



## *North Wiltshire Muster Roll Anno 30 Henry VIII (Year 1539)*

In Tudor times each village was responsible for maintaining the necessary arms to defend themselves - this was known as the furnishing of harness. Muster commissioners would inspect the harness (which would include long bows, bills, salets (helmets), brigandines (torso armour) and gorgets (neck and shoulder protectors) and ensure each individual was also assessed with his quota of the cost. The muster roll records who owned the arms, along with value of land (valor terr et tent) or value of goods (valor bonorum) held by the other residents of the village who were liable to provide financial support if necessary. (These values have not been transcribed in the Wiltshire Roll)

There were two main arms used in this period. The bill had a point at one end and a blade at the side, so had a dual purpose in battle, while the bow was a long bow used for archery.



### *The Hundred of Chippenham The Liberty of Corsham*



Surname	Given Name	Status	Notes
Adams	Richard		Billman
Angull	Willyam		Billman
Archard	William		Billman
Balden	Richard		Billman
Bignell	Richard		Archer
Carryton	John		Archer
Crede	Richard		Billman
Danyell	Thomas		Archer
Dodymede	John		Billman
Eyton	Willyam		Archer
Gybbis	Thomas		Billman
Gybbis	William		Billman

Hancok	John		Billman
Heyward	John		Billman
Holbard	John		Billman
Holbard	John		Billman
Holbard	William		Billman
Holbrok	John		Archer
Hulbarde	Edward		Billman
Hullarde	Henry		Billman
Hyggyns	Thomas		Billman
Jonys	Walter		Billman
Keynes	John		Archer
Moxham	John		Archer
Nett	Wyllyam		Archer
Nicholls	John		Billman
Pert	Thomas		Billman
Puntley	William		Billman
Pynchyn	Robert		Archer
Pynchyn	William		Billman
Russe	John		Billman
Salwaye	John		Billman
Shepard	Willyam		Billman
Snellyng	John		Billman
Snellyng	Wyllyam		Billman
Sowreman	Robert		Billman
Stafford	George		Billman
Tomson	George		Archer
Townsysende	Lewis		Archer
Truston			Archer
Umfrey	William		Billman
Walker	John		Billman
Walter	Thomas		Billman
West	Henry		Billman
West	Thomas		Archer
West	Wyllyam		Archer
Woodeland	John		Billman
Woodeland	Wyllyam		Billman
Woodman	Nicholas		Archer

The whole Lybertye hathe in a redynes iii Horses, ix Harnes, iij Bowes, and iij Sheff of Arrowes with other small wepyns.

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