Chelmsford is a city in Essex which has a population of 168,310 . Essex has a total population of around 1.5 million, which is one of the largest of the counties in the UK.

Guglielmo Giovanni Maria **Marconi** was an Italian inventor and electrical engineer, known for his pioneering work on long-distance radio transmission and a radio telegraph system. He first invented the radio as we know it here in Chelmsford.

Chelmsford has always been an **industrial** town. There used to be many factories, and some (such as Hoffman's) were used to help the war effort in the 1940s by manufacturing types of bearings for aircrafts. Now there are lots of shops, businesses and restaurants in the city centre, which provide opportunities for work for the people.

Chelmsford was originally a r**oman settlement,** after the Romans built a trading route between London and Colchester. The town was built on the ford of the River Chelmer, as you can tell from the name which is made up of "Chelmer" and "Ford".

CHELMSFORD

Chelmsford in the 20th Century vs Chelmsford now. Can you see any similarities / differences?

The River Chelmer is a river that flows through the county of Essex, England, running 65km through Chelmsford to the River Blackwater near Maldon. Sometimes in times of extreme rainfall, it can be prone to flooding, which is why there is a flood plain just outside the city to stop houses and other buildings getting flooded.

Essex is in the South of England which means it has one of the driest and warmest climates in the UK. These conditions, along with the flat and fertile ground makes it ideal for farmers to grow crops, so there are lots of agricultural businesses that make use of the environment. Other people who live in Essex are commuters; since Essex is so geographically near London, it's an ideal place to live for people who want to work in the city but live somewhere more peaceful.