

## Birtford & East Harneham Protestation Return of 1641/42

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The Protestation Returns relate to the years 1641/42, around the start of the Civil War. It was an Oath of loyalty to the King.

The incumbent of each parish was to read the protestation to his parishioners and all men over the age of 18 had to sign the oath but the women were not usually asked to sign.

The Protestation itself runs in the following terms :—

"I (A. B.) doe, in the presence of Almighty God, promise, vow, and protest to maintaine and defend, so farre as lawfullie I may, with my Hfe, power, and estate, the trne Reformed Protestant Religion expressed in the Doctrine of the Church of England, against all Poperie and Popish Innovations within this Realme contrarie to the same Doctrine and according to the dutie of my Allegiance [to] his Ma'ties Royall person, honor, and estate. As also the Power and Privileges of Parliament, the lawfull rights and Liberties of the subject, and every person that maketh this Protestation in whatsoever hee shall doe in the lawfull pursuence of ye same. And to my power, and as farre as lawfullie I may, I will oppose, and by all good waies and meanes indeavor to bring to condigne punishment all such as shall either by Force, Practise, Counsells, Plotts, Conspiracies, or otherwise do anie thing in this present Protestation contained. And further, that I shall in all Just and honorable waies endeavor to preserve ye Vnion and Peace between the three Kingdomes of England, Scotland, and heland. And neither for hope, feare, nor other respect, reliquish this promise, vow, and Protestation."

Edward Fawconer, *Vicar*  
Thomas Gillowe, *Churchwarden*  
Thomas Elliott, *Churchwarden*  
Thomas Jarvis, *Collector*  
Thomas Grove, *gent.*  
Robert Edmonds, *gent.*  
John Sooper  
John Colcell  
John Jellycos  
John Eatom  
Martha {sic] Poope  
Willni. Gillowe  
Willm. Kingman  
VWillm. Bachelor  
Thomas Tonges  
Francis Goodfellowe  
Alexandr Naj'se  
Nicholas Frend  
Thomas Naylor  
John Frauncis  
Anthony Dann'es

Richard Moody  
Willm. Marton  
Willm. Tomlinson  
Robert Grumbelton  
Arthur Burgis  
John Turite  
John Prewett  
William Champion  
Nicholas Adames  
Edmond Loone  
Robert Hell  
Thom. Coxe, sen.  
John Gumbelton, sen.  
Edmund Gumbelton  
Nicholas Bayly  
Thom. Prewett  
Thom. Blake  
Walter Luke  
John Walter  
Robert Sheppard  
Roger Sheppard

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Thom. Hecson  
Ambrose Carpenter  
Henry Poope  
Thomas Gillowe  
Edward Hell  
Michael Kent  
Willm. Sooper  
Tobias Bamfeild  
Edward Scamell  
Willm. Edmonds  
John Naylor  
Nicholas Carter  
Thom. Lawrence  
Thom. Coxe, jun.  
Thom. Sooper  
John Kingman  
Wm. Goodfellowe  
Robert Newman  
John Gauntlett  
Thom. Goald  
Thom. Baker  
Arthur Poore  
Thom. Poore  
Willm. Harrison  
Giles Harrison  
Edmond Selwood  
Robert Burcombe  
John Stanford  
John Flamburne

Willm. Whitmarsh  
Willm. House, sen.  
John Vosse  
Willm. Parry  
Nicholas Trott  
Willm. Carpenter  
Richard Gillowe  
Thom. Raglon  
Willm. Elliott  
Richard Bungy  
Willm. Morris  
John Russell  
Edward Kinge  
Robert Smith  
Anthony Tarvin  
Willm. House, jun.  
Edmond Dickenes  
Alexandr Lenton  
Michael Minsted  
Steven Fower  
John Canes  
Edward Eaton  
Bartholomewe Sanders  
Soloman Cooke  
Hugh Parisse  
William Senior  
Richard Frye  
Alexander Goodfellowe  
Lancelott Ogle

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