Director General
and Chief Executive



Vanessa joined Ordnance Survey in 2000, moving from a global management post in strategic marketing and communications at software company Autodesk®. She has extensive experience in both GI systems and publishing. Before joining Ordnance Survey she chaired the Association for Geographic Information and is currently a Non-Executive Director of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Vanessa is a Member of the Council of the Royal Geographical Society and of the University of Southampton® and is a government e-champion.

Neil Ackroyd
Director of
Data Collection
and Management



Neil leads the organisation's data collection and management staff in gathering information from across Great Britain to maintain and update our digital mapping database. Prior to joining Ordnance Survey in 2001, Neil was the European Technical Manager for LBS company Trimble®. He had a primary role in the adoption of global positioning system (GPS) technology across both the public and private sectors.

James Brayshaw
Director of
Sales and Market
Development



James is responsible for the sales and marketing of digital data and paper mapping. James has extensive experience in the geographical and computer-aided design (CAD) markets. He was previously Director of Sales at Bidcom Ltd, an e-business solutions provider to the construction, engineering and property markets. He is a chartered civil engineer and an active member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Steve Erskine
Director of
Programmes
and Products



Steve manages the product life cycle and delivery of Ordnance Survey's digital data and paper mapping. He has held senior management posts in map production, IT and database development, and technical strategy and investment.

Jan Hutchinson
Director of
Human Resources
and Corporate
Services



Jan is responsible for a range of services, including human resources, estate services and internal communications. Before joining Ordnance Survey in 2002, Jan held a number of senior posts at Centrica® plc, the most recent of which was Customer Services Director with Goldfish® – Centrica's banking business.

Alastair Matthews
Finance Director



Alastair joined Ordnance Survey in July 2003 and is responsible for managing the national mapping agency's finances.

He was previously Vice President of Finance and Administration for CSC's operations in the UK, Holland and Ireland. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Alastair initially trained and worked in public practice with Price Waterhouse®.

Ed Parsons
Chief Technology Officer



Ed is responsible for all IT operations at Ordnance Survey, including the development and implementation of an IT strategy to underpin all business activities. Ed also leads Ordnance Survey's Research and Innovation Group, charged with exploring and developing Ordnance Survey's long-term future. He has worked in the GI and LBS industry throughout his career.

Duncan Shiell
Director of Strategy



Duncan has been closely involved in the process of change and risk management at Ordnance Survey for several years. He helped develop and implement the business case for becoming a Trading Fund, and more recently led Ordnance Survey's input to the Quinquennial Review.

Non-Executive Directors

Ordnance Survey's four Non-Executive Directors are appointed by the Secretary of State to sit on the Strategy Board.

Judith Anthony

Judith Anthony is Director of An Ju Ltd, providing consultancy on planning and development issues, business development and tourism strategy. Her early career was in planning with various authorities in and around London. She was previously Chief Executive of the Thames Valley Economic Partnership.

Sir Michael Bett CBE

Sir Michael Bett CBE has had a distinguished career in both the public and private sectors, including positions as Deputy Chairman of BT® and Personnel Director of both the BBC® and GEC® Group. He is currently Chairman of Pace® Micro Technology plc and of Compel® Group plc.

Michael Sommers

Michael is a Non-Executive Director of the Department for Works and Pensions and Chief Executive Officer of the Long Term Loyalty Company. His career includes marketing directorship roles for Woolworths® plc and TSB® Bank, and managing directorships at Entertainment UK and MGM® Cinemas.

Piers White

Piers White is the Chief Executive Officer of Insinger de Beaufort®. His previous positions include Managing Director of Fleming Premier Banking® in the Abbey National® group, Director of the Save & Prosper® Group Ltd and Service Director with Barclays® Bank.