**The Battle of Carham**

**Notes to the Illustrations**

1. Northumbrian noble warrior - very high status with full mail shirt and an additional leather and plates body armour, one piece hammed spangenhelm with decorative features and armed with sword and shield with an seax sidearm. I have shown the shield reversed to give an idea of construction.

2. Northumbrian Fyrd - Perhaps even Select Fyrd, that is open to discussion. His only weapons and spear, seax and shield, but he is fortunate to be equipped with an older style helmet with metal framework and either horn or hardened leather plates and a padded body armour.

3. Norse Gael warrior - Of mixed Norse and Gaelic extraction from Norse settlers who settled on the West coast and islands. His equipment is basically that of a 'Viking', mail shirt, spangenhelm of steel, but of frame and plate construction and is armed with sword, axe and shield. His Gaelic links are shown by his plaid and bare legs.

4. 'Pictish' light infantry - Lightly armed with throwing spears and shield, but with long knife and hand axe for close quarter fighting. He has no body armour, relying on mobility and speed in battle.