

Ordnance Survey Announces Availability of Free Digital Mapping

On 1st April 2010, Ordnance Survey (GB) announced the immediate availability of a range of FREE digital mapping products under the title of OS OpenData™. This has followed recent reviews and the public consultation process held by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG). The new online service allows users to view, develop, download and order selected Ordnance Survey mapping datasets with no restrictions on re-use.

There are 11 products now available to download or order on DVD directly from the Ordnance Survey website: <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/opendata/>
Here you will find a Map Viewer, technical help and supply options.

The following Ordnance Survey mapping datasets have been made available:

OS Street View®	Code-Point® Open
Meridian™ 2	Strategi®
Boundary-Line™	Land-Form PANORAMA®
1:50 000 Scale Gazetteer	1:250 000 Scale Colour Raster
Miniscale®	OS Locator™
OS VectorMap District (May 2010)	

Please note that this is not the full range of Ordnance Survey digital data products and the other mid to large scale products are still available to licence at the same costs as before 1st April.

As Ordnance Survey Licensed Partners and Accredited Data Consultants, CDR is committed to the support of our customers who wish to utilise geographic data. Our next Open Day on May 7th will be explaining in depth and demonstrating the free Ordnance Survey data and how to incorporate it within the MapInfo software environment.

We shall also be contacting all of our clients who currently hold a contract in regards to any of these OS OpenData products, you will also be receiving written confirmation of how this launch affects your contract.

Should you have any questions regarding OS OpenData, you can contact Ordnance Survey directly or visit their website at the link above.

If you can't find the answer you are looking for, contact our team via [email](#) or telephone **01433 621282** (lines open Monday – Friday: 9.00am to 5.00pm).