

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