

# Quick start guide

This guide relates to the following stylesheets:

**Product: OS VectorMap® District**

**Data format: ESRI Shapefile or GML**

**Stylesheet format: QGIS stylesheets (QML)**

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

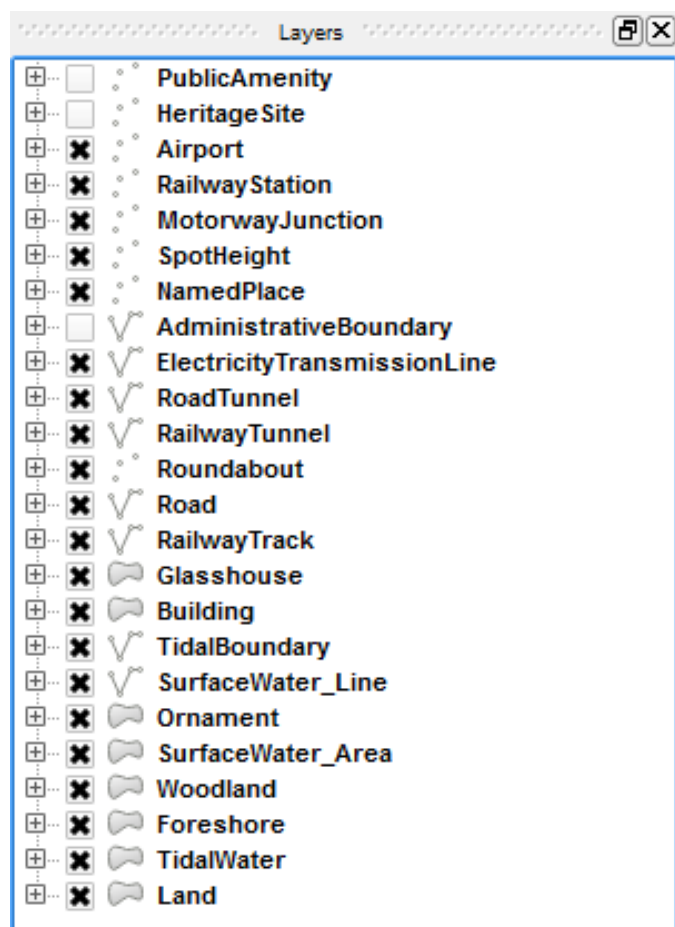
- 1** Either fork the stylesheets on [GitHub](#) or [download](#) them and navigate to the directory that matches your data format, stylesheet format and style preference.
- 2** Copy the font file 'OS\_VMDistrict.otf' into your systems font directory (on Windows machines this is (C:\Windows\Fonts)).

*Your machine may require a restart for QGIS to recognise this new font.*

- 3** Load your OS VectorMap District data into QGIS.
- 4** 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'.

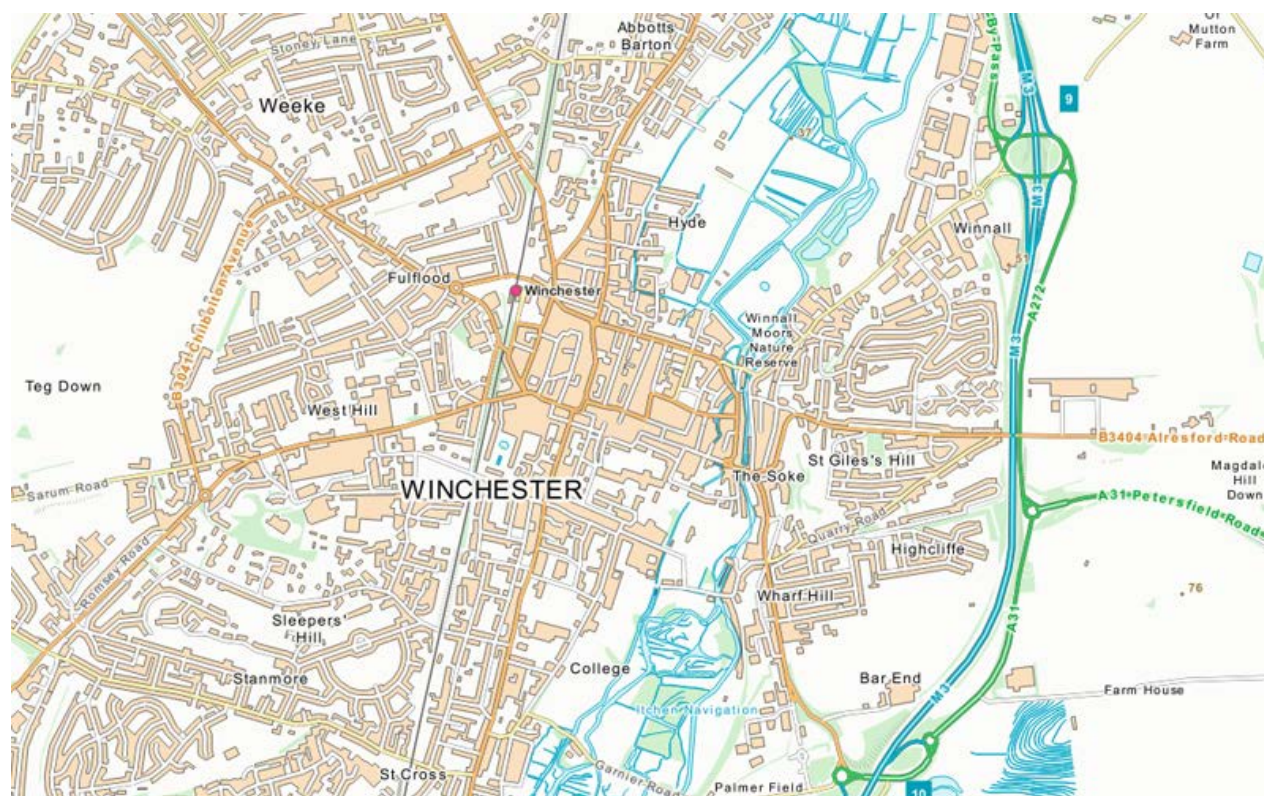
*Repeat step 4 for all layers.*

5 Although every feature is styled, for use as a contextual map we recommend the following layer order and visibility:



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

Your map should now look similar to this:



## Additional information

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

[More information about OS VectorMap District](#)

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