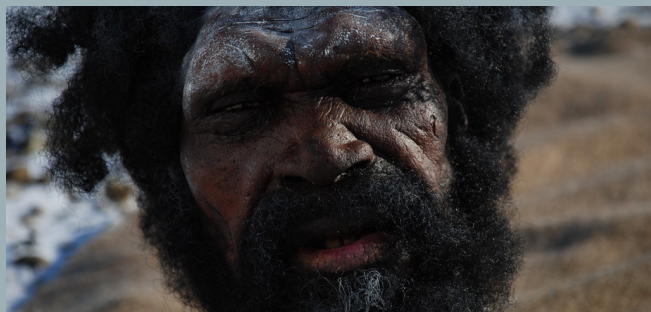
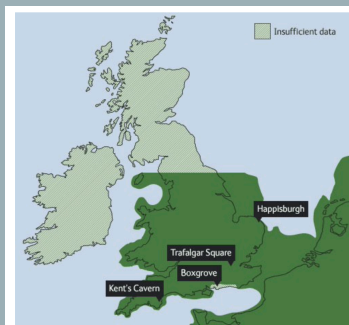


PALAEOLITHIC BRITAIN



Homo Heidelbergensis reconstruction [Kennis Brothers](#)



About 500,000 years ago



[Creswell rib](#) with engraving of a horse



[Flint hand axe](#)
Boxgrove 500,000 BCE



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Natural History museum recreation of [Homo Heidelbergensis](#)



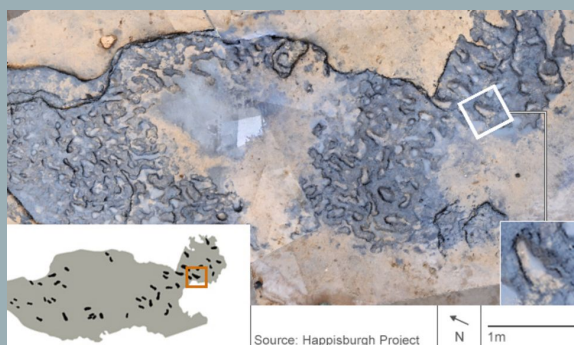
The [Clacton Spear](#)
Point is the tip of a wooden spear
400,000 years old and the oldest known worked wooden implement



[Woolly mammoth](#), rhinoceros, elephants, lions, bears & rhinos roamed through Britain up to the last ice age 12,000 years ago. Image by Leonello Calvetti



Reconstruction of a [wooden hut](#) found in Terra Amata France dated 380,000 BCE



[Happisburgh footprints](#) in Norfolk, 800,000 years ago



The bones of the [Red Lady of Paviland](#) are actually those of a man, not a woman. They are the oldest remains of a modern human found in Britain.

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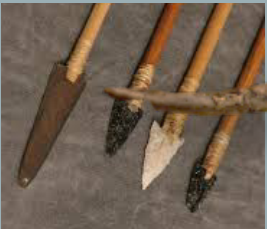
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The Mesolithic period (or 'Middle Stone Age') in Britain dates from just after the end of the Pleistocene ('Ice Age') approximately 12,000 years ago, to the beginning of the Neolithic period about 4000 years BC. Mesolithic people were hunter gatherers who were nomadic so their campsites and shelters were only temporary. The earliest evidence of this lifestyle was found at Star Carr, Yorkshire 9000BC



In search of Doggerland



Deer antler headdress from Star Carr Yorkshire dated 9,000 BCE



Earliest pottery Windmill Hill, Wiltshire 4,000 BCE

Cheddar Man, lived around 10,000 years ago and is the oldest skeleton of our species, *Homo sapiens*, ever found in Britain.



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Approximately 1,600 designs were pecked into the rocks of the Northumberland landscape between 6,000 BCE and 3,500 BCE *Photo by Brian Kerr*

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NEOLITHIC BRITAIN



Megalithic stone structures appear all over the UK during the Neolithic period. Images by [Paul Caponigro](#) from the Bradshaw Foundation website.



Carved stone balls dated from the late Neolithic. Their purpose is unknown.



Recreation of a Neolithic Long Barrow at All Cannings on the Marlborough Downs. Long Barrows were built all across Europe at this time and were sometimes burial chambers and sometimes for other, unknown purposes.



What did Neolithic people wear? A recreation by author [Mikey Campling](#)



4000 BCE Neolithic Farming settlement, by Giovanni Caselli 1979, based on excavations at Clegyr Boia, St David's, Pembrokeshire, in 1902 and 1943
Neolithic comb made from red deer antler found in the Thames at Battersea in south London.



Skara Brae is a stone-built *Neolithic settlement*, located on the *Orkney* islands of Scotland. It consists of ten clustered houses and was occupied from roughly 3180 BCE–2500 BCE

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The Amesbury Archer was the richest grave from the early Bronze Age ever found in Britain dated to 2,400BC



The ceremonial **Mold cape** is a solid gold object dating from about 1900–1600 BC found at Mold in Wales.



Gold lunula from Blessington Ireland, 2400BC – 2000BC

Bell Beaker pottery represents a complete population change in Britain around 2,500 BCE as people migrated from the east.



Recreation of Bronze Age roundhouses on the Brecon Beacons Wales



Two gold hair tresses or ear rings from Amesbury



Bronze Age socketed axe head from **Must Farm**



Must Farm is the site of a 3,000 year old Bronze Age settlement known as the “Pompeii of the Fens”.
Documentary on [Youtube](#)

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Maiden Castle is one of the largest and most complex Iron Age hillforts in Britain. Its vast multiple ramparts enclose an area the size of 50 football pitches, and the site was home to several hundred people in the Iron Age (800 BC–AD 43).



Tribes of Iron Age Britain



Battersea Bronze shield made of several pieces of sheet bronze.



Iron Age coin found in Berkshire 50 to 20 BCE



Late Iron Age stone head sculpture, dating to the 1st century BCE



Ceremonial horned helmet, found in the River Thames at Waterloo Bridge, London 150-50 BC



Recreation of a Celtic chariot



Gold Torc from the Snettisham Hoard 151 – 51 BCE

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<p>Active Learning Make a den. Plan what you'd need for a long stay outdoors away from civilisation. Can you do it using only natural materials?</p>	<p>Observational Jean Dubuffet drawing. Draw around your bare feet as you move around the floor. Multiple people might dance in the same area and use different colours.</p>
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