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**Latest map printings**

The first OS maps printed by Butler Tanner & Dennis (BTD) have started to reach the shelves. Map covers printed by BTD are distinguished by having slightly different typography. Additionally, the imprint at the foot of the rear cover is now simply ‘Published by Ordnance Survey, Southampton’ instead of ‘Made, printed and published...’ The first new edition to feature such a cover appears to have been *Explorer 198 Cardigan & New Quay* edition A1//, published 30 September 2010, and several other examples have followed.

On the map sheets themselves, the imprint ‘Made, printed and published by Ordnance Survey, Southampton’ is entirely omitted from the legend panel on sheets printed by BTD, of which so far there have been relatively few.

A further cover variant printed by BTD arrived in February 2011, including shaded sheet overlaps on the rear cover index diagram and also featuring Ordnance Survey’s new Adanac Drive address on the inside.

A more considered analysis of the changes will follow in the next edition of *Sheetlines*.