Finding the OSI Map You Need

6-Inch & 25-Inch Maps (The County Series) OS maps at scales of 6-Inch and 25-Inch have index sheets covering each country, with a reference grid imposed on top, giving the relevant sheet numbers. Once you have checked the index sheet please note that -

• To identify a 6-Inch map for a particular area it is necessary to specify both the county and the number of the relevant sheet within that county.

• For 25-Inch maps it is necessary to specify the county, the sheet number (Roman numerals) and the sub-sheet number (1-16). The sheet number in roman numerals relates to the corresponding 6” map and the sub-sheet number identifies its location within that 6” map.

50-Inch Maps

• 50-Inch maps also use the index sheets for the 25-Inch maps, and as they were a subdivision of the 25-Inch map each sheet is further divided in 4 quarters – A,B,C, & D to identify its location within that 25-Inch map.

1-Inch, ½-Inch and ¼-Inch Maps

• Indexes for 1-Inch, ½-Inch and ¼-Inch maps were included in the Ordnance Survey’s own Publications Catalogues (no detailed index sheets exist).

5 Foot and 10 Foot Town Plans

• There are also index sheets for 5-Foot and 10-Foot town plans where the plans cover more than one sheet.

6 Inch maps and subsequent 6 Inch Revisions

The General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland (published 1861), simply known as The Townlands Index, is a key reference source for identifying locations on 6-Inch OS maps and revisions. It lists every town, townland and island from the 1851 census together with the sheet number(s) where they appear on the 6-Inch Ordnance Survey maps. To find the relevant map it is necessary to specify both the County and Sheet Number(s). The Townlands Index covers the 1st edition of 6-Inch OS maps and is also a useful finding aid for subsequent editions of 6-Inch maps.