

Part.5: Taking a Grid Reference

This handout accompanies the Home Front Legacy App: Part.5 : Taking a Grid Reference Youtube training video

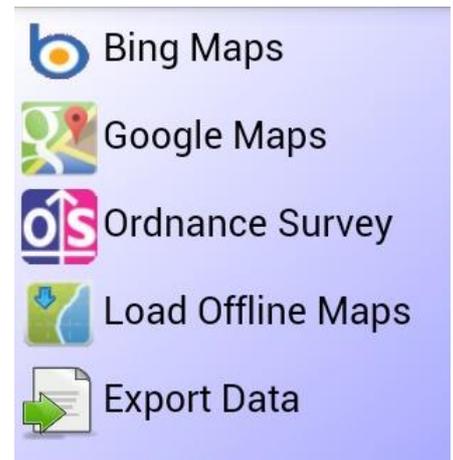
A Grid Reference is very important as it shows the location of your site, allowing others to find your site on the ground. The Home Front Legacy recording app provides everything you need to take an accurate Grid Reference and there are a number of methods you can use.

Selecting a Mapping Layer

Start by selecting the Mapping Layer you wish to use. To do this press the  icon. The Google Maps, Bing Maps, or default Ordnance Survey Mapping Layer can be selected.

The Google Maps layer features high resolution aerial imagery that allows you to zoom in closer to the ground. This is very useful for picking out individual buildings or features in a built up area.

Once you have selected the Mapping Layer you wish to use the next step is to locate your site.



Locating Your Site

If you are using a location aware device, such as a Smartphone or Tablet, you can locate your site by pressing the 'Locate Me'  button. This will move the Crosshairs close to, if not on top of your site.

Click, drag, and zoom in to find your site. Place the Crosshairs over the centre of the site or structure you are recording.

Next, press the button in the Site Location section of the information panel.

This will place a Green Pin in the map, and indicate where your Grid Reference was taken. You now have your Grid Reference! You can use the Green Pin to check the accuracy of your Grid Reference.

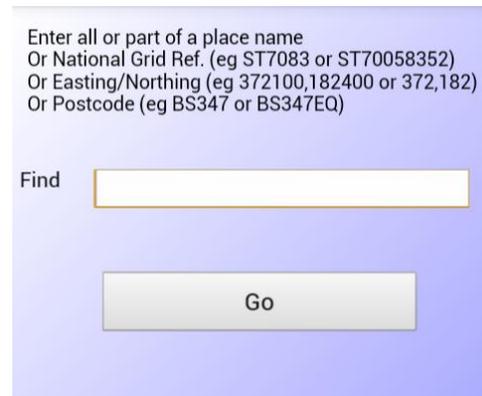


The Gazetteer Function

You can also locate your site using the Gazetteer function.

Click on the  icon to bring up the Gazetteer menu. Enter a place name, National Grid Reference, postcode or co-ordinates, into the box and click 'Go'.

Again, repeat the process of clicking, dragging, and zooming to find your site, place the Crosshairs over the centre of your site, then press the 'From Map' button to gain your site's Grid Reference.



Enter all or part of a place name
Or National Grid Ref. (eg ST7083 or ST70058352)
Or Easting/Northing (eg 372100,182400 or 372,182)
Or Postcode (eg BS347 or BS347EQ)

Find

Working Outdoors

When working outdoors you may find it convenient to locate your site by clicking, dragging and zooming in to the mapping layer. You can use local landmarks and features present in the landscape to locate your site. Look for distinct landmarks such as roads, prominent buildings, rivers, field boundaries, and forested areas.

Once you have located your site repeat the process of centring the Crosshairs and pressing the 'From Map' button.

Over To You

Practice taking a Grid Reference with the Home Front Legacy recording app.

If you are using a location aware device, such as a Smartphone or Tablet, try out the 'Locate Me' function. Check out the 'Log In & Set Up' training video for information on setting up your device.

It is also good idea to practice navigating to a location using landmarks and the Mapping Layers.

You may also like to practice using the Gazetteer search function. Search for a nearby Town, City, or Village.

Remember, you can also search using Grid References-

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