



## *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 North Damerham The Tithing of Nettleton*



Surname	Given Name	Status	Notes	Residence
Aust	John		Byllman	
Bullocke	John		Archer	
Bullocke	Wyllyam		Byllman	
Bysshoppe	Robart		Archer	
Bysshoppe	Wyllyam		Archer	
Davy	Thomas, Jnr.		Archer	
Davy	Wyllyam		Byllman	
Haynes	Walter		Byllman	
Nett	Thomas	The Elder	Archer	
Nett	Thomas	The Younger	Archer	
Nicholls	Thomas		Archer	
Sedds	Wyllyam		Archer	
Serjant	Roger		Archer	
Shyrwyn	John		Archer	
Smyth	John		Byllman	Woodstreet



**The whole Tything hath in redynes, j horse, ij harnes with other small wepyns.**

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