

What information is available on Know Your Place?

Maps

Know Your Place provides access to a variety of historic maps that cover the administrative area of the City of Bristol. The majority of the maps have been scanned from original archives held at Bristol Record Office (BRO). Because these are scans taken from the original archives you will see damage to the maps in some places including tears and stains and even some areas where people have tried to repair the map. You will also notice variations in the colour of the maps because they have been digitally stitched together from individual sheets. We hope this adds to the historic character of the website and doesn't detract from your enjoyment in browsing these maps.

The scanned images have been overlain on Modern Ordnance Survey Mastermap digital mapping. In many cases the historic maps do not overlay exactly because of the way in which the original surveys were undertaken It is a tribute to the nineteenth century surveyors that their maps can be fitted with modern mapping at all.

It is also interesting to note the variety in the maps particularly the tithe maps which were surveyed by different surveyors with slightly different mapping conventions, the most extreme of which is the Brislington Tithe Map which was drawn with south towards the top of the map.

Historic maps currently available on Know Your Place include:

Plans by George Ashmead of the central area of Bristol dating to 1828, 1854 and 1874. The 1828 plan was started by John Plumley and finished by Ashmead who was the city surveyor.

The 1854 plans comprise of over 100 sheets surveyed at a scale of approximately 1:600. The original sheet covering part of the central area (now covered in sticky tape) was lost many years ago and was replaced by a tracing of the 1874 sheet.

The 1874 plans are revisions of the 1854 sheets, although they were then updated at various times afterwards and therefore do not necessarily represent the 1874 city. Consequently you will see buildings marked on the plans that were not constructed until the 1880s. The spot heights on these plans were also added later and should not be regarded as reliable, for example the zero datum is 50 feet below the Bench Mark on the Old Council House in Corn Street. (Many thanks to John Bryant at Bristol and Region Archaeological Services for the information about the Ashmead plans).

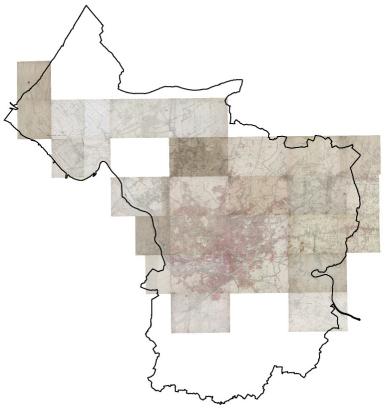
Parish Tithe maps dating to the mid nineteenth century covering the whole of Bristol with the exception of the central area which wasn't subject to tithes, Whitchurch and Bower Ashton (these Tithe maps are held at Taunton Record Office).



Coverage of the Tithe Maps layer.

Parish	Date	Surveyor	BRO ref.
Bedminster	1841	Y & JP Sturge	EP/A/32/7
Brislington	1846	JP Sturge & Sons	EP/A/32/9
Clifton	1844	Unknown	EP/A/32/12
Henbury	1840	JP Sturge & J Marmont	EP/A/32/22
Horfield	1843	JM Tucker	EP/A/32/23
St George	1842	D Horwood	EP/A/32/32
Shirehampton	1841	JP Sturge	EP/A/32/34
St Philip & St Jacob	1847	N Townsend	EP/A/32/10
Stapleton	1839	D Horwood	EP/A/32/35
Westbury on Trym	1841	Y & JP Sturge	EP/A/32/41

Ordnance Survey 1st and 2nd edition maps (Epoch 1) originally surveyed at a scale of 1:2500 in 1881-3 and 1902-3.



Coverage of 1st edition OS plans



Coverage of 2nd edition OS plans

Additional mapping will be added to Know Your Place as it becomes available. This will include:

- Ashmead's 1874 plan of central Bristol
- Later pre war OS mapping
- The apportionment data from the Tithe Maps

Historic Images

At present Know Your Place provides access to about 600 images from the Braikenridge Collection held at the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. These images can be viewed by clicking marked points on the map. This collection of images collected by George Braikenridge were created by a variety of artists and depict the streets and buildings in the City in the 1820s. For this reason it is best to view this collection in association with the 1828 Ashmead plan where possible. There is a small collection of images in the area of Brislington where George Braikenridge lived at Broomwell House on Wick Road.

The Bristol Historic Environment Record (HER)

In addition to the historic archives Know Your Place also provides access to some of the data in the HER. This includes records of:

- Listed Buildings
- Conservation Areas
- Scheduled Monuments
- Historic Parks and Gardens
- Other historic and archaeological monuments
- Information added by members of the public

Like the Braikenridge Collection this information can be viewed by clicking the relevant areas or points on the map.