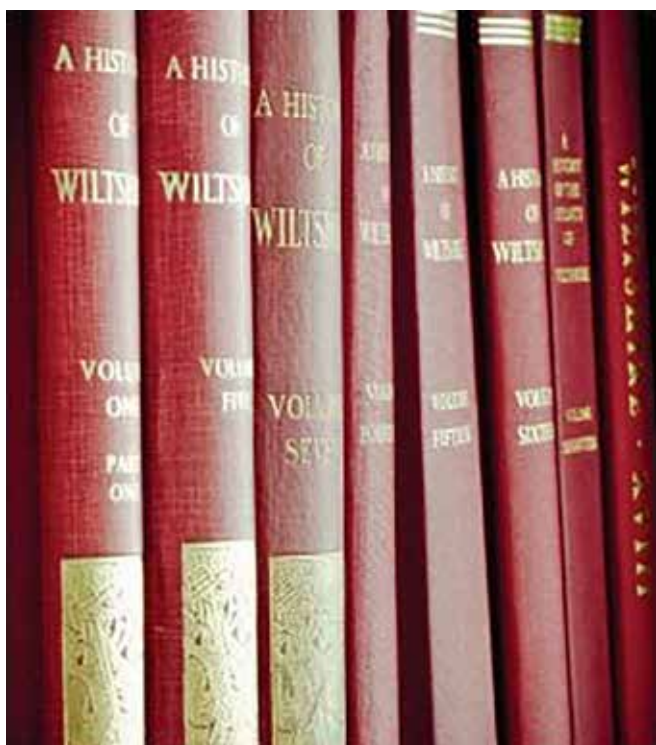




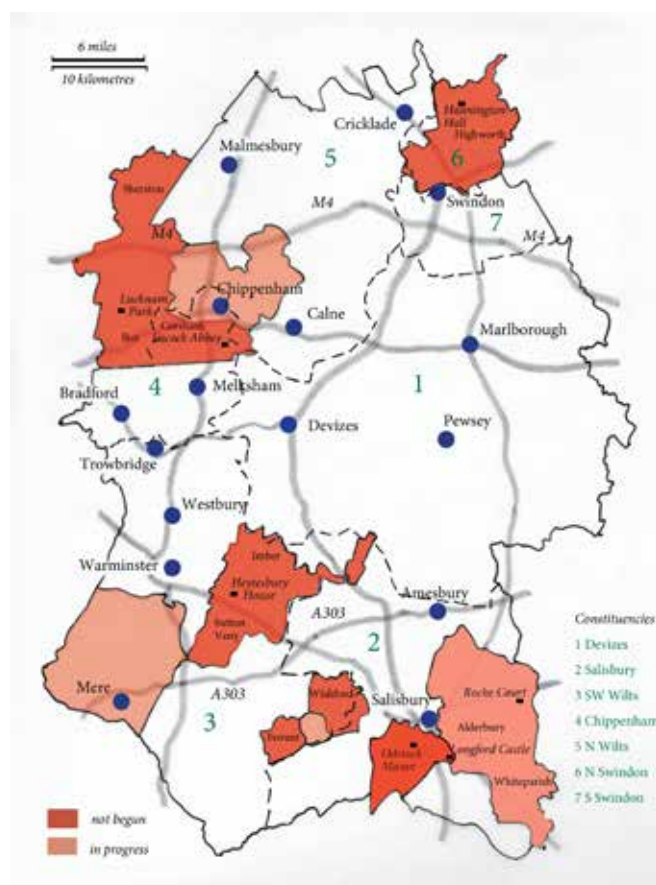
FUND-RAISING FOR VOLUME 21

THE VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY is a long-term project to produce detailed local histories of England, parish by parish. Professional historians working to the highest standards use original sources, going back to the earliest records and coming up to the present day. And the resulting histories have all sorts of uses, not just for historians but for anyone interested in the history of where they live or where they come from.

The results are published in the famous big red books and online. All but 2 of the 18 volumes of the Wiltshire VCH so far published are available online, free of charge. You can access them via our website www.wiltshirehistory.org. Draft sections of the volumes now nearing completion (volume 19 on the Mere area and volume 20 on the Chippenham area) can also be found on the same website, as can a first section for volume 21 on south-east Wiltshire, on which work started recently. The map (*below*) shows where work is in progress and where we have not yet started.



Above: volumes of the Wiltshire VCH published to date.



THE CHALLENGE

Progress with work on the VCH depends on donations. We are a charity whose purpose is to raise funds and then to let contracts to historians to do the research. A fund-raising event at Trafalgar Park in May 2019 raised sufficient for work to start on the new volume covering south-east Wiltshire (the hundreds of Alderbury and Frustfield). The map (right) shows the area to be covered. The first contract was for the parishes of Whiteparish and Landford. That work is now nearly complete and the resulting draft text can be seen via our website www.wiltshirehistory.org. A second contract, to prepare a chapter on Clarendon, has now been let and we expect soon to let a third contract covering another of the larger parishes in the area.

Further work depends on raising the necessary money. Research and writing up of a volume costs around £175,000. We have so far spent around £30,000 on volume 21 and a further £20,000 has been donated or pledged. This leaves around £125,000 to be raised before we can complete this volume.

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Above: The areas to be covered by volume 21.

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