



A GUIDE TO USING THE DRILL HALL LIBRARY MAP COLLECTION

Maps are kept in the three large map cabinets and adjacent shelves of the Drill Hall Library. Maps can be borrowed as long as they are not designated for reference only. The cabinet labelled Teaching Collection contains multiple copies of maps for teaching purposes only and are not normally available for loan to students.

We have large collections of both UK Topographic and Stratigraphic (Geological) maps on open access. Each map has its own unique sheet number. You should consult the large Mapping Index wallcharts to find the area you need. Many folded maps have a mapping index on their reverse.

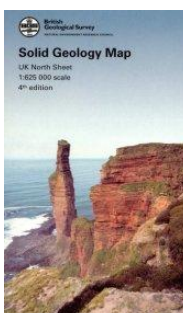


Landranger series – these Ordnance Survey topographic maps are scale 1:50 000 (1¼ inches to 1 mile).
Folded copies are on the shelves and flat map versions are in drawers 5-10
The newest folded editions have colour photographs on the cover.



Explorer series – these Ordnance Survey topographic maps are scale 1:25 000 (2½ inches to 1 mile).
We only have folded copies for Gravesend & Rochester but flat versions for other areas are in drawer 11.

Other UK topographic maps are available as earlier editions such as Pathfinder, Outdoor Leisure etc. Ask the Map Librarian for details.



Geological maps from the British Geological Survey are available in scale 1:50 000 either folded or flat. Map cabinet drawers 17-27 for England & Wales, 28-32 for Scotland. We have a collection of 1:25 000 UK geological maps filed A-Z by map name in drawers 33-34. Some 1 inch to 1 mile maps are interfiled with the main collection.

Oceanographic maps – these are housed in map cabinet drawer 1 along with seabed maps

Hydrology, land use and soil maps – a small collection relating to local areas can be found in map cabinet drawers 35-37

Italy, Spain, Cyprus – these countries have been regular destinations for field trips and maps can be found in cabinet drawers 38-39

Overseas Maps – we have one of the most extensive collections of overseas maps (mostly topographic) in the UK. Lack of space in the Drill Hall means that we have to store these maps in our Dockyard Store. There are guides to our holdings for each country kept in ring binders on the shelves just behind the map cabinet labelled Teaching Collection

Maps requested from the Dockyard Store will normally take at least 2 days to be brought over and in some cases may not be loanable

Atlases – a small collection of atlases are kept on the shelves in the map area but we have many more specialised atlases in the Dockyard Store. These are listed on the Drill Hall Library Catalogue

Websites – the following have plenty of useful information regarding UK mapping.



Ordnance Survey at www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk



British Geological Survey at www.bgs.ac.uk

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