

# QUICK START GUIDE

## THIS GUIDE RELATES TO THE FOLLOWING STYLESHEETS:

**PRODUCT: OS VECTORMAP<sup>®</sup> DISTRICT**

**DATA FORMAT: GML OR SHP**

**STYLESHEET FORMAT: QGIS STYLESHEETS (QML)**

The stylesheets have been designed to work with the data as supplied.

1 Either fork the stylesheets on [GitHub](#) or [download](#) them and navigate to the directory that matches your data format, stylesheet format and style preference.

2 Copy the font file OS\_VMDistrict.otf into your systems font directory (on Windows machines this is C:\Windows\Fonts). Replace any previous version.

Your machine may require a restart to recognise the new font.

3 Open a new, blank map in QGIS.

4 Navigate to Project > Properties... in the top left of the window, and under the 'General' tab change the Background colour to R 250 B 249 G 247.

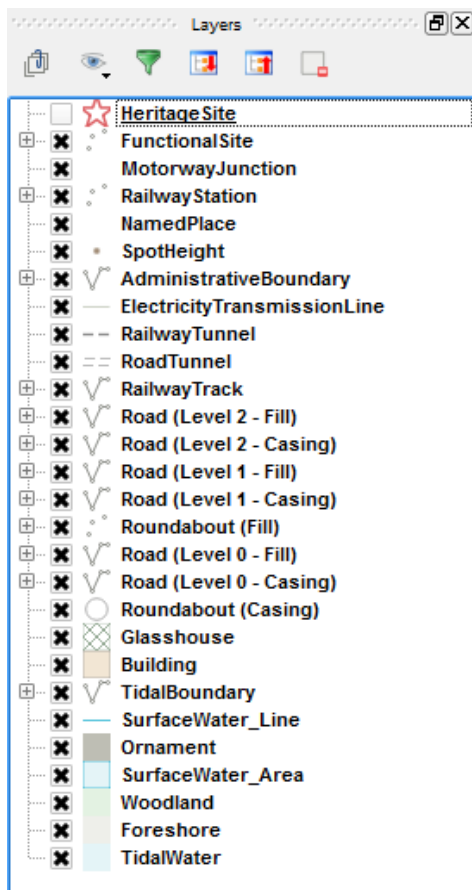
5 Click on the 'Add Vector Layer' button and navigate to the stylesheets folder and the directory that matches your data format, stylesheet format and style preference.

6 Select each of the required layers and click 'OK'.

7 Double-click on a layer to access the 'Layer Properties' window > click on 'Load Style...' > navigate to the directory containing the QML files (those ending .qml) > select the QML file that corresponds to that layer > click 'Open' > click 'OK'.

Repeat step 7 for all layers.

8 Although every feature is styled, for use as a contextual map our recommended layer order is shown overleaf. Layers can be dragged to reorder them accordingly.



We recommend viewing the map between 1:10 000 and 1:25 000 for maximum legibility.

Your map should now look similar to this:



## Compatibility notes

Our QML files are created in QGIS 2.8.1 and we believe are compatible with any QGIS v2.x.

## Additional information

‘Hidden’ features can be activated either through the checkbox or by changing their opacity from 0 to 100%.

[More information about how to download, apply and edit our stylesheets including a Stylesheet user guide](#)

[More information about OS VectorMap District](#)

[More information about cartographic design at Ordnance Survey](#)

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