

**Neighborhood, Community, and Place in Early Modern London**  
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**General London Studies**

Map of Early Modern London (MoEML) <https://mapoflondon.uvic.ca/>

*This SSHRC-funded project at the University of Victoria is comprised of seven interoperable projects: a digital edition of the 1561 Agas woodcut map of London; an Encyclopedia of London people, places, topics, and terms; a Library of marked-up texts rich in London toponyms; an anthology of old-spelling and modern editions of all the Elizabethan, Jacobean, and Caroline mayoral shows (modern editions forthcoming); a versioned edition of John Stow's Survey of London (1598 is nearly complete; the early stages of 1633 are in draft); the London Parish project (by Christopher Highley; forthcoming); and Browsing the Bookstalls of St. Paul's project (by Erica Zimmer; forthcoming).*

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### [Layers of London](#)

*Includes an excellent modernized version of a map of Tudor London designed by historians (including Vanessa Harding) and archaeologists for the Historic Towns Trust (2018).*

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Crime, imprisonment, and legal resources

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