


## Knowledge Organiser – The Local Area and Community

Key Vocabulary	Definition
map	A diagram showing the physical features of an area of land.
key	A list of symbols that appear on a map.
symbol	An object that represents or stands for something else.
grid reference	Horizontal and vertical lines making a grid that indicate different areas on maps.
coordinate	The letters or numbers that show the position of an object on a grid such as a map.
compass	An instrument that contains a magnetised needle that shows the direction of north.
physical features	The features of the landscape that are naturally occurring such as rivers, seas, coasts, hills and mountains.
human features	The features of the landscape that have been built by humans such as houses, roads, shops, bridges, canals.
region	An area of land that has common features.
local	The close area around where people live or work.
community	A group of people that live in the same area.
natural environment	Anything living or non-living that can be found in a place without human interference.



Eight-point compass	Symbol	Compass direction
	N	north
	NE	north-east
	E	east
	SE	south-east
	S	south
	SW	south-west
	W	west
	NW	north-west

