

## Getting started on the Project 2026 Website

[www.bhsaccess.org.uk/project2026](http://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/project2026)

The Project 2026 website is a county-by-county based online resource to help volunteers research applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs). The site has been designed and developed by Adrian Biggs, RABO South West.

### Site Overview

The primary aim of the site is to enable volunteers to gather and share evidence about routes of interest with others. It is organised on a county basis as this broadly reflects the management of public rights of way, the storage of documentary evidence in county records offices / archives and also the BHS volunteer structure.

The site has a wide range of functions, the main ones of which are briefly described below, but at its simplest it should help volunteers identify routes for research and prevent duplication with other individuals and groups engaged in similar projects.

Whilst it is a BHS badged system, it is open to volunteers from any organisation or none to view and contribute to. The BHS is working closely with the Ramblers and Open Spaces Society amongst others, and it is our intention to ensure the widespread sharing of information and resources.



The main interface of the site is a zoom-able map (including OS 1:25,000 mapping using Bing Maps) of each county or highway authority (county council or unitary authority) area onto which users can plot routes to research. Each plotted route has an associated research record which helps researchers collect and record evidence (including photos of documents, maps, etc.) in a systematic way.

The Research Record now enables the production of a fully editable Summary of Evidence which can be used as part of the formal DMMO application. It can also generate a set of DMMO application forms populated with details of the application taken from the Research Record, again editable to cover all eventualities.

It is recognised that people work in different ways and recording research and generating application documents

using the site may not suit everyone. However, **as a minimum the BHS would strongly encourage everyone to plot the routes they are researching on the site as this is the best way to avoid duplication, thus ensuring time and other resources are used most efficiently, and to update the research record if and when a DMMO application is submitted for a route.**

## Registration and access to the site

The site is specifically designed to be accessible to everyone to encourage the sharing of information and evidence amongst fellow researchers. You don't need a personal password to view data on Project 2026 but you do need a PIN to add paths or save research records you have edited. You will be prompted when you need to enter a PIN. As all data added to the site is viewable by others, you are advised not to post personal details such as name, email address, phone number etc.

The first page you see on visiting [www.bhsaccess.org.uk/project2026](http://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/project2026) is an introduction and list of regions.

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Please choose your region either by clicking on a link below or on the links to the right.

**Welcome to PROJECT 2026**

It is planned to establish a Project 2026 for every county in England and Wales. The county projects will be established according to demand.

If your county is not listed please email [access@bhs.org.uk](mailto:access@bhs.org.uk) expressing your interest and to find out more.

If your county is listed please click on the link to go to the project.

If you are new to Project 2026, try uploading routes and editing research records on the Demo maps to see how it works. Scroll down to Demonstration Projects.

**Project 2026**

Project 2026 is organised by Regions.

Please choose your region either by clicking on a link below or on the map to the left.

- East
- East Midlands
- Greater London
- North East
- North West
- South East
- South West
- Wales
- West Midlands

OR View ALL Projects

Either select a region or “View ALL Projects” and a list of county projects will appear. Next to each county or highway authority area are two numbers, the first is the number of paths that have been plotted on the site and the number in brackets is how many of those have been marked on the research record as having a formal DMMO application made in respect of it.

Select the county in which you are interested by clicking on the red county name.

Select  
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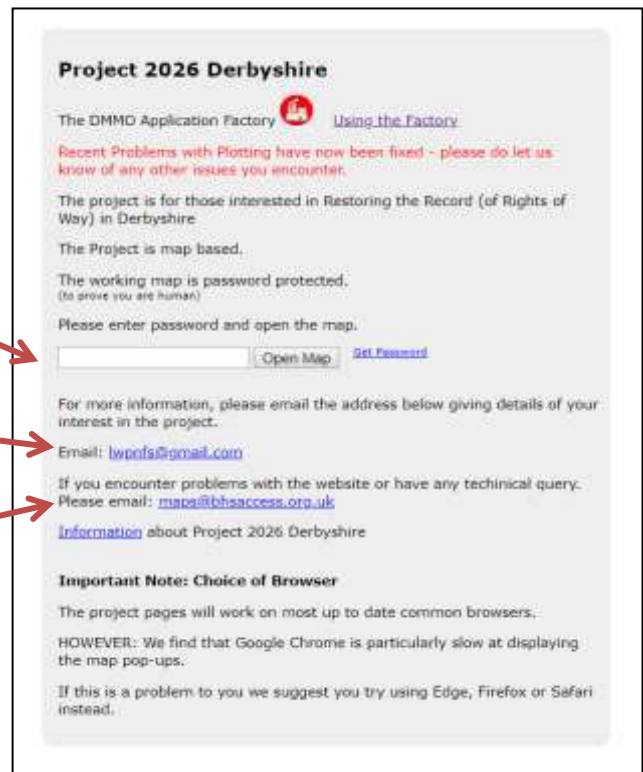
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Password is “2026”  
and the Get  
Password prompt  
will remind you.

An email address is given for  
the administrator for the  
specific county site and also  
for any technical problems.

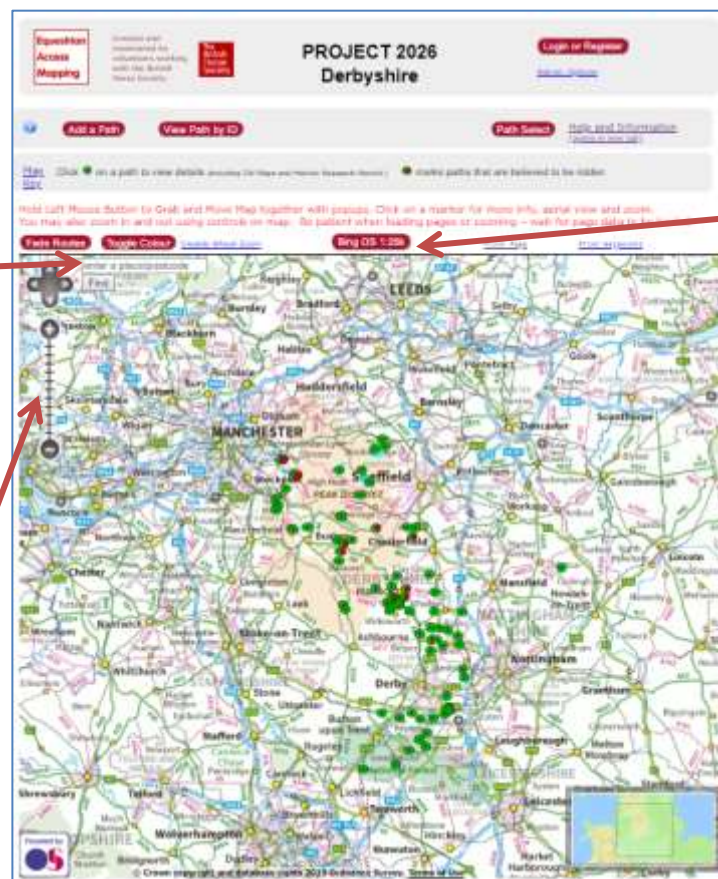


Once you have entered “2026” and clicked “Open Map” , the Map Window should open as below:

Use the Search bar to find  
a particular location. You  
can search by name or by  
postcode.

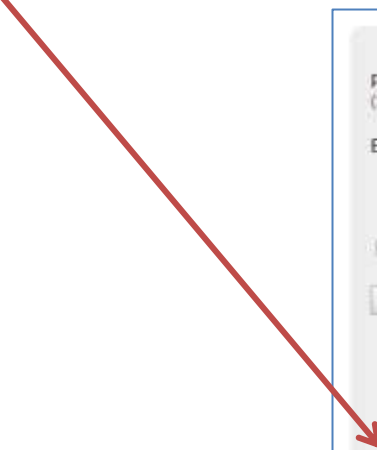
Be sure you are  
viewing the correct  
highway authority  
area!

Use the Scale Bar  
to zoom in or out  
of the map



Selecting “Bing OS 1:25K”  
enables viewing of OS  
1:25,000 mapping when  
zoomed in to the right  
scale

When you try and add a path or save a research record that you have edited for the first time you will be prompted to enter your email address and PIN or to obtain one.



Please give your Email and PIN  
(If you are registered for Dobbin you may now use your Dobbin Username/Email/ID and Password to login.)


Email Address or Username:

PIN or Password:

☒ Stay Logged In (will save you having to enter your email and pin another time)

A PIN is necessary to prevent misuse of these pages

The form below opens. Complete the form, select “Submit” and the PIN normally arrives in your email account within 5 minutes or so. It may go to your junk folder so do check there if you have not received it within a few minutes. The PIN then works on all 2026 sites and also on other Dobbin functions such as Map my Hack.



**Project 2026 - Register for PIN - eastmidlands/2026Derbyshire**

Your Name:

Your Address:

(Will save you time if you are preparing several DMMO Applications)

Email:

☐ I am happy to receive the occasional email from the BHS re the 2026 Project

☐ I am also happy to receive messages from other volunteers regarding paths I have updated.  
Your contact details are never disclosed.

You can amend your details and preferences at any time.

Please Tick as many that maybe applicable to your interest in the project:

Rider	Carriage Driver	Cyclist	Walker	Landowner
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In which area do you generally ride, walk or cycle?

Your Postcode

Are you a member of the British Horse Society?

(You do not need to be a BHS member to help the 2026 Project  
All your details remain confidential and are not displayed.

[Cancel](#)

Your PIN will be automatically emailed to you.

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## Demonstration Projects

The key features of the site are illustrated and explained below. However, if you want to experiment with these without worrying about damaging existing data (hard but not impossible to do!) then you may choose to use one of the Demonstration Projects listed at the bottom of the County sites (when you use the “View ALL Projects” option). These function in exactly the same way that the main county sites do except the data is not permanently saved so is a good place to practise and build your confidence.

Wiltshire:	21 paths	(0 submitted)
West Midlands:		
Herefordshire	36 paths	(2 submitted)
Shropshire	34 paths	(8 submitted)
Staffordshire	25 paths	(4 submitted)
Warwickshire	0 paths	(0 submitted)
Worcestershire	1 paths	(0 submitted)
Wales:		
Anglesey	0 paths	(0 submitted)
Bridgend	0 paths	(0 submitted)
Ceredigion	0 paths	(0 submitted)
Conwy	6 paths	(0 submitted)
Denbighshire	0 paths	(0 submitted)
Powys	16 paths	(0 submitted)
Rhondda	0 paths	(0 submitted)

**Demonstration Projects:**

You may practise uploading routes and editing research records on these project maps. All information on these sites will ultimately be discarded.

Eastern Region: DemoE  
East Midlands: DemoEM  
Greater London:  
North East Region: DemoNE  
North West Region: DemoNW  
South East Region: DemoSE  
South West Region: Demo DemoSW  
West Midlands: DemoWM

## Adding a path

To plot a new path select “Add a Path” from the options at the top of the main county map page.

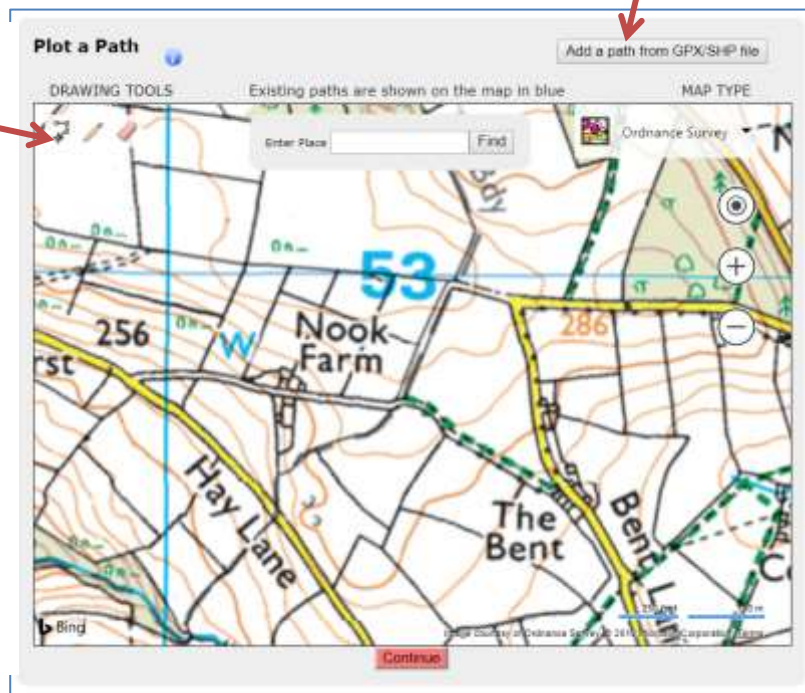
**Be sure you are adding any new path to its correct county /highway authority area. You cannot move a path to area after it has been added.**



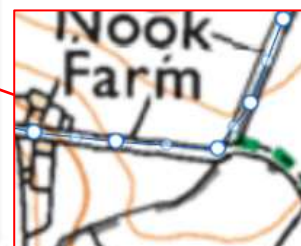
A map window will open. Use the search bar to move close to the location and drag the window to centre on the exact spot where you wish to plot the route.

It is possible to upload routes to the site from other programmes (e.g. GPX files) but much the easiest way is to plot your path directly onto the map.

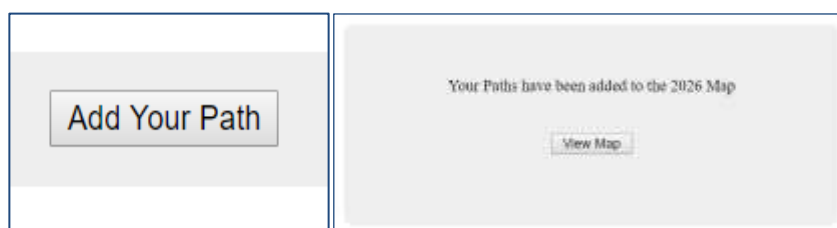
To **Plot a Path**, select the drawing tool in the top left of the map window. Click with your mouse at the start of the path you wish to plot and then click along the course of the path. Double click to complete the plotting of the route.



Once you have double clicked, the nodes you have plotted will appear as white circles. You can select and drag these circles to refine the alignment of the path.



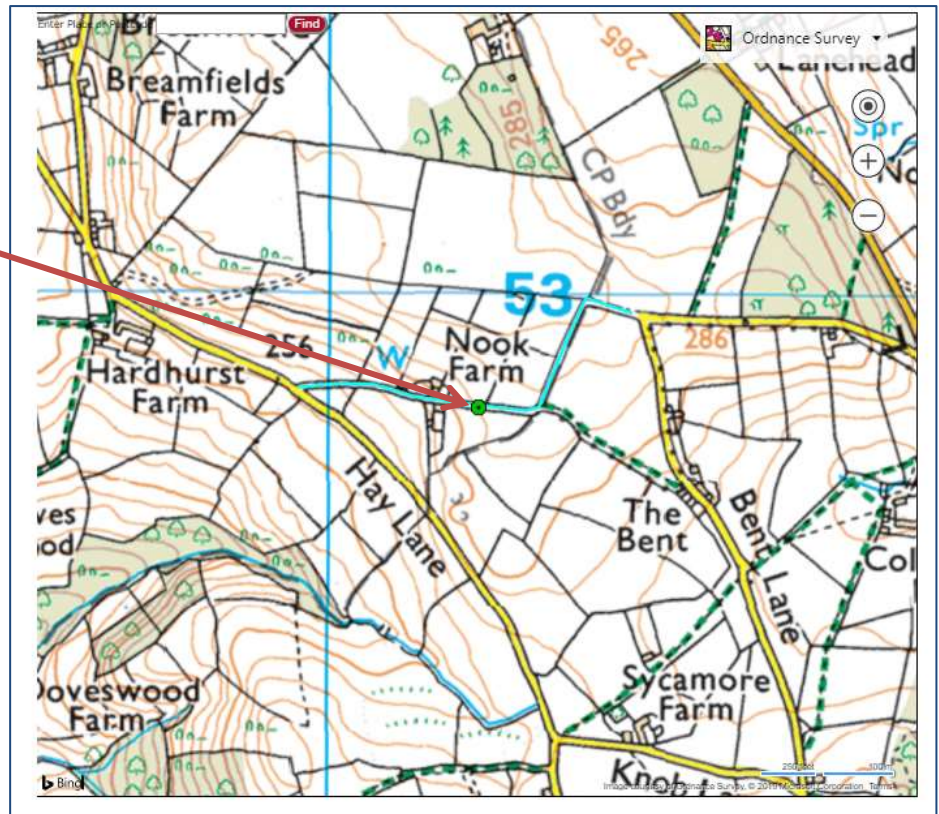
When you are happy with the route plotted, click “Continue” and then “Add Your Path” on the next window and “View Map” on the following one.



## The research record

Every path plotted on the map has an associated research record. This can be opened by clicking on the green or green/red node at the centre of the plotted route (or at one end if the plotted route is a straight line).

A menu box opens and select the "Research Record" button





DEM-0019


Path Ref: DEM-0019 Grid Ref: SK3021752838

[Research Record](#) [Aerial View](#)

Click link below to view this point on old maps courtesy of National Library of Scotland. Links to more maps are at the foot of Research Record page.

[OS One Inch 1885-1900](#)  
[OS Six Inch 1888-1913](#)  
[OS 25 inch 1892-1905](#)  
[Bartholomew Half Inch 1897-1907](#)  
[OS 1:25000 1937-61](#)

The Research Record is quite long and can appear daunting but the important thing to remember is that you do not need to complete every box, only the information you choose and is relevant. You can enter text in the various boxes and upload images wherever you see the little camera icon . A red icon  indicates that images have already been uploaded (a maximum of four images may be uploaded for any individual category). To view the images, just click on the icon.

There are Information buttons  in many places on the research record. Just hover your mouse over these to get more detail and help about how to complete the form.



**Research Record - Herefordshire**

Path ID: HER-0001 Current Record ID: 2019-09-22 10:11:28  
 Contact Us Previous Record

When you have saved any changes:  
[Return to Map](#) [Mark this Path](#) [Research Status: DMBAD Submitted](#)

See OS Map of this Path [Delete Record](#) [Download Research Data for this Path](#) [Download Pathlink for use in OS 2015 Application](#)

Path goes from: Marle Ridge (S00386353) to: The Wonder (S063383652)

Parish: Much Marcle Grid Ref: S063359 Map [Images](#) [Save Edit](#)

Before saving any changes - Please check on the map at bottom of this page that you are reporting on the correct path or path segment.  
 Please note that Route guide (\*) must not be entered in any text on this page. If they are they will be removed. You may use single quotes.

Description: The Wonder - route should follow line of white road

Is path Recorded on Definitive Map? No Recorded as Footpath? No  
 Is path Recorded on the list of Streets? No  
 Does the path exist on the ground? Yes Is path obstructed? Not yet known  
 Is there known usage on: (green tick) Foot Horse Cycle Carriage Motor

Notes:  
 Route is promoted but not legally recorded.  
 Route research by WS

Path Priority Reason for giving this Priority  
 (we will have to take careful judgement of where we spend our effort)

The first section of the form covers basic details about the path, its current status, usage and some general notes. The grid references of the ends of the plotted path are automatically generated.

The OLD MAP EVIDENCE section is the place to record evidence found from the main published Ordnance Survey maps, Bartholomew's Maps and Old County Maps that may be relevant to your area. You will also notice links (📄) to the National Library of Scotland website and its collection of online maps – see below for further detail.

**OLD MAP EVIDENCE:** [Hide Detail](#) [Important Guidance](#) [Download Photos](#) [Images Help](#)

When items have been checked please note in box what you find.

OS One Inch	1898 Clearly shown as a Second Class Metalled road apart from SW link to Hooper's Oak which is shown as an unmetalled road.	<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
OS 25 Inch	[XLI.5 1888] Path is clearly shown as a road or lane, plot nos. [61,127,173]. Coloured sienna as other known public roads except for SW	<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
OS Six Inch		<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
OS25k 37-61		<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
Bartholomew	Consistently shown as Road except for SW link to Hoopers Oak	<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
Greenwood Map	Bryant's Map (1835) shows the route. The SW and SE links appear more prominent, perhaps as Good Cross and Driving Road and the remained as	<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>

**PRIMARY EVIDENCE:** [Hide Detail](#)

IR 1910	IR 129/3/479 shows path clearly excluded from adjoining hereditaments indicating public road.	<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
Tithe Map	The Woolhope Tithe Map 1844 (HARC ref. B168/3) shows the entire route coloured sienna and unnumbered - excluded from titheable assessment - in	<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
Inclosures		<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
OS Area Book		<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
Handover Map		<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>
List of Streets		<a href="#">Help</a> <a href="#">Images</a> <a href="#">Download</a>

The PRIMARY EVIDENCE section is for some of the most common and important types of evidence – 1910 Finance Act, Tithe, Inclosure, OS Area Books and the Council's Handover Records and List of Streets evidence. Remember that not all of these sources exist for every area – just record what you can find!




The final Evidence section is for any OTHER EVIDENCE. Some of these – Def Map Records and Land Ownership – you will probably want to check for every route where a claim is being considered but the others you may or may not choose to research. There is an “Any other evidence” box at the bottom for evidence not covered specifically elsewhere on the form.

Below the Evidence sections is an area headed DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER. This enables the researcher to indicate when they are actively preparing or have actually submitted a formal DMMO application to their local Council. There is a tick-box marked “DMMO Appl. submitted.” – until this box is ticked it is possible for any registered user to edit and add evidence to a research record but ticking the box has the effect of locking the research record so that only the applicant and the site manager can make further changes. It also turns the plotted line red on the map so it is easy to see if a route has already had an application made for it.

There are two important links at the top of this section which enable the automatic generation of a Summary of Evidence document and prepopulated Application forms which are covered in more detail below. There are also many other aspects of the Research Record which you will find as you use it – remember there are lots of Information buttons throughout to help you make the most of the resource.

## Links to the National Library of Scotland (NLS) Online Map Collection

Within the OLD MAP EVIDENCE section, wherever you see the NLS logo -  - that means there is a link direct to the NLS online collection of that series of mapping for the area of your plotted path.

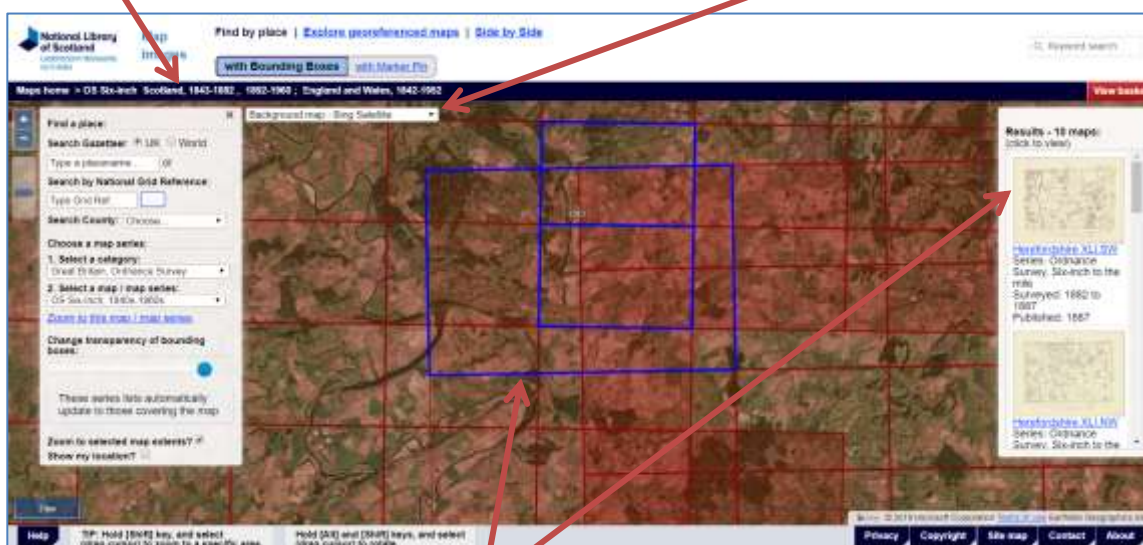
When you first click on the link it will open a general NLS help page. You will get bored of this after a while but you just need to close it (the “Don’t show this message again” button at the bottom doesn’t seem to work!).



A new window will appear showing an aerial photo of the general area with a grid overlaid on top of it.

Information about the series of mapping is shown here

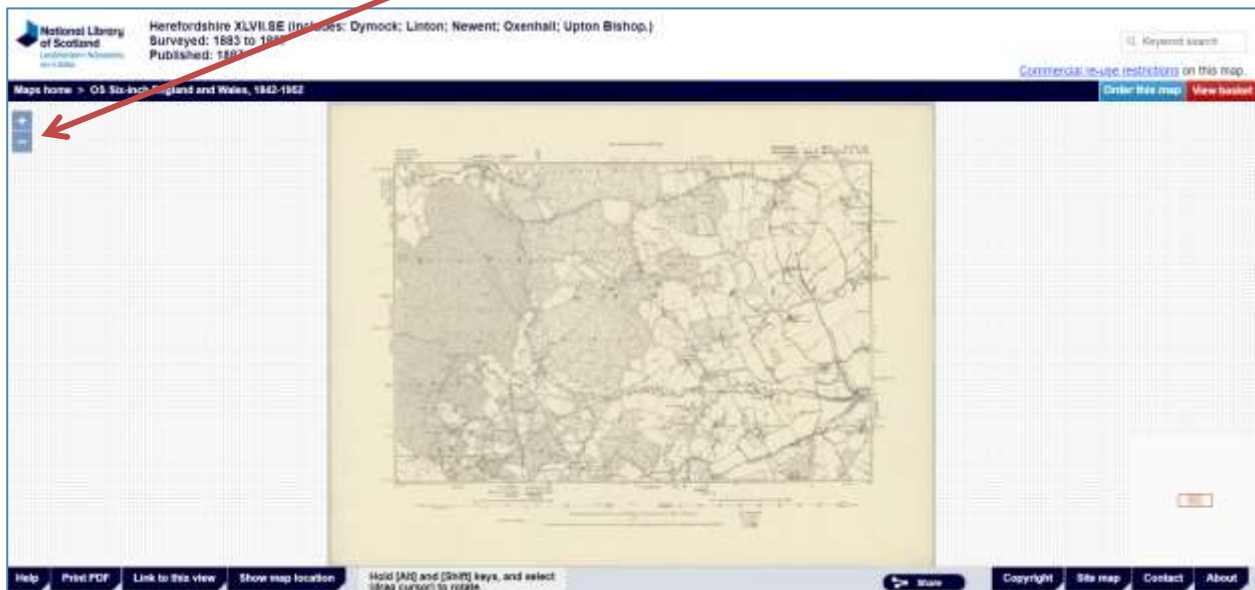
You can choose the background and change from the aerial photo to an OS map for instance if you find that easier to navigate.



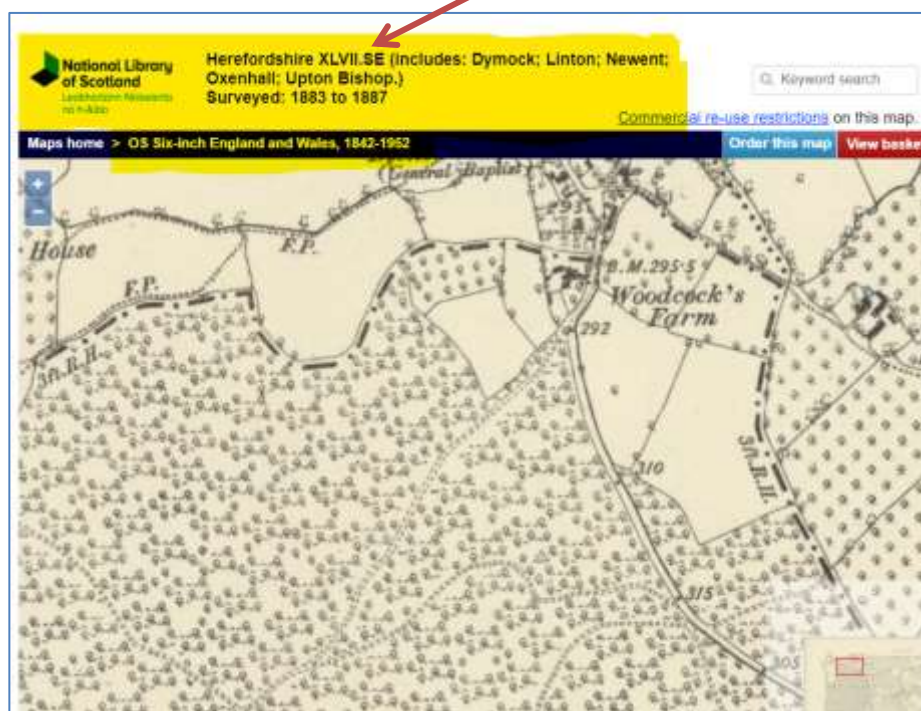
The Results box on the right hand side lists the maps within the series for the grid squares coloured blue. If you click on different grid squares, different maps may be shown in the results box. The NLS collection is not complete – it may list a map but indicate that it is not available online.

Select the map you wish to view from the Results box and after a Copyright notice is displayed you will be able to view your chosen map.

You can zoom in to see a high level of detail using the Zoom buttons



Once you have identified the detail that you require, you can take a screen-shot to produce an image you can upload to your research record. When you take a screen-shot, be sure to include the NLS title and map information to make identification of the document clear in the future.



There is the facility to save a PDF of the whole map but the definition is not great when you zoom in so you are better off zooming in on the NLS site and screen-shotting it.



## The Online Library

The Help and Information link at the top of the initial County Map page opens a menu with a link called “Online Library”.

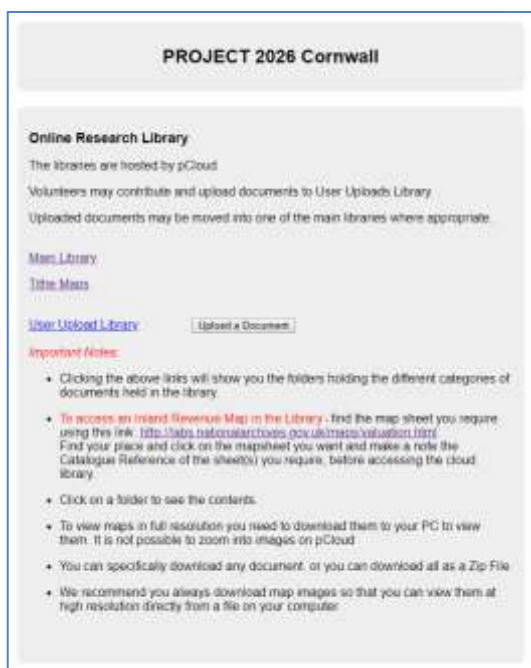


There is also a link to the Online library from the top of each Research Record.



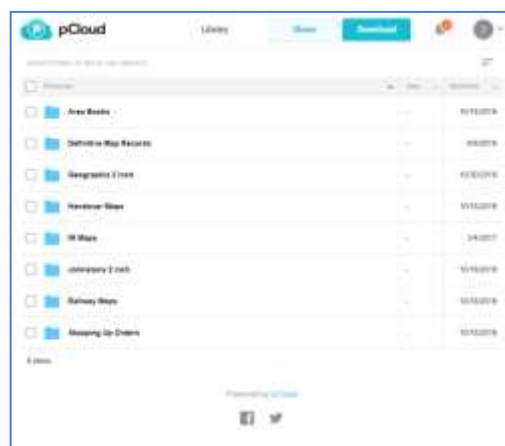
Online libraries allow evidence to be shared amongst all volunteers working on Project 2026 research using a Cloud-storage system (such as pCloud, Dropbox etc.). Where they have been set up, any user can view and download copies of documents that have been stored in the Library and some allow users to upload documents that they have obtained.

Once the Library Front Page is opened there may be options to view particular sets of evidence such as Tithe Maps or 1910 Finance Act Plans or just an option to see the Main Library.



The Main library is normally organised by the type of document. Some documents can be viewed easily within the library (PDFs are zoomable, photos are not) but all can be downloaded to be saved and used locally.

Please contact the Site Manager if you have any queries about the Online Library or setting one up if it hasn't been done. BHS County Committees and groups of researchers have often clubbed together to get digital copies of evidence, e.g. from the National Archive, which has then been uploaded onto a Library for all to use.



## Summary of Evidence and DMMO application forms - The DMMO Factory

The Project 2026 Site now has the capability to produce a fully editable document setting out all the evidence that has been entered on the Research Record, including any images that have been uploaded to the record, as well as a basic set of pre-populated application forms and notices. This enables researchers to use the site to gradually collect and record evidence over a period of time and then, when they consider they have sufficient, to generate all the application paperwork at the touch of a button. As with most things in life what you get out of it depends on what you put in!



PRIVATE NOTES: [Show Detail](#)

**DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER:** [Hide Detail](#) ⓘ

Star Rating of Evidence  ⓘ (Reference Restoring the Record) [Star Rating Assistant](#)

Overall Strength of All DMMO Evidence  Suggested Status to be Applied For

This assessment will be made by the Project Coordinator or other designated volunteers

You are progressing this DMMO Application (will.steel@bhs.org.uk).

If you are planning to submit a DMMO Application for this path, please record here:

Summary of Progress: ⓘ

Application is for  ☒ DMMO Appl. submitted. Date Submitted

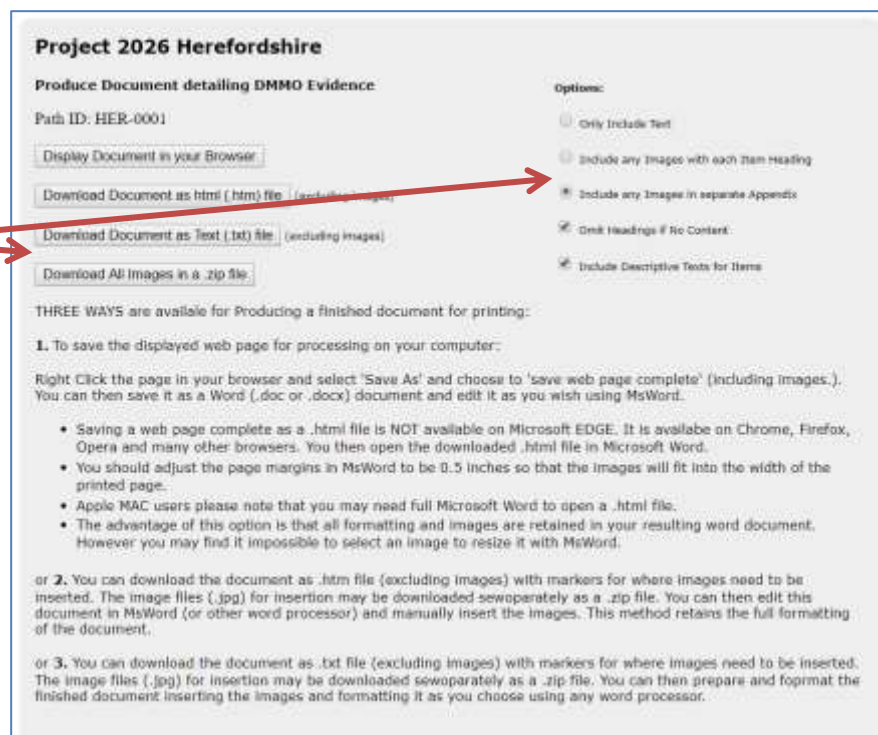
Highways Auth. DMMO Ref.  DMMO Status:

[DMMO Application Preparation: View and Download Full Evidence Details](#)

[Download prepopulated Application Forms](#)

You can choose how you would like the documents to appear including their format, if images are included and if so where and so on.

Even if you wish to present your evidence in a different way this may provide a really useful first draft which you can then edit to create your preferred format.



**Project 2026 Herefordshire**

Produce Document detailing DMMO Evidence

Path ID: HER-0001

[Display Document in your Browser](#)

[Download Document as html \(.htm\) file \(including images\)](#)

[Download Document as Text \(.txt\) file \(excluding images\)](#)

[Download All Images in a .zip file](#)

**Options:**

- ☐ Only Include Text
- ☐ Include any Images with each item heading
- ☒ Include any Images in separate Appendix
- ☒ Omit Headings if No Content
- ☒ Include Descriptive Texts for Items

THREE WAYS are available for Producing a finished document for printing:

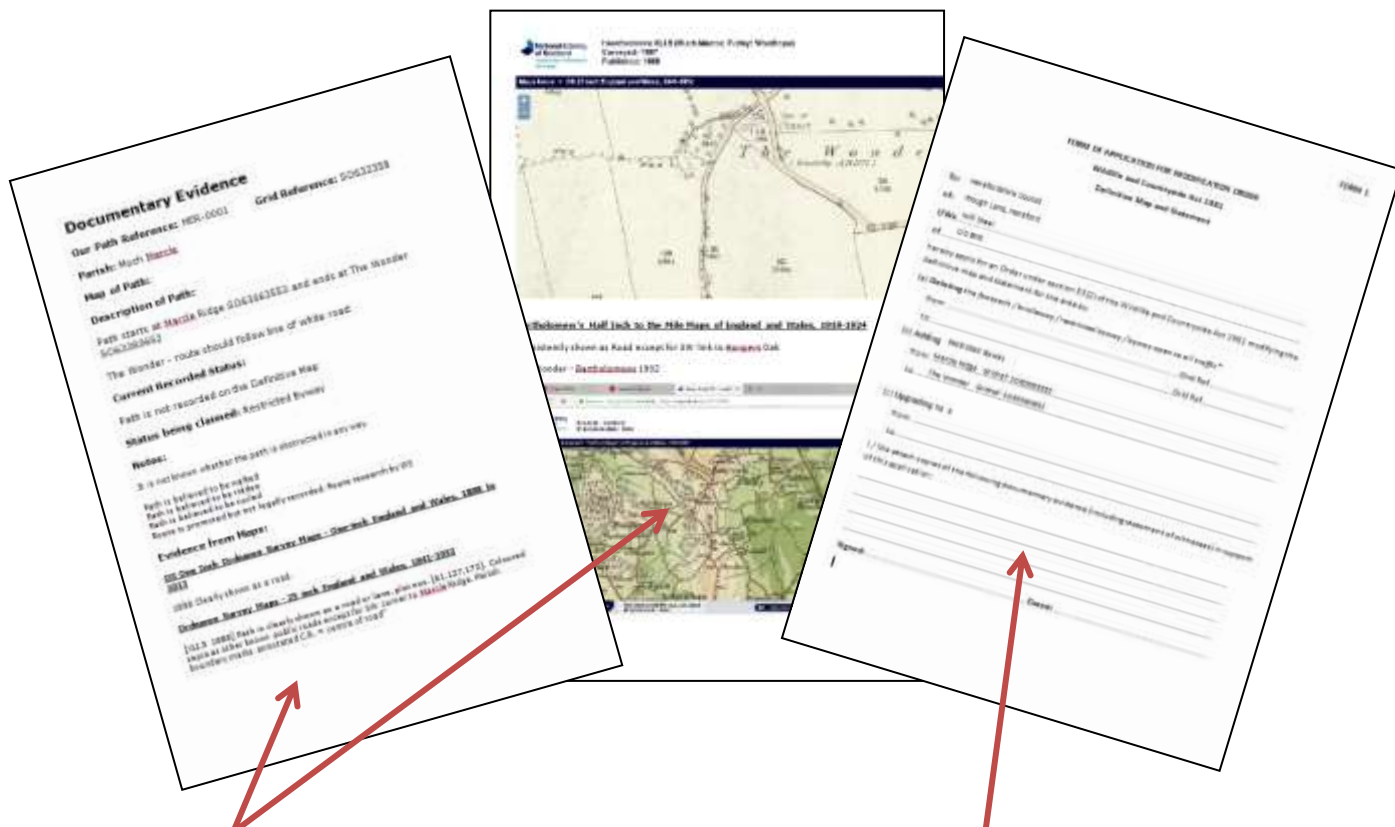
**1. To save the displayed web page for processing on your computer:**

Right Click the page in your browser and select 'Save As' and choose to 'save web page complete' (including images.). You can then save it as a Word (.doc or .docx) document and edit it as you wish using MsWord.

- Saving a web page complete as a .html file is NOT available on Microsoft EDGE. It is available on Chrome, Firefox, Opera and many other browsers. You then open the downloaded .html file in Microsoft Word.
- You should adjust the page margins in MsWord to be 0.5 inches so that the images will fit into the width of the printed page.
- Apple MAC users please note that you may need full Microsoft Word to open a .html file.
- The advantage of this option is that all formatting and images are retained in your resulting word document. However you may find it impossible to select an image to resize it with MsWord.

or **2.** You can download the document as .htm file (excluding images) with markers for where images need to be inserted. The image files (.jpg) for insertion may be downloaded separately as a .zip file. You can then edit this document in MsWord (or other word processor) and manually insert the images. This method retains the full formatting of the document.

or **3.** You can download the document as .txt file (excluding images) with markers for where images need to be inserted. The image files (.jpg) for insertion may be downloaded separately as a .zip file. You can then prepare and format the finished document inserting the images and formatting it as you choose using any word processor.



The DMMO Factory will generate a fully editable summary of your evidence including images. Much of the text is based on the entries you have made in the research record.

The application form and notices will be pre-populated with basic details such as grid-references, status, names and address of Council and so on. At the moment it works well for simple additions or upgrades but not for more complicated things such as combinations of these modifications. However, you can still use it to generate the basic form and then edit that as required.

## KEY POINTS

- Have a go! The best way to learn is by trial and error but there is plenty of help available on the site and from the contacts below.
- The website is here to help Project 2026 Researchers but it is not compulsory to use every aspect.
- As a minimum, try to plot paths you are researching and update the Research Record when you are about to submit a DMMO application; this will help avoid duplication and wasted effort!
- The more evidence you input into the Research Record, the more comprehensive will be the Summary of Evidence document and the easier it will be to generate the application paperwork quickly.
- Online libraries can be a very valuable resource for researchers but they need some local collaboration and support to build up and manage.

If you have any queries about the site or suggestions as to how it can be improved please email [access@bhs.org.uk](mailto:access@bhs.org.uk) or [maps@bhsaccess.org.uk](mailto:maps@bhsaccess.org.uk).

*The site is continuously being developed so some aspects of this guide will need to be updated periodically. The BHS is grateful to Adrian Bigg, BHS Regional Access & Bridleways Officer for devoting so much time to building and managing the site.*