

# QUICK START GUIDE

## THIS GUIDE RELATES TO THE FOLLOWING STYLESHEETS:

**PRODUCT: OS VECTORMAP® DISTRICT**

**DATA FORMAT: SHP**

**STYLESHEET FORMAT: ESRI LAYER FILES (LYR)**

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 ArcMap.

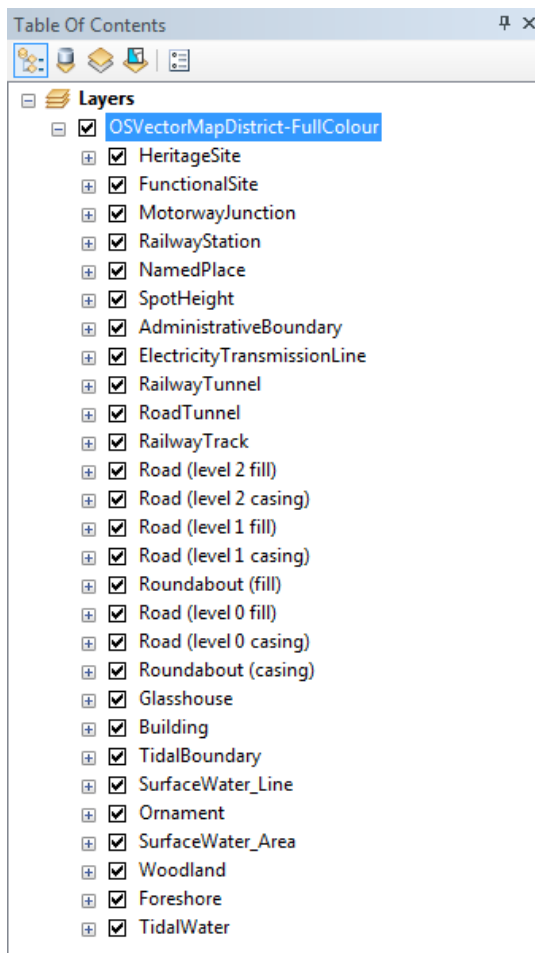
4 Right-click on 'Layers' at the top of the Table Of Contents, select Properties... > then General > set Reference Scale to 1:25 000 and set the Label Engine to 'Maplex Label Engine'.

5 In the same window select the Frame tab and change the Background colour to R 252 G 252 B 250, and under the Coordinate System tab > choose British National Grid. You may need to reposition to the data extent.

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

7 Select the layer file and click 'Add'

8 Your Table of Contents should now look like below. This is the recommended layer order.



9 Double-click on a layer to access the 'Layer Properties' window > select the 'Source tab' > click on 'Set Data Source...' > navigate to your OS VectorMap District data > select the data that matches the layer for example, HeritageSite = XX\_HeritageSite.shp (XX being the tile name) > select 'Add':

Repeat step 9 for all layers.

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 Layer Files are compatible with versions of ESRI ArcGIS back to version 9.3 (released in 2008).

## Additional information

Spatial indexing of the data in ArcGIS will significantly improve performance (draw speed).

'Hidden' features can be activated through the relevant checkbox or by unchecking 'Color is Null' in the Color Selector dialogue.

[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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