

Alfred and Guthrum agreed to peace and to divide up the country. Alfred kept Wessex and Guthrum took the lands in the north east known as the Danelaw.

He translated books from Latin into English so that more people could understand them.

Then he raised an Anglo-Saxon army who defeated the Vikings at the Battle of Edington.

Over time, Alfred brought the English kingdoms together and his coins called him the King of the English.

Alfred had to defend his throne from Guthrum, a Viking warlord. Alfred fled and hid.

Alfred was born in 849. He was the youngest of 5 brothers and was never expected to be king.

Who was Alfred the Great?

Alfred learnt to read. He became king in 871.