

➡ After Harold's death, the Witan chose **Edgar** as the **new King**

➡ **William** pursued a **strategy of destruction**, burning homes so that towns would surrender out of fear

➡ Edgar, Edwin, Morcar and the archbishops **submitted to William** and swore an oath to obey him

The Revolt of the Earls

- ➡ A group of Norman and Saxon earls (Waltheof, Ralph & Roger) **plotted to overthrow William** and split the country between them
- ➡ William was unaware and left to visit Normandy
- ➡ Loyal **Norman and Saxon troops** raised an army to **stop the rebellion** and it was crushed by the time Viking boats arrived

Land Reform

- William passed a law stating **all land belonged to him**
- William could use land to both reward or punish people

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The Rebellion at Ely

- **Hereward the Wake** was an Anglo-Saxon thegn whose land has been given to Normans
- He started a war against the Normans and joined forces with **King Sweyn & Morcar**
- William recaptured Ely and imprisoned Morcar for life, but Hereward escaped

The Harrying of the North

- William did this to put down rebellions
- His soldiers burned homes and slaughtered people
- Around **100,000 people died**
- There were **no further uprisings** in Northumbria, and marked William's shift towards **replacing the Anglo-Saxon aristocracy** rather than gaining their support



Rewarding His Followers

Put all land in his possession so could gift it to his followers



How did William establish control?

Securing the Borderlands

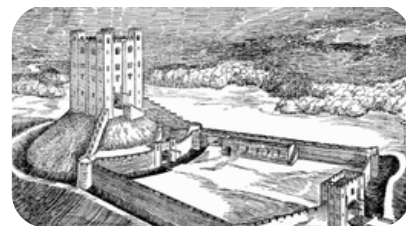
Established **Marcher earldoms** along the English-Welsh border

Minimising Anglo-Saxon Opposition

Let some Anglo-Saxon earls and the archbishops keep their positions

Castles

- **Keep** - strong tower & lookout point
- Keeps could be built on a large hill known as **motte**
- **Palisade** - strong fence
- **Bailey** - large enclosure containing barracks and stables



Revolt of Edwin and Morcar

- ➡ In 1068 William returned to Normandy - **Edwin & Morcar** prepared for **rebellion**
- ➡ They had both lost part of their earldoms and there was resentment against high tax
- ➡ They were joined by **Edgar Ætheling**
- ➡ Revolt was quickly crushed, Edgar escaped to Scotland and Edwin & Morcar were pardoned

Earl Robert Cumin was burnt alive by Northumbrians

Edgar and Malcolm II attempted to join rebels in York

The Rebellion at Ely

Edgar, Malcolm and King Sweyn of Denmark attacked York

