



## **Recusancy**

William Fawkener of Laverstock was fined a total of £734 from 1593-1608 for the crime of recusancy. Recusants as they were known, were people that refused to attend Anglican Church services.

Initially recusants were fined 1 shilling a month for non-attendance at church, but this rose to £25.

His total fine throughout the years was a very large sum of money but it shows how determined he was to keep to his Catholic faith whatever the cost.