

# QUICK START GUIDE

## THIS GUIDE RELATES TO THE FOLLOWING STYLESHEETS:

**PRODUCT: MERIDIAN™ 2**

**DATA FORMAT: ESRI SHAPEFILE (SHP)**

**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 all the QML stylesheets (those files ending .qml) into the same directory as your Meridian 2 ESRI Shapefile data.
- 3 Load your Meridian 2 data into QGIS and it should appear pre-styled.

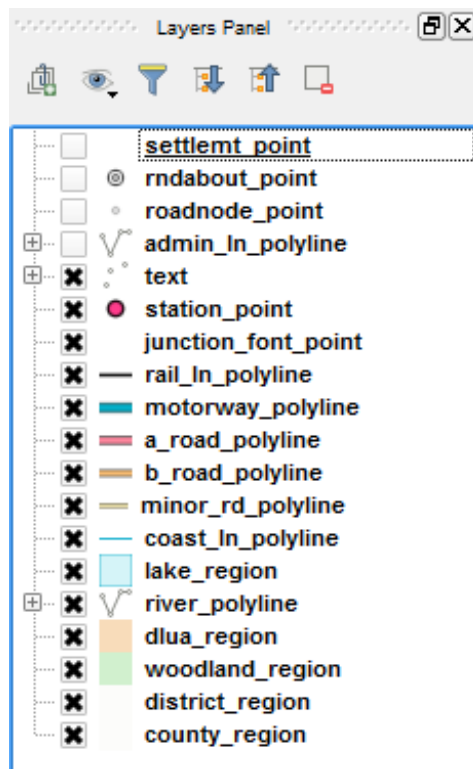
Alternatively, you can load each style individually through the 'Layer Properties' window within QGIS:

- 3b 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 3b for all layers.

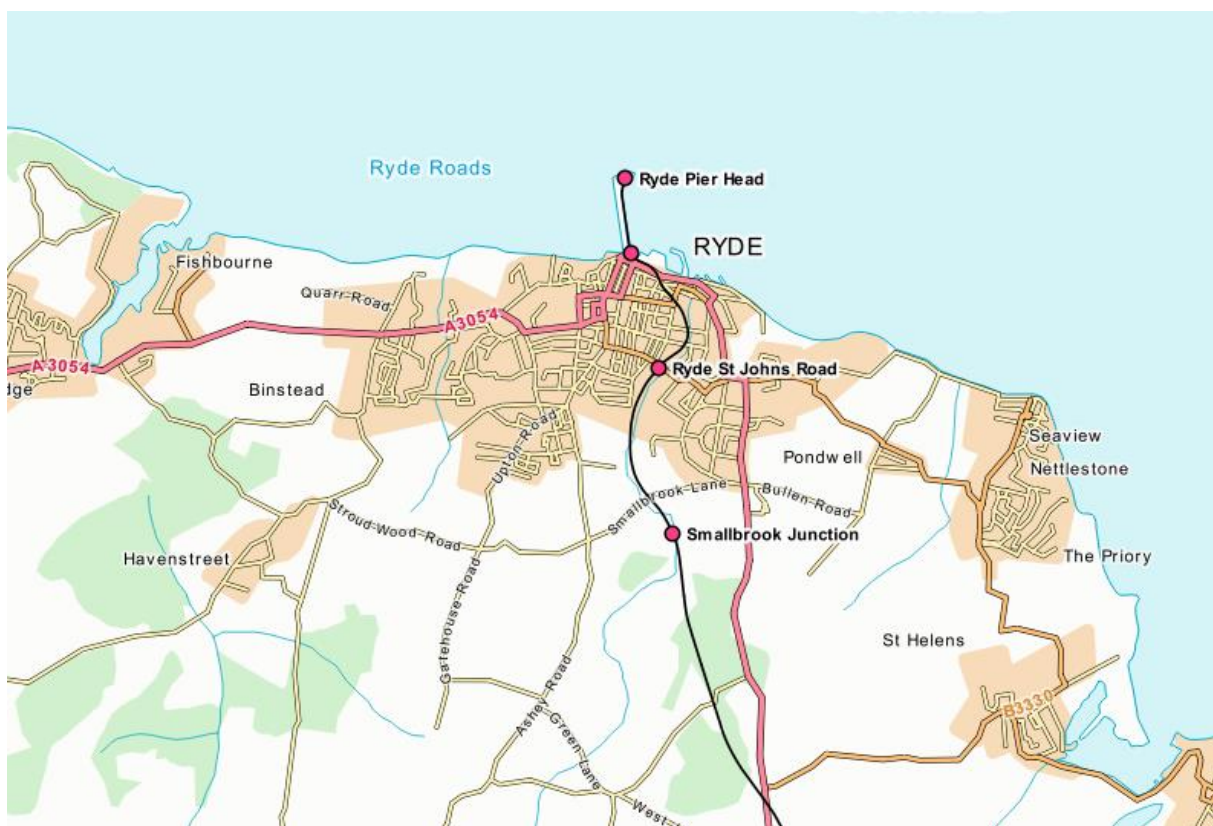
- 4 To add a sea tint, navigate to 'Project' > 'Project Properties...' and change the background colour to R213 G244 B248.

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 1:20000 and 1:75000 for maximum legibility.

Your map should now look similar to this:



## Compatibility notes

We strive to ensure our QML files are compatible with the latest long-term release of QGIS.

## Additional information

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

[More information about Meridian2](#)

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

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