

### APPENDIX III: A NOTE ON MAPPING

The parish boundaries (end paper) used in this volume were based upon Historical GIS data for 1881 with additional sources being employed to establish boroughs within Colchester and to sketch in, where available, pre-1851 parish borders.<sup>1</sup> When attributing hearth tax data to these maps, the parish has been adopted as the primary mapping unit, reflecting the textual structure of the original document. For example, the data for hearth numbers recorded for the parish of Nevendon in Barstable hundred have been mapped into the parish boundary mapping unit for Nevendon. In cases where hearth numbers for hamlets or parish sub-divisions have been recorded by the scribe, this data has been incorporated into the appropriate parish and then mapped accordingly. For example, the data for hearth numbers recorded in the hamlets of Manden End and Bobbingworth have been incorporated into the data for the parish of High Ongar and mapped into the boundaries for that parish. Similarly, the hearth number data for Greensted hamlet has been incorporated into data for the parish of Chipping Ongar and mapping accordingly. An exception has been made for the twelve boroughs of Colchester which have been mapped individually rather than collectively as a single town.

Mapping precise parish boundaries as they existed in the seventeenth century poses difficulties, particularly in urban areas where some boundaries may have altered, as a result of urban sprawl, by the time they were mapped in the nineteenth century. The British Academy Hearth Tax Project and the British Record Society would be pleased to hear from any readers who might have suggestions for drawing the late seventeenth-century Essex parish boundaries on the basis of contemporary manuscript evidence.

<sup>1</sup> J. Chapman and P. André, *A map of the county of Essex* (Colchester, 1777); C. R. Humphrey-Smith, *The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers* (Andover, 2002); R. J. P. Kain and R. R. Oliver, *Historic parishes of England and Wales: an electronic map of boundaries before 1850 with a gazetteer and metadata* (Colchester, 2001). The editors are most grateful to Mike Shand, Department of Geography and Geomatics, The University of Glasgow, for providing these details and creating the maps.