

Tax List of 1545

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The tax of 1545 was raised to pay for the wars in Scotland and to defend the English stronghold at Calais. They were described as 'benevolence' or 'a loving contribution'.

The county divided into 8 districts, commissioners appointed to assess the amount of tax payable, and a collector appointed (William Stump). Taxes were paid by any person in possession of income from the land. The tax payable was 20 d per pound on income derived from land or 10 d per pound on the value of moveable property. William Stump received 2d in the pound collected.

List of Taxpayers for Benevolence 1545 Hundred of Everley and Elstob - Overton

	£	s	d
Thomas Goddard	10		
John Pyers		13	4
Wylliam Stevyns		18	
Robert Popyngay		12	
Total	12	3	4

List of Taxpayers for Benevolence 1545 Hundred of Selkleye – West Overton

	£	s	d
John Watts		10	
Edmonde Willmotte		6	8
Richard Wyatt		5	
Total	1	1	8

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