

NOTE

The accompanying map is based upon the eighteenth-century estate plans in the Bedford Office, and upon topographical indications supplied by older documents. It differs in many particulars from the Ordnance Map of the present day. At the beginning of the period covered by this book the extent of woodland was doubtless much greater. Throughout the centuries before the turnpike era a number of the roads were mere 'greenways', or unfenced grassy tracks. Their course was nevertheless well-defined, and those marked here are on record as being in constant use from the thirteenth century onwards.

